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### The Plight of New York City—Comptroller Berry's Impressive Warning.

In a subsequent part of this issue (see pages 385 and 386) we reproduce a confidential letter which Comptroller Charles W. Berry of New York City recently addressed to all the members of the City Board of Estimate and Apportionment with reference to the finances of the City. From this letter—or “memorandum,” as perhaps, to be strictly accurate, it should be called—it is apparent that the City's finances furnish no little occasion for solicitude. The memorandum, we are told, was dictated on June 23, but it did not find publicity until the New York “World” obtained a copy of it and spread it broadcast on Monday of last week. The letter, or memorandum, is a very important document, because it deals with certain phases of the City's financial condition of an extremely urgent character in a straightforward fashion, without attempt at disguise, and the “World” must be deemed to have rendered a public service in having obtained a copy of it and given publicity to it. In some introductory remarks the “World” says the letter warns “of a grave situation in the financial affairs of the City of New York,” and this is a mild characterization of its contents.

We might go further and say that the finances of the City are actually in a desperate state. Rather grim confirmation of the truth of the assertion is found in the reports that have appeared in several of the daily papers since the publication of the

Comptroller's letter saying that in casting about to find new sources of revenue consideration is actually being given in official circles at the City Hall to a proposal to impose a fee or tax on visitors to the City. The Comptroller's letter contains nothing really new—at least nothing that students of the City's financial problem had not discerned a considerable time ago and its value lies chiefly in the fact that the Comptroller's utterances give official expression to what thoughtful observers had previously known only too well. In a very comprehensive article in one of our issues a little over a year ago (“Chronicle” of Aug. 22 1925, pages 881 to 889), and again in our issue of Oct. 24 1925 (pages 1949 to 1953), we went into a study of the subject at great length and sought to bring the City electorate to an appreciation of the gravity of the subject. A municipal election was impending at the time at which the head of the City Administration for a term of four years was to be elected, and we sought to induce our public-spirited citizens to prevail upon the different Mayoralty candidates to give a pledge not to continue any of the policies which lie at the bottom of the trouble that is now so seriously embarrassing the new City Administration under Mayor James J. Walker. But it is very difficult to excite public interest in such matters, even at the time of a City election settling party control for a term of four years, and accordingly, no such pledges were obtained. Even now very few persons seem to be impressed with the serious import of such a suggestion as a tax on city visitors, and the newspapers treat the matter very lightly. Its significance, however, is such as should arouse the whole community out of its inexcusable apathy. At all events, now that official proclamation has been made of the fact the matter can no longer be postponed and it will have to be dealt with—and in a manner befitting its importance. Unless the matter is taken up, and handled as it deserves, it will not be long before the City will be facing actual financial disaster.

In the main, but not entirely, the burdens under which the new City Administration is laboring are a legacy of the eight years' rule of the Hylan Administration. The Hylan regime was without doubt the most profligate in the history of the City. Extravagance in every direction was allowed to flour-

ish, expenditures of the most reckless and inexcusable kind were incurred, salary lists extended and increased, salaries themselves raised to prodigal extremes and no attempt made anywhere to retrench and economize. If proof were needed of the fact it would be sufficient to point out, as we did in our articles a year ago, that whereas the City budget in 1916 was only \$212,956,155 and in 1917 no more than \$211,114,136, and even in 1918, when Mayor Hylan entered office for the first time, was only \$238,123,759 (this latter budget having been the last adopted by the Mitchel Administration); on the other hand the budget for the current year of 1926, and the last adopted by the Hylan Administration was no less than \$437,000,000. In other words, in the eight years of the Hylan Administration the City budget—the amount of the yearly expenditures—was added to in the huge sum of, roughly, \$200,000,000, or almost doubled. This, be it remembered, is entirely independent of the increase in the same interval in the City's permanent indebtedness, gross and net. On Jan. 1 1918, when Mayor Hylan entered office, the gross funded and other permanent debt was \$1,219,548,477; on Jan. 1 1926, at the end of his two terms of office, the gross debt had run up to \$1,566,013,785. In the same eight years the net funded debt, after deducting the sinking fund holdings, increased from \$1,025,799,039 to \$1,295,119,180. Nor does this tell the whole story of the menacing growth in City indebtedness. The prospective additions are larger than any already incurred. Through the acts of the Hylan Administration the City has bound itself to continuous increases in City indebtedness in order to provide the means for subway construction and other similar work involving large permanent outlays. As a specific instance of the kind the City in the spring of last year gave definite approval to a project for building an extensive system of new rapid transit lines, involving an outlay of no less than \$542,915,000.

Now comes Comptroller Berry's letter, or memorandum, making the startling announcement that the 1927 budget, work on which is shortly to be begun, according to such provisional estimates as it is possible to make thus early, will involve an even larger budget of expenditures than that of 1926, which was of such overwhelming magnitude. The announcement is not merely startling; it is positively alarming. It was supposed that with the termination of the Hylan regime the end of the period of constantly swelling budgets had also been reached. Some of us were even sanguine enough to hope that substantial reductions in the total of the budgets would be effected, since it was and is so plainly apparent that many superfluous and extraneous items of expenditure can be lopped off without detriment to anyone and without impairing in the least the many functions that the City is called upon to perform.

Instead, the Comptroller confronts us with the possibility, nay the almost absolute certainty, that

the record is again to be broken, and the budget swollen to even more appalling proportions than before. The Comptroller's figures foreshadow another addition of nearly \$40,000,000, which would bring the 1927 budget up to \$476,000,000. This is larger than the expenditures of the entire Federal Government in the years immediately preceding the war, including the Army, the Navy, the pensions, and everything else. In order that the reader may have the figures before him in graphic form and in statistical shape, we introduce here the following, showing the budget in each of the eleven years from 1916 to 1926, inclusive, and indicating also how much of the budget in each year has consisted of the City payroll, for this last constitutes the most important item in the story:

YEARLY EXPENDITURES OF NEW YORK CITY.		
Year.	Total Budget.	Of Which Pay Roll.
1916	\$212,956,155 81	\$97,072,519 32
1917	211,114,136 82	102,113,260 31
1918	238,123,759 20	104,567,373 45
1919	248,025,434 88	111,058,497 85
1920	273,689,485 13	130,546,894 28
1921	345,540,039 77	112,289,980 61
1922	350,601,570 07	174,420,545 46
1923	353,350,975 67	184,989,373 27
1924	375,968,000 08	192,206,145 43
1925	399,618,885 44	204,714,824 86
1926	437,000,000 00	213,534,186 44
1927	*476,000,000 00	(?)

\* Comptroller's estimate.

Before proceeding further with our discussion, it seems desirable to impress the reader with the magnitude of such a budget as \$476,000,000 for the conduct of our civic Government, since in this age of rapid expansion where projects and undertakings involving billions upon billions of dollars are of common occurrence, the general public is likely to lose its sense of proportion and fail to recognize what is involved in City expenditures of such truly vast proportions. A very apt way of bringing the ordinary person to a realization of the size of such expenditures, when applied even to a City with such a large population as New York City, is that which was employed by us in our second article on the subject of the City's Plight, published in the "Chronicle" for Oct. 24 last, namely to consider the expenditure in relation to population in order to arrive at the per capita expenditure. The population of the Greater New York may be roughly taken as 6½ millions. Accordingly, a budget of \$476,000,000 involves a per capita tax for the support of the City Government of roughly \$73. It follows as a consequence that for a family of five persons the cost of running the City Government is \$365 per year. This in turn means that *an average family of five persons is called upon to bear a tax, in one form or another, in higher rents and higher living costs of \$7 per week* in order to maintain the City Government in its different functions. We may therefore repeat the query we put in our article of last October and ask, Is not a tax of \$7 per week for this purpose an inordinate and exorbitant burden, and are we not wholly within bounds when we say that it evidences a record of inefficiency, of profligacy and wanton waste

which must be brought to a quick close else disaster will result. In 1917, the last year of the Mitchel Administration, the population was about 5¼ millions and the budget \$211,114,136; the per capita expense was therefore only \$40, and the average charge for a family of five persons no more than \$200 instead of the present \$365 per year, making the burden per week \$4 in contrast with the cost now of \$7 per week.

Comptroller Berry in his letter lays especial stress on the additional burden which the projected outlays will involve in additions to debt and rapidly augmenting interest charges and in meeting the yearly deficit from the operation of the new subways on the basis of a continuance of the 5-cent fare, when, according to carefully prepared computations of the Board of Transportation, as submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment under date of May 26 1925, the new subways cannot be made to pay their way at less than an 8-cent fare. That certainly constitutes a formidable element in the problem, but the fundamental cause of the trouble lies much deeper. It is found in the reckless way in which expenditures have been enlarged, year by year, all the way from \$5,000,000 a year to over \$70,000,000 a year, as is indicated by the tabular statement which we have presented above. Except for this the additional burdens imposed by new subway construction, heavy though they be, would not be so difficult to bear, but coming on top of ordinary budget outlays already exceeding the bounds of prudence, the burden threatens to become positively crushing. How relief is to be provided, however, from the new burdens will tax the ingenuity of the wisest men, since the 5-cent fare has been firmly imbedded in the law and there appears to be no getting away from it. Besides, during the Mayoralty campaign of last autumn Mr. Walker also definitely committed himself in favor of a continuance of the 5-cent fare. There seems, therefore, no alternative, by which even partial relief from the new burdens can be obtained, except possibly by assessing a portion of the cost of the new subways upon abutting property owners and the feasibility of such a step may well be questioned. If the attempt were made we are sure it would quickly appear that the harm and damage inflicted in a great variety of ways would completely outweigh any possible good to be derived by the City at large.

All this makes it all the more important that the problem should be attacked at its root and some means be devised for not only checking the constant growth of expenses, averaging in all recent years some \$40,000,000 per annum, but for reducing very substantially the yearly total of the expenditures with a view of bringing them back to proper, reasonable limits. The Comptroller cites the increase in interest and sinking fund charges as one of the factors contributing to the steady rise in expenditures, but that that is only one of the elements in the problem is made apparent by the table which we

have given above and which shows that in the ten years from 1916 to 1926 the City payroll has been increased from \$97,072,519 to \$213,534,186.

This great expansion in the payroll is the two-fold result of an increase in the number of the City employees and an increase in their wages, or compensation, which increases have been made in most prodigal fashion, as we showed in our article of a year ago. Yet at this very moment the school teachers are clamoring for a further increase in their pay which with extra pensions would involve new outlays per year estimated to run between \$15,000,000 and \$30,000,000, depending upon the extent to which the demands for the pay increases were complied with. In forecasting for 1927 a budget aggregating \$476,000,000, Comptroller Berry does not appear to have taken these demands of the school teachers into account, and if they were granted to the full extent the budget would be brought very close to the half-billion-dollar mark. Whether included or not, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should resolutely set its face against further pay increases of any kind. That has not been the policy of the new Board thus far. Only recently they voted pay increases in the case of a considerable number of City employees out of money expressly provided for the purpose and included as a special item in the budget of 1926. They might well have refrained from such a course and left the money appropriated for the purpose unused in the City Treasury, seeing the acute stage of the City's financial affairs. Now that the Comptroller has brought so forcibly to the attention of every member of the Board the grave financial problem that confronts the City there will be no excuse for further pay increases of any kind hereafter.

And the City should be frank and straightforward in rejecting such demands. The refusal should be put upon the indisputable ground that the City hasn't the money for the purpose. This, too, should be the answer to the school teachers' demands. They should be told merely that the City has no money to comply with any such demands, no matter from what source the demands may emanate. In the light of such circumstances it would be a waste of time to give consideration to the merits of their case. That is entirely beside the mark. The situation in that respect is no different from that of the ordinary private individual who finds himself financially embarrassed. If he hasn't the money, he simply can't pay any increases, however much he would like to do so.

Then drastic steps should be taken to get rid of unnecessary employees and to eliminate superfluous and to reduce extravagant items of expenditures. The room for economy here is almost boundless. The Comptroller touches quite lightly on this phase of the matter, but he does mention just a single item which speaks volumes as to the conditions which exist in that particular. He makes bold to say that real economy can be effected in the matter of de-

partmental maintenance and then mentions as an illustration of the kind that "the City's bill for automobile service, *leaving out the Police, Fire and Street Cleaning Departments*, has increased from \$500,000 in 1917 to nearly \$4,000,000 in 1926. Taxi service costs 50 cents per mile to maintain." To which he adds the further statement that "this is only one of the many items known to experienced budget makers where it is possible to effect savings." The Comptroller expresses the opinion that "salaries and wages paid by the City do not give much room for economy because in many instances City employees are underpaid"; but in this, few competent observers will agree with him. He tells us, however, that "economies might be effected by reducing the number of departments, thus following the example set by the State." There are a number of places, he goes on to say, "where the overlapping of departmental functions is obvious; there also are a number of positions which could be abolished without detriment to the City service."

All this is significant and should be heeded and enforced. But the inquiry should by no means end there. The matter of the City's solvency is at stake. Even a very superficial observer could indicate numerous other ways for cutting down expenditures. As one instance, the radio broadcasting station in the Municipal Building should be turned over to private agencies and made the source of revenue instead of a constant source of outgo. In a court proceeding last summer one of the affidavits averred that the City records show that in addition to the original cost of \$55,800 for the station, its maintenance and personal service payroll had grown until in the 1925 budget these called for \$44,088. The station is not now being abused in the way it was during the Hylan Administration, but broadcasting is not one of the legitimate functions of a municipal Government.

Then, steps should be taken to prevent for the future at least, such attempts as those by which the Hylan Administration sought to increase the pension allowance of a large number of City employees, including Mayor Hylan himself. These all resigned a little before the close of the Hylan Administration, but while it was still in full control of the City Government, so that they might be legally entitled to, and be given these special favors. Mayor Hylan himself resigned the day before the close of his term, in order that he might come within the provisions of the law and the City ordinances. He voted himself a pension of \$4,215 a year. In April last the Supreme Court handed down an opinion, from which an appeal has been taken, holding that all these acts were invalid. About \$500,000 altogether seems to have been involved in this test case. But whether the acts are finally found to be valid or invalid, active steps should be taken to prevent similar occurrences in the future on the part of anyone. Granting pensions to elective office-holders is an anomaly anyway in municipal affairs, and should

be made completely impossible for the future—certainly in the case of a municipal officer like Mayor Hylan, who was getting a salary of \$25,000 a year. The mere fact that an office-holder has to resign before the end of his term to get the benefit of the pension, shows that the pension was never intended to apply to such persons.

The whole matter of the City finances and the City expenditures has now reached a pass where, for the continued solvency and financial integrity of the City and the maintenance unimpaired of its credit and financial standing, it must be dealt with in a broad and comprehensive manner. Complete confidence in the ability of the City to shoulder the growing volume of obligations and burdens being imposed upon it can be restored in no other way. Mayor Walker has recently appointed a Committee on City Planning composed of some of the most eminent men in the city. Everyone has the utmost confidence in the new Mayor's good intentions and in his sincere desire to bring about efficiency and economy in the conduct of the City Government. Of all the aspects and details of City Planning, what is more important than a wise planning for the administration of City finances. Indeed, in view of the disclosures in Comptroller Berry's letter, that matter completely overshadows in importance and extreme urgency planning of every other kind.

The personnel of the sub-committees of this Committee on City Planning and Survey has not yet been decided upon, but the subject expressly assigned to one of the sub-committees is that of New Sources of City Revenue. We would suggest, therefore, that the Mayor request this committee, when appointed, to make a thoroughgoing investigation into the subject of the City finances and report at an early day. In selecting the members of this committee the Mayor should also bear in mind their fitness for the task thus to be imposed upon them. We notice among the names on the full committee of 475 Otto H. Kahn and Mortimer L. Schiff, and these eminent financiers might well be chosen to head the sub-committee, in view of the fact that the investigation will involve such intricate and complicated financial questions that only experts in such matters can be deemed qualified for the work.

At the time of the appointment of the committee it was stated that every one of the members had agreed to serve and Mayor Walker in his remarks on June 21 before the full committee expressed his gratitude and appreciation at the fact that they had all come "freely offering your services in an endeavor to help the officials of this City to work out some scientific method for its improvement and its government." In these circumstances neither Messrs. Schiff and Kahn, nor the others designated to serve with them, could well refuse to accept the commission given them. These men, too, would be rendering an inestimable service in thus acting. We are persuaded that they would go into every detail of the City's finances and its expenditures and reve-

nues, and uncover every defect and every weak spot. Moreover, by reason of their force and character their recommendations would find universal acceptance. In this way only can the problem be solved once and for all, and the path for the future be so clearly charted that no doubt will ever again arise as to the ability of the City to preserve its credit and its integrity for all the long years to come.

### *The Financial Situation.*

While the stock market has been the subject of wide fluctuations—early strength with rising prices being followed by sharp downward reactions as the result of the financial debacle in France—domestic corporation bonds the past week have ruled at about the same prices as in the previous week or declined fractionally. With the approach of the autumn crop moving season it is customary to expect some seasonal weakening of prices and it may be that several other influences are operating. There is a possibility that the rate of turnover and the margin of profit in some industries have diminished, requiring a larger amount of working capital to carry a given amount of business. The requirements of industry often result in the withdrawal of funds from bond investments. And it is not unlikely that several industries producing semi-luxuries have been pushing sales aggressively by the extension of longer credits.

The moderate recession in the quotations for United States Government bonds has been attributed to the same influences as those operating in the case of corporation bonds. The Liberty Loan issues and Treasury securities are undoubtedly very sensitive to money conditions. In addition, the Liberty Loans have recently lost much of their attractiveness to investors seeking tax exemption. Up to July 2 of this year one might hold \$50,000 in principal amount of the various 4% and 4¼% Liberty Loans free of Federal income taxes and surtaxes. After that date the exemption was reduced to \$5,000 principal amount, although the First 3½s continue to be exempt from income taxes and surtaxes. They therefore show a somewhat lower yield than the others and the distinction would probably be more marked were it not for the fact that surtaxes vary with individual incomes and cannot well be expressed in general market quotations.

The spectacular further decline in the French franc, aggravated by lack of confidence in the short-lived Herriot Ministry, had a curious effect on the French dollar bonds. Last Saturday the external 8% bonds issued in 1920 were selling at 102½, the 7½% bonds issued in 1921 at 95½ and the 7% bonds issued in 1924 at 91. On Monday and Tuesday they all declined fractionally and by Wednesday quotations had receded to as low as 100, 92½ and 86⅞, respectively. The low prices occurred on limited transactions, most of the bonds sold during the day moving at higher prices. The announcement that Poincare would undertake to form a Cabinet on Thursday resulted in an irregular recovery, the 7½s at one time selling at 94⅝ and the 7s at 89½. The recovery in the 8s, which were characterized by the greatest activity in the group, carried them to 101. Friday's advices that Poincare had succeeded in

forming his Cabinet resulted in little further advance, although the 8s sold at 100⅞ at the close.

The total outstanding amount of the French Government dollar bonds publicly held is considered to be in the neighborhood of \$250,000,000, which should not prove a great burden in terms of French finance. The French dollar bonds have often been characterized by market instability. The 8s were offered in September 1920 by J. P. Morgan & Co. and a syndicate at par. In 1921 they sold down to 96 and up to 101¾; they were as low as 93¼ in 1922, 90 in 1923, and as high as 109 in 1924. They fluctuated between 106 and 98¾ in 1925. The 7½s were brought out at 95 in May 1921 and sold as low as 84 in 1923. The 7s, priced at 94 in December 1924, registered a low of 86 in 1925. It is thus evident that the declines in the French bonds during the week did not reach unusual proportions. In fact, it is conceivable that the recent crisis in Paris may eventually prove beneficial to the French dollar bonds. The maintenance of this debt service is of fundamental importance to French national credit and the proportion of the total amount to the total French national debt is very small. The recognition of the currency crisis and its eventual solution might well provide a more cheerful background for the dollar issues.

Before the stock market became reactionary, the Anaconda Copper 7s. due 1938, established a new high at 107¾ in response to the strength in the common stock, into which they are convertible at 53. On several occasions this conversion feature has been on the verge of becoming attractive. The Brooklyn Union Gas convertible 5½s of 1936 were active, advancing to 151¾, comparing with a high for this year of 152. There was considerable activity in the Bethlehem Steel consolidated mortgage bonds, the Dodge Bros., Inc., 6s of 1940, the Seaboard Air Line consolidated 6s of 1945 and the Pan American Petroleum & Transport convertible 6s of 1934.

New financing for the week has been extensive. On Tuesday a syndicate headed by Dillon, Read & Co. offered \$8,000,000 Seaboard Air Line Ry. consolidated mortgage 6s, due 1945, at 95½. The previous day, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. brought out \$4,600,000 New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry. first 5s, due 1956, at par. Both these issues represented additional amounts under existing mortgages and in each instance the company has been making extensive improvements and additions in growing territory. A somewhat similar motive characterized the offering of \$15,500,000 Wabash Ry. refunding and general 5s, due 1976, at 95½, by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., on Tuesday. A significant issue for a traction company was that of \$5,000,000 first 6s, due 1951, of the Dallas Railway & Terminal Co. by Tucker, Anthony & Co. and associates.

Public utility offerings were an outstanding feature of the latter half of the week. On Wednesday a syndicate headed by W. C. Langley & Co. offered \$18,500,000 West Penn Power Co. first 5s, due 1956, at 100½. This important subsidiary of the American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., has been growing rapidly in its highly developed industrial territory. In this case also, the issue was another series of an old mortgage. The tendency to create an open financing medium has been more pronounced in recent years, avoiding the restrictions placed upon a property which may result in the inability of

the company to finance its requirements. The Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. first and refunding mortgage is understood to have hindered that road in making improvements.

On Thursday the Bankers Trust Co. at the head of a big syndicate advertised \$25,000,000 Gatineau Power Co. first 5s, due 1956. The bonds were priced at 94 and represented financing on the part of a water power subsidiary of the International Paper Co., with a generating capacity to be operative in 1928 of 397,500 horsepower.

The Government cotton crop report as of July 16, issued yesterday by the United States Department of Agriculture forecasts a yield for the present season of 15,368,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, exclusive of linters. This is a drop of 267,000 bales from the Department's June 25 estimate, and compares with a harvest of 16,103,679 bales in 1925, 13,627,936 bales in 1924, 10,139,671 bales in 1923, 9,762,069 bales in 1922 and only 7,953,641 bales in 1921. The present estimate of 15,368,000 bales is based on a condition of 70.7% of normal upon the 48,898,000 acres in cultivation on June 25 last and a ten-year average for abandonment of acreage. The condition of 70.7% of normal compares with a condition of 70.4% at the same time a year ago, and with 75.4% on June 25 last. A drop in condition at this time is a thing that is usual, the condition a year ago having declined in this period 5.5%. In 1925 at this time the Department estimated that the crop would be about 13,588,000 bales, with a condition of 70.4%, and an estimated acreage of 46,448,000 acres, with a yield per acre of 140 pounds, while the actual production turned out to be 16,103,679 bales. What the final outcome will be remains to be seen, but there are possibilities of getting the largest crop of cotton ever produced in this country.

Of course, this depends entirely upon the part played by the various influences that will affect the crop during the remainder of the season. One of the main things to be taken into consideration is the damage and destruction that may be brought about by insects, such as weevil, fleas and grasshoppers. According to the Department's computations, if the developments during the remainder of the season are as unfavorable to the crop as during 1921, 1922 and 1923, a total production of only 13,476,000 bales may be expected. On the other hand, if later developments are as favorable to the crop as during 1924 and 1925 a total production of 16,628,000 bales may be expected. The yield per acre for this year's crop is now placed at 155.8 pounds, which compares with 158.5 pounds on June 25 this year, and with 167.2 pounds in 1925, 157.6 pounds in 1924, with a five-year average of 144.2 pounds and a ten-year average of 153.7 pounds.

Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and New Mexico are the only States showing an increase in condition between June 25 and July 16; the increase ranges from 2% to 9%. All of these States, however, with the exception of North Carolina, raise only a small part of the crop. In North Carolina the increase in condition was 5%. The condition for South Carolina, Oklahoma and California remains the same, while all of the other States show a decline in condition ranging from 1% to 9%. Texas, the largest cotton producing State, shows a decline of 7%; Georgia, 9%; Arkansas and Alabama,

7%, and Mississippi, 8%. The condition in Louisiana and Arizona declined 2%. In all of the other States not mentioned the condition has dropped 1%.

At last France has decided to try a Coalition Cabinet in a seemingly desperate effort to save the country from the serious financial situation into which the prolonged quarreling of its political leaders had brought it. The task of forming such a Cabinet was allotted to Raymond Poincare, "three times a Premier, and President of the Republic during the World War." President Doumergue selected him after having received a request to do so signed by 250 members of the Chamber of Deputies. It took M. Poincare 36 hours to form the new Cabinet, his fourth. The Paris representative of the Associated Press cabled last evening that "the Cabinet is composed exclusively of political veterans, including, with M. Poincare, no fewer than six former Premiers. All the others have been Cabinet members before, with the exception of the Labor Minister, and he is a son of the late President Fallieres." Continuing, the correspondent said: "After visiting the Elysee Palace to inform President Doumergue of his success, M. Poincare said to the newspaper men: 'We wanted to form a Cabinet of the largest national union in which all parties would be represented, without taking account too closely of the representation of groups. We have tried to fulfil our task in the most high-minded spirit possible.' M. Poincare added he had found no difficulties in his path, because he insisted upon forming the Cabinet without regard to personal preferences. He is holding an informal Cabinet meeting at his home this afternoon and expects to present the new Ministers to the President this evening. The Premier announced that, at the same time the new Cabinet faced the Chamber of Deputies, next Tuesday, he would introduce his financial bill. M. Poincare was loudly cheered by a crowd outside the Elysee Palace as he left, after seeing the President."

Besides M. Poincare, the other former Premiers are Aristide Briand, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Louis Barthou, Minister of Justice; Albert Sarraut, Minister of Interior; Edouard Herriot, Minister of Education, and Georges Leygues, Minister of Marine.

The eleventh Cabinet of Aristide Briand, Premier of France, went down over the week-end. It happened Saturday night, July 17, and was the result of the demand of Joseph Caillaux, Finance Minister, that the Chamber "give the Cabinet dictatorial fiscal powers as the basis of his plan to save the franc." The vote was 288 to 243.

The situation just before the demand was made was outlined in part as follows in a special Paris cablegram to the New York "Times" on July 16: "Having been told by the American Government that there is no chance of obtaining at present a modification of the Mellon-Berenger treaty, the French Government late to-day decided to stake its financial program and its existence in a strenuous effort to force through Parliament the American debt settlement as it stands. The Finance Minister, Joseph Caillaux, presented his bill for the delegation to the Government of decree power in the work of financial reform and announced definitely that

he would ask ratification of the Washington and London debt accords before the Chamber adjourned, as their ratification is essential to the whole scheme of financial reform."

The New York "Herald Tribune" representative added: "The Chamber begins to-morrow one of the most critical debates, perhaps, in the history of the Third Republic upon the Briand-Caillaux Government's finance reform bill and at the moment the franc is weakening under conditions which might be described as verging on a panic and the public is rushing to demand repayment of maturing Treasury and national defense bonds. Joseph Caillaux, Finance Minister, appearing before the Chamber's Finance Commission late to-day after the franc had fallen unprecedentedly to 42.49 to the dollar and 206.40 to the pound, told the Commission that the Government measure, including the right to decree fiscal reforms in the next four months, and all depending on the ratification of both the American and British debt agreements must be passed by the Chamber before the Bourse re-opens next Monday morning. 'Otherwise,' said the Finance Minister, 'I'll not take any further responsibility.'"

Discussing the question of responsibility for the overthrow of the Cabinet, the Paris representative of the New York "Times" said in a cable message late Saturday night that "the honor or dishonor of the day goes to Edouard Herriot, President of the Chamber and leader of the Left, who quit the Presidential chair to lead the fight against the Government and to defend the sanctity of Parliamentary institutions. There is without doubt a connection between M. Herriot's solicitude for the rights of Parliamentary government and his hope that to-morrow President Doumergue will once again send for him to form a Government." He further stated that "when Premier Briand went to the Elysee soon after 8 o'clock to hand the Government's resignation to President Doumergue, he advised the President of the Republic to make haste in forming a new Government, saying he thought it essential that this be done by Monday morning. As the resigned Cabinet came down the steps of the Presidential Palace, M. Briand had a tired and worn look. 'Now,' he said, 'I am a free man and I am going fishing to-morrow.' M. Caillaux, on the contrary, was jaunty and full of pep. He seemed not to be grieving over his defeat and rather had the air of a man who felt he had made others afraid of him. He appeared to have quite a lot of steam left, and circumstances recall the saying that the French politician is dead only when the undertaker gets him. M. Doumergue followed the Premier's advice and at 9 o'clock sent for President de Selves of the Senate and President Herriot of the Chamber for the customary consultation."

Apparently M. Herriot's political opponents were on hand, even that evening, as he went to the Elysee Palace in reply to a summons from President Doumergue. The "Times" correspondent said: "When M. Herriot arrived at the Elysee Palace to-night to confer with President Doumergue on the Cabinet crisis a crowd quickly surrounded his automobile and greeted him with boos and catcalls. It was impossible for the car to get to the gate of the Elysee. Police reserves were hurriedly called and made a lane to the courtyard door through which the

President of the Chamber was able to pass. At midnight M. Herriot said he had discussed the political situation at length with the President of the Republic, but that he had not been asked to-night to form a Cabinet. When the question was put whether he expected to be asked, M. Herriot replied in the affirmative and said he would accept. He refused to indicate what sort of combination he contemplated."

Commenting the next day upon the difficulties encountered by M. Herriot at the outset, the "Times" representative said: "But now, twelve hours later, the unhappy Cartel chief finds that the bed he made for himself when he engineered the defeat of the Briand-Caillaux Government last night is full of thorns instead of the petals his roseate imagination foresaw. The new Herriot Cabinet consists so far of M. Herriot. None of the other leaders of the Chamber or Senate show any enthusiasm about linking their political fortunes with him. When M. Herriot awoke this morning a note was handed to him from M. Briand saying that the ousted Premier had gone fishing down in Normandy and requested particularly not to be disturbed. Of course M. Briand knew the note was well directed because he had 'advised' President Doumergue last night to let M. Herriot see what he could do with his victory. At the Elysee M. Herriot explained to President Doumergue that he hoped to form a Cabinet of the large coalition, including if possible Socialists on the Left and Poincarists headed by M. Marin on the Right. President Doumergue replied that he thought such a Cabinet would obtain a large vote in the Chamber. Full of hope, M. Herriot set about his task. He wrote a letter to Leon Blum, head of the Socialists, inviting his party to join the new Government, and a letter to M. Marin asking him to come and see him to discuss the formation of the new Government. The result of his efforts to-night is that the Socialists in a meeting marked by an excellent pugilistic contest replied to M. Herriot that they would take part in any Cabinet which pledged itself to a capital levy. M. Marin has informed M. Herriot that although his group found him very convenient in getting M. Caillaux's scalp yesterday he did not wish to join a Herriot Government. Of course, M. Herriot cannot get a capital levy either through the Chamber or Senate, and therefore the Socialists' letter was a refusal. Questioned to-night, M. Marin said, with respect to a Herriot Government, that he preferred to remain in opposition. 'It is plain enough that a Coalition Cabinet is not possible under M. Herriot,' he said."

The New York "Herald Tribune" correspondent added in a cablegram to his newspaper the same evening that "the impression is that he will fail and that the task will pass into other hands. His efforts this afternoon to reconstruct the old cartel of the Left failed when the Socialists decided not to participate in any Ministry not their own, and not to support any Government not advocating the capital levy as the main plank in its program for the nation's financial recovery. On leaving the Elysee Palace to-night, Herriot made it plain, however, that if he is successful in assembling a new Government to-morrow, the keystone of his policy would be to 'bring about the solution of France's problems by France's own means.' This can only be interpreted

as hostility to the ratification of the debt pacts and to foreign credits, which the non-partisan committee of experts already has told the country were its only hope of avoiding national bankruptcy."

In a special London cable dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune," also on Sunday evening, it was asserted that "dismay reigns in financial circles here over the overthrow of Joseph Caillaux. Although the financial district frankly was doubtful whether M. Caillaux would last as Finance Minister, the critical moment in the Chamber of Deputies was not expected to develop before Tuesday at the earliest, and the news of Caillaux's downfall, which arrived late last night, filled banking men with the deepest misgivings as to the future of France. So important was the event deemed that, late as the hour was, the Resident Secretaries in Downing Street at once sent the news to Prime Minister Baldwin and Chancellor of the Exchequer Churchill who were passing the week-end in the country." It was added that "the political consequences of the downfall of the tenth Briand Cabinet are being watched here with as much anxiety as the financial results. The fear is openly expressed that France has taken another step on the road to a dictatorship, and Edouard Herriot has come in for a great deal of criticism, especially in Liberal quarters, for the part he played in upsetting Caillaux. In refusing to give the Finance Minister dictatorial powers the English Liberals assert that he has inadvertently administered a severe blow to Parliamentary institutions in France and helped win converts in his country to Mussolini's viewpoint that a liberal democratic regime is powerless to save a nation in a crisis." Continuing, the correspondent said: "Herriot, however, is not the only scapegoat being held up in rebuke in England. The others are Caillaux himself—and the United States. America is taken to account by 'The Daily Mail,' which editorially blames the debt funding policy of the United States from the time of the armistice as the cause for all the troubles which are afflicting France today. 'The Daily Mail,' which has by far the largest circulation of any newspaper in Britain, evidently thinks that the indirect attacks on the debt policy of the American Government by Winston Churchill, the direct attacks by the anti-Administration newspapers in the United States, the Peabody letter and the parade of the war cripples in Paris have made the time opportune for an assault on the Mellon line."

Edouard Herriot eventually succeeded in forming a Cabinet. Late Monday night, July 19, the Paris representative of the New York "Times" cabled that at 11 o'clock to-night the Elysee announced the formation of a new Government headed by Edouard Herriot." He claimed that "the Cabinet is mediocre in composition, and, far from being the coalition Cabinet the country desires, is almost exclusively of the Radical Left. Outside MM. Herriot, Painleve and Loucheur, the Government contains none of the country's big leaders. The important post of Minister of Finance goes to Senator Anatole de Monzie." Continuing to outline the difficulties with which the new Premier was confronted and to comment on the personnel of the new Ministry, the "Times" correspondent said in part: "The new Cabinet is not what the country needs and it is difficult to see how

it can achieve anything. It is overwhelmingly opposed to ratification of the Berenger treaty and one of its planks will be that France does not need foreign credits, but under the banner of true republican leadership can save its own finances in the same spirit as it won the Battle of the Marne. But M. Herriot did not command at the Battle of the Marne. No one denies that M. Herriot is persistent, and in financial matters it will probably be revealed that he is consistent. He is noted as a man who resorted to concealed inflation and if he remains in office this time long enough to get hold of the helm there is every prospect that the first accomplishment of his Government will be further inflation. There is no chance whatever of the new Government inspiring that confidence which will obtain the return to France of the capital which has fled. The heavy fall of the franc on the Paris Bourse to-day was caused by further flights of French capital and the procedure will certainly continue to-morrow. The path of the new Herriot Government was paved with good intentions. M. Herriot tried his best to get MM. Poincare, Briand, Tardieu and Marin into his Cabinet to give it better tone. They declined the honor. To-day he offered the post of Finance Minister to Louis Barthou, President of the Reparations Commission, who declined without thanks. Therefore M. Herriot has probably done the best he could with the material left. M. Herriot is in a difficult position, not having all his own party behind him. Saturday night, when he hooked his wagon to the Nationalist attack on M. Caillaux, 75 Radical Socialists voted for the Government, while only 48 voted for M. Herriot. At a meeting of the Radical Party to-day, M. Herriot's friends introduced a motion criticizing those who voted for M. Briand. This motion was defeated by a good majority, and thus M. Herriot's own party turned on him. The whole Right will fight the new Cabinet and the Communists will be against it. Its only hope lies in the Socialists, which means that its only hope lies in espousing the Socialist fiscal panacea." According to expectations at that time, the new Cabinet will go before Parliament on Thursday, and meanwhile will draft its financial program. It is impossible to say to-night what this program is since it does not yet exist."

It was pointed out by the New York "Times" correspondent that "the Government which M. Herriot has brought together is the fourteenth since M. Clemenceau ended his work on Jan. 17 1920, and the seventh since the general elections of the spring of 1924 unseated the Conservatives and brought in the present Premier for the first time with his Socialist-Radical Government, supported by the Socialists. His new Government, with the exception of himself and M. de Monzie, who has already served as Minister of Finance; M. Painleve, the Premier who succeeded M. Herriot on Oct. 29 1925, and M. Loucheur, said to be the richest man in France, who has already been Minister of Finance, is principally composed of men of local rather than of national reputations."

The Paris representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" was still less hopeful of the success of the new Ministry. He cabled Monday evening "that the Ministry will fall upon its first demand for a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies on the policy of a disguised capital levy and other radical



measures as a financial panacea would not be surprising. With the franc falling to about two cents in value, extra policemen guarded the streets leading to the Bourse and the banks near the boulevards where the holders of internal bonds were clamoring to buy foreign currency. The Government has forbidden broadcasting companies to announce financial and commercial quotations, such being confined to Government bulletins when necessary. This is construed as the first stage of a censorship, also suggested by announcement of the postal authorities that telegrams will be subject to long delays for a few days 'on account of storms.'"

That at last the business situation in France was greatly upset by the continued severe declines in the franc was set forth in a long Paris dispatch from the Paris representative of the Associated Press Tuesday afternoon, July 20. In part he said: "Members of the Chamber of Deputies were more engrossed to-day in the fall of the franc than in Edouard Herriot's new Cabinet, completed yesterday. Several told of rising impatience among their constituents, especially the business people, who seem almost unanimous in calling for a committee of public safety, with full powers to save the currency. The economic pinch is now regarded as the most potent factor in the exchange situation, because of its influence on the general confidence. The Paris Bourse of Commerce to-day took stringent measures to prevent speculation in sugar by deciding no deals will be approved at prices higher than last Friday's closing. This action somewhat calmed business circles, but the franc again weakened and went nearer the 2-cent mark, at 49.33 to the dollar. The silk manufacturers of Lyons, of which M. Herriot is Mayor, created a sensation by an outspoken address to the Presidents of the Chamber and Senate and the Chairmen of the Parliamentary Finance Committees. They declare their industry is in an inextricable situation, as it is no longer possible to adapt their financial resources to their needs for foreign exchange to buy raw materials. They blame the frequent Ministerial changes and procrastination in settling the financial problem." He added that "rumors that the new Government would resort to further inflation are denied officially. Finance Minister de Monzie is credited with a plan for forced conversion of the whole interior debt, including the national defense bonds, with a view to relieving the Treasury of this menace. Evidences of ill humor on the part of Parisians is now cropping out in different ways. While the growing impatience of the people is causing anxiety in official quarters, it is hailed by many followers of the situation as a welcome development, since it is regarded as the thing best calculated to spur Parliament to effective action."

With the franc continuing to slump day after day, "the new Herriot Government decided to-night [Tuesday] to go before the Chamber for a showdown to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock instead of waiting until Thursday." The New York "Times" correspondent in the French capital cabled that evening that "announcement of this set at rest reports that because of dissensions the new Cabinet had decided to resign at once. The differences which developed in the Cabinet meeting, which lasted from 3 o'clock this afternoon until 10 o'clock, were said to have

arisen over Finance Minister de Monzie's request for full powers similar to those asked by M. Caillaux. Such a program was rejected by Premier Herriot, who based his successful fight against the Briand Cabinet on Saturday night on opposition to special powers for the Government. M. de Monzie issued a statement late to-night in the form of a blanket denial of the reliability of reports of any financial plans credited to him."

Realizing the possibility if not probability of the new Herriot Ministry failing to obtain support from the Chamber of Deputies, steps were attempted in advance to still have a Government by giving the President virtually the powers of a dictator. In a special Paris dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" Tuesday evening, it was stated that "Deputy Morinaud, of the Radical Left, a party a trifle to the right of M. Herriot's Radical-Socialists, announced that he had procured the signatures of 250 Deputies to a petition to be presented to President Doumergue in the event of the fall of the Herriot Cabinet, demanding that the President himself exercise his constitutional prerogative of forming a Ministry of national union regardless of politics, which would deal with the financial situation before disaster overtook the nation and function as did the non-partisan Cabinet headed by Georges Clemenceau at the darkest period of the war." It was made known also that "another petition of the same character began to be circulated in M. Herriot's own section of the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Henry Franklin-Bouillon obtaining many signatures to this document. Thus it would appear that already a majority of the Chamber as well as of the Senate is against M. Herriot's cartel Government even before it appears in the Lower House. To-night's session of the Cabinet followed a three-hour meeting this afternoon, when it became known that M. Herriot and Anatole de Monzie, his Finance Minister, were in disagreement over the means of meeting the coming State obligations, mainly the rush of bondholders with demands for redemption. Two alternatives are open—inflation of the currency or a temporary cessation of the payment of these bonds. At the end of the meeting M. Herriot motored to the Elysee Palace to consult President Doumergue."

The Herriot Cabinet made its declaration to the Chamber of Deputies at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The Paris representative of the Associated Press cabled that "the newly formed Herriot Government, in its Ministerial declaration before the Chamber of Deputies to-day, set itself on record as opposed to inflation of French currency and in favor of payment of all debts." The program of the new Ministry was further outlined as follows: "There will be no foreign loans, the Government asserts; the country must save itself. Foreign currency held abroad by Frenchmen must be returned to France, a special account for that purpose to be opened by the Bank of France. The strictest economy will be enforced, beginning with the State services. No reference is made in the declaration to a capital levy, but it mentions 'a special tax on assets not in the service of the public credit.' The declaration is very short and concludes with a demand for immediate approval or rejection of the program. It was received by the Chamber in ominous silence,

broken only by handclapping from a few scattered Socialists."

The stock market at this centre was considerably disturbed in the late trading on Wednesday by the publication of a dispatch sent out from Paris by the United Press Association in which it was stated that "Minister of Finance de Monzie told the Chamber to-day that he feared the Bank of France would be compelled to suspend payments to-morrow." This proved to be incorrect, according to an Associated Press dispatch later the same evening. It stated that "he said that by ordering the sale of the remaining funds of the Morgan loan he would have 'prevented the cash windows from closing to-morrow.' The Minister plainly referred to the cash windows of the Treasury, where national defense bonds are reimbursed. His words were erroneously interpreted in some quarters as meaning that the cash windows of the Bank of France would close."

The Herriot Ministry lasted only two days from the time it was formed and only four hours after it went before the Chamber of Deputies Wednesday afternoon. It went down by a vote of 290 to 237. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled that, "foredoomed to failure from its inception, the Herriot-de Monzie Ministry lived four hours in the Chamber of Deputies, beginning late to-day, and was defeated by a vote of 290 to 237 at 9 o'clock to-night." Continuing he said: "Seldom before has France had a Ministry which met with such a surge of reprobation from the public and press. If it had survived in the Chamber by a narrow margin its fall in the Senate to-morrow had become absolutely certain. Following presentation of the resignations of the members of the Herriot Cabinet, President Doumergue lost little time in beginning preparations for a new Ministry. After consultation with President de Selves of the Senate and the Vice-President of the Chamber he immediately summoned Raymond Poincare, wartime President of the Republic, and formerly Premier, who arrived at the Elysee Palace near midnight. M. Poincare left the Elysee shortly afterward, having definitely accepted the offer to form France's new Government along the lines of a Ministry of Sacred Union. The new Cabinet may be constituted as early as to-morrow night." The "Herald Tribune" correspondent went so far as to assert that "Poincare is the one man in France whose presence at the head of the Government will resurrect the national confidence, figuratively speaking, over-night. Whatever his policy, it is expected that the entire nation will accept it without question, due to his reputation for almost Coolidge-like honesty."

Both Houses of the French Parliament acted promptly with respect to the utilization of the balance of the so-called Morgan loan to help stem the rapidly ebbing financial tide. Early Thursday morning the Paris representative of the New York "Times" cabled that "late last night after the resignation of the Herriot Ministry the Chamber adopted a bill presented by Finance Minister de Monzie authorizing a convention with the Bank of France for the utilization of the remainder of the Morgan credits for State purposes. It is understood that about

\$30,000,000 is still left of the \$100,000,000 which was advanced to the Poincare Government in 1924 to defend the franc. This amount will be converted into francs according to the needs of the Government so as to meet current expenses above the resources of the Treasury when the legal limit of advances which the Bank of France can make has been reached. The urgency of the measure resulted from rapid depreciation of the Government credit during the last few days. The second article of the bill sanctions an increase of circulation above the 38,500,000,000 already legally authorized by an amount equal to the product of conversion of the residue of the Morgan credits. This ingenious way of providing new francs and further resources for the State was adopted by 275 to 195 in the Lower House after protests by the Socialists and others that it was merely disguised inflation. Early this morning the bill passed the Senate."

Raymond Poincare went promptly to the task of forming a virtual Coalition Cabinet. The Associated Press correspondent in Paris cabled Thursday afternoon that "the burden of saving the franc was assumed to-day by Raymond Poincare, former President of the Republic. At the request of President Doumergue he began to-day the formation of a 'national Ministry.'" M. Poincare started his task by calling on former Premiers Briand and Herriot and former Foreign Minister de Selves. Returning home, he received a delegation from the Parliamentary group which favors a 'national union' Cabinet. M. Poincare later had a brief interview with President Doumergue, to report progress. It is understood he insisted he must be both Premier and Finance Minister to have sufficient authority to effect economies."

Illustrative of the lack of real cohesion among the political leaders, notwithstanding the financial crisis, it might be well to call special attention to a Paris dispatch to "The Sun" Thursday evening. It stated that "the Socialists and Communists and part of the Radicals will doubtless remain the opposition, hence the 'national union' would be limited to the Right Centre and the Moderate Left, with the emphasis in the Left Centre. Joseph Caillaux, who is a bitter personal adversary of M. Poincare, is vigorously attacking him to-day in the lobbies and still hopes for his own return to power. Several of the Radicals are objecting to M. Poincare as Premier, saying that President Doumergue should have held to his original idea of making M. Sarraut Premier, with M. Poincare as Finance Minister. If by some unforeseen contingency M. Poincare fails, doubtless this Sarraut-Poincare combination will immediately be substituted." The New York "Herald Tribune" correspondent cabled late Thursday night that "at a conference of Raymond Poincare, Aristide Briand, Albert Sarraut, Louis Barthou and other principal figures now in the limelight a compromise was reached on the constitution of the Cabinet M. Poincare is forming whereby M. Poincare will assume the Premiership and the Ministry of Finance, M. Briand the Foreign Affairs portfolio, M. Sarraut the Ministry of the Interior, in which he would control the police in the event of elections, and M. Barthou the Ministry of Justice." He added that "this arrangement is subject to the approval to-

morrow of the Radical-Socialists, who are to hold a caucus before M. Poincare sees President Doumergue, and who are likely to insist that the Premiership remain in their ranks. In view of the national emergency, M. Poincare is said to have agreed in such a case to relinquish the Premiership to M. Sarraut, but retain the Finance portfolio himself." Announcement was made the same evening that "Raoul Peret, former Finance Minister, was elected to-day as President of the Chamber of Deputies, which post he held from 1920 to 1924. He succeeds Edouard Herriot, the Radical leader, who quit the Chamber Presidency to form the Ministry which fell yesterday." An official announcement in Paris yesterday showed that the forecast of the personnel of the new Cabinet was substantially correct.

A controversy has arisen between Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, and members of the House of Commons, and the United States Treasury Department with respect to war debts. The former were quoted as taking the ground that our Government had displayed a distinctly commercial spirit with regard to this question. The London representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled on July 19 that "grave warning by Hilton Young that 'minority Americans who make commercialism their god are imperiling the future good relations between the United States and Great Britain' featured a debate on war debts in the House of Commons this evening." As to the identity of the speaker the correspondent said that "Parliament was captured by the brilliant speech on the effect of the Baldwin debt settlement on Anglo-American relations by this back-bencher, who is one of his country's leading financial experts and only to-day was appointed by Premier Baldwin as a member of the British delegation to the League of Nations Assembly in September. Though quite recently converted to the Conservative Party from Liberalism, Mr. Young spoke with the air and authority of a Minister." The speaker was quoted as saying also that "we have begun to pay our debt to America, but our Allies have not yet begun to pay us smaller amounts. What is amiss is this: We have regarded that matter as more than merely a commercial debt, but the United States has not. Either the United States entered the war because of common motives and ideals or as mere mercenaries. I believe that those in America who took the latter view comprise a small majority misrepresenting the true spirit of that great nation. But, while the British Minister cannot go cap in hand to America asking for the remission of the debt, America ought to remember that it is a matter of deep concern to Anglo-American relations in the future. There was a little rift in Anglo-American relations, due to this minority which makes commercialism a god. The tie of common memories of the war is a little loosened, and it may be necessary to look for another alliance."

Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labor Cabinet of Ramsay MacDonald, attacked Winston Churchill, complaining that "the United States had made a much better bargain with Great Britain than Britain had with France or Italy." He charged also that "he [Churchill] crumples up every time he comes into contact with a representative of a Continental debtor country." Continuing, Snowden said that "in fifteen years the United States will

be taking from Europe, on account of war debts, £80,000,000 yearly. That means it will take a day's labor of 320,000,000 workers in Europe to pay this annual tribute to the United States. America in fifteen years' time will be getting far more than Germany will be paying in reparations. This is a situation that cannot continue permanently. It is not to the interest of America that it should continue. There is certainly a change of opinion taking place in the United States regarding those debts."

It was not at all surprising that the Treasury Department at Washington should have made prompt reply. According to a special Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" on the evening of July 20, "a rejoinder was made by the Treasury to-day to the statement in the House of Commons yesterday by Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in contradiction of Secretary Mellon's assertion that Great Britain borrowed a large portion of its debt from us for 'purely commercial as distinguished from war purposes.'" It was explained that "the Treasury's response took the form of a statement of the British account with the United States in connection with war loans. The essence of the figures was at variance with the British Chancellor's declaration that of \$7,000,000,000 spent by Great Britain in the United States she had borrowed \$4,000,000,000 and provided the other \$3,000,000,000 from her own independent resources." The dispatch further stated that "the data made public to-day by Under-Secretary Winston were designed to back up the declarations of Mr. Mellon in his letter to Frederick W. Peabody, which drew dissent from Mr. Churchill. Mr. Mellon is now at sea bound for Europe. The Treasury statement admits that the total reported British expenditures in the United States aggregated \$7,219,408,669, but added that \$1,853,612,246 of these were met by reimbursement from other Allies out of funds loaned to those Allies by the United States and that this was not provided for out of England's 'own independent resources.' This left about \$5,366,000,000, of which \$1,682,000,000 represented 'exchange and cotton purchases.' The greater part of the latter expenditure is declared by the Treasury to have been 'for the maintenance of sterling exchange for purchases in America, but which enabled England to make purchases at an unprecedented exchange rate.'"

That level-headed Englishmen were coming to realize the mistake that had been made in attacking the war debt policy of the United States was indicated in a special London cable dispatch to "The Sun" Thursday evening. The author said that, "with evidence rapidly accumulating that Americans at home as well as tourists abroad are resenting the efforts of Mr. Churchill and of Lord Rothermere in particular to give Americans at large a lesson in the meaning of war debts and to make them accept the idea that they are gouging the world, there is a demand in many quarters here to-day for the cessation of this unique educational campaign. There are members of the British Government who, while agreeing that Mr. Churchill has made out a good case, nevertheless question the wisdom of his eagerness at all times to tweak Uncle Sam's nose on this issue. Lord Rothermere's campaign is frankly described in important political and financial quar-

ters as disastrous and calculated to introduce an element of bitterness into the debts question which may have the effect of impairing relations. Mr. Churchill is one of a group of British politicians who for a long time have been obsessed with the idea that some profitable clearing of the air might be done in respect of the debts question by giving the American public a close-up of the situation through British spectacles."

It developed later the same day that so far as the Government was concerned the controversy had not come to an end. The New York "Herald Tribune" correspondent in London cabled that "Great Britain recognizes the right of the United States to let off France, Italy and her other debtors on easier terms than Britain if she so desires, but Washington must not give as a reason for its discrimination the excuse that a large part of Britain's borrowings during the war were used for her own commercial purposes." He explained that "this is the argument of a tart and lengthy communique issued by Winston Churchill to-night. In adding another chapter to his controversy with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer complains that the American Treasury's allegations that the money borrowed by Britain from the United States was not all used for purely war purposes is 'a misconception of the facts to which the necessary corrections' must be made."

Marshal Pilsudski continues to experience not a little difficulty in the establishment of a real dictatorship in Poland, or even in the carrying out of any of his ideas with respect to a new Government. In a special wireless message from Warsaw to the New York "Evening Post" on July 17 it was claimed that "Pilsudski's indirect dictatorship will be a limited one, and he will not be in the same class as Premier Mussolini and General Primo de Rivera by the time the measure for constitutional changes gets through the Polish Diet." The correspondent added that "constant hammering by the Left parties has prevented the complete overthrow of the Constitution, which last week seemed imminent. To-day a compromise has been drafted by the committee charged with preparing the constitutional reform measures. It has its first reading in the Diet. Sweeping Governmental powers, as provided for in the original bill, are included in the new measure, but a time limit is set for their existence. The Government will be permitted to issue dictatorial decrees affecting the organization of administrative offices, budget matters and finances generally only until October 1927. The new bill eliminates entirely any alterations in the Constitution or electoral law. Such changes have been bitterly opposed by the Diet, which, as a whole, regards the new bill as a victory for Parliament. It is expected that the new bill will be placed before the Diet for its second reading to-day and that the third and final reading will be early next week."

The uncertainty and apprehension existing in the minds of the people were outlined in another Warsaw dispatch to the "Evening Post" two days later. It was asserted that "the 'legality' of Marshal Pilsudski's procedure since the May revolution has not succeeded in averting international complications, which, as was expected, have arisen from his curious

indirect dictatorship. As it is not clear to any one inside or outside Poland exactly who is responsible for the Government, there is a wide opportunity for the wildest rumors and in the neighboring countries, which were made most restive by the May coup, these rumors find ready credence." The correspondent further said that "Pilsudski needed only to call a Council of the War Ministry, which he heads, to awaken fears among all the small States surrounding Poland and give the Nationalist German press an opportunity to reveal the Polish war plans and thus add new fuel to its campaign to keep alive the German determination to recover the Polish corridor. That Pilsudski's Council actually laid any of the fantastic imperialistic plans attributed to it is officially denied and what all the world knows is emphasized, that Poland is in neither a political nor a financial position to undertake hostilities."

Developments on Tuesday made the situation look more encouraging for Pilsudski. The New York "Times" representative in Warsaw cabled that evening that "the new Government's program of reforms was sent forward to the third reading late this evening in a form which will undoubtedly meet with nearly unanimous approval in the final vote on Friday. While its measures are only a shadow of what the Government originally demanded, its approval definitely indicates that Premier Bartel has achieved a political success of great proportions, if not a genuine victory." He further declared that "acceptance of the program by the various parties constitutes a vote of confidence and any such approval of the post-revolutionary Cabinet had heretofore been sternly withheld by the Sejm. Moreover, the accord was reached after the Premier's bold statement yesterday which constituted a virtual declaration of independence from Marshal Pilsudski's dictatorship."

The chief features of the program were given in part as follows in a special Warsaw wireless message under date of July 21: "Parliamentarism has won a victory over dictatorship in Poland. The changes adopted in the second reading of the Government's bill in the Polish Parliament do not fundamentally impair the democratic constitution. They amount, rather, to merely technical reforms. The most radical reform authorizes the President to dissolve Parliament and gives Parliament the right to dissolve itself by a two-thirds vote. This power is mitigated by a stipulation that a new election shall be held within 90 days after dissolution. Such power as this is enjoyed by Presidents in a number of other countries with Parliamentary government; for instance, Germany. Parliament is further empowered to pass a bill giving the Government the right to issue decrees on certain questions at certain times, that is to say, to transfer full powers to the Government in case of a crisis. Whether Parliament will finally pass such a measure is still to be determined and will be debated only after the third reading of the Government's bill on Friday."

Very little progress appears to have been made toward a settlement of the British coal miners' strike. Prime Minister Baldwin was said to have rejected the plan proposed by English clergy to solve the problem. On July 17 the London correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled that "the interven-

tion of the churches in the coal stoppage is not likely to bring about a settlement. The proposals made by the leading Bishops of the Church of England and the Free Church leaders, and accepted by the miners, envisaged a further Government subsidy to enable work to be resumed for four months at the old wages. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, in a letter to the Bishop of Litchfield, stated emphatically that further subsidy is now out of the question." Apparently the strikers have been able to hold on largely because of the financial assistance received from outside sources. In a special cable dispatch from Paris to the New York "Times" on July 21 it was stated that "all question as to who were the chief financial backers of the British coal miners' strike was set to rest to-night with an announcement from the International Miners' Federation that the Russian Soviet Government had contributed \$2,100,000 to the British miners' unions with which to carry on the strike. A total of nearly \$3,500,000 has been received from all sources, including foreign countries, for the striking miners. Although the actual figures for America were not given out, it is believed that a large share of that part of the fund described as 'from other sources' came from America. British mine leaders attending the present session of the Federation urged further and even larger contributions, so that the strike can be maintained for six months, if necessary. It became increasingly evident that hope of curtailing or entirely stopping shipments of coal from other nations to Britain is very slight. The British leaders plan to concentrate upon financial aid, so that the strike can be prolonged for several months."

There has been no change in official bank rates at leading European centres from 7½% in Austria; 7% in Belgium and Italy; 6% in Paris and Berlin; 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 still virtually unchanged, at 4¼@4 5-16% for short and long bills, as against 4⅜% for short bills and 4 5-16@4⅜% for three months a week ago. Money on call in London was steady and closed at 3¼%, in comparison with 3½% last week. In Paris the open market discount rate was advanced from 5½% to 5¾%, but in Switzerland was quoted at 2⅜%, unchanged.

The Bank of England in its latest weekly statement reported another addition to gold holdings, this time of £398,761, thus bringing the total up to £151,733,845, as against £163,234,260 last year and £128,269,723 in 1924 (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). Furthermore, circulation again declined—£122,000, with the result that the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department increased £521,000, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities advanced to 24.58%, as compared with 24.01% last week, 31.3⅞% a year ago and 18⅝% in 1924. Public deposits continue to shrink, a further reduction of £1,741,000 being shown, but "other" deposits increased £960,000. Loans on Government securities increased £1,615,000 and loans on other securities declined £2,934,000. Reserve aggregates £30,136,000, which compares with £39,592,625 a year ago and £21,747,

003 the year before that. Note circulation aggregates £141,348,000, in comparison with £143,391,635 and £126,272,720 one and two years ago, respectively, while loans total £69,942,000, as against £69,761,557 in 1925 and £73,509,754 the year preceding. The Bank's official discount rate continues at 5%, unchanged. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £704,972,000, which compares with £762,852,000 a week ago and £687,880,000 last year. 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. July 21.	1925. July 22.	1924. July 23.	1923. July 25.	1922. July 26.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	141,348,000	143,391,635	126,272,720	125,717,465	124,747,630
Public deposits.....	7,611,000	15,574,113	11,336,368	10,462,544	14,296,634
Other deposits.....	114,971,000	110,690,934	105,575,091	109,383,966	107,576,472
Govern't securities	40,540,000	34,960,069	39,682,467	45,633,731	46,504,853
Other securities.....	69,942,000	69,761,557	73,509,754	70,556,056	72,243,297
Reserve notes & coin	30,136,000	39,592,625	21,747,003	21,672,843	21,096,300
Coin and bullion.....	151,733,845	163,234,260	128,269,723	127,640,308	127,403,930
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	24.58%	31⅞%	18⅝%	18%	17¼%
Bank rate.....	5%	5%	4%	4%	3%

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

The Bank of France in its statement for week ending July 15 reported an increase of 87,861,000 francs in note circulation, bringing the total of that item up to 55,005,855,090 francs, the highest figure ever reached. This compares with 44,220,912,845 francs at the corresponding period in 1925 and with 40,081,713,400 francs for the same time in 1924. After the fall of the new Herriot-de Monzie Ministry on Wednesday (July 21), a law was passed authorizing the transfer to the Bank of France of the available balance of the Morgan credit, amounting to about \$25,000,000, and also authorizing the Bank to raise the limit of the note issue by an equal amount, approximately 1,300,000,000 francs. Total obligations of the Government to the Bank of France were increased, by an additional loan of 550,000,000 francs during the week, to 38,350,000,000 francs, the largest figure ever reached. In 1925 at the same date, advances to the State amounted to 27,400,000,000 francs and in 1924 they totaled 22,700,000,000. In the gold item a gain of 7,100 francs was reported. Total gold holdings now aggregate 5,548,647,425 franc which compares with the 5,546,831,184 francs and 5,543,407,548 francs respectively in 1925 and 1924. Changes among the other items in the Bank's return were: Silver gained 7,000 francs; trade advances were increased by 36,071,000 francs; Treasury deposits rose 25,371,000 francs, and general deposits expanded 621,151,000 francs. In contrast, bills discounted fell off 7,871,000 francs. Comparison of the various items in this week's return with the figures of last week and with corresponding dates in both 1925 and 1924 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of		
		July 21 1926.	July 23 1925.	July 23 1924
		Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings.....				
In France.....Inc.	7,100	3,684,326,518	3,682,510,276	3,679,086,640
Abroad.....	Unchanged	1,864,321,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Total.....Inc.	7,100	5,548,647,425	5,546,831,184	5,543,407,548
Silver.....Inc.	7,000	337,759,820	312,021,639	300,063,011
Bills discounted.....Dec.	7,871,000	5,217,981,211	3,044,675,703	4,698,172,752
Trade advances.....Inc.	36,071,000	2,340,870,201	2,986,509,070	2,696,653,433
Note circulation.....Inc.	87,861,000	55,005,855,090	44,220,912,845	40,081,713,400
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	25,371,000	38,264,526	51,461,526	15,305,415
General deposits.....Inc.	621,151,000	3,846,733,470	2,278,400,262	2,174,045,304
Advances to State.....Inc.	550,000,000	38,350,000,000	27,400,000,000	22,700,000,000

In its statement for the week ending July 15, the German Reichsbank showed that further curtailment in note circulation had been achieved—viz., 154,695,000 marks, while at the same time there was a reduction in other maturing obligations of 126,146,000 marks. Other liabilities increased 27,377,000 marks. Increases and decreases were about evenly divided in the matter of assets. Holdings of bills of exchange and checks were reduced 80,602,000 marks, but advances increased 5,224,000 marks, while there were increases also in silver and other coins of 4,523,000 marks; notes on other banks, 5,407,000 marks, and other assets, 73,209,000 marks. Reserve in foreign currencies fell 8,968,000 marks. Gold and bullion holdings, however, recorded another addition of 35,000 marks, to 1,492,304 marks. At this time a year ago the total was 1,068,673,000 marks and in 1924 469,372,000 marks. Outstanding note circulation equals 2,738,054,000 marks.

Comparatively minor changes in gold holdings and substantial curtailment in both rediscounting and open market operations, were the outstanding features of the weekly Federal Reserve banks' statements, issued at the close of business on Tuesday. The report for the entire System revealed a loss in gold reserve of \$3,500,000, while rediscounting of paper secured by Government obligations fell \$24,300,000. In other bills there was an increase of \$4,800,000, so that total bills discounted were reduced \$19,500,000. Holdings of bills purchased in the open market declined \$16,700,000. Shrinkage was shown in all of the following items: Total bills and securities (earning assets), \$44,400,000; Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation, \$26,100,000; member bank reserve accounts, \$33,800,000, and deposits, \$32,500,000. The New York Bank gained gold in its operations with interior institutions and reported an increase of \$28,600,000. Rediscounts of Government secured paper were reduced \$21,600,000, while other bills increased \$2,400,000; the net result, therefore was a contraction in total bills discounted for the week of \$19,200,000. Bill buying in the open market decreased \$18,100,000. Declines in total bills and securities were \$44,500,000 and in deposits 17,200,000. The output of Federal Reserve notes was brought down \$3,100,000, while member bank reserve accounts dropped \$18,300,000. However, the falling off in deposits both locally and nationally served to more than offset all other changes, and reserve ratios advanced. For the banks as a group the ratio advanced 1.01%, to 76.0%. At New York a gain of 3.6%, to 83.0%, was shown.

Last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies showed further decreases in loans as well as in deposits, but a large decrease in surplus reserve, mainly the result of the drawing down of more than \$20,000,000 in member bank reserves with the Federal Reserve Bank. The drop in the loan item amounted to \$56,424,000, while net demand deposits were reduced \$14,259,000, to \$4,388,468,000. This total is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$21,537,000. In time deposits an increase of \$961,000 occurred, bringing the total up to \$604,858,000. Other comparatively minor changes included a decline of \$538,000 in reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults and an increase of \$204,000

in reserves kept by these institutions in other depositories. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank fell \$5,734,000, to \$42,926,000, which is not counted as reserve. Member banks, as noted above, drew down their reserves at the Reserve institution \$20,696,000, with the result that surplus reserves, notwithstanding smaller deposits, fell off \$19,222,400, to \$11,329,240, which compares with \$30,551,640 last week. The above figures for surplus are on the basis of 13% legal reserves against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include \$42,926,000 cash in vault held by these members on Saturday last.

Notwithstanding continued activity in the stock market, call money was extremely easy. It may be said that 4%, or a little higher, was the going rate for actual business. The New York Stock Exchange stated that the supply was ample and the demand not particularly active. These conditions prevailed, although for one day early in the week total sales of stocks on the Exchange exceeded 2,000,000 shares and rather closely approximated that level the greater part of the week. The tone of the time money market was a little firmer, with bids at 4½%, or even a little higher, reported. Special importance was not attached to this development. In some circles, however, it was thought that it indicated firmer money later on, because of the increased demand to move the crops. Brokers' loans for the week ended July 14, as announced by the Federal Reserve Board, showed a decrease of \$1,531,000 compared with the previous week. This was the first decrease for some time. The aggregate loans stood at \$2,601,257,000, against the high level for this year so far of \$3,141,125,000 on Jan. 6. The decrease was so small as not to be important in itself. Unless the volume of trading in stocks falls materially below recent levels and the reaction is carried further, it would not be at all logical to look for big decreases in the loan account. With the financial situation in France so acute and with most of the important currencies so severely depressed, there was no reason to look for the offering of European bonds in this market. Domestic offerings were on a rather good-sized scale. The steel trade is at least holding up, and the ingot production of the United States Steel Corporation has shown a further advance to about 87% of capacity. The Government weather report was not altogether favorable. With present conditions there is not likely to be especial change in the aggregate demand for funds in the near future. More money may be needed temporarily for harvesting and moving the crops, but the requirements from other sources may lessen somewhat.

Dealing with specific rates for money, call loans have ranged between 4 and 4¼%, against 4@4½% last week. However, with the exception of Monday, when renewals were negotiated at 4¼%, the high and the low was 4%; there was no range, call funds ruling on the remaining days of the week—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—at 4%, which was the only rate named during that entire period.

For fixed date maturities the undertone was firmer and quotations advanced to 4½% for sixty days, ninety days and four months, against 4¾@4½%, and five and six months to 4½@4¾%, against

4½% a week ago. Toward the close the tone of the market was softer; but this was evidenced more by freer offerings, than by easing in rates. Trading continued quiet and featureless.

Commercial paper was likewise firmer and four to six months' names of choice character are now quoted at 4%, as against 3¾@4% last week. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names are being dealt in at 4%, as against 3¾% heretofore. Names not so well known continue to require 4¼%. Country banks were the principal buyers, with trading only moderately active. Offerings are still restricted.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances remain at the levels previously current. The demand was reported as light throughout, with offerings of prime names rather scarce. The market was in fact a dull affair, with trading inclined to be listless. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council has been reduced from 4% to 3½%. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3¼% bid and 3⅛% asked for bills running 30 days, 3⅜% bid and 3¼% asked for 60 days, 3½% bid and 3⅜% asked for 90 days, 3⅝% bid and 3½% asked for 120 and 150 days, and 3¾% bid and 3⅝% asked for 180 days. Open market quotations are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	3¼a3½	3⅜a3¼	3½a3¼
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Prime eligible bills.....			3½ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....			3½ 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 JULY 23 1926.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 Months but Within 9 Months.
	Com' Retail Agricul & Livestock Paper. n.e.s.	Secured by U. S. Govern't 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	4	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.

Small up and down movements with no particular trend in one direction or the other, characterized trading in sterling exchange this week. Price levels were fairly steady and despite an utter lack of interest on the part of large operators, the range was only a trifle lower than that of the preceding week, with the extremes 4 86 3-32 and 4 85¾ for demand bills. The market was exceptionally dull and entirely devoid of news feature of any sort. Unfavorable influences still operative were the unsettled British coal strike, which is being viewed with growing alarm by leading financiers and business men throughout the country, and is certainly throttling Britain's industries, and the increasingly chaotic state of financial affairs in France. Although not directly affected by the latter, sterling showed an inclination to recede with

each fresh dip in the value of the fast vanishing franc. On the other hand, sterling profited to some extent by an inquiry on the part of those endeavoring to convert their franc holdings into some more stable form of currency. Nevertheless, taken as a whole, the market for sterling exchange can best be described as a waiting one with speculation reduced to a minimum, and large dealers maintaining an attitude of extreme caution in the matter of filling even routine requirements.

As regards quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last was dull and narrow, with the undertone steady and demand unchanged from 4 86 (one rate) and cable transfers at 4 86½. On Monday prices were maintained on quiet, featureless trading; a range of 4 85 15-16@4 86 1-32 prevailed for demand and 4 86 7-16@4 87 17-32 for cable transfers. Better buying sent rates up 1-16c. on Tuesday, and demand sold at 4 86@4 86 3-32 and cable transfers at 4 86½@4 86 19-32; the market, however, was still inactive. Wednesday a slight reactionary trend developed and prices moved down to 4 85¾@4 86 for demand and 4 86¼@4 86½ for cable transfers; freer offerings were the principal cause of the decline. Dulness was the chief characteristic of trading on Thursday, and there was a tendency to recession; demand sold down to 4 85¾@4 85⅞ and cable transfers to 4 86¼@4 86⅝. On Friday there was very little business transacted although rates were firmer at 4 85 13-16@4 85 29-32 for demand and 4 86 5-16@4 86 13-32 for cable transfers. Closing quotations were 4 85 29-32 for demand and 4 86 13-32 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 85 25-32, sixty days at 4 82, ninety days at 4 80⅛, and documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 82⅛, and seven-day grain bills at 4 85 21-32. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 85 25-32.

No gold was reported this week either for import or export to New York. Considerable interest is being shown in the announcement recently published that the \$53,500,000 in gold that was transferred from France during the war against British advances to France, and mentioned in the Franco-British debt agreement, is at present in the vaults of the United States Federal Reserve Bank. This gold, according to the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, was transferred to the United States during the war and has never been included with the British gold reserve. The Bank of England reported exports of £7,000 to Brazil, £15,000 to Holland, £18,000 to Spain, and imports of £137,000 in gold bars, also £250,000 in sovereigns from South Africa.

Conditions bordering closely upon demoralization developed in Continental exchange trading this week, almost paralleling those witnessed during the war era, and French francs (which continue to shape opinion so far as other European currencies are concerned) suffered in all probability the severest slump in their history, at least to the lowest levels. The reason for this collapse was primarily the downfall of the Briand-Caillaux Cabinet and with it the hopes of those who had looked to it for a solution of France's desperate financial problems. News that the Ministry had failed in its first test was immediately followed by a wild orgy of selling—speculative and otherwise—that swept the franc from 2.44½ (the opening figure) to 2.12¼. Formation of a so-called

Herriot Ministry evidently found little favor with French business interests, since instead of a rally, the new Cabinet was greeted by another wave of weakness that sent the franc crashing through the 2-cent mark to 1.94<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. By Wednesday, however, recovery set in and francs moved up about 24 points, to 2.20, in response to intimations that a coalition Cabinet might be formed. It is interesting to note that New York operators took little or no part in the proceedings; the declines for the most part occurring before the market had opened, and in fact reflecting the uneasiness and complete lack of confidence felt abroad in the position of France's currency. On the upturn moderate activity commenced, in the form of buying by several large local banks with French connections, which in turn led to active covering of short accounts. Still later in the week francs again firmed up and recovered nearly all of the spectacular losses recorded in the early dealings, touching 2.39<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, but no attempt was made in responsible banking circles to minimize the extreme gravity of the situation. News that M. Poincare, one of France's most eminent statesmen, had undertaken the difficult and delicate task of forming a national ministry, alive to the needs of the occasion and strong enough to bring about real rehabilitation, naturally exercised a reassuring effect, but could not shake off pessimism that is felt over the obstacles to be overcome. It is pointed out that the relief afforded by expenditure of the last of the Morgan reserve credit can only be temporary, since it also removes France's last bulwark against speculation by foreign interests, while in the present position of the French Treasury, it seems almost impossible to avoid further inflation, regardless of what steps are taken politically. Apparently, nothing but the arrangement of large foreign credits can bring about the needed stability, and there seems little prospect of anything of the sort at the present time.

Belgian francs moved in sympathy with the French unit, though at an appreciably higher level. The range for the week was 2.45 to 2.16 on dull but irregular and nervous trading. Lire also suffered in unison and after opening at a slight advance, to 3.40<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, slid off to 3.16<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; later some of the loss was regained and the quotation moved back to 3.26. According to recent cable advices, Italy's finances are improving. Reports that a budget surplus had been achieved created a good impression, but was largely offset by the fact that Italy's trade position is not favorable. The proportion of increase in imports over exports is larger than a year ago. Greek exchange, which has been heavy for some little time, on political and financial uncertainties, sustained a further loss of about 8 points, to 1.13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. In the minor Central European group no important changes were noted. Polish zloties touched a new high point of 12.00, but later receded to 11.00, the high point established last week. Trading in all these exchanges was quiet.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 213.75, against 206.40 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 2.34<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, against 2.36<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; cable transfers at 2.35<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, against 2.37<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and commercial sight at 2.10, against 2.35<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> a week ago. Closing rates on Antwerp francs were 2.38<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> for checks and 2.39<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> for cable transfers, which compares with 2.35 and 2.36 a week earlier. Reichsmarks were unaffected by the vicissitudes of other surrounding currencies and continue (nominally) at 23.79@23.81 for both checks and cable transfers, unchanged. The same

is true of Austrian schillings, which remain as heretofore at 14<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. Lire closed the week at 3.25<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> for bankers' sight bills and at 3.26<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> for cable transfers. A week ago the close was 3.37 and 3.38. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (unchanged); on Bucharest at 0.46, against 0.46<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; on Finland at 2.52<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (unchanged), and on Poland at 11.00 (unchanged). Greek drachmae closed at 1.13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> for checks and at 1.14 for cable transfers, in comparison with 1.20 and 1.20<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> the preceding week.

Movements in the former neutral exchanges were unimportant and the volume of business passing light. Dutch guilders showed a slight upward drift, presumably on transfers of French funds into Holland, and the quotation was marked up about 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> points, to 40.22<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, although losing most of the advance before the close. Swiss francs were firm, but not changed. As to the Scandinavians, prices were well maintained, at very close to the levels of a week ago. Spanish pesetas, on the other hand, turned weak and declined from 15.80 to 15.51, though without specific activity.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 40.17, against 40.15; cable transfers at 40.19, against 40.19<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; and commercial sight at 40.13, against 40.13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> a week ago. Swiss francs finished at 19.35 for bankers' sight bills and at 19.36 for cable transfers. This compares with 19.36 and 19.37 last week. Copenhagen checks closed at 26.46 and cable transfers at 26.50, against 26.47 and 26.51. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.74 and cable transfers at 26.78, against 26.75 and 26.79; while checks on Norway closed at 21.91 and cable transfers at 21.95, against 21.89<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and 21.93<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> the week before. Spanish pesetas finished at 15.51 for checks and at 15.53 for cable transfers, as contrasted with 15.77 and 15.79 last week.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. JULY 17 1926 TO JULY 23, 1926, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	July 17.	July 19.	July 20.	July 21.	July 22.	July 23.
<b>EUROPE—</b>						
Austria, schilling.....	\$ .14069	\$ .14083	\$ .14069	\$ .14089	\$ .14012	\$ .14101
Belgium, franc.....	.0244	.0231	.0221	.0227	.0228	.0238
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007224	.007322	.007250	.007300	.007283	.007281
Czechoslovakia, krona.....	.029613	.029620	.029616	.029614	.029616	.029616
Denmark, krone.....	.2650	.2650	.2650	.2650	.2650	.2650
England, pound sterling.....	4.8645	4.8645	4.8651	4.8643	4.8624	4.8633
Finland, marka.....	.025200	.025212	.025210	.025205	.025221	.025211
France, franc.....	.0244	.0219	.0205	.0216	.0225	.0234
Germany, reichsmark.....	.2380	.2381	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380
Greece, drachma.....	.012067	.012035	.011744	.011704	.011645	.011444
Holland, guilder.....	.4019	.4019	.4022	.4022	.4020	.4020
Hungary, pengo.....	.1755	.1758	.1755	.1759	.1756	.1760
Italy, lira.....	.0340	.0335	.0320	.0326	.0326	.0325
Norway, krone.....	.2192	.2193	.2194	.2194	.2194	.2195
Poland, zloty.....	.1077	.1050	.1048	.1052	.1055	.1042
Portugal, escudo.....	.0512	.0513	.0512	.0512	.0512	.0512
Rumania, leu.....	.004628	.004597	.004568	.004536	.004568	.004428
Spain, peseta.....	.1579	.1576	.1572	.1573	.1570	.1550
Sweden, krona.....	.2680	.2680	.2679	.2679	.2678	.2678
Switzerland, franc.....	.1937	.1937	.1936	.1937	.1936	.1936
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.017667	.017670	.017674	.017661	.017663	.017662
<b>ASIA—</b>						
<b>China—</b>						
Chefoo, tael.....	.7440	.7417	.7373	.7388	.7400	.7394
Hankow, tael.....	.7327	.7303	.7280	.7275	.7291	.7286
Shanghai, tael.....	.7121	.7098	.7076	.7079	.7093	.7076
Tientsin, tael.....	.7410	.7413	.7385	.7388	.7404	.7398
Hong Kong, dollar.....	.5430	.5436	.5409	.5385	.5425	.5421
Mexican dollar.....	.5156	.5142	.5123	.5133	.5142	.5144
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar.....	.5100	.5054	.5042	.5046	.5054	.5058
Yuan, dollar.....	.5067	.5054	.5013	.5017	.5025	.5033
India, rupee.....	.3629	.3631	.3631	.3628	.3630	.3630
Japan, yen.....	.4710	.4716	.4721	.4716	.4709	.4718
Singapore (S.S.), dollar.....	.5621	.5621	.5621	.5621	.5619	.5621
<b>NORTH AMER.—</b>						
Canada, dollar.....	1.001188	1.001219	1.001365	1.001310	1.001406	1.001427
Cuba, peso.....	.999219	.999219	.999156	.999156	.999156	.999188
Mexico, peso.....	.489000	.489000	.489000	.487167	.488833	.488833
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.998594	.998531	.998594	.998563	.998656	.998688
<b>SOUTH AMER.—</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.9245	.9237	.9247	.9242	.9238	.9220
Brazil, milreis.....	.1573	.1568	.1544	.1526	.1540	.1538
Chile, peso.....	.1204	.1204	.1205	.1205	.1206	.1207
Uruguay, peso.....	1.0096	1.0087	1.0108	1.0087	1.0048	1.0021

As to South American exchange mixed movements occurred and Argentine pesos were firm for a while and slightly higher; Brazilian milreis lost ground through-



out. Closing quotations, however, showed a drop to 40.50 for Argentine checks and 40.55 for cable transfers, against 40.67 and 40.72 last week, while Brazil finished sharply lower at 15.34 for checks and 15.39 for cable transfers, as compared with 15.80 and 15.85 a week ago. Chilean exchange ruled firmer, but closed unchanged at 12.05, while Peru moved up to 3.80 against 3.73 the previous week.

Far Eastern exchange was dull and slightly easier, so far as the Chinese currencies are concerned, on lowering in the value of silver metal. Hong Kong closed at 54.70@54.80, against 55.15@55.30; Shanghai, 71¼@71½, against 72@72 5-16; Yokohama, 47.20@47.30, against 47@47¼; Manila, 49½@49¾, against 49½@49¾; Singapore, 56½@56¾ (unchanged); Bombay, 36¾@36½ (unchanged), and Calcutta, 36¾@36½ (unchanged).

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$6,436,375 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended July 22. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$7,367,475, while the shipments have reached \$931,100, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended July 23.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$7,367,475	\$931,100	Gain \$6,436,375

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, July 17.	Monday, July 19.	Tuesday, July 20.	Wednesday, July 21.	Thursday, July 22.	Friday, July 23.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 89,000,000	\$ 105,000,000	\$ 72,000,000	\$ 79,000,000	\$ 80,000,000	\$ 78,000,000	Cr. 503,000,000

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

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

Banks of	July 22 1926.			July 23, 1925		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 151,733,845	£ 151,733,845	£ 151,733,845	£ 163,234,260	£ 163,234,260	£ 163,234,260
France a	147,373,061	13,480,000	160,853,061	147,300,411	12,480,000	159,780,411
Germany c	61,600,000	4994,600	62,594,600	43,554,450	4994,600	49,549,050
Aus.-Hun.	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000
Spain	101,883,000	26,762,000	128,645,000	101,465,000	26,209,000	127,674,000
Italy	35,743,000	3,425,000	39,168,000	35,589,000	3,342,000	38,931,000
Netherl'ds.	35,084,000	22,840,000	57,924,000	35,964,000	1,871,000	37,835,000
Nat. Belg.	10,955,000	3,534,000	14,489,000	10,891,000	3,293,000	14,184,000
Switzerl'd.	16,778,000	3,524,000	20,302,000	19,989,000	3,584,000	23,573,000
Sweden	12,689,000	-----	12,689,000	13,013,000	-----	13,013,000
Denmark	11,619,000	854,000	12,473,000	11,636,000	1,140,000	12,776,000
Norway	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000
Total week	595,637,906	75,413,600	671,051,506	597,816,121	52,913,600	650,729,721
Prev. week	595,580,861	296,471,600	892,052,461	601,115,199	52,731,000	653,846,199

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of 274,572,836 held abroad. b No recent figures. c Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany this year are exclusive of £13,015,000 held abroad. d As of Oct. 7 1924.

**The Return of Poincare.**

Events have moved swiftly and dramatically, and at the same time somewhat ironically, in France during the past week. On Saturday the Briand Government, which on the previous Monday had concluded, through M. Caillaux, a debt agreement with Great Britain, faced the Chamber of Deputies with a demand for the fiscal dictatorial powers with

whose aid, it was understood, M. Caillaux proposed to carry out in general the recommendations of the committee of financial experts. After a heated debate the Chamber, by a vote of 288 to 243, refused to grant the extraordinary powers asked for, and the Government at once resigned. On Sunday M. Edouard Herriot, formerly Premier and for some time President of the Chamber, who had led the fight on the Briand-Caillaux program, accepted the invitation of President Doumergue to form a Ministry, and completed the task the following day, only to have his Government repudiated by the Chamber on Wednesday, by an overwhelming vote of 290 to 237, after forty-eight hours of formal existence.

Thereupon a petition signed by 302 Deputies, somewhat more than half of the membership of the Chamber, was presented to President Doumergue, asking him to form a national union Cabinet, to which the signers of the petition pledged their support. In response to this request an invitation was extended to M. Poincare to form a Cabinet, and the invitation was accepted. What threatened to develop into a serious opposition, on the part of various groups in the Chamber, to M. Poincare's choice of Ministers presently appeared, and on Thursday a delegation representing the signers of the petition to President Doumergue waited upon M. Poincare with the announcement that they did not regard him as the proper person to head the union Ministry. On Friday, however, M. Poincare was able to report that he had formed a Cabinet. The Cabinet is a novelty in that it includes no less than six former Premiers, M. Poincare himself taking the portfolio of Finance and the duties of the former Minister of the Devastated Regions, in addition to his responsibilities as President of the Council.

Neither the fall of the Briand Government nor the overthrow of the Herriot Ministry was in the least unexpected. The conclusion of a debt agreement with Great Britain, while it redounded to the credit of M. Caillaux, and to some extent, at least, may be expected to smooth the path of his successor, apparently had no effect in placating opposition in the Chamber or in the country to the American debt agreement. Further, although the committee of experts were unanimous in urging the immediate ratification of the American agreement, it was not clear that Premier Briand and his Finance Minister were entirely of one mind in regard either to the necessity of ratification or the desirability of attempting to reopen negotiations with Washington with a view to obtaining better terms. The demand for dictatorial powers in finance, as the debate in the Chamber on Saturday showed, was resisted less on grounds of principle than because of personal and political opposition to M. Caillaux. Events, in short, had made it plain that M. Caillaux, however much his financial abilities might be conceded, was something of a political liability to the Briand Government, and that a Chamber which was being forced to the conclusion that it must grant dictatorial powers to somebody was not willing to grant such powers to him.

The repudiation of the Herriot Ministry was even more clearly a foregone conclusion, even before the Ministry had shown its hand. M. Herriot undoubtedly had some elements of strength. It was he who led the assault which, two years ago, drove President Millerand from office and seated M. Doumergue in the Presidency. It was he who led the

attack on the Briand Government on Saturday with a vehement insistence that Parliament should not abnegate its authority by setting up a dictatorship, and thereby open the way to further foreign loans, but that France should save itself by its own efforts. It was the same M. Herriot, however, upon whose head as Premier, in April 1925, broke the scandal of concealed inflation and the manipulated statements of the Bank of France intended to hide the illegal advances which had been made to the Treasury, and for that betrayal of trust the Herriot Ministry was forced to resign. Back of M. Herriot, moreover, was the Socialist demand for a capital levy, and a capity levy, at least under that form or name, a majority of the Deputies was apparently determined not to have.

The composition of the Herriot Ministry, which was announced late on Monday night, showed few elements of marked personal strength, while the program of the new Government, as read in the Chamber on Tuesday, was hardly more than a mixture of generalities and alarms. France, it was announced, would pay its war debts "in a measure and in a form which will enable her to feel certain that she can keep the undertakings subscribed," but "we must insist upon the absolute independence of France's action in every domain." There was to be no inflation, and the franc was to be stabilized, "but such effort must not be accomplished only with foreign credits"; money deposited abroad must be brought back, and "a special tax on all assets which are not directly in the service of the public credit moralities" would be imposed. There was nothing in this program to allay doubt or awaken confidence, and the statement of M. de Monzie, the new Finance Minister, that the margin of advances in the Bank of France upon which the State might draw had fallen to 60,000,000 francs (the figure was later corrected to show a balance of 150,000,000 francs), and that it might be necessary for the Bank to suspend further advances, completed the discredit of the Ministry. It is a striking commentary upon the rapidity with which political animosities rise and fall in France that M. Herriot, who has twice been displaced as Premier and who on Wednesday was being jeered at by crowds in the streets of Paris, should appear on Friday as Minister of Education in the Poincare union Cabinet.

It would have been amusing, if the whole situation had not been so tragic, to hear M. Herriot declaiming against further foreign loans, in view of the obvious fact that France, at the present moment, would probably be unable to obtain a foreign loan of importance anywhere. The American market, and probably the British market as well, will remain closed to French borrowing until the debt agreements are ratified, and they will hardly be opened even then until sound and constructive plans for dealing with the financial situation have been formulated and put in the way of operation. It is unfortunate, however, in view of the importance of the debt question in the general program of financial reorganization, that the figures which have been brought forward during the past few days, in the controversial exchanges at long range between Mr. Churchill, Mr. Winston, Secretary Mellon and Frederick W. Peabody, regarding the composition of the British and French debts to this country and the nature of the concessions made in each case, could not have been made

public earlier, and that even now there should apparently be discrepancies in the figures that need to be explained. Convincing as the statements of Secretary Mellon and Mr. Winston appear in general to be, the official rejoinder of the British Treasury made public on Thursday is not lightly to be dismissed, and in any case the American statements have come too late to affect materially the public opinion of Great Britain, France or the United States, or to check the outbursts of popular resentment against the United States and its people which unhappily continue to show themselves in France. If the French public has been kept in ignorance of the exact state of its war debt obligations to this country, the American public has also been denied until now important information which it should have had from the first.

That France, in a time of grave national crisis, should have turned once more to M. Poincare is of itself an event of much significance, but it would be idle to ignore the difficulties with which any treatment of the financial problem is still confronted. The political antagonisms which have their source in M. Poincare's past career as Premier have not disappeared, and while in point of sheer intellectual ability and administrative force he admittedly stands head and shoulders above most of his colleagues in Parliament, he enjoys no special repute as a financier, and has never shown any particular interest in economic subjects. He has been a pronounced opponent of the Mellon-Berenger debt agreement, as has his political enemy, M. Caillaux, and his views on this question have been shared by an aggressive group of more than a hundred Deputies whose support he apparently needs. The pressing needs of the Treasury have, indeed, been met by the action of the Chambers in making available for general use the balance of the Morgan credit, but the August payments will more than exhaust the additional credit thus created.

As the new Ministry will not appear in Parliament until Tuesday, however, at which time it is reported that M. Poincare intends to submit his financial proposals, there will be time for France to think the situation over calmly. It is reasonably certain that M. Poincare will not be disposed to dally with the scheme of a capital levy, and that he will not lack the courage to carry through any reforms to which he and his associates are committed. The response of the franc to the announcement of his selection as Premier seems to suggest that the strong man who can lead France out of its difficulties may at last have been found.

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### *The Dictatorship of Congress.*

On looking over a list of the bills passed by the last Congress the people must at once be impressed by their minor character. Omitting the Tax Reduction measure, not a single important law, in the large sense, was enacted, with possibly one or two exceptions, such as the one providing for the adjustment between the railroads and their employees and the World Court, which is not a law in itself in the proper sense of the word. Citizens are by no means disconsolate over the fact. But why and wherefore these long months of debate? Interest, of course, centres in the Senate. Do we send men to this august body to indulge in the pastime of playing poli-

tics? Is it necessary to advocate, constantly, severe innovations on our normal life that others by opposing them may save us from ourselves? A study of the laws passed, especially those in the closing hours of the session, shows a majority of them are special in nature and do not materially affect the masses. Here and there, a new condition or relation calls forth an incipient bureau or commission, destined to grow and expand. A tax revision, by no means perfect, appears. Appropriation bills, of necessity, there are. But the people, somehow, breathe a sigh of relief when Congress adjourns.

Without doubt the bills that did pass and become laws could have been considered in one-fourth of the time consumed by the session. Yet all other departments of the Government functioned without passion or prejudice; and the people pursued their activities in the ordinary way. And the question springs up in many minds—What would happen if Congress met only once in ten years? However this does transpire, the business of the people is in a state of apprehension during all these months of debate over proposals for the most part introduced for the ostensible object of giving relief to some class or section. And it is for this reason that Congressional legislation is becoming a millstone around the necks of the people. No industry is safe from interference. Helping one must harm another, until it is fast coming to be believed that the killing of these restrictions and aids to classes is about the best thing Congress does. But why are so many of these bills introduced? Who really commissions any Congress to propose them?

Certainly the citizens are tolerant, indulgent to their representatives, and quiescent in themselves. Why should a legislator come to believe that it is his mission to bring aid to a self-reliant and energetic people? There is only one answer to all this recurring Congressional hubbub. Representatives are trying to curry favor with their constituents, or they are seeking to set up the groundwork for a party platform and a political triumph. Name, if you can, a great principle burning in the hearts of all the people and crying to be enacted into law! Administrative measures continue as a matter of course. And in an increasing population and expanding business there are always detail rules of conduct that require expression, though these are few, in need, and there should be no controversy over their enactment. For it is the chief virtue of representative government that it leaves the people free to formulate their own laws of business out of the experiences of contacts and contracts and free from statutory espionage and control. And such should never be written into the fabric of administrative government until they are already accepted by all.

It cannot be the conception of well-balanced divisions of Government that Congress become a legislative mill working all the time. Emphatically it is not an aid society. Laws it enacts must be enforced—and every law throws a new burden on the Executive. It must be tested by the Supreme Court as to its constitutionality. Often it embodies, as we have just remarked, a new bureau or commission, and this either must be supervised by the Executive division, or allowed to run wild—an independent Government in itself. Yet it has come to pass that a Congress never meets without evidence that representatives of the people with no specific

instructions feel themselves called upon to save the country. There used to be a halcyon phrase “the dear people.” Now it is the “revolt” of classes and sections. How many times have we been told in recent months that unless relief be given to the farmers they will defeat a prominent party at the polls in November? Is this the mandate to “do something” by the people, or even by the class in question? Far from it.

How long can a free Government continue to shield and guard an energetic and industrious people when it is made the means of social and economic reform? What will be left to the initiative of the individual when the Government lays down the rules of private as well as public conduct? Unless we can hold in check, by the will of the people, this abandon of legislation we will find that Government has become too strong a master to ever again be reduced to service. An autocracy of laws may become as intolerable as an autocracy of executive force. Those increasing Federal statutes are thrusting power on the President. At one time, when we did not consider its source, when Chief Executives were not too anxious to escape vested authority, we complained of the “power of the Executive.” Now, we discover that Congress is the author of most of this power. An Executive who asks little of Congress, who does not seek dominance over the legislative branch has, by avoidance and silence, taught us an invaluable lesson. And unless we seek soon to put a curb on this indiscriminate and widespread law-making we will awaken at no distant date to the fact that we live under a tyranny of laws the Executive is sworn to enforce. Outside these minor administrative statutes that grow out of the intercourse of an advancing people there are few new laws needed.

The cure lies with the people. As long as faction, bloc, section, and party, are allowed to pinion the Government and ignore the natural rights of the individual just that long Congress will continue to respond to the illusory idea that it is the chief division of the Government. Yet this same Government exists and functions in the absence of Congress and, in fact, despite its activities. For it is a machine made to work in a certain way to protect pre-existent rights and liberties. Its main functions are limited. It has the power and duty of protecting and perpetuating itself by taxation—an immense power which, unbridled, may also destroy. It is therefore necessary that the sovereign voters as a whole demand that there shall be fewer laws—and that no law in the nature of an aid or subsidy be enacted.

There is nothing in the public eye more important at this time. We are covertly grafting all sorts of policies and practices upon an institution that was originally framed to let us alone. Law-making has become an obsession. So inveterate has become the habit of asking aid of Congress that nothing but the war of ideas and the conflict of selfish plans saves us from a situation fast growing intolerable. “Business” lives in constant fear and dread. Domestic and foreign commerce are hampered by statutes that interfere with natural laws. That Congress should equalize prices, that it should attempt to fix the fantastic “purchasing power” of the dollar, that it should recognize a West or a South, are all preposterous propositions. And the people should speak out in the next election.

### *The Social Control of Business.*

Any form of business, individualistic or co-operative, may be advocated, as any form of control, whether social or official, may be justified, if it be admitted that "almost everything in it is an unfortunate exception."

Such a statement means that while human society has made great advance in the past 100 years this is no proof that the economic or political theories that have at one time or another prevailed are true, or that any one of them is to be accepted. There is the same need of study of the facts, and the same pertinence as of old in the wise saying of the ancient casuist, "Happy is the man who knows the causes of things." *Felix qui rerum potuit cognoscere causas.* The discovery of the Individual who shaped the politics and economics of the 19th century has only a parental relation to the Individualism which finds expression in the great business corporations of to-day; and the *laissez faire* policy proposed for the State then has but slender connection with the control which the State is to-day exercising over all forms of co-operate action. The control to which 100 years ago the newly projected rights of the individual were opposed was narrow, undisputed, and in the main monarchical. *L'etat c'est Moi!* was the accepted situation. To-day both terms have expanded; Control exercised by the community is as diverse in its forms, from the power of Public Opinion, to the authority of the State and the King, as Individualism is various in the common life.

Professor J. Maurice Clark of Chicago University, now called to the Chair of Economics in Columbia, has added to his standard work on "The Economics of Overhead Costs," to which we called attention a year ago, a book on "The Social Control of Business" (Macmillan). It deals with the intricate problem of adjusting heated claims and harmonizing selfish interests for that common and mutual service which the division of labor has made one of the fundamental features of industry. Opposing views and innumerable agencies exist; trusts of various kinds and public utilities to which control seems appropriate, common and statute law and codes of economic ethics are complementary parts of the whole process; and, as he states it, to present the process in its unity as well as in its diversity is an end worth striving for.

He holds that business is essentially an affair of community interest in which Individualism is tolerated only so long as, better than some other system, it serves the common interest. In the last analysis the individual interest merges in this, and the various corporate forms of business found necessary to-day have enlarged the theory of individualism correspondingly. A partially free and assertively independent system of buying and selling, however immediately advantageous, as it never includes the interest of the community, cannot maintain itself as the community enlarges and its interests become apparent and exacting. It must give place, the author thinks, to such other methods as the community stands ready to supply in the interest of all.

The first section of the book deals with this situation. It compares alternative systems, with many

illustrations, and then turns to the grounds that exist for community action. This involves a search for the underlying principles of the control which the community must introduce. These are presented in Chapters on The Legal Framework of Economic Life; Some Fundamental Legal Institutions; The Constitution of the State; Standards for Guidance and Censorship, and Systems of Control. All of which are thoroughly discussed.

The other half of the book is devoted to the definite problems of pure control and the various types; their cost; their background, involving the question of fair return and extent of service, and finally, the problem of Public Opinion and of Trusts.

Professor Clark considers that we are living in the midst of a revolution which is transforming the character of business, however long established its methods and purposes may be, and changing the relations and the economic life of the citizen and the mutual responsibilities of business and the community. In his view it is a revolution rather than an evolution, beginning as it did with the textile inventions of 1764-92, which acquired full headway with the rapidly following steam engine, steamship and the railways, and is still advancing. Its latest phases are to be seen in the application to economic life of the phenomenal development of the physical sciences in the last fifty years. It has had many able men to inspire and guide it, from Galileo and Newton to Edison, Marconi and Ford.

Most of the changes in methods of business have taken place, say, since 1873, and are still advancing in varied form into business of every kind, which transcends State boundaries and gives rise to national problems. Back of these lie the stabilization of the dollar, eugenics and national hygiene, and the existence of great fortunes and the unequal distribution of wealth. Control in some form is inevitable because of the development of large scale production and the infinite possibilities of applied science, coupled with a very positive changed attitude toward social institutions. Institutions are now a recognized means, and not an end. They are an agency both in business and in social life for obtaining betterment, evolved to meet specific needs, called always to justify themselves and subject to inevitable outside direction.

Common necessities lead to this, which appears in various forms of union in co-operation, price agreements, labor contracts and the like. Social Control appears not in acts of the community as a whole, but primarily in public opinion as that develops, and then in the exercise of the power entrusted to the State. The Law ultimately depends on public opinion, for, however emphatic the action of the State, a law that proves not to have that support becomes a dead letter. To be effective the State must have a citizenship which respects the Law, and most of whom are ready to obey it because they know that the peace and stability of the community depend upon its enforcement. As community life becomes permanent Social Control gains importance and the Law seeks larger operation. Systematic control which the State is led to assume takes on certain definite forms if it is to secure support. (1) It seeks to prevent injury rather than to enjoin procedure. (2) It imposes obligations which people of good will cheerfully undertake. (3) It aims to maintain rather than to overturn established cus-

tom so far as possible. (4) It strives to enforce particular duties upon those to whom they belong, as in the case of children, and in general education. The State thus acting for the community, while it does as little as it can in the way of coercive control, has always to do a great deal. A State that had only concern to protect property and enforce contracts has never, the author asserts, been seen, and could not exist.

The social fabric depends on the exercise of this function. Without some co-ordinated and recognized system of Social Control, it is urged, the people could not produce or consume or live. The argument is obviously far-fetched, but let that pass. Stages of development are noted. The primitive clan resorted to the taboo as a protective mark on personal property which of very necessity was respected; it made communism in hunting and home-making possible. Later there came in turn military and autocratic control, medieval rural economy, feudal lords, church, guilds of trade and craft, and "custom." Usury laws, price fixing and modern mercantilism, followed at the end of the 18th century by the "Liberty" of '76 and Individualism, and the corporation which characterized the modern epoch but which did not win general favor till the middle of the 19th century, appeared as need arose. In 1776 collective bargaining was unknown and trade unions were in the eyes of the law conspiracies. All this is, of course, mere commonplace, but part of the author's case.

To-day the whole question has to be re-stated. Individualism as an indefeasible right has to justify its claim in the presence of a widely diffused system of impersonal organization the value of which the citizen knows full well as it is essential to all he would do or would gain, but which is itself constantly paralyzed and rendered inefficient by the contest of selfish interests seeking to control it.

Individualism and Social Control as they appear to-day in connection with business are new and but little understood. The extent of the controversy between them as it exists in the community can be seen in a relation as far as possible from business—that is in the universities which stand at the head of our educational system. A graphic picture of the controversy as it appears there and of the harm it does in its least expected form, is given in "Chimes," by Robert Herrick, published just now by Macmillan. It is the story of the effort at control by individuals representing different groups and interests in the country, as it bears upon the life and spirit of one of our greatest educational institutions.

Quite apart from its immediate concern with education at the top, is its bearing upon the new situation in the entire life of the people and centring just now in the relations of Social Control in its multi-form lines of influence upon business. The bank, the office and the manufactory are far from the university, but Social Control is the comprehensive term for the outside interference to which there is constant resort, and of which the power and the diversity of its form is little understood. Professor Clark undertakes to indicate the limits within which control must be kept to save both business and the State.

### **Financial Crisis Threatens New York City, According to Comptroller Charles W. Berry.**

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In a confidential letter to all the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Comptroller Charles W. Berry has warned them of a grave situation in the financial affairs of the City of New York.

This memorandum, which was dictated June 23, and a copy of which since has come into possession of the "World" was written for the purpose of aiding in preparation of the next annual budget. It shows that the 1927 budget will be approximately \$476,000,000—an increase of almost \$40,000,000 over that for 1926.

Calling attention to the high proportion of this near half billion dollars which will be needed for interest and amortization, the Comptroller finds the time has arrived when, unless drastic changes are made in the financial structure, highly important public improvements may be delayed indefinitely—possibly forced to the point of total abandonment.

#### *Three Big Revenue Sources.*

In the forefront of the suggestions is a proposal to place a greater dependence on the "pay-as-you-go policy" for financing public improvements than has been exercised since the end of the Mitchell Administration in 1917. But equally important and extremely significant in connection with recent studies of the subway problem is the firmly expressed belief that adoption of a policy under which revenue-producing improvements would be made to produce sufficient funds to cover maintenance, amortization and interest charges, would be of "inestimable advantage to the city."

There are three major groups of revenue producing improvements—docks, water supply and subways. Included in the dock problem are the white elephant piers on Staten Island, built by Mayor Hylan and little used since. Although the water supply system already is self-sustaining, the Comptroller nevertheless has recently recommended an increase in water rates. But the big thing which would be affected by the adoption of such a policy would be the subways.

#### *Subway Policy Undetermined.*

The city is now throwing about \$10,000,000 a year into the present subway lines to keep them operating at a 5-cent fare. The latest report of the Transit Record shows a total deficit of city funds on the Interborough alone of \$60,000,000. Of this amount \$8,000,000 is interest on the cumulative deficit and \$19,000,000 is the accumulated 8.76%, which, according to the contract, is to go to the city, but never has been earned.

Although conditions on the Interborough have been improving recently, members of the Board of Transportation believe it will be about two years before the public treasury can look for any sort of a return. The policy in respect to the new subways, now building, has not been decided. It undoubtedly will require some further study to determine whether subway bonds can be made self-sustaining without an increased fare.

But a report made by the Board of Transportation in the last year of the Hylan Administration indicated there were only two alternatives, an 8-cent fare or heavy assessments on property owners abutting the new lines.

#### *Automobile Costs Mount.*

Another important recommendation made by the Comptroller is for a severe pruning, not of salaries, but of the maintenance expenses of city departments. He finds, for instance, that since 1917 the bill for automobile service outside the Police, Fire and Street Cleaning Departments, has risen from \$500,000 to nearly \$4,000,000. It is costing the city 50 cents a mile to maintain its taxicabs—almost double what it costs to hire a public cab at the street corner.

There are many other suggestions for financial change, such as an effort to pay off a little more of the funded debt each year than the amount of the year's borrowings, a reduction in the annual amount of tax notes and special revenue bonds, to be brought about by establishment of a greater degree of pay-as-you-go, thus reducing the interest charges. There also is proposed a change in the Gerhardt law, to permit the levying of assessments for public improvements prior to the completion of the improvements.

*Text of Recommendation.*

The text of the Comptroller's memorandum follows:

With the time for preparing the annual budget drawing near, the Department of Finance takes the liberty of submitting herewith for the consideration of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment a few facts and suggestions in the hope that they may prove helpful. This information is being offered in the belief that a more carefully considered budget will be the result if the members of the Board have before them an accurate picture of the city's financial condition and the extent to which it may safely commit itself to new expenditures.

When the present Administration took office there were outstanding authorizations granted by the preceding Administration aggregating many millions of dollars.

A stupendous, complex transportation problem involving a continuing program of subway construction and the expenditure of many millions each year has been passed on to us. Plans now approved, if carried on under the present system of financing, will not only tax the city's financial resources to the utmost, but may result in the delaying indefinitely, if not the abandonment, of many other essential improvements.

\$27,888,795 for Amortization.

The foregoing is the most important problem confronting the present Administration. Additional facts bearing thereon are in course of preparation by the Department of Finance and will be submitted to the Board at an early date.

In making up next year's budget one fact should be kept clearly in mind, namely: The rapidly increasing funded debt of the city, with its accompanying fixed charges for interest and amortization. The amount provided for this purpose in the 1926 budget is \$87,915,981 52, of which \$27,888,795 27 is for redemption and amortization of long-time bonds.

It also carries \$3,854,872 79 for interest on short-term debt; \$18,500,000 for redemption of tax notes issued during 1925 to obtain funds wherewith to finance non-revenue producing improvements, and \$17,750,000 for redemption of special revenue bonds issued last year to meet unforeseen requirements, making in all a total of \$128,020,854 31 for debt service.

The budget for 1926, as noted before, contains \$27,888,795 for redemption and amortization of our long-term debt, and for a similar purpose the budget of 1927 will have to provide approximately \$30,850,000. In financing our public improvements, more dependence should be placed on the "pay-as-you-go" principle and less on the issue of certificates of debt, because to the latter is added the additional item of interest.

*Budget Items Compared.*

Municipal improvements which come within the definition of revenue producing projects, such as water supply, rapid transit and dock construction, are financed by means of long-term corporate stock on the theory that sufficient revenue is derived from these improvements to pay all interest and amortization charges. As a result, these bonds may be exempted, or excluded from the provision of the city's debt limit regulation, upon presentation of the facts to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. It would seem, therefore, that the adoption by this Board of the policy that a revenue producing improvement should produce enough funds to cover maintenance, amortization and interest charges would be of inestimable advantage to the city.

The method of budget making that has been followed by New York City for some time makes each year's budget practically a duplicate of the preceding one except as to amounts. The items for 1926 and 1927 will compare about as follows:

	1926.	1927.
State taxes -----	\$17,564,808	\$16,000,000
Redemption and interest on long-term bonds	87,915,961	100,000,000
Redemption of tax notes authorized preceding year for improvements -----	18,500,000	24,000,000
Redemption of special revenue bonds authorized preceding year for various objects ----	17,750,000	18,000,000
Interest on above -----	3,854,872	5,000,000
Departmental appropriations, city and county	288,146,333	309,612,000
Tax deficiency -----	2,880,000	3,000,000
Assessments -----	388,003	388,000
Total -----	\$437,000,000	\$476,000,000

*No Provision for Improvements.*

It will be noted that neither of the above budgets makes any definite provision for new improvements. These budgets do carry, however, \$18,500,000 in 1926 for redemption of tax notes and an estimate of \$24,000,000 for 1927 for the same purpose, that is to take up the notes totaling the amount borrowed in the preceding year to finance the construction of non-revenue producing improvements.

The 476 millions required for 1927 will be reduced by whatever amount may be available in the general fund, estimated at about \$80,000,000, and the balance must be raised by taxes. Any hoped for reduction in this latter total (which would also make a reduction in the tax rate) will require a careful study of each item entering into the budget. We will take up the items in order:

1. The State tax. There will be a reduction of the State tax this year of about one and one-half million dollars.

2. Redemption and interest on long-term bonds. This amount is directly influenced by our borrowings. The best plan, of course, would be to pay off more of our funded debt each year than the total of our borrowing in that year, an ideal policy, undoubtedly unattainable under present conditions. Serious thought, however, should be given to plans for improving the city's financing so that each year we may come nearer to achieving the aforementioned result. At least we should strive to reduce what has been the average yearly increase or addition to the city's funded debt.

*Can Save on Interest.*

3. As stated before, our non-revenue producing improvements are financed by the issue of tax notes, which are redeemable with interest in the next year's tax levy. This is a policy which cannot be done away with entirely. The practice, however, could be improved upon by providing a certain amount within the 2% tax limitation in the budget to be used for these improvements, issuing tax notes for any balance that might be required.

4. Special revenue bonds are the medium of financing prescribed in the Charter to meet unforeseen or undetermined expenditures which have not been provided for in the budget. Like tax notes, they are redeemable with interest in the next year's tax levy. This contingency might be provided for by placing in each year's budget an amount to be used to meet any such expenditures which are now provided for by the issue of special revenue bonds under subdivisions 7 and 8.

*Might Reduce Departments.*

5. The item provided in the budget for interest on these short-term borrowings could be greatly reduced by following the above recommendations.

6. Departmental appropriations, the largest item in the budget, is a subject that should receive earnest consideration. Salaries and wages paid by the city do not give much room for economy because in many instances city employees are underpaid. Economies might be effected, however, by reducing the number of departments, thus following the example set by the State. There are a number of places where the overlapping of departmental functions is obvious; there also are a number of positions which could be abolished without detriment to the city service.

Real economy can be effected in the matter of departmental maintenance. The city's bill for automobile service, leaving out the Police, Fire and Street Cleaning Departments, has increased from \$500,000 in 1917 to nearly \$4,000,000 in 1926. Taxi service costs 50 cents per mile to maintain. This is only one of the many items known to experienced budget makers where it is possible to effect savings.

7. The work of reducing tax deficiencies is being vigorously pushed by the Department of Finance, by the prompt sale of tax liens, urgent reminders to property owners of arrears, etc.

*Charter Changes Suggested.*

8. Assessment charges for improvements. There is no way to pay for any public improvement other than by assessing or taxing private property. Even where in the first instance bonds have been issued to cover the cost, interest on the loan and the redemption of the principal has to be provided by taxation either in the form of an assessment or an annual tax or both.

Under the provisions of the Gerhardt law, improvements are paid for either by assessments upon the property benefited or upon a borough or boroughs or upon the city as a whole. The entire cost, however, no matter how financed, is ultimately placed in the form of a tax or an assessment upon property privately owned.

The operation of the Gerhardt law would be made more effective from the standpoint of the city's finances by slight changes in Sections 247 and 946 of the Charter, which sections are related. The proposed amendment would provide for the Street Improvement Fund being placed in possession of cash to meet the actual expenditures of contract work and other outlays as the work of the improvement progresses, in the same year the contracts are registered.

This amendment would eliminate the delays and lack of funds that have marked such great undertakings as the Cross Island of Jamaica Bay improvement, the Coney Island Boardwalk, the Queens Boulevard, etc. Upwards of \$8,000,000 has been paid from the Street Improvement Fund for the foregoing project, but under the present operation of the Gerhardt law not a dollar may be assessed upon the city or upon benefited property or any borough or boroughs until the improvements have been completed and this completion certified thereto by an official legally authorized to do so.

*Burden Put on New Owners.*

The suggested amendment to Sections 247 and 946 would result in making the total combined tax and assessment rates of the several boroughs run more evenly from year to year than heretofore. The assessments would not pile up and reach a burdensome total to be imposed after a number of years.

The present procedure often works a great hardship for new owners. They are required to pay all the costs of improvements made long before they purchased the property benefited, and this after they have already paid the increased value due to the improvements which have been made. The amendments referred to have been presented to the Municipal Assembly for its consideration.

### **N. Y. City Needs Additional Water Supply— \$370,000,000 Bond Issues in Next Eight Years Necessary to Tap New Sources.**

Adding still further to the financial plight of the city, as outlined in the confidential memorandum of Comptroller Berry to the Board of Estimate, published exclusively in the "World" yesterday, the city is facing bond issues of \$370,000,000 in the next eight years for increasing its water supply.

The Board of Water Supply has warned the Board of Estimate that the present Catskill and Croton systems will be adequate to supply the city's needs only until 1935-1936 at the latest. It already has mapped out two prospective sources of new supply and has advised the Comptroller that if there is not to be a water shortage, construction of new dams and aqueducts should begin next year.

Many have assumed that inasmuch as all water bonds are exempt from the debt limit, the requirements would have no effect on the general financial problems of the Administration. Such is not the case, however.

If the same method of financing is followed as in the building of the Catskill Aqueduct—and the experts of the Finance Department hold any other would be wasteful—it will mean an increasing annual tax, starting around \$1,000,000 and increasing annually to perhaps \$25,000,000 before the bonds will become self-supporting.

The reason is that while the present water supply system is self-sustaining, there is no margin above the cost of operation, interest and amortization. Interest must be paid and a sinking fund established from the moment the bonds for the new system are issued. As the amount expended grows, so grow the interest and amortization charges. The system does not become self-sustaining until it is completed and the water from it is in use.

Simple calculation shows that unless new sources are developed speedily there will be a water shortage within ten years. The present system makes available about 1,000,000,000 gallons a day. Last year the city used 850,000,000 a day, leaving a daily surplus of 250,000,000 gallons. These

figures take account of the new Schoharie watershed, not yet in full operation.

Experience of the Board of Water Supply shows the daily consumption has increased steadily at the rate of 25,000,000 gallons a year. Ten years will exhaust the present 250,000,000-gallon surplus. Then there must be more water or fewer baths and less flushing of streets.

It may be the total cost of the new system will run well above the \$370,000,000 estimate included in a report by the Comptroller to the Legislature. No accurate figures are available because even the rough plans and specifications have not been drawn. The engineers of the Board of Water Supply don't know yet from which of two available sources the supply is to come. But they have recommended the immediate expenditure of \$67,000,000 for a new tunnel from the Hillview Reservoir in Westchester County to Queens and Brooklyn.

#### *Tunnel Proving Inadequate.*

Population in these boroughs has grown so rapidly that the present tunnel from Manhattan is proving inadequate. It has almost reached a point where there will be a choice between giving these two boroughs more water or cutting down the pressure so it will scarcely reach the tops of the houses. In a report to the Board of Estimate this improvement has been recommended as important. The cost, however, is included in the \$370,000,000 which the report to the Comptroller says will bring to New York 600,000,000 additional daily gallons.

Which of two sources of supply will be taken depends largely on negotiations between the States of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for joint development of the Delaware River. Last year commissions from these States reached an agreement as to a form of treaty. This was adopted by the New York Legislature. In the scramble between a Republican Legislature and a Democratic Governor, New Jersey turned it down, with the result Pennsylvania decided to defer action. The latest development was the authorization Thursday night by the New Jersey Legislature of a new commission to continue the negotiations.

#### *Delaware Would Double Supply.*

If the Delaware is made available, Thaddeus Merriman, Chief Engineer of the Board of Water Supply, estimates it will approximately double the city's water resources. To build the necessary dams and bring the supply to New York will be a task fully equal to the development of the Ashokan system, and because of increased cost of labor and materials will involve about twice as great expense.

The other source of supply being considered is along the Upper Hudson—Fishkill, Wappinger, Roeliff, Jansen, Claverack and Kinderhook Creeks in Dutchess, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, and Catskill and Schoharie Creeks in the Catskill Mountain district. To get a limited amount of water from these sources would be less expensive than the Delaware development, but to get a billion gallons would seem to be even a greater project than the Catskill.

#### *Draining of Lakes Feared.*

Some have suggested the city might go to Lake George or Lake Champlain. Both lakes are so near sea level that their use would involve establishment of highly expensive pumping systems. Furthermore, their watershed is so limited the engineers feel the lakes themselves would be destroyed if New York should attempt to use them. The only other sources the engineers consider available are Lake Ontario or the streams in the Adirondack Mountains.

In view of the recommendations of the Board of Water Supply it is confidently predicted that within the next year the Board of Estimate will be forced to begin the authorization of bond issues almost equaling those required for the new subways.

#### **Death of Charles A. Coffin, Founder of General Electric Co.**

Charles A. Coffin, founder and for 30 years head of the General Electric Co. as President and Chairman of the board of directors—one of the great figures in the electrical world—died on July 14 at his home in Locust Valley, Long Island. Up to within two weeks of his death Mr. Coffin had been regularly at his office in New York and continued his active interest in the progress of the electrical industry and more particularly the General Electric Co., of which he

was a director. Leaders of the industries, educators and heads of charitable institutions were to be found daily in his office, securing his advice in dealing with the problems of the organizations whose destinies they directed. During recent years much of his time was devoted to the charities he had always liberally but quietly supported. Mr. Coffin was for 30 years the financial and commercial genius of the General Electric Co. Prior to the formation of that company, in 1892, he was a dominant influence in the Thomson-Houston Electric Co., one of the predecessors of General Electric. Mr. Coffin was born in December 1844, in Somerset County, Maine, and graduated from Bloomfield (Me.) Academy. Until 1883 Mr. Coffin was a prosperous shoe manufacturer. In that year Silas A. Barton, a Lynn printer and stationer, interested him in the formation of a syndicate for the purchase of the American Electric Co. of New Britain, Conn., a small concern, the head of which was Professor Elihu Thomson. Associated with him was Edwin Wilbur Rice Jr. The Lynn Syndicate, as it was known, purchased control of this little company, whose annual net profits at that time were less than \$20,000, and moved it to Lynn in the latter part of 1883, where a factory was leased on Western Avenue. The name was changed to the Thomson-Houston Electric Co. in honor of Professor Thomson and his early associate, Professor Edwin J. Houston. Mr. Coffin knew very little about electrical matters, but he interested himself in the work of Professor Thomson and Mr. Rice, and as the company developed, he took a dominant part and became its Vice-President and Treasurer.

It was through his leadership that the company developed the central station idea as applied to arc lighting, and in 1888, he induced the company to enter the electric railway field, manufacturing equipment for electric street car lines in many parts of the country. A number of other electrical concerns were absorbed, most notable among them being the Brush Electric Co. of Cleveland. In 1892 occurred the consolidation of the Thomson-Houston Co. and the Edison General Electric Co. of New York, in which all the activities and interests of Thomas A. Edison's incandescent lamp development had previously been merged. Mr. Coffin and the Thomson-Houston Co. were the dominant influences in this amalgamation. When the consolidation was consummated, in April 1892, under the name of General Electric Co., Mr. Coffin was elected President.

For the succeeding 21 years he was at the helm of the new concern, which became the leading electrical company in the United States. Everything that was progressive and every innovation that proved practicable received his active support. He encouraged the scientists and engineers of the company in all they undertook. He shaped the financial and commercial policy of the company. During the tremendous electrical development of the late nineties and early years of the new century, he continued to exercise strong and inspiring leadership. Soon after 1900, he supported the work of his company's engineers in developing the Curtis steam turbine, which revolutionized the primary power sources in electric light and power stations. He endorsed the movement to establish, in 1901, a laboratory for electrochemical research which grew to be the research laboratory of to-day, noted for its contributions to fine science and electrical development.

These two developments alone placed the General Electric Co. in a peculiarly commanding position, for the Curtis steam turbine was soon displacing the old-time reciprocating engine in central stations far and wide; while the research laboratory, by such achievements as the drawn-tungsten filament for incandescent lamps, portable and high-power X-ray tubes, modern refinements in vacuum tubes and other almost equally significant developments, opened new fields of activity for the company in steady succession. The enthusiastic support of President Coffin assured the success of these projects even during the period of discouragement in building steam turbines and uncertainty as to the wisdom of creating a research laboratory. Mr. Coffin retired from the presidency in 1913, but immediately became Chairman of the board of directors. He thus remained in active participation in the company's affairs until 1922. He was succeeded as President by Edwin W. Rice Jr., one

of the electrical developers with Professor Thomson, of the old American Electric Co.

The growth of the General Electric Co. under Mr. Coffin's leadership, during the three decades that he was either President or Chairman of the Board, was little less than phenomenal. Soon after the panic of 1893 the company's gross business amounted to about twelve million dollars a year, or an average of a million a month. In 1920 its gross business went to over three hundred million dollars a year, or a million for each day's business.

Leaders of industries, charities, finance and Government have added their tributes to those of electrical men to Mr. Coffin. Hundreds of messages expressing admiration and respect for Mr. Coffin and his contributions to the electric light and power industry have been received by officers of

the General Electric Co. Messages from Vice-President Charles G. Dawes, John Hays Hammond, Patrick Crowley, Samuel Insull, Thomas A. Edison, Professor Elihu Thomson, S. Z. Mitchell, Edward N. Hurley, R. F. Pack, President of the National Electric Light Association, C. H. Markham, Charles F. Brooker, Dr. Takuma Dan, Director of the Mitsui Co., Japan, and others nationally prominent have been sent to the family and friends of Mr. Coffin. The offices of the General Electric Co. were closed throughout the country on Saturday, July 17, the day the funeral services were held at Locust Valley, L. I., with Rev. Dr. Charles A. Hinton of St. John's Church, Lattington, officiating. There were no pall bearers, but a special train from New York bore his personal friends and business associates from all parts of the country.

### *The New Capital Flotations in June and for the Half Year Ended with June.*

The new capital flotations in June in magnitude bring to a fitting close an extremely active half year. The total ranks close to the largest of any month since we have been compiling the figures, which is since the beginning of 1919. The placing of an offering of \$60,000,000 Federal Land Bank bonds contributed to swell the total. Our tabulations, as always, include the stock, bond and note issues by corporations and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also Farm Loan emissions. The grand total of the offerings of new securities under these various heads during June was \$723,549,858. This compares with \$660,747,562, in May; with \$635,614,548 in April; with \$650,595,075 in March; with \$612,513,614 in February, which was a short month; with \$731,844,584 in January; with \$728,179,163 in December; with \$589,119,381 in November; with \$506,180,910 in October; with \$492,022,119 in September; with \$404,015,397 in August, when the total was the smallest of any month since March 1924, and with \$695,094,335 in July 1925.

The amounts are large under all the different heads except foreign Governments, where the sum of the offerings in June the present year was only \$27,600,000, against \$140,188,000 in June 1925. The loss here, however, was more than made good by the increase in the corporate offerings, domestic and foreign, and by the large flotations of farm loan issues, leaving the grand total of the offerings for all the different groups combined well above that for the same month last year, namely \$723,549,858, against \$673,442,392. The corporate offerings (including foreign) were no less than \$472,401,650, against \$379,268,620 in June 1925. The municipal offerings were \$136,256,208, as against \$139,653,772 in June 1925. Back in June 1924 the amount of the new municipal issues aggregated \$242,451,538, but this included \$101,021,500 of New York City bonds.

In analyzing the corporate offerings made during June, it is found that the bulk of the month's financing was very evenly divided between industrials and public utilities. The first mentioned group accounted for no less than \$216,150,150, showing a big gain over the total of \$161,119,040 for May, while public utility issues at \$215,875,500 for June show a decline from the previous month's total of \$274,824,340. Railroad offerings totaled \$40,376,000, as compared with only \$17,925,000 in May.

Total corporate offerings in June were, as already stated, \$472,401,650, and of this amount \$395,596,500 comprised long-term issues, \$19,609,000 were short-term and \$57,196,150 consisted of stock issues. The portion devoted to refunding operations was \$93,362,700, or almost 20%. In May only \$12,237,000, or less than 3%, was for refunding. In April the amount was large, being no less than \$111,069,770, or slightly over 25%; in March the amount was \$37,168,000, or only about 7¾%; in February, \$33,095,000, or slightly over 8%, was for refunding, while in January \$68,706,575, or over 11% of the total, was for this purpose.

In June of last year \$67,737,495, or more than 17%, was for refunding purposes.

The \$93,362,700 raised for refunding comprised \$87,878,400 new long-term issues to refund existing long-term issues, \$65,000 new long-term to refund existing stock, \$2,000,000 new short-term to refund existing short-term, and \$3,419,300 new stock to refund existing long-term securities.

Foreign corporate issues sold in this market during June amounted to \$77,836,000 and comprised the following: Canadian—\$12,000,000 Canadian Pacific Ry. equip. tr. 4½s, "B," 1926-38, offered at prices yielding from 4.00 to 4.55%, and \$3,500,000 Fort William Paper Co., Ltd. (Fort William, Ont.), 1st mtge. 6s, "A," 1946, offered at 98½, to yield about 6.13%. Other foreign comprised: \$30,000,000 United Steel Works Corp. (Germany) 25-year mtge. 6½s, "A," 1951, offered at 96, yielding about 6.80%; \$15,000,000 Saxon Public Works, Inc. (Germany), gen. & ref. mtge. 6½s, 1951, offered at 91½, to yield about 7.24%; \$3,000,000 Hungarian Land Mortgage Institute 7½s, "A," 1961, brought out at 95, yielding about 7.90%; \$3,000,000 ("Miag") Mill Machinery Co. (Germany) 1st mtge. 7s, 1956, placed at 92½, yielding about 7.65%; \$3,000,000 Roman Catholic Church Welfare Institutions in Germany 20-year sec. 7s, 1946, offered at 98½, yielding about 7.12%; \$3,000,000 Stettin Public Utilities Co. (Germany) 1st mtge. 7s, 1946, issued at 94½, yielding 7.55%; \$1,376,000 The Cuba RR. Co. 1st lien & ref. mtge. 6s, "B," 1936, offered at 99½, yielding about 6.06%, and 120,000 shares of no par value common stock of Manila Electric Corp. offered at \$33 per share and involving the sum of \$3,960,000.

The largest single corporate offering of the month was \$40,000,000 Southern California Edison Co. ref. mtge. 5s, 1951, sold at 98½, yielding about 5.10%. Other important public utility offerings were: \$23,000,000 The Nevada-California Electric Corp. 1st tr. mtge. 5s, 1956, offered at 95½, yielding about 5.30%; \$15,000,000 Detroit Edison Co. gen. & ref. mtge. 5s, "B," 1955, offered at 101½, yielding about 4.90%; \$15,000,000 Public Service Corp. of N. J. sec. 5½s, 1956, sold at 99, yielding about 5.57%; \$12,500,000 Southeastern Power & Light Co. deb. 6s, "A," 2025, brought out at 95, to yield about 6.30%; \$9,635,000 The Ohio Power Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 4½s, "D," 1956, offered at 93, yielding about 4.95%, and \$9,000,000 Cumberland County Power & Light Co. 1st mtge. 4½s, 1956, sold at 94½, yielding about 4.85%.

Industrial issues were featured by the following: 191,482 shares of no par value common stock of Famous Players-Lasky Corp., offered at \$107.49 per share, involving \$20,582,400; \$15,000,000 The Prudence Co., Inc., guar. coll. tr. 5½s, 1961, issued at par, and \$5,000,000 of the same company's 7% cum. pref. stock sold at 102½, yielding 6.83%; \$10,000,000 Bethlehem Steel Corp. sec. 5s, 1929-32, offered at prices ranging from 100.69 to 98.98, yielding from 4.75%





GRAND SUMMARY OF FOREIGN ISSUES PLACED IN UNITED STATES  
(Including Canada, Its Provinces and Municipalities).

Half Year to June 30 1926—	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
Canada, its Provinces and municipalities.....	\$53,792,000	\$46,000,000	\$99,792,000
Other foreign government.....	188,099,000	14,873,000	202,972,000
<b>Total foreign Government.....</b>	<b>\$241,891,000</b>	<b>\$60,873,000</b>	<b>\$302,764,000</b>
Canadian corporate issues.....	60,282,000	27,458,000	87,740,000
Other foreign corporate issues.....	222,534,740	3,419,300	225,954,040
<b>Total corporate issues.....</b>	<b>\$282,816,740</b>	<b>\$30,877,300</b>	<b>\$313,694,040</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>\$524,707,740</b>	<b>\$91,750,300</b>	<b>\$616,458,040</b>
First half of previous year (1925).....	460,234,000	110,272,000	570,506,000
Do do 1924.....	230,087,562	154,650,000	384,737,562
Do do 1923.....	172,704,609	20,941,679	193,646,279
Do do 1922.....	507,576,650	119,500,000	627,076,650
Do do 1921.....	213,224,000	50,000,000	263,224,000
Do do 1920.....	214,860,000	8,498,000	223,358,000
Do do 1919.....	69,535,300	34,979,000	104,514,300

Farm loan issues for the six months' period totaled \$114,500,000, as against \$111,125,000 last year. The \$60,000,000 issue of Federal Land Bank 4½s, 1936-56, offered in June and the \$14,000,000 Federal Intermediate Credit Banks 4½s, 1926-27, offered in March at prices yielding from 3.50% to 3.90%, comprised more than half the six months' total. Municipal offerings for the six months of 1926 were \$711,320,145, against \$751,838,574 in the six months of 1925. But, as already stated, the corporate offerings overshadowed all others, reaching \$2,877,993,096, against \$2,522,472,163. The foreign issues among these we have already enumerated above. In what follows we bring together the domestic corporate offerings of chief prominence.

LARGE DOMESTIC CORPORATE ISSUES DURING THE HALF YEAR.

Domestic corporate offerings of exceptional size during the half year in addition to those for June, mentioned above, were as follows:

**January.**—\$20,000,000 Crown Willamette Paper Co. 1st mtge. 6s, 1951, offered at 99, yielding 6.05%; 200,000 shares of no par value 1st \$7 cum. pref. stock of the same company at \$100 per share, involving \$20,000,000; \$30,000,000 Florida Power & Light Co. 1st mtge. 5s, 1954, placed at 93½, to yield about 5.45%; \$30,000,000 Baltimore & Ohio RR. Co. ref. & gen. mtge. 5s, "D," 2000, brought out at 95½, yielding about 5.24%; \$25,000,000 Lehigh Power Securities Corp. (Del.) deb. 6s, "A," 2026, offered at 95, yielding about 6.30%; \$25,000,000 Barnsdall Corp. 15-year deb. 6s, 1940, sold at par; \$22,500,000 Western United Gas & Electric Co. 1st mtge. 5½s, "A," 1955, offered at 99, yielding about 5.55%; \$15,000,000 Commonwealth Edison Co. 1st mtge. & coll. 4½s, "C," 1956, offered at 93, to yield about 4.95%; \$15,000,000 The B. F. Goodrich Co. 5s, 1927-29, offered at prices yielding from 5% to 5½%, and \$15,000,000 Financial & Industrial Securities Corp. 7% cum. pref. sold at par (\$100).

**February.**—\$50,000,000 General Motors Acceptance Corp. serial 5s, 1927-36, offered at prices yielding from 5% to 5½%; \$35,000,000 Bethlehem Steel Corp. 7% cum. pref., offered at par (\$100); \$17,500,000 Pacific Mills 5-year 5½s, 1931, placed at 96¼, yielding 6¼%; 153,815 shares of no par value common stock of Public Service Corp. of N. J., offered at \$80 per share, involving \$12,305,200, and \$12,000,000 The Otis Steel Co. 1st mtge. 6s, "A," 1941, brought out at 98½, yielding 6.15%.

**March.**—\$46,000,000 Tide Water Associated Oil Co. conv. 6% cum. pref., priced at 97½, yielding 6.15%; \$36,000,000 Philadelphia Electric Power Co. 1st mtge. 5½s, 1972, placed at par; \$29,250,000 capital stock of Humble Oil & Refining Co., offered at par (\$25); \$20,000,000 Brown Co. 1st mtge. 5½s, "A," 1946, sold at 97, yielding about 5.75%; \$20,000,000 Empire Gas & Fuel Co. (Del.) 1st & ref. 6½s, 1941, offered at 97½, to yield about 6.75%; \$18,000,000 Carolina Power & Light Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, 1956, offered at 97¼, yielding 5.15%; \$15,000,000 Standard Fruit & Steamship Corp. 7% pref., placed privately, and \$15,000,000 Florida East Coast Ry. Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, "A," 1974, offered at 98, yielding 5.10%.

**April.**—\$65,000,000 Associated Electric Co. conv. 5½s, 1946, offered at 95¼, to yield about 5.90%; \$35,000,000

Appalachian Electric Power Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, 1956, sold at 97, yielding 5.20%; \$18,632,000 Chicago & North Western Ry. Co. gen. mtge. 4¾s, 1987, brought out at 102½, yielding about 4½%; \$17,030,000 Pennsylvania RR. gen. equip. tr. 4½s, "D," 1929-41, offered on a 4.67% basis; \$15,000,000 Loew's, Inc., deb. 6s, 1941, sold at 99½, yielding 6.05%, and \$11,172,000 New York Central Lines equip. tr. 4½s of 1925, due 1927-40, offered on a 4.65% basis.

**May.**—\$154,000,000 American Tel. & Tel. Co. capital stock, offered at par (\$100); \$40,000,000 New England Tel. & Tel. Co. 1st mtge. 4½s, "B," 1961, placed at 94½, yielding about 4.80%; \$15,000,000 Indiana Limestone Co. 1st mtge. 6s, 1941, offered at 99, to yield about 6.10%, and \$10,000,000 Indianapolis Power & Light Corp. 1st coll. tr. 6s, "A," 1936, placed at 98, to yield about 6.25%.

The most conspicuous issues brought out during the first six months to be used wholly or partly for refunding were as follows: \$11,900,000 out of the \$30,000,000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company ref. & gen. 5s, "D," 2000, offered in January; \$10,000,000 Cities Service Co. ref. deb. 6s, 1966, offered in January; \$35,846,970 out of the \$65,000,000 Associated Electric Co. 5½s, 1946, offered in April; \$21,414,800 out of the \$35,000,000 Appalachian Electric Power Co. 5s, 1956, offered in April; \$18,632,000 Chicago & North Western Ry. Co. 4¾s, 1987, offered in April; \$12,000,000 out of the \$37,000,000 Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd., 6s, "A," 1946, offered in April; \$10,000,000 Pittsburgh Utilities Corp. 5s, 1928, offered in April; \$21,209,000 out of the \$23,000,000 Nevada-California Elec. Corp. 1st 5s, 1956, offered in June; \$36,236,400 out of the \$40,000,000 Southern California Edison Co. ref. mtge. 5s, 1951, offered in June, and \$10,000,000 Bethlehem Steel Corp. sec. 5s, 1929-32, offered in June.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing—corporate, State and city, foreign Government, as well as Farm Loan issues—for June and the six months ending with June. It should be noted that in the case of the corporate offerings we subdivide the figures so as to show the long-term and the short-term issues separately, and we also separate common stock from preferred stock, and likewise show by themselves the Canadian corporate issues, as well as the other foreign corporate flotations.

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING.

1926.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$
<b>MONTH OF JUNE—</b>			
<b>Corporate—</b>			
Domestic—Long term bonds & notes.....	235,877,100	85,843,400	321,720,500
Short term.....	17,609,000	2,000,000	19,609,000
Preferred stocks.....	30,563,750	-----	30,563,750
Common stocks.....	22,672,400	-----	22,672,400
Canadian—Long term bonds & notes.....	13,400,000	2,100,000	15,500,000
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Other For'n—Long term bonds & notes.....	58,376,000	-----	58,376,000
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	3,419,300	3,419,300
Common stocks.....	540,700	-----	540,700
<b>Total corporate.....</b>	<b>379,038,950</b>	<b>93,362,700</b>	<b>472,401,650</b>
Foreign government.....	27,600,000	-----	27,600,000
Farm Loan issues.....	30,000,000	40,000,000	70,000,000
War Finance Corporation.....	-----	-----	-----
Municipal.....	131,026,208	5,230,000	136,256,208
Canadian.....	10,292,000	6,000,000	16,292,000
United States Possessions.....	1,000,000	-----	1,000,000
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>578,957,158</b>	<b>144,592,700</b>	<b>723,549,858</b>
<b>SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30—</b>			
<b>Corporate—</b>			
Domestic—Long term bonds & notes.....	1,363,364,830	290,993,170	1,654,358,000
Short term.....	167,668,695	22,559,000	190,227,695
Preferred stocks.....	331,336,392	6,100,000	337,436,392
Common stocks.....	377,169,394	5,109,575	382,278,969
Canadian—Long term bonds & notes.....	54,042,000	27,458,000	81,500,000
Short term.....	1,250,000	-----	1,250,000
Preferred stocks.....	4,000,000	-----	4,000,000
Common stocks.....	990,000	-----	990,000
Other For'n—Long term bonds & notes.....	182,124,000	-----	182,124,000
Short term.....	4,000,000	-----	4,000,000
Preferred stocks.....	10,000,000	-----	10,000,000
Common stocks.....	26,410,740	3,419,300	29,830,040
<b>Total corporate.....</b>	<b>2,522,354,051</b>	<b>355,639,045</b>	<b>2,877,993,096</b>
Foreign government.....	188,099,000	14,873,000	202,972,000
Farm Loan issues.....	74,300,000	40,200,000	114,500,000
War Finance Corporation.....	-----	-----	-----
Municipal.....	699,027,598	12,292,547	711,320,145
Canadian.....	53,792,000	46,000,000	99,792,000
United States Possessions.....	8,288,000	-----	8,288,000
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>3,545,860,649</b>	<b>469,004,592</b>	<b>4,014,865,241</b>

In the elaborate and comprehensive tables which cover the whole of the two succeeding pages, we compare the foregoing figures for 1926 with the corresponding figures for the four years preceding, thus affording a five-year comparison. We also furnish a detailed analysis for the five years of the corporate offerings, showing separately the amounts for all different classes of corporations.





DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING JUNE 1926. LONG-TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING LATER THAN FIVE YEARS).

Table with columns: Amount, Purpose of Issue, Prctcs., To Yield, About., and Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered. The table lists various capital flotations including Railroads, Public Utilities, Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c., Equipment Manufacturers, Other Industrial & Mfg., Oil, and Land, Buildings, &c. Each entry includes the amount, purpose, interest rate, yield, and the issuing company.



Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 1,000,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Finance constr. of garage building.	Price on application	%	Capital Garage Co. (Washington, D. C.) 1st M. 6½s, May 1 1929. Offered by Shannon & Luchs Inc., Washington, D. C.
95,000	Finance construction of hotel.....	100	7.00	The Continental Hotel (Seattle, Wash.) 1st M. Leasehold 7s, 1928-31. Offered by Seattle Title & Trust Co.
300,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.00	1830-1836 Market St. (Phila.) 1st M. 6s, June 1 1929. Offered by Bankers Bond & Mortgage Co., Philadelphia.
64,000	Provide funds for loan purposes....	100.39-100	5-7	Industrial Bank of Richmond, Va., Coll. Tr. 7s, 1926-30. Offered by Scott & Stringfellow; Richmond, Va.
1,000,000	Retire current debt; wkg. capital..	100	7.00	(Abbot) Kinney Co. 1st (closed) M. 7s, June 1 1931. Offered by Bayley Bros., Inc.; M. H. Lewis & Co., and Alvin H. Frank & Co., Los Angeles.
2,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes....	100	5.50	National Union Mortgage Co. 5-Yr. 5½s, June 1 1931. Offered by Mackubin, Goodrich & Co.; Baltimore; J. G. White & Co., Inc., New York, and Marine Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans.
100,000	Provide funds for loan purposes....	100.36-100	5½-7	United States Bond & Mortgage Corp. (Richmond, Va.) Coll. Tr. 7s, "E," 1926-31. Offered by Stein Bros. & Boyce, Richmond, Va.
4,559,000	Miscellaneous—			
300,000	Additional capital.....	101-99¼	4.95-6.12	Consumers Wholesale Supply Co. 6s, 1927-31. Offered by Esch & Co., Chicago.

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares	Purpose of Issue.	a Amount Involved.	Price per Share	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 3,000,000	Public Utilities— Acquisitions; working capital.....	\$ 3,000,000	97½	7.18	Central Power & Light Co. (Mass.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc.; A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.; Tucker, Anthony & Co. and Hill, Joiner & Co.
1,500,000	Retire fltg. debt; other corp. purp	1,500,000	100	6.00	Columbus Ry. Pr. & Lt. Co. 1st 6% Pref. Offered by the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland; Otis & Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; Hayden, Miller & Co.; R. V. Mitchell & Co., Huntington Nat. Bank, Ohio Nat. Bank and the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus, Ohio.
*15,000 shs.	Acquisitions; additions & impts..	1,425,000	95	7.37	Interstate Pr. Co. \$7 Div. Pref. Offered by Pyncheon & Co., West & Co. and W. S. Hammons & Co.
*120,000 sh.	Refunding; other corp. purposes..	3,960,000	33	6.60	Manila Electric Corp. Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*10,000 shs.	Consolidation of properties.....	985,000	98½	6.60	Northern Connecticut Power Co. \$6¼ Cum. Pref. Offered by J. W. White & Co.; Inc. and E. H. Rollins & Sons.
2,500,000	Consolidation of properties.....	2,500,000	92½	6.50	Northern Indiana Public Service Co. 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by the Central States Securities Corp and Clark, Williams & Co.
1,600,000	Additions to plant.....	1,600,000	100¼	6.95	Ohio River Edison Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Bonbright & Co., Inc. and Eastman; Dillon & Co.
400,000	Acquisition of constituent eos....	800,000	{ 1 sh. pref. }	{ For }	Peoples Light & Power Corp. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by W. B. Foshay Co., Inc.
*16,000 shs.	Acquisition of constituent eos....	800,000	{ 4 sh. cl. A }	{ \$200 }	Peoples Light & Power Corp. Class "A" Common. Offered by W. B. Foshay Co., Inc.
850,000	Extensions, impts.; working cap'l.	850,000	95	7.37	Texas-Louisiana Power Co. (Del) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by R. E. Wilsey & Co.; Inc. and Frederick Peirce & Co., Philadelphia.
468,750	Motors & Accessories— Working capital.....	16,620,000 468,750	25 (par)	---	Indiana Truck Corp. Partic. Preference Class "A" Stock. Offered by Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis.
*80,000 shs.	Other Industrial and Mfg.— Acquire control Amer. Seating Co.	3,000,000	37½	8.00	American Seating Corp. Convertible Pref. Cum., \$3 per share. Offered by Prince & Whitley, Bodell & Co. and W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.
*50,000 shs.	Acquisitions; working capital.....	1,325,000	26½	7.55	Novadel Process Corp. Partic. Cum., \$2 per share. Offered by Potter & Co., N. Y.; Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc. and Wells-Dickey Co.
*50,000 shs.	Oil— Acquire add'l gasoline stations....	4,325,000 1,250,000	25	8.00	Municipal Service Corp. (N. Y.) Conv. Pref. Cum., \$2 per share. Offered by T. Hall; Keyes & Co. and McCown & Co., Philadelphia.
*10,500 shs.	Land, Buildings, &c.— Acquisition of properties.....	315,000	30	---	Central Manhattan Properties, Inc. Class "A" Stock. Offered by Edmund, Seymour & Co., Inc.; J. A. Ritchie & Co., Inc.; McCown & Co., Porter & Co. and Sawyer Bros., Inc.
425 cts.	Finance lease of property.....	425,000	1000	6.00	Davidson Bldg. (Sioux City, Ia.) Land Trust Certificates.
*8,000 shs.	General corporate purposes.....	760,000	95b	7.38	Detroit Hotel Co. Class "A" Stock Cum., \$7 per share. Offered by Manley-Andrew Co., Inc.
200,000	Acquisition of property.....	200,000	99	7.07	Equitable Bldg. Co. (Denver) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Otis & Co., Denver.
5,000,000	Working capital.....	5,000,000	102½	6.83	The Prudence Co., Inc. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Manufacturers Trust Co., N. Y.
500 cts.	Finance lease of property.....	500,000	1000	5.50	Queen City Club (Cincinnati) Land Trust Certificates. Offered by the Fifth-Third National Bank, The Fourth & Central Trust Co., The Title Guarantee & Trust Co., W. E. Hutton & Co. and The Herriek Co.
*12,500 shs.	Miscellaneous— Expansion of business.....	187,500	15	---	Associated Laundries of America, Inc. Class "A" Partic. Stock. Offered by Stone; Seymour & Co., Inc., Syracuse, N. Y.
*191,482 sh.	Acquire control Balaban & Katz; other corporate purposes.....	20,582,400	107.49	---	Famous Players-Lasky Corp. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
200,000	Additional capital.....	200,000	100	7.00	Grover Stewart Drug Co. 7% Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by the Barnett Natl. Bank; Jacksonville, Fla.
5,000,000	Acquire investment securities.....	5,110,000	{ 1 sh. pref. }	{ For }	Kidder Participations, Inc. 4½% Cum. Part. Pf. Offered by Kidder, Peabody & Co.
*37,500 shs.	Acquire investment securities.....	5,110,000	{ ¾ sh. com. }	{ \$102 }	Kidder Participations, Inc. Common stock. Offered by Kidder, Peabody & Co.
650,000	Working capital.....	812,500	{ 1 sh. pref. }	{ For }	Leonard, Fitzpatrick, Mueller Stores Co. (Del.) 8% Cum. Conv. Pref. Offered by Geo. H. Burr & Co.
*6,500 shs.	Working capital.....	812,500	{ 1 sh. com. }	{ \$125 }	Leonard, Fitzpatrick, Mueller Stores Co. (Del.) Common stock. Offered by Geo. H. Burr & Co.
450,000	Working capital.....	450,000	98	7.14	Rhodes-Jamieson Co. (Oakland, Cal.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Bradford, Kimball & Co., San Francisco.
		27,332,400			

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by—
\$ 3,000,000	Dallas (Tex.) Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, 1936-66.....	103	4.62	Lee, Higginson & Co. and Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago.
60,000,000	Federal Land Bank 4½s, 1936-56.....	101	4.125	Alex Brown & Sons; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Brown Bros. & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; National City Co. and Guaranty Co. of New York.
500,000	First Joint Stock Land Bank of Montgom- ery, Ala. 5s, 1936-66.....	103	4.62	Barr Bros. & Co., Inc.; Central Trust Co. of Illinois; Shawmut Corp., Boston and First National Bank of Montgomery, Ala.
1,250,000	Lincoln (Neb.) Joint Stock Land Bank 4½s, 1936-66.....	101	4.37	Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y.; First National Corp., Boston; Old Colony Corp.; First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Central Trust Co. of Ill. and Brooke, Stokes & Co.
1,000,000	New York Joint Stock Land Bank of N. Y. City 5s, 1936-56.....	103.95	4.50	Clark, Williams & Co., New York.
750,000	Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Portland, Ore. 5s, 1936-56.....	103½	4.55	White Weld & Co., New York.
500,000	Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank of Philadelphia 5s, 1936-66.....	103¾	4.53	Martin & Co. and Brooke, Stokes & Co.
3,000,000	San Antonio Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, 1936-56.....	102¾	4.65	Hayden, Stone & Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co. and Wm. R. Compton & Co.
70,000,000				

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Amount.	Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by—
\$ 25,000,000	United States of Brazil External 6½s of 1926, due 1957.....	90½	7.25	Dillon, Read & Co.; the National City Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Blair & Co., Inc.; White, Weld & Co.; the First National Corp. of Boston; Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago; Illinois Merchants' Trust Co.; Chicago; the Union Trust Co., Cleveland; Kissel, Kinnleut & Co.; Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.; Hemphill, Noyes & Co.; Paine, Webber & Co.; Cassatt & Co.; Edward B. Smith & Co. and Janney & Co.
2,600,000	Republic of Panama 35-Yr. 6½s, 1961.....	103	6.30	Kissel, Kinnleut & Co. and Bauer, Pond & Vivian, N. Y.
27,600,000				

\* Share of no par value. a Preferred stock of a stated par value are taken at par, while pref. stocks of no par value and all classes of common stock are computed at their offering prices. b Bonus of ½ share of class B stock given with each share of class A stock.

## Indications of Business Activity

### THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

*Friday Night, July 23 1926.*

A great heat wave has hurt business in some commodities and helped it in others. On the whole there is a fair business for mid-summer. Here the temperature has been up to 97 degrees, the highest for this time of year in half a century. In the South Atlantic States it has been 107 to 108, and in the Southwest 103 to 104. In parts of the West intense heat has been noticed, accompanied by dry weather in the spring wheat belt and also in the corn section. In this part of the country trade in light wear goods at retail has been noticeably larger. There has been more or less re-ordering from jobbers for the same reason. Large retailers have been doing an exceptionally good business in a certain class of goods, but small retailers have done little business. The best reports come from the Southwest, especially from Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The large wheat crop and keen demand for grain in those sections has tended to stimulate general trade, in sharp contrast with the state of things which existed a year ago. Some of the New England mills and factories had to close down for a day or two on account of intense heat. But the weather has since moderated. Wholesale trade in cotton goods has been more active. It is said 1,000,000 pieces of print cloths and sheetings were sold in a space of ten days here. In Fall River trade has been better. For a time a better demand was reported in Manchester, but within a day or two trade there has slackened. Of course, its business is not helped by renewed rioting in Calcutta, which has just broken out. Cotton has made a moderate net advance during the week owing to unfavorable crop reports. The Government report to-day put the yield at 15,368,000 bales, as against an estimate of 15,635,000 on July 2 and a crop last year of 16,104,000 bales. The condition of the crop was given at 70.5%, a decline since July 2 of 4.7%, and 5.2% compared with the condition of a year ago. The crop figures were higher than had been generally expected by about 200,000 bales. But renewal of rains in Texas, rumors of a coming tropical storm in the Gulf and an excellent trade demand neutralized the effect in the end of the crop estimate and prices to-day ended slightly higher than yesterday. The weather is the thing to watch in the cotton market. The next six weeks may bring changes as to the crop outlook which may radically alter the trend of prices one way or the other.

The wheat market has reacted some 5 cents a bushel, after several weeks of rising prices. One drawback is the lack of a vigorous export demand. Another is the report that Russia will begin selling grain next week. Reports of needed rains in the Northwest this afternoon had their effect in causing a net decline for the day. But the tendency of prices for corn has been upward, owing to dry, hot weather in the belt. The feeling is that corn prices are going higher, on the question of demand and supply and not at all by reason of political wire pulling at Washington or of attempts to foist paternalistic measures on the country which in the end would be as futile as the attempt of the individual to lift himself by his bootstraps, and at the same time would set a most mischievous precedent. Prices for corn at one time this week showed a rise compared with last Friday of some 4 cents. Wheat advanced 18 cents from the recent low level and corn 14 cents, while in rye the advance was even greater than in any other grain. The tendency of prices for oats was also upward this week for much the same reasons, namely, a dubious crop outlook. Rye prices have reacted with those for wheat, with which they are likely to move in the future. Coffee has advanced, partly, it appears, on Brazilian buying. The Defense Committee, of course, keeps a sharp watch on the market, and this fact, together with the tendency, perhaps, to overdo the short side here, tends to steady prices, at any rate for the time being. Sugar has met with a fair demand at steady prices for prompt Cuban sugar, but it is noticeable that futures end somewhat lower, with stocks large and refiners latterly buying less. They are having a better trade, however, with the advent of real summer weather. Rubber has been quiet, with supplies increasing. There is a debate whether restriction measures will be put in force in the next quarter. It is none too clear just what will be done. Prices

are 80 cents lower than a year ago and the trend seems to be toward still lower prices. Attempts to manipulate the value of the commodity is apt to prove a boomerang. Steel has been in very fair demand for this time of the year, sales, indeed, being larger than at this time in 1925, and the output keeps up well. Iron is in moderate demand and about steady. The output of automobiles in June turns out to have been smaller than in the same month last year. The general tone of business is cheerful, and advances in wholesale lines are slightly more numerous than declines. There is no downright activity anywhere. That is not to be expected at this time of the year. Moreover, the dry, hot weather in the spring wheat belt and also in parts of the corn section militates against general trade in the Northwest. Failures are smaller than last week, though somewhat more numerous than in the same week last year and the year before. It is regrettable to notice that the forest fires in the Pacific Northwest are the worst in 16 years, the effect of prolonged hot, dry weather.

Not unnaturally, the stock market has been irregular and unsettled during the week, with the franc down to a new low, or in other words, to a discount approximating 900%, after which came a rally. The French franc has been a disturbing factor in London and New York beyond question, and it is still in a critical position, not helped at all by a fear of further inflation. London of late has been steady enough. M. Poincare has organized a Cabinet of former Premiers of France and will consult with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, now in Paris. If Premier Poincare is allowed to take sound measures looking to the rehabilitation of the franc so far as it is humanly possible, the future is more hopeful. To-day francs were advanced in Paris to 44.62, in contrast with previous closing of 44, but later to-day it was noticed they dropped there to 43.65. In New York they rallied 10 points, reaching 2.35c. The short-lived Cabinet of M. Herriot need not be regretted. It aimed at the capital levy in France. The trouble is that French statesmen of a certain class are ready enough to levy on the relatively few rich, but they are exceedingly chary about imposing increased taxation on the peasant and the small tradesman for fear of being driven from political life.

Fall River, Mass., is running at 60% and gaining on print cloths but losing on some others. Mills, factories and offices as well, closed early in Boston on the 22d inst. and at other New England points because of the heat. In Lawrence, the Wood, Washington, Arlington and Pacific mill plants all were closed at noontime on account of the heat. Lawrence, Mass., wired that owing to unsatisfactory trade conditions, the Everett mills will suspend operations July 24 to Sept. 10. At Adams, Mass., the Berkshire Cotton Manufacturing Co. closed for four weeks by a strike of 2,000 workers, reopened on July 21 with only 150 hands back. The plant will remain open this week at least and continue if sufficient workers appear. At Salem, Mass., the Naumkeag cotton mills resumed operations July 19 on full time after a two weeks' vacation. At New Bedford, Mass., the fine goods situation has not improved much and loom stoppages are increasing. At Providence, R. I., several departments in four mills of the Lonsdale Co. closed on July 22 not to reopen until after Labor Day. At Manchester, N. H., the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. has closed down the Langdon No. 1 mill for an indefinite period and the Coolidge gingham weaving mill has also been closed for the remainder of the week on account of a lack of orders. At Saco, Me., the York Manufacturing Co. will close down from July 22 until Sept. 7, owing to dulness in textiles.

Durham, N. C., wired that textile mills in that section were all operating only part time. Conditions are far from satisfactory, but there has not been so much complaint among mill men as in the last few years. At Charlotte, N. C., the mill power load of the Southern Power Co. indicates that mills in that section continue to curtail about 20% on Friday and Saturday of each week. Practically all mills using company power operate full time from Monday through Thursday.

Retail food prices declined slightly during the month ended June 15, the Labor Department's index for that



period registering 159.7, as against 161.1 in May. The figures announced showed decreases in prices of 11 articles, potatoes leading with 17%. Sixteen articles, mostly meats, increased, while 15 showed no change. The average cost decreased in 39 cities and increased in 10. Middle West cotton garment manufacturers express the belief that cotton goods prices have practically reached their lowest point. One manufacturer reports half year's business as showing increase of 25% over last year. Chicago wired that reports of covering the Middle West and West indicate a healthy business situation, with dry goods and general merchandise moving in good volume.

The weather turned hot here on the 21st inst., reaching 96 degrees at 5 p. m., the hottest July 21 since 1885. It was hot throughout the country, causing 50 deaths. It was 102 here in the sun. It was 96 in the shade in Chicago and Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Indianapolis and Cleveland, and 100 at Philadelphia and 74 at Minneapolis. It was 97 here on the 22d inst., the highest in 55 years on that date. It was hot all over the East. Many mills and offices in New England closed on account of the heat on the same day. Boston and Albany had 102 degrees, Philadelphia 100, Carolinas and Georgia 107 to 108, Texas 104, Chicago 70, Kansas City 80, Milwaukee 74, Indianapolis 86, Montreal 84 and St. Paul 82.

**Continued Increase in Wholesale Prices in June.**

A further slight increase in the general level of wholesale prices from May to June is shown by information gathered in representative markets by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The Bureau's weighted index number, which includes 404 commodities or price series, registered 152.3 for June, compared with 151.7 for May, an increase of four-tenths of 1%. Compared with June 1925, with an index number of 157.4, there was a decrease of 3 1/4%. The Bureau's advices, made public July 17, continue:

Farm products were slightly lower than in May, due to declines in grains, sheep, poultry, cotton, hay and tobacco. Clothing materials, building materials, house furnishing goods and miscellaneous commodities also averaged lower than in the month before, while increases were reported for foods, fuels and chemicals and drugs. Metal products showed practically no change in average price.

Of the 404 commodities or price series for which comparable information for May and June was collected, increases were shown in 100 instances and decreases in 138 instances. In 166 instances no change in price was reported. The largest increases in the important group of food products were responsible for the increase in the general price level.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES BY GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS OF COMMODITIES (1913=100.00).

Groups and Sub-Groups.	1925,	1926.	
	June.	May.	June.
Farm products.....	155.4	144.2	143.7
Grains.....	175.3	150.7	145.0
Livestock and poultry.....	139.7	138.2	143.5
Other farm products.....	159.5	145.3	141.6
Foods.....	155.3	153.8	156.6
Meats.....	151.3	156.3	163.8
Butter, cheese and milk.....	141.9	142.6	142.6
Other foods.....	162.4	157.2	158.8
Clothing materials.....	188.2	176.1	175.1
Boots and shoes.....	186.5	186.0	185.8
Cotton goods.....	178.6	161.5	158.8
Woolen and worsted goods.....	213.5	194.8	192.6
Silk, &c.....	169.8	154.2	157.8
Fuels.....	172.6	178.7	179.2
Anthracite coal.....	215.9	223.7	222.9
Bituminous coal.....	192.2	196.1	196.2
Other fuels.....	152.0	159.1	160.4
Metals and metal products.....	126.1	125.2	125.1
Iron and steel.....	135.6	134.2	133.7
Nonferrous metals.....	105.1	105.3	106.2
Building materials.....	170.7	171.6	171.2
Lumber.....	178.8	184.4	183.4
Brick.....	206.1	204.9	204.3
Structural steel.....	132.4	129.1	122.5
Other building materials.....	164.0	159.3	161.2
Chemicals and drugs.....	132.8	130.7	131.1
Chemicals.....	124.8	117.5	118.7
Fertilizer materials.....	104.3	111.9	108.1
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....	179.6	182.4	184.4
Housefurnishing goods.....	169.9	162.2	161.7
Furniture.....	150.2	141.5	141.3
Furnishings.....	234.5	230.0	228.4
Miscellaneous.....	137.8	124.7	122.5
Cattle feed.....	141.3	114.4	111.0
Leather.....	143.0	137.1	136.0
Paper and pulp.....	184.6	175.3	175.3
Other miscellaneous.....	121.9	107.6	104.6
All commodities.....	157.4	151.7	152.3

5%; onions, 4%; hens and cabbage, 2%; fresh milk, cheese, cornflakes, canned corn and canned peas, 1%; and oleomargarine less than five-tenths of 1%. Sixteen articles increased: Ham, 7%; leg of lamb and lard, 5%; pork chops, bacon and strictly fresh eggs, 4%; granulated sugar, 3%; and sirloin steak, round steak, rib roast, chuck roast, canned red salmon, butter, vegetable lard substitute, tea and bananas, 1%. The following 15 articles showed no change in the month: Plate beef, evaporated milk, bread, flour, cornmeal, rolled oats, wheat cereal, macaroni, rice, navy beans, baked beans, canned tomatoes, coffee, prunes and raisins.

*Changes in Retail Prices of Food by Cities.*

During the month from May 15 1926 to June 15 1926 the average cost of food decreased in 39 cities as follows: Charleston, S. C., New Orleans, and New York, 3%; Birmingham, Bridgeport, Fall River, Los Angeles, Mobile, Newark, New Haven, San Francisco and Savannah, 2%; Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Butte, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dallas, Little Rock, Louisville, Manchester, Memphis, Norfolk, Omaha, Philadelphia, Portland, Me., Richmond, Scranton and Seattle, 1%; and Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Providence, Rochester, Springfield, Ill., and Washington, less than five-tenths of 1%. In the following 10 cities the average cost of food increased: Salt Lake City, 2%; Denver, Kansas City and Pittsburgh, 1%; and Detroit, Jacksonville, Minneapolis, Peoria, Portland, Ore., and St. Louis, less than five-tenths of 1%. There was no change in the month in Cleveland and St. Paul.

For the year period June 1925 to June 1926, 43 of the 51 cities showed increases: Jacksonville, 8%; Minneapolis and St. Paul, 7%; Atlanta, Buffalo, Fall River and Savannah, 6%; Boston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, New York, Norfolk, Providence and St. Louis, 5%; Bridgeport, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Little Rock, Manchester, Newark, New Haven, Peoria, Portland, Me., Richmond, Rochester, Springfield, Ill., and Washington, 4%; Baltimore, Charleston, S. C., Cincinnati, Detroit, Louisville, Memphis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton, 3%; Birmingham, Denver, Mobile and Omaha, 2%; and New Orleans, 1%. The following cities decreased: Salt Lake City, 5%; Los Angeles, 3%; San Francisco, 2%; and Rutte, Houston, Portland, Ore., and Seattle, 1%. In Dallas there was no change in the year.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, food in June 1926 was 72% higher in Chicago, 71% in Detroit, 70% in Richmond, 69% in Washington, 68% in Baltimore, 67% in Birmingham, 66% in Buffalo and St. Louis, 65% in Atlanta and Scranton, 64% in Cleveland and Philadelphia, 63% in Milwaukee and New York, 62% in Cincinnati, Minneapolis and Pittsburgh, 61% in Charleston, S. C., 60% in Kansas City, 59% in Jacksonville and Providence, 58% in Boston and Omaha, 57% in Indianapolis, Louisville and New Haven, 56% in Fall River, 54% in Dallas, 53% in Manchester, Memphis, Newark and New Orleans, 52% in Little Rock, 51% in San Francisco, 48% in Seattle, 46% in Denver, 43% in Los Angeles, 40% in Portland, Ore., and 36% in Salt Lake City. Prices were not obtained from Bridgeport, Butte, Columbus, Houston, Mobile, Norfolk, Peoria, Portland, Me., Rochester, St. Paul, Savannah and Springfield, Ill., in 1913, hence no comparison for the 13-year period can be given for those cities.

**Character of Buying Stable Factor in Real Estate, According to American Bond & Mortgage Co.**

In most of the surveys of real estate and building conditions that have been made in recent months, little has been said of the nature of the buying that has continued the most tremendous real estate boom the country has ever seen; "yet the point is a vital one," states W. J. Moore, President of the American Bond & Mortgage Co. He goes on to say:

We recently checked up on this question and found that in nearly 120 cities, located in various sections of the country, local opinion holds that approximately 80% of the buying of property for the past year or more has been investment as against only 20% for speculation. This situation undoubtedly represents the strongest kind of backlog for the whole real estate business, where such speculative purchasing would indicate the existence of an inherent, underlying weakness that would eventually make itself felt.

As a matter of fact, the past few years have seen a marked change in the real estate world and in the attitude of the public towards real estate. There is now more interest in real property and in mortgage bonds than ever before. For the greater investment in land and buildings several developments are responsible—one of the principal ones is the increased liquidity of such possessions, due to the wider interest held by the money-possessing public, and the notably larger amount of funds available.

Until seven or eight years ago most people were afraid to buy real estate because they felt they would probably be unable to sell when desired. All this has been changed, however, and nowadays it is easy to dispose of almost any property at a reasonable figure. Another factor has been, of course, the rapidly increasing population, which must have places to work in as well as living accommodations, and then, too, there is the growing realization that unimproved areas (in the larger cities where they are needed) are rapidly becoming scarce and can never be increased to any appreciable extent.

As far as the sale of one and two-family dwellings is concerned, the much discussed installment plan of buying has been the moving factor in bringing about a majority of the sales consummated. Where it formerly was more advantageous for the family of ordinary means to lease an apartment and collect rent receipts, the advance in rentals has made it cheaper to buy and join the ranks of the owners than to be a tenant. Im sizable operations involving large apartments, theatres, hotels, and so on, which are financed by such organizations as our own, the regular amortization of the bonds issued against the properties, really amounts to nothing more or less than installment buying on an extensive scale, out of earnings.

When it concerns the purchase of real estate—a sound commodity that usually appreciates in value and seldom declines—the partial payment method cannot be criticized. It tends to stabilize population, promote thrift and curtail socialistic tendencies, thus having an economic influence upon the country's welfare that is highly desirable.

**Volume of Business in Richmond Federal Reserve District in May of This Year Exceeded That of Year Ago—No Improvement in Outlook for Future Business.**

While indicating that the volume of business in May exceeded that of the same month last year, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in its June 30 "Monthly Review of

**Decrease in Retail Food Prices During Month to June 15—Increase of 3% During Year.**

The retail food index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor shows for June 15 1926 a decrease of practically 1% since May 15 1926, an increase of 3% since June 1925, and an increase of 63 1-3% since June 15 1913. The index number (1913=100.0) was 155.0 in June 1925, 161.1 in May 1926, and 159.7 in June 1926. In stating this July 20, the Bureau added:

During the month from May 15 1926 to June 15 1926 11 articles on which monthly prices were secured decreased as follows: Potatoes, 17%; oranges,

**Business and Agricultural Conditions** states that in spite of the large volume of business, "the outlook for future business does not improve." We quote what it has to say:

May business was in larger volume than prospects at the end of April led observers to expect, and on the whole exceeded the volume of business done in May last year. Debits to individual accounts each business day during the four weeks ended June 9 slightly exceeded average daily debits during the preceding period, ended May 12, and were 6% greater than debits during the corresponding period a year ago, ended June 10 1925. Business failures in the Fifth District during May were fewer than in either April 1926 or May 1925, and last month's liabilities were also lower than those of the preceding month or the same month a year ago. Coal production in the District, although at a lower rate than in earlier months, was above seasonal average in May. Building permits issued in May exceeded those of May 1925 in both number and valuation. Retail trade in department stores was nearly 10% above trade in May 1925, and was 12.5% above average May trade during the five years 1920-1924, inclusive. Wholesale trade was also larger than in May a year ago in four of six reporting lines, the two decreases being less than 1%.

In spite of the large volume of business done in May, however, the outlook for future business did not improve. The textile industry is apparently no nearer a solution of its problem than it was a month ago, and operating time was reduced further during May. The returns from this year's agricultural operations will play the leading part in determining the volume of business during the latter half of the year, and on the whole present indications are less favorable than in other recent years. Cotton is late and stands are poor, and in the Carolinas great damage has been done in some sections by a long draught. The spring has been unusually cool and dry, and all crops except apples—and in some cases truck and small grains—have been greatly retarded in development. It should be remembered, however, that crops that appear virtually lost in June can with favorable weather make a considerable recovery before harvest time, and therefore present conditions should not be regarded as conclusive. Much depends upon the weather during the next few weeks, and upon prices next fall for cotton and tobacco.

**Lumber Industry Continues Activity.**

The National Lumber Manufacturers Association received telegraphic reports of the status of the lumber industry for the week ended July 17, from 389 of the larger softwood, and 152 of the chief hardwood, mills of the country. The 372 comparably reporting softwood mills show increases in production, shipments and new business, when compared with reports from 377 mills the previous week. It is interesting to note that despite the fact that 15 more mills reported for the same period a year ago, there are gratifying increases in all three factors this year. The 152 hardwood operations show substantial increases in all three items when compared with reports from 142 mills the week before, declares the association, in its summary, from which we further quote:

*Unfilled Orders.*

The unfilled orders of 231 Southern pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 684,309,025 ft., as against 666,508,138 ft. for 228 mills the previous week. The 123 identical Southern pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 242,108,174 ft. last week, as against 245,033,404 ft. for the week before. For the 108 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 442,200,851 ft., as against 421,474,734 ft. for 105 mills a week earlier.

Altogether, the 372 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 102% and orders 102% of actual production. For the Southern pine mills these percentages were respectively 103 and 99; and for the West Coast mills, 106 and 111.

Of the reporting mills, the 337 with an established normal production for the week of 228,375,872 ft., gave actual production 99%, shipments 102%, and orders 104% 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	387	377
Production.....	261,022,643	224,731,578	213,231,641
Shipments.....	266,145,785	211,718,743	205,160,030
Orders (new business).....	265,056,166	237,024,963	220,494,796

The following revised figures compare the softwood lumber movement of the same eight regional associations for the first 28 weeks of 1926 with the same period of 1925:

	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1926.....	7,213,647,063	7,412,495,814	7,385,941,613
1925.....	7,052,829,649	7,089,671,958	6,902,221,998

The Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association of New Orleans (omitted from above tables because only recently reporting) for the week ended July 14, reported from 17 mills a production of 5,617,932 feet, shipments 4,000,000 and order 4,320,000. In comparison with reports for the previous week, when one less mill reported, this association showed considerable increases in all three items.

*West Coast Movement.*

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 108 mills reporting for the week ended July 17, was 11% above production, and shipments were 6% above production. Of all new business taken during the week 52% was for future water delivery, amounting to 60,996,815 ft., of which 43,583,545 ft. was for domestic cargo delivery, and 17,413,270 ft. export. New business by rail amounted to 51,137,766 ft., or 43% of the week's new business. Forty seven per cent. of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 52,840,224 ft. of which 37,948,295 ft. moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 14,891,929 ft. export. Rail shipments totaled 54,462,700 ft., or 48% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 6,191,325 ft. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 162,845,958 ft., foreign 135,854,981 ft. and rail trade 143,489,412 ft.

*Labor.*

Midsummer employment conditions prevail in all Pacific Northwest industries, according to the Four L Employment Service. Declines have marked the logging industry with many camps in both fir and pine districts closed for repairs and because of fire hazards. It is estimated that fir logging is now at 60% of capacity with many camps closed for periods

varying from 2 to 10 weeks. Pine logging is normal for midsummer. Following the Fourth of July holidays, sawmills in all districts have gradually resumed cutting until fully 85% of the major mills are in operation. In both the fir and pine districts, however, there are fewer night shifts than at this time a year ago, and the tendency is to adjust production to demand.

*Southern Pine Reports.*

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 123 mills reporting, shipments were 3.36% above production and orders 1% below production and 4.22% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 66,392,634 ft., shipments 69,317,864 ft. and production 67,065,369 ft. The normal production of these mills is 77,455,547 ft. Of the 116 mills reporting running time, 79 operated full time, 22 of the latter overtime. One mill was shut down, and the rest operated from 1 to 5 1/2 days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Oregon, with one less mill reporting, shows some increase in production, considerable increase in shipments, and new business slightly below that reported for the week earlier.

The California White and Sugar Pine Manufacturers' Association of San Francisco, Calif., reports a substantial increase in production, a nominal increase in shipments, and a good gain in new business.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, Calif., with one less mill reporting, shows a heavy increase in production, some decrease in shipments, and new business slightly above that reported for the previous week.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., with two more mills reporting, shows some increase in production, a substantial gain in shipments, and a nominal decrease in new business.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minn., with two more mills reporting, shows considerable increase in production, a marked increase in shipments, and a notable increase in new business.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis. (in its softwood production) with two more mills reporting, shows nominal increases in production and shipments, and a big increase in new business.

*Hardwood Reports.*

The hardwood mills of the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association reported from 23 mills, production as 2,650,000 feet, shipments, 4,348,000, and orders, 4,815,000.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported from 129 units, production as 22,519,956 feet, shipments, 21,266,241, and orders, 24,726,336. The normal production of these units is 21,204,000 feet.

For the past 28 weeks all hardwood mills reported to the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association gave production 817,667,442 feet, shipments 769,041,885, and orders, 794,362,630.

**West Coast Lumbermen's Association.**

One hundred and five mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ending July 10 manufactured 73,152,433 feet of lumber, sold 77,173,405 feet and shipped 74,876,094. New business was only 4,020,972 feet more than production. Shipments were 1,723,661 feet more than production.

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

Week Ending—	July 10.	July 3.	June 26.	June 19.
No. of mills reporting.....	105	102	102	104
Production (feet).....	73,152,433	97,148,156	114,118,688	109,961,902
New business (feet).....	77,173,405	109,410,232	124,588,686	114,783,183
Shipments (feet).....	74,876,094	104,731,421	117,433,950	101,405,817
Unshipped balances:				
Rail (feet).....	140,772,093	131,078,815	149,249,648	150,894,800
Domestic cargo (ft.).....	150,656,992	151,090,660	149,183,163	138,313,615
Export (feet).....	130,045,649	127,894,887	132,992,013	123,513,662
Total (feet).....	421,474,734	410,064,362	431,424,824	412,722,077
First 28 Weeks—	1926.	1925.	1923.	1924.
Production (feet).....	2,831,945,442	2,784,244,751	2,629,731,718	2,736,882,568
New business (feet).....	2,990,799,075	2,876,340,186	2,543,759,471	2,840,672,867
Shipments (feet).....	2,946,786,882	2,915,126,004	2,755,207,696	3,011,602,887

**Sales of Standard Cotton Textiles During First Two Weeks of July Exceeded Production by 33%.**

Data compiled by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York shows that sales of standard cotton textiles during the first two weeks of July exceeded production for that period by 33%. These figures cover 45 standard cotton cloth constructions and represent a large percentage of all cotton mill products. Under date of July 19 the association says:

For the first two weeks of July, production by the various mills reporting through 36 mill selling agents totaled 54,901,000 yards, compared with sales of 72,860,000 yards.

Total stocks of these 45 cottons on July 10 were 101,291,000 yards, while unfilled orders totaled 121,853,000 yards. Current weekly production is reported at 24,540,000 yards. Stocks on hand in the primary market therefore represent four weeks' production at the current rate; while if stocks on hand are applied against orders, the group of mills covered is sold ahead.

For the period of 20 weeks ending July 10 total production was 593,779,000 yards, while sales aggregated 516,944,000 yards.

Current production represents a decrease of 20.9% from the average weekly production during March and April, the last months of full operation preceding the prevailing curtailment.

**Better Market for Cotton Textiles Looked for by New York Trust Company Through Formation of Cotton Textile Institute.**

That a better market for cotton textiles seems likely to be developed is the opinion of "The Index," published by the New York Trust Co., which states:

For the first time in the history of the industry the cotton manufacturers, both North and South, are joining hands in an effort to reorganize methods of production and marketing along progressive lines. By the formation of







The total production for June amounted to 3,610,000 tons, compared with 3,722,000 tons in May. The plants operated at about 88% of capacity. Of the 81 plants in existence, 7 were idle and 74 active.

The Bureau, in quoting the "Iron Age," observes that the production of coke pig iron for the 30 days in June was 3,235,309 gross tons, or 107,844 tons per day, as compared with 3,481,428 tons, or 112,304 tons per day, for the 31 days in May.

Beehive coke production continued to decline during June, the total being estimated at 811,000 tons, a decrease of 73,000 tons, or 8%, when compared with May.

The output of all coke was 4,421,000 tons, the by-product plants contributing 82% and the beehive plants 18%, continues the Bureau, adding the following tables:

MONTHLY OUTPUT OF BY-PRODUCT AND BEEHIVE COKE IN THE UNITED STATES (NET TONS).<sup>a</sup>

	By-Product Coke.	Beehive Coke.	Total.
1923 monthly average.....	3,133,000	1,615,000	4,748,000
1924 monthly average.....	2,833,000	806,000	3,639,000
1925 monthly average.....	3,332,000	893,000	4,225,000
March 1926.....	3,777,000	1,158,000	4,935,000
April 1926.....	3,602,000	981,000	4,583,000
May 1926.....	3,722,000	884,000	4,606,000
June 1926.....	3,610,000	811,000	4,421,000

<sup>a</sup> Excludes screenings and breeze.

The total amount of coal consumed in by-product and beehive coke plants in June was 6,465,000 tons, 5,186,000 tons at by-product plants and 1,279,000 tons at beehive plants.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY CONSUMPTION OF COAL IN THE MANUFACTURE OF COKE (NET TONS).

	Consumed in By-Product Ovens.	Consumed in Beehive Ovens.	Total Coal Consumed.
1923 monthly average.....	4,523,000	2,507,000	7,030,000
1924 monthly average.....	4,080,000	1,271,000	5,352,000
1925 monthly average.....	4,787,000	1,371,000	6,158,000
March 1926.....	5,426,000	1,826,000	7,252,000
April 1926.....	5,176,000	1,547,000	6,723,000
May 1926.....	5,348,000	1,394,000	6,742,000
June 1926.....	5,186,000	1,279,000	6,465,000

Of the total production of by-product coke in June 2,984,000 tons, or 82.7%, was made in plants associated with iron furnaces and 626,000 tons, or 17.3%, was made at merchant or other plants.

PER CENT OF TOTAL MONTHLY OUTPUT OF BY-PRODUCT COKE THAT WAS PRODUCED BY PLANTS ASSOCIATED WITH IRON FURNACES AND BY OTHER PLANTS, 1921-1926.

Month	1921.		1922.		1923.		1924.		1925.		1926.	
	Furnace.	Other	Furnace.	Other	Furnace.	Other	Furnace.	Other	Furnace.	Other	Furnace.	Other
January	83.1	16.9	82.4	17.6	82.8	17.2	82.8	17.2	84.8	15.2	82.9	17.1
February	82.3	17.7	83.3	16.7	82.3	17.7	83.6	16.4	83.7	16.3	81.7	18.3
March	81.3	18.7	83.3	16.7	82.6	17.4	84.0	16.0	83.7	16.3	82.6	17.4
April	80.3	19.7	83.7	16.3	82.6	17.4	83.6	16.4	83.7	16.3	82.8	17.2
May	81.1	18.9	85.5	14.5	82.7	17.3	80.0	20.0	83.2	16.8	82.6	17.4
June	82.6	17.4	85.7	14.3	83.1	16.9	80.8	19.2	83.1	16.9	82.7	17.3
July	81.2	18.8	86.0	14.0	83.3	16.7	80.8	19.2	82.6	17.4		
August	83.0	17.0	80.3	19.7	82.7	17.3	79.5	20.5	82.1	17.9		
September	83.8	16.2	82.7	17.3	82.2	17.8	82.0	18.0	82.2	17.8		
October	84.0	16.0	83.3	16.7	82.2	17.8	82.9	17.1	82.3	17.7		
November	84.2	15.8	83.1	16.9	82.2	17.8	83.4	16.6	83.0	17.0		
December	84.9	15.1	82.9	17.1	82.6	17.4	84.6	15.4	82.1	17.9		
	82.7	17.3	83.6	16.4	82.6	17.4	82.3	17.7	83.1	16.9		

## Current Events and Discussions

### The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on July 21, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows a further decline of \$44,400,000 in bills and securities, accompanied with reductions of \$33,900,000 in member bank reserve deposits, \$26,300,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, and \$2,000,000 in cash reserves. Discount holdings declined \$19,500,000, open-market acceptance holdings \$16,800,000, and Government securities \$8,000,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York shows a reduction of \$19,100,000 in discounts, Boston a reduction of \$8,500,000, Cleveland, \$5,400,000, and Philadelphia, \$4,100,000. Discount holdings of the Atlanta bank increased \$5,200,000, of St. Louis \$3,800,000, and of Chicago \$3,000,000. The New York Reserve bank also reports a decline of \$18,100,000 in open market acceptance holdings. The system's holdings of Treasury notes declined \$7,200,000 and of United States bonds \$1,000,000, while holdings of Treasury certificates increased \$200,000.

Most of the Federal Reserve banks report a smaller volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation, the principal decreases being: Philadelphia, \$8,100,000; Cleveland, \$7,600,000; New York, \$4,100,000, and San Francisco, \$3,100,000.

The statement in full, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages—namely, pages 429 and 430. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending July 21 1926 is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	-\$2,000,000	+\$54,400,000
Gold reserves.....	-3,400,000	+51,300,000
Total bills and securities.....	-44,400,000	+87,500,000
Bills discounted, total.....	-19,500,000	+52,900,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations.....	-24,300,000	-300,000
Other bills discounted.....	+4,800,000	+53,200,000
Bills bought in open market.....	-16,800,000	-7,100,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	-8,000,000	+47,800,000
Bonds.....	-1,000,000	+9,200,000
Treasury notes.....	-7,200,000	+12,900,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	+200,000	+25,700,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	-26,300,000	+75,700,000
Total deposits.....	-32,600,000	+54,300,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	-33,900,000	+47,600,000
Government deposits.....	+2,500,000	+10,300,000

### The Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System— Reports for Preceding Week—Brokers' Loans in New York City.

It is not possible for the Federal Reserve Board to issue the weekly returns of the member banks as promptly as the returns of the Federal Reserve banks themselves. Both cover the week ending with Wednesday's business, and the returns of the Federal Reserve banks are always given out

after the close of business the next day (Thursday). The statement of the member banks, however, including as it does over 700 separate institutions, cannot be tabulated until several days later. Prior to the statement for the week ending May 19, it was the practice to have them ready on Thursday of the following week, and to give them out concurrently with the report of the Reserve banks for the new week. The Reserve authorities have now succeeded in expediting the time of the appearance of the figures, and they are made public the following week on Mondays instead of on Thursdays. Under this arrangement the report for the week ending July 14 was given out after the close of business on Monday of the present week.

The Federal Reserve Board's weekly condition statement of 699 reporting member banks in leading cities as of July 14 shows a decline of \$49,000,000 and \$91,000,000, respectively, in loans and discounts and borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks, and increases of \$2,000,000 in investments, \$41,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$31,000,000 in time deposits. Member banks in New York City reported reductions of \$82,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$53,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$80,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve bank. As already noted, the figures for these member banks are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including United States Government obligations, were \$42,000,000 below the previous week's total, the principal changes being a reduction of \$62,000,000 in the New York district and an increase of \$15,000,000 in the Chicago district. "All other" loans and discounts declined \$7,000,000 during the week, a reduction of \$17,000,000 in the New York district being partly offset by small increases in other districts. Total loans to brokers and dealers, secured by stocks and bonds, made by reporting member banks in New York City were \$1,000,000 below the July 7 total, loans for their own account having declined \$86,000,000, while loans for out-of-town banks and for others increased by \$64,000,000 and \$21,000,000, respectively. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Holdings of United States securities and other bonds, stocks and securities show little or no change at reporting banks in any of the reserve districts.

Net demand deposits were \$41,000,000 above the July 7 total, the principal changes including increases of \$40,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$22,000,000 in the San Francisco district, \$17,000,000 in the Boston district and \$13,000,000 in the Kansas City district, and reductions of \$54,000,000 and \$10,000,000 in the New York and Philadelphia districts, respectively. Time deposits increased \$22,000,000 at reporting banks in the New York district and \$31,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks declined \$91,000,000 for the week, of which \$89,000,000 was reported by banks in the New York district.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 430—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:

Table with columns: Item, Increase (+) or Decrease (-) During Week, Increase (+) or Decrease (-) During Year. Rows include Loans and discounts, Investments, Reserve balances, etc.

Gold and Silver Imported Into and Exported From the United States, by Countries, in June.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public its monthly report, showing the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United States during the month of June 1926. It will be noted that the gold exports were only \$3,345,528. The imports were \$18,890,086, the bulk of which, namely \$8,661,977, came from Mexico, with \$4,865,904 from Australia and \$3,480,684 from Chile. Of the exports of the metal, \$1,003,853 went to Colombia and \$523,395 to Mexico.

GOLD AND SILVER EXPORTED FROM AND IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES.

Table with columns: Countries, GOLD (Exports, Imports), SILVER (Refined Bullion, Total Incl. Coin). Rows list various countries like Belgium, France, Germany, etc., with their respective gold and silver trade figures.

Any one hawking shares is, in the future, to be punished by fine or imprisonment. This will be a new step in legislation, and it has been warmly commended by the British press, as all door-to-door canvassers are foreigners.

Mail Selling is Also to Be Stopped.

(2) Prohibition of the selling of stocks and bonds by mail, unless a true and complete statement is shown to the buyers.

This statement, in the opinion of the committee, should give the name of the head of the company, the date of the formation of the company, details of the capital, dividends for the preceding three years, names and addresses of the directors and whether listed on any Stock Exchange.

This, too, is a new step in the evolution of company law in Great Britain. The idea is to prevent the sale of a "pig in a poke." The buyer has the right to a certain amount of information, else the sale is to be declared void and the money refunded.

(3) Minority shareholders are to get more protection against the votes of majorities. The holders of 15% of the shares are to receive the protection of the court in case any action endangers their interests. Also, shareholders holding 25% of the shares are to have the right to demand a complete statement of all remuneration paid to directors.

Free Use of Word "Bank" Must End.

(4) No company is to be allowed to use the words "bank," "banking," "royal" or "imperial" in its title without the consent of the Government.

(5) The present law as it relates to the responsibility of directors is to be tightened. A director is to be held responsible for any negligence on his part, in case of a failure of the company.

(6) An undischarged bankrupt is not to be allowed to sit as a director of a company. If he does so he is to be punished by fine or imprisonment.

(7) Every company is to be required to keep proper accounts. This suggestion will probably be applied to trades unions as well, as few trades unions in Britain keep their accounts properly.

(8) Every shareholder is to have the right to a copy of the balance sheet.

(9) Underwriting commissions, which are at present as high as 50%, are to be limited to 10%.

(10) Voluntary liquidations are to be brought under a closer control to prevent the appropriation of assets by insiders.

(11) Stamp duties are to be lowered on amalgamations and reorganizations. At present these duties often amount to a double tax.

(12) No company is to be allowed to offer its shares at a discount unless the company is at least five years old.

Little Chance of Defeat of Bill.

These twelve suggestions are being drawn up into a company law bill, which will be introduced into Parliament in a week or two. It will probably be passed with very little debate, as no one has anything to gain politically by opposing it.

The British "Companies Act" has not been amended since 1905. At that time the existing company law was overhauled and brought up to date by a competent committee.

This is the regular English procedure in such matters. First, a law is passed. This law is not supposed to be complete nor final, and it is amended and patched from time to time by those who have had experience of its workings.

The English idea is that law grows—that it must be altered to fit each new generation and each new set of conditions. Nothing is regarded as final in England, not even the Constitution.

J. P. Morgan Sails for Europe—Secretary of Treasury Mellon Also Goes Abroad.

J. P. Morgan and Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon were passengers on the White Star steamer "Majestic," which sailed for Europe on Saturday last, July 17. Charles Steele, a partner in Mr. Morgan's firm, was also one of those sailing on the "Majestic," as was likewise Clarence H. Mackay, President of the Postal Telegraph Co. Mr. Morgan indicated that he was going abroad for a holiday and that he will remain in Europe until the fall; Secretary Mellon, who takes with him his son Paul, stated that he, too, plans to enjoy six weeks' vacation in Europe, his trip including a tour of France and Switzerland and a visit to his daughter at Rome. In the "Wall Street Journal" of July 17 Mr. Mellon was quoted as saying:

I expect business in the last half of the year to hold up well and be as good as it was a year ago. I am not going over on an official mission and won't see any foreign representatives while I am abroad. Neither will I see General Andrews in England.

Resumption of Gold Standard in Canada—Bank of Commerce Describes Conditions which Existed During and Since the War.

The following is from the Montreal "Gazette" of July 13: The Canadian Government's decision to return to the gold standard of July 1, the Canadian Bank of Commerce of Toronto states in its July bulletin, "may be taken as an expression of confidence in the present state of business, particularly that connected with exports and imports. We know, of course, that a sound national currency system is necessary if domestic trade is to be conducted on its present basis similarly some common standard of value is required for world-wide commerce, and gold is regarded almost universally as the most satisfactory metal to meet this need.

Upon the outbreak of war in 1914 Canada joined with other countries engaged in the conflict in the suspension of gold payments in order to conserve the reserves of this character. The wisdom of this was clearly illustrated during the war period, when our trade with the United States created balances heavily in favor of that country. Under normal conditions we could have settled these, in part at least, by offsetting our credit balances against other countries, especially those due by Great Britain but the forces normally evident in international trade were lacking and, as gold was not being released by those in our debt, the problem was solved by other means. First, the rise in the premium on American funds attracted capital issued and increased our exports to the United States secondly, this greater demand for our products was maintained following the decline in the premium, and finally, the normal course in international financing was resumed and the Canadian dollar was quoted at par in New York.

Proposed Amendment of Company Law in Great Britain—To Bar Door-to-Door Selling of Securities—Mail Selling Restricted—Other Safeguards for Investing Public.

Herbert N. Casson, writing for the New York "Evening Post" from London (the article appears in the July 19 issue of that paper), gives the following information regarding proposed legislation to curb the peddling of securities:

Statutes relating to company law in England are about to be altered and several important and far-reaching amendments will be made. Last January a committee of fourteen members was appointed by the Government to review the whole field of company law and suggest improvements.

This committee has finished its work and submitted its report, which is an able document. All members of the committee are experts in company law. They are bankers, lawyers, brokers or accountants. Not one politician was on the committee.

Wilfred Greene, an eminent London lawyer, was Chairman. Several of the members were R. H. Brand of Lazard Brothers, Sir Edward Manville, R. Hugh Tennant, ex-President of the British Bankers Association, and Archibald H. Campbell, Chairman of the London Stock Exchange.

Twelve Suggestions Are Made.

After six months of deliberation, this committee makes the following twelve suggestions to close up the legal loopholes in English company laws:

(1) Prohibition of the selling of stocks and bonds by door-to-door canvassers. In the last two years much money has been lost by the British people by the buying of stock in American oil lands or Canadian gold mines.

This house-to-house canvassing to sell shares is something new in Great Britain. It is not done by British companies, legitimate or otherwise, and it is now to be prohibited.

"In recent years the Government has permitted the export of gold under license and Canada has practically been on a gold basis since July 1923. Therefore, the Government's announcement will have no appreciable effect on business, but in formally rejoining the gold standard system we give notice of our willingness to redeem our obligations, if necessary, in a currency acceptable throughout the world, and our price level comes into direct relationship with that of any country whose currency has been similarly stabilized."

**Denial by Finance Minister de Monzie of Reports  
Attributed to Him of Probable Suspension of Bank  
of France—Use of Balance of Morgan Credit  
Authorized—Increase in Limit of Note  
Circulation of Bank of France  
Authorized.**

In a week fraught with forebodings as to the future of France, reports gained circulation that the fear had been expressed by Finance Minister de Monzie that the Bank of France would be compelled to suspend payment on July 22. In indicating that M. de Monzie had denied making such a statement, Associated Press cablegrams carried the following information from Paris July 21:

A probable explanation of rumors that the Bank of France might be forced to suspend payments to-morrow is contained in a misinterpreted statement of M. de Monzie before the Chamber of Deputies, as Finance Minister, to-day.

He said that by ordering the sale of the remaining funds of the Morgan loan he would have "prevented the cash windows from closing to-morrow." The Minister plainly referred to the cash windows of the Treasury, where national defense bonds are reimbursed. His words were erroneously interpreted in some quarters as meaning that the cash windows of the Bank of France would close.

M. de Monzie was greatly shocked at the misconstruction placed on his words by an American news agency.

He authorized the Associated Press to deny emphatically that he ever said the Bank of France would suspend payments. He thought he had made it clear that unless the Bank of France was provided with funds by the sale of the remains of the Morgan loan it would be obliged to stop payments in behalf of the Treasury at all its branches in France.

The fall of the Herriot Government came on the same day (July 21) and in referring to the developments of that day Associated Press advices from Paris July 22 observed:

Notwithstanding the downfall of the Herriot Government, Anatole de Monzie, Herriot's Minister of Finance, scored a victory when he succeeded in having passed through both Chambers a bill authorizing the transfer to the Bank of France of the balance of \$25,000,000 of the original \$100,000,000 loan from J. P. Morgan & Co.

The weekly statement of the Bank of France showed half the remainder of the Morgan loan, or 550,000,000 francs, already had been turned over to the bank by the State Treasury to meet payments on national defense and other bonds, under the authorization voted last night. This indicated how badly the Treasury needed money to meet the bonds.

The Morgan funds also enabled the Bank to lend the State more than 500,000,000 francs, while the circulation only increased 87,000,000. One item shows the Bank's net profit for the first six months of the year amounted to 17,000,000 francs, against 9,000,000 for the corresponding period in 1925.

A second article in the bill relating to the Morgan credit authorizes the Bank of France to raise the limit of the note issue by an equal amount, approximately 1,200,000,000 francs. A Paris cablegram July 22 to the New York "Times" (copyright) had the following to say regarding these authorizations:

Late last night after the resignation of the Herriot Ministry the Chamber adopted a bill presented by Finance Minister de Monzie, authorizing a convention with the Bank of France for the utilization of the remainder of the Morgan credits for State purposes.

It is understood that about \$30,000,000 is still left of the \$100,000,000 which was advanced to the Poincare Government in 1924 to defend the franc. This amount will be converted into francs according to the needs of the Government so as to meet current expenses above the resources of the Treasury when the legal limit of advances which the Bank of France can make has been reached. The urgency of the measure resulted from rapid depreciation of the Government credit during the last few days.

The second article of the bill sanctions an increase of circulation above the 38,500,000,000 already legally authorized by an amount equal to the product of conversion of the residue of the Morgan credits.

This ingenious way of providing new francs and further resources for the State was adopted by 275 to 195 in the lower House after protests by the Socialists and others that it was merely disguised inflation.

Early this morning the bill passed the Senate.

The same paper in a further copyright account from Paris July 22 said in part:

The political situation is particularly discouraging because of the situation of the Treasury. To-day's statement of the Bank of France shows that the advances to the State have reached 38,350,000,000 francs, whereas the legal limit is 38,500,000,000. It is true that last night Parliament approved the purchasing of francs with the \$30,000,000 remaining of the Morgan credits, which francs are to be placed at the disposal of the Treasury. This gives the Government a margin of 1,500,000,000 francs.

*Must Pay Out 4,000,000,000.*

However, the Government has commitments of nearly 4,000,000,000 francs for the month of August, including payment of nearly \$20,000,000 to America and of \$4,000,000 to England. Usually there is no heavy collection of taxes in August, which is a slack business month. Consequently it appears almost certain that the Government must resort to limited inflation next month.

Therefore the new Government must get through Parliament an enabling Act before the Chambers leave on their vacation or must obtain full powers, which would include the power to approve such inflation by the Bank of France. Either alternative seems full of trouble. While it is the case that the legal limit of circulation now stands after last night's vote at 60,000,000,000 francs, with the present circulation slightly over 55,000,000,000, this margin cannot, beyond 1,500,000,000, be placed at the disposal of the State without a new law, and it is interesting to note that the officials of

the Bank of France contend that this 5,000,000,000 margin will assuredly be needed for the economic use of the country in the next three months owing to increased public needs growing out of the rise in the cost of living.

Furthermore it is quite plain that if redemption of defense bonds at the rate of the past few weeks continues, further demands will be made on the Treasury. The only way this difficulty can be averted is by a large return to France of expatriated capital.

Last night (July 23) the New York "Sun" printed the following (copyright) from Paris:

One of the most interesting disclosures made by Anatole de Monzie in his speech before the French Chamber of Deputies which helped bring the Herriot Cabinet to its sudden end Wednesday night, was that Joseph Caillaux, Finance Minister in the Briand-Caillaux Government, had expected large American credits even without ratification of the Washington debt agreement until July 14.

On that date M. de Monzie told the Chamber, M. Caillaux "was informed by the French commercial attache in Washington that nothing could be hoped for until the agreement was actually ratified."

Regarding the Treasury situation, M. de Monzie said in his speech to the Chamber that he had received that morning (Wednesday) a letter from the Governor of the Bank of France which read as follows:

"The legally available margin at the Treasury's disposition this morning is reduced to 60,000,000 francs. It is to be feared this will be completely absorbed during the day, and our weekly statement, which will be drafted this evening and published to-morrow, will show that legal advances from the Bank of France to the State have been exceeded, which would oblige the bank to cease payments for the Treasury's account throughout France."

This did not mean that the bank would cease payments on its own account, but only on the Treasury's account. Moreover, it developed later that not 60,000,000 but 130,000,000 was the margin available.

The Chamber of Deputies parried the danger implied in this letter by voting a bill and a half francs of new inflation and raising the legal circulation limit accordingly. This new inflation is itemized as circulation increase rather than as a new advance by the bank to the State. This was achieved by a bookkeeping expedient, the Government transferring to the bank \$33,000,000 remaining from the Morgan credit and the bank placing at the State's disposal a corresponding sum in francs, namely, a billion and a half.

**Buying Stampede in France with Depreciation of  
Franc—Feeling against Foreigners.**

The stampede in buying in France, which has been witnessed with the depreciation of the franc, is depicted in the following Paris cablegram (copyright) to the New York "Sun" July 21:

All France to-day is seething with anxiety.

As yet there is no real panic, but the banks are crowded with depositors desirous of removing their money, while holders of short term bonds not only are demanding reimbursement instead of renewal when their bonds fall due, but also are trying to borrow money immediately on bonds due one to six months hence.

Retail prices are advancing by leaps and bounds, but still with great regularity. Many persons are beginning to buy jewelry, clothing, furniture—anything rather than hold their depreciating bank notes.

Foreign tourists seeking bargains also crowd the Paris shops. Some merchants are beginning to fix prices definitely in dollars and pounds, and the movement is growing.

In the larger cities popular anger is rising against alleged speculators in wheat and sugar and against exporters of foodstuffs generally, for to these are attributed the rapidly rising cost of bread, meat and vegetables.

*Against Foreigners.*

The feeling against foreigners, especially Americans, is becoming intense. Foreigners generally are envied because of the higher purchasing power of their currency, and are accused of accentuating the rise of prices because of their willingness to pay more for everything.

Americans are disliked not only because of their supposed wealth but especially because all France believes the debt policy of the United States is directly responsible by the present catastrophe.

The theory is that America, after persuading France to let Germany off has forced upon France a cruel and impossible debt agreement which will keep France nailed to the cross long after Germany has ceased paying even modified reparations, and that to make France accept this impossible agreement the American Government and American bankers are helping provoke the fall of the franc.

The words "American blackmail" are frequently heard. The Washington debt policy has undoubtedly caused American moral prestige to fall to the lowest point known since the war, not in France alone but in western Europe generally.

*What Inflation Means.*

A crowd of American tourists in a sight-seeing car visiting Montmartre was hooted at the street corners and the visitors perhaps were saved from violence only by the intervention of the police.

Women of Paris have exhibited their feelings against foreigners at several open-air vegetable markets. Unless the situation improves the xenophobia is likely to increase.

A real period of inflation would doubtless be accepted much less calmly by the French than it was by the placid and better disciplined Germans. The French are perhaps the most thrifty people in the world. Normally even the most modest wage earners save and invest. When the mass of the people realize fully, as they now are beginning to do, what has really happened to their lifetime savings, invested in Government and municipal securities, their feelings will be difficult to control.

**France Economically Sound Fundamentally, According  
to Bank of America—Decline in Franc Due to  
Fiscal Factors.**

France is economically sound fundamentally and the decline of the franc is largely due to fiscal factors, according to a review of French monetary conditions by the Bank of America. The people have not lost their traditional habit of thrift, says the Bank of America, and a stabilization of the national currency will undoubtedly be followed by an increase in savings, which in turn will relieve many of the financial difficulties of the Paris money market. In its discussion the bank says:



France since 1914 has been passing through a complete economic transformation. Before the war her interests were predominantly agricultural, but the acquisition of Alsace-Lorraine with its vast mineral resources has industrialized the nation, and to-day France is one of the most important producers of steel and iron. Moreover, the reconstruction of the devastated areas is now near completion, and also the successful operation of the Dawes plan gives France a substantial annual income.

For these reasons the franc is not in the same plight as were the Austrian crown and the German mark. These two countries suffered grievously from the operation of the Versailles Treaty, which left the Austro-Hungarian Empire disrupted, and in the end led to the invasion of the Ruhr. France, on the contrary, possessed the fundamental economic prerequisites for recovery of her finances and currency. Only fiscal reforms are needed to attain this end.

One of the factors which have affected the internal value of the franc is that the volume of francs in circulation has increased steadily in recent years. This expansion of the currency has been caused chiefly by loans, or advances which the Government has exacted from the Bank of France. The Government has been forced into this policy by two fiscal necessities, namely the ever-maturing floating debt and the continuous budgetary deficit.

The floating debt was created by the Government during and after the war when large amounts of "bons de la defense nationale" were issued to finance the conflict and later to facilitate the work of reconstruction. These issues have only a short maturity, running from one month to one year, and therefore must be regularly renewed. Thus the Government is continually under the necessity of finding buyers for its obligations, and this task becomes especially difficult when the Government is forced to increase the volume of such current borrowing.

The second cause of the decline in the internal value of the franc has been the continuous deficits in the budget. Although the deficit has been reduced, it is still large enough to cause concern. Ministry after Ministry has sought to attain an equilibrium, but thus far without success. Several times in recent years the budget has been balanced on paper, but the decline of the franc and the consequent increase in expenditures has rendered an actual balance impossible. The causes of the deficit have been, of course, the inability sufficiently to increase revenues and decrease expenditures. The refusal of the Chamber of Deputies to enact fiscal legislation has been due not to any lack of understanding of taxation principles, but rather to the bitter factional strife among the various contending parties which have sought to protect the interests of its constituents.

The fundamental reason for the unwillingness of New York as the world's leading money market to extend financial aid has been the failure of France to settle her Governmental debt with the United States. American bankers, in refusing so far to extend credit to France, have been actuated primarily by political considerations, for the State Department has placed an unofficial, although effective, embargo upon loans to any country which has not yet come to an arrangement regarding its indebtedness to the United States.

#### Warning Issued by German Embassy at Washington Against Speculation in German Paper Marks.

A warning against speculation in German paper mark bonds and bank notes has been issued by the German Embassy at Washington, attention being drawn therein "to the fact that the paper mark currency after having lost its value has been abolished and replaced by a new Reichsmark currency." The notice adds that "paper mark bank notes, which under the German law had exclusively the character of substitutes for paper mark currency are therefore now practically worthless." The notice of the Embassy was made known as follows on July 15 by the State Department at Washington:

German Embassy issues warning against speculation in German paper mark bonds and bank notes.

News from different parts of the United States indicates that there is still considerable speculation going on in bank notes and bonds of the former German paper mark currency. The German Embassy in Washington wishes to draw the attention of the public to the fact that the paper mark currency after having lost its value has been abolished and replaced by a new Reichsbank currency. Paper mark bank notes, which under the German law had exclusively the character of substitutes for paper mark currency are therefore now practically worthless.

This opinion has recently been confirmed by a decision of the highest German court, the Reichsgericht in Leipzig, which expressly refers to the Reichsbank notes of 1910, stamped with a red seal, for which, according to newspaper reports, prices up to \$230 per million marks have been paid recently in New York.

As to paper mark bonds and securities, there has been a revaluation by law in 1925, but only of certain kinds of them and only to a certain limited extent. Their value, if they have any, depends entirely upon the rate of revaluation. But they seem to be offered frequently to the investing public under misrepresentations as to their value, creating the wrong impression that there was some chance of future profits. Persons inclined to consider such offers should be advised to ask their own bank for particulars.

The German Embassy, the German Consuls or the Special Commissioner for German Government Loans, 42 Broadway, New York City, will also be pleased to give information upon request.

#### City of Dusseldorf (Germany) Bonds Ready for Delivery in Exchange for Interim Receipts.

Ames, Emerich & Co. announces that the city of Dusseldorf, Germany, 7% serial gold bonds are now ready for delivery in exchange for the outstanding interim receipts at the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., 55 Cedar St., New York. The offering of this issue was referred to in our issue of Oct. 31 1925, page 2106.

#### Rothschilds Delay Hungarian Loan.

A special cable from the London Bureau of the "Journal of Commerce" July 21 said:

It is understood here that the Rothschilds have a £2,000,000 Hungarian Government 7½% loan awaiting issue. The flotation has been postponed, owing to the rapid decline this week in French exchange.

#### Jeremiah Smith Jr. Returns from Europe, Following Termination of Control of Hungary by League of Nations—Says Amount of Reimbursement Which He Declined to Accept Might Have Been \$60,000.

Jeremiah Smith Jr., who has just returned to Boston following the conclusion of his work as Financial Commissioner for Hungary, describes the stories of the refusal by him of \$100,000 in salary as "exaggerated." The Associated Press, in Boston advices July 19 reports as follows what he has to say in the matter:

Jeremiah Smith Jr., returned from restoring the fallen currency of Hungary, sat back in his chair in his old Boston office this evening, modestly perturbed at the "exaggerated accounts" of his doings abroad. He attempted to explain how he came to be known as "the man who refused \$100,000."

"As a matter of fact," he said, "I don't know exactly how much I did refuse, and actually the refusal was made two years ago. The League of Nations, from which came my appointment as Commissioner-General, and the Hungarian Government had agreed on \$5,000 a month to cover all the costs, and I was there a little over two years. I stipulated at the start that I would take no salary, for when you are going to work blue-penciling other people's salaries you can't very well take a big one yourself.

"I did accept my living expenses. That wasn't much, for the Government provided my quarters. When this and the cost of maintaining my staff was deducted there might have remained \$60,000.

"According to the European way of doing things, they sent a messenger to my first assistant, Royall Tyler, who also comes from Boston, and suggested to him that he suggest to me that I take the \$60,000, or what ever it was. In fact, they suggested it twice. I had told them I wasn't going to take anything, and I honestly believe it helped my work.

"Then they asked me what they should do with it and I told them it was their money, the first they had to spend, so they might as well do as they liked. They asked if there was any objection to using it as a scholarship fund to send students to the United States. I said there was not, so they did.

"I don't know how the \$100,000 story started. The first I knew of it was in London, when I bought an American paper. I was caught in a traffic jam so I opened it and found myself all over the front page. I was somewhat embarrassed then and even more when I landed from the Laconia here to-day and found an accumulation of letters from everywhere, praising me, condemning me, and asking for a piece of the \$100,000. I don't believe there was that much money, and anyway I never saw a check for it.

"I had a great time over there. I am glad to get back and 'join the army of employed,' but of course I wouldn't have left if the work wasn't all done."

The use of the money toward a scholarship fund was noted in our issue of July 3, page 31.

#### Increase in Passenger and Freight Traffic on Austrian State Railways Expected to Overcome Operating Deficit.

Vienna advices July 10 to F. J. Lisman & Co. from the Consolidated Bankers of Vienna state:

In view of the increase in passenger and freight traffic on the Austrian State Railways, in conjunction with the introduction of measures conducive to greater efficiency and lower costs, it now appears likely that the operating deficit expected for the current year will be entirely eliminated.

Negotiations for a commercial treaty with France, aiming at the revision of the existing treaty, will commence within a few weeks, but it is realized that unless French currency is stabilized by that time, Austrian trade will not be able to derive full advantage from any concessions to be made.

Both Austrian and Czechoslovak iron industries plan adherence to the Franco-German-Luxemburg iron "Cartel," for the formation of which negotiations are already under way. This combine would regularize the iron market position, and the expected development has had a favorable influence on the Vienna Bourse, where the tone is markedly friendly.

#### Greek Dictator Bars Strikes by Exiling Labor Agitators.

An Athens Associated Press cablegram July 11 appeared as follows in the New York "Times":

General Theodore Pangalos, the Greek dictator, has adopted a drastic way of settling strikes. Instead of attempting to treat with strike leaders and labor agitators, he exiles them to an island in the Aegean Sea. Cut off from all contact with the laboring masses and living a life of isolation and silence, they have ample opportunity to meditate. When the dictator feels they have had sufficient "rest cure," he releases them under pledge not to resume their agitation.

General Pangalos deals in much the same way with troublesome political opponents. When all other measures fail, he banishes them to the Aegean Islands, where the surroundings and scenery are picturesque, but where political parties, newspapers, social life and telegraph communication do not exist.

#### Kingdom of Italy Bonds Ready for Delivery.

J. P. Morgan & Co. announce that they are prepared to deliver Kingdom of Italy external loan sinking fund 7% gold bonds due Dec. 1 1951, in definite form, in exchange for the temporary bonds now outstanding, upon the surrender of the latter at their offices. It is suggested that holders of temporary bonds present them for exchange as promptly as possible, as the first drawing of the bonds by lot is to be made in September.

#### Italy's Finances Shown to Be Flourishing with Budget Surplus of 1,400,000,000 Lire.

A copyright wireless message from Rome, July 20, was reported as follows by the New York "Times":

The flourishing condition of the Italian State finances is proved by official figures relating to the financial year just ended, published by the "Official Gazette" to-day.

A budget surplus of 1,400,000,000 lire has been achieved. During the same period the cash reserves increased from 2,000,000,000 to 4,000,000,000 lire. The large budget surplus, which is very much greater than any obtained before the war even, when depreciation of currency is taken into account, is all the more remarkable when it is considered that the expenditure of more than 2,500,000,000 above the amount set down in the original estimates was sanctioned by Parliament. This means that the State's total revenue was more than 4,000,000,000 lire in excess of the estimates.

During the last twelve months the public debt increased by about 500,000,000 lire, but this was more than offset by the increase of 2,000,000,000 lire in the Treasury's cash reserves. The total fiduciary circulation decreased slightly during the same period, though remaining almost unaltered.

The excess of importations over exportations during the first five months of the present calendar year amounted to 4,966,000,000 lire, which is about 200,000,000 in excess of what it was during the same period last year. It should be noticed also in this connection that last year's trade balance was considered especially bad, owing to heavy importations of foodstuffs rendered necessary by poor harvests.

Not counting the figures of Italy's foreign trade, which reflect the economic crisis which Italy is now suffering, the results obtained during the last financial year indicate a very healthy financial situation. Despite this, however, Finance Minister County Volpi in his last speech in Parliament held out no hope of tax reductions in the near future. He merely promised to modify some of the taxes which prove the severest hindrance to trade and business.

This year's and future surpluses, he said, would be used partly to increase the State's cash reserves and partly to develop productive public enterprises.

### Finance Minister Volpi Counsels Italy to Save, Work and Produce—Debt Settlement with United States Advantageous.

"Save, work and produce," was urged by Count Volpi, the Fascist Minister of Finance, at the opening of the Bologna Bourse on July 17, which event he declared was just one more proof that Italy was prospering. The Associated Press advices from Bologna (Italy) in stating this added:

The Finance Minister pointed out that in 1901 there were only about 848 incorporated firms in Italy with a capital of 2,212,000,000 lire and in 1926 there are 11,825 with a capitalization of 38,822,000,000 lire. He declared it was the Government's duty to intervene, to control needless increase of capitalization and argued that it should conform with an increase in savings. These 38 billion lire, he said, were almost double the sum of Italy's bank note circulation.

Referring to exchange fluctuations, Count Volpi declared they were common to-day all over the world. He emphasized that even countries with a gold standard had to meet with fluctuations of their currency.

"Meanwhile Italy will continue to rehabilitate her financial system and balance her budget," he continued, "the revenue in 1925-26 exceeded one billion and a half lire against only 417,000,000 lire in the previous year."

With regard to the war debts, he had this to say:

"The debt settlement with the United States was advantageous, just as was that with Great Britain."

### Spain Will Help Home Industries—High Tariffs and Subsidies to Aid Textiles, Iron and Steel and Agriculture.

Advices from Madrid, by wireless July 8, to the New York "Times" (copyright) state:

The Spanish Government has decided to undertake a campaign to protect national industries and free them from foreign competition.

A beginning will be made with the iron and steel industries, which, despite the tariff, have been unable to develop, due to imports, especially from countries with depreciated currency.

The textile industry has also suffered recently, and the Government is proposing a subsidy.

These measures will be followed by others compatible with the excellent relations of Spain with other countries.

Agriculture will be protected by the imposition of high duties on foreign products and the granting of special aids in the extension of cultivated ground.

It seems to be the Government's theory that a possible increase in the prices of basic articles is acceptable if it be accompanied by a development of home industries.

Details of the measures to be put in force include a decree decreasing the importation for the present of foreign wheat; also increases in the tariff duties on corn, bran, rye and canary seed.

The textile industries will be governed by a committee of manufacturers and public officials located in Barcelona. This committee will receive 5 centimos for each kilo of cotton imported and with this money it will extend grants to manufacturers of textiles that are used in Spain and exported.

The tariff is to be raised on metallurgical products, which will be required to show a certificate of origin. Only those houses holding contracts with the State will be permitted to export manufactured materials.

Decrees covering these plans are not completed as yet, but their early publication is expected.

### Mexico to Tighten Bank Laws—Proposed Increase in Reserves.

A copyright cablegram July 15 from Mexico City to the New York "Herald Tribune" says:

The newspapers announce that because of the failures of several banks recently the present banking laws will be amended so that those which are found by inspectors to be in a precarious position will be required to increase their reserves above 30% of their deposits now required. This action is considered necessary to protect depositors.

### Mexican Duty on Cotton Exports Cut.

In a Washington dispatch July 13 the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated:

Changes have been made in the Mexican export duties on cotton, effective July 10, according to a cablegram received by the Department of Commerce, as follows (rate of duty, pesos per gross kilo): Raw cotton, ginned, old 0.03, new free; raw cotton, unginned, 0.03 old and 0.02 new. The usual surtax of 12% of the amount of the duty applies on the above rates.

### Mexico Restricts Cottonseed Imports.

The Postal Administration of Mexico has advised the United States Post Office that in the future cottonseed will be prohibited importation into that country by mail unless accompanied by a sanitary certification issued by an official of the Department of Agriculture of the State of origin, indicating that the seeds have been disinfected. This is reported in a Washington dispatch to the New York "Journal of Commerce" July 11.

### British Indian Jute Crop to Be Bigger.

Production of jute in British India this year is expected in trade circles to amount to nearly 11,000,000 bales, 2,200,000 bales more than was produced last year and 1,300,000 bales more than the previous record production, according to a cable report received at the Department of Commerce from Trade Commissioner Spofford at Calcutta. A July 12 dispatch from Washington to the New York "Journal of Commerce," which reports this, adds:

The Indian official preliminary jute acreage forecast, Mr. Spofford reported, is 3,600,000 acres. This, he says, about agrees with the trade opinion in India, and it is upon this report that the large production estimate is based.

Jute prices have declined considerably in Calcutta and some reduction in prices of burlaps has been noted. It is said, however, that increases in mill production there are unlikely at the present time.

### Brazil Coffee Growers Co-Operating to Defend Market Against Undue Price Movement.

A Sao Paulo Associated Press dispatch July 15 says:

Three Brazilian coffee growing States now are co-operating to defend the coffee market against undue price movement, and efforts are under way to bring two other States into the scheme.

State President Carlos de Campos, addressing a new session of the Legislature, emphasized the importance of Sao Paulo's agreement with the States of Minas Geraes and Rio Janeiro, whereby they are levying a tax on coffee exports to finance the coffee defense plans, and also regulating shipments to the seaports, the variations in the daily quota depending upon the approval of the Coffee Defense Institute of Sao Paulo.

He announced that similar agreements were planned with the States of Espirito Santo and Parana.

"This movement of solidarity among the Brazilian coffee growers of the country is a legitimate method of controlling the price of our principal exported product," he added.

### Australian Wheat Pool Planned.

To assist in the organization of an all-Australia wheat pool on the Canadian model, representatives of the Canadian wheat pools will leave Canada July 22 for Australia, says a Calgary (Alberta) dispatch in the "Wall Street Journal" of July 14.

### Irish Free State Proposes to Sell Interest in National Land Bank.

Dublin advices (Associated Press) July 21 state:

Minister of Finance Blythe announced in the Dail Eireann that the Irish Free State proposed to sell the Government's interest in the National Land Bank of Ireland for £203,000.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Lafferman, leaders of the Labor and Farmer parties, moved rejection of the plan. Debate was deferred.

### Petition in Bankruptcy Against Brazilian Sugar Dealers.

Associated Press advices from Rio Janeiro, July 22, state:

A petition in bankruptcy was granted to-day to Custodio Mendes & Co., sugar dealers, of Rio Janeiro. The liabilities are estimated at \$1,000,000, the assets at about \$500,000.

### Stockholders of Bank of Portugal Approve Increase of £3,250,000 in Paper Currency.

From Lisbon the following Associated Press advices were reported July 20:

At a general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Portugal, approval was given the new agreement made between the bank and the Government for an increase in the paper currency by new issues amounting to 325,000 contos, or the equivalent of £3,250,000.

Of this amount £1,000,000 will be used for banking transactions, £1,250,000 for facing the crisis in the colonies and the other £1,000,000 for discounts in the money market.

### Issuance of 60,000,000 Yen Treasury Bonds by Japanese Government.

A cablegram to the Japanese Financial Commission from the Government announces the issuance of the following 5% Treasury bonds, subscription books for which opened on July 21:

5% TREASURY BONDS.

Name	Series No. 34.
Amount	60,000,000 yen.
Purpose	Conversion of 5% Treasury bonds mark "Mu."
Issue Price	Subscription in cash 91.75 yen.
	Subscription in bonds 91.25 yen.
Redemption	On or before March 1 1938.
Yield	5.99%.

**South African Loan of £4,000,000 Underwritten in London.**

An Associated Press cablegram from London, July 17, stated:

The South African Government's loan of £4,000,000 at 5% has been taken with the underwriters to the extent of 74%, the general public subscribing only one of the four millions.

Nevertheless, the market here is palpably suffering from a surfeit of new issues.

**Australia Has Surplus—New Auto Taxes Imposed to Build Roads.**

The New York "Times" announced the following Associated Press advices from Melbourne, Australia, July 9:

Treasurer E. C. G. Page introduced a budget in the House of Representatives to-day, showing a surplus for last year of £287,000 in addition to £2,500,000 paid into the trust fund for special services.

Provision is made in the budget for raising a loan of £2,000,000 for transferring the Parliament to Canberra.

The budget imposes increases in taxation of two pence on a gallon of gasoline, 15% on automobile tires and 2½% on motor chassis. The increase will yield £1,500,000 yearly and will be used for a 10-year £35,000,000 road construction program.

**\$803,000 Cuban 5% Bonds of 1904 to be Redeemed Sept. 1.**

Speyer & Co. have notified holders of Republic of Cuba 5% Bonds of 1904 that \$803,000 principal amount of Bonds of this issue have been drawn by lot for redemption on Sept. 1 1926. The bonds so drawn will be paid at par on and after that date at the office of Speyer & Co., 24 and 26 Pine Street, or, at the option of the holders, at the office of J. Henry Schroder & Co., London; Lazard Speyer-Ellissen, Frankfurt-on-Main; Deutsche Bank, Berlin; Credit Lyonnais, Paris or Banco del Comercio, Havana.

**Purchase and Sale by Local Bankers of \$2,000,000 Republic of Peru Bonds.**

Blyth, Witter & Co. and White, Weld & Co. announce that they recently completed the purchase and private sale of \$2,000,000 Republic of Peru external sinking fund secured 8% gold bonds, Sanitation Loan, due Oct. 1 1944.

**Pending South American Loans—Warning Against Their Purchase.**

Moody's foreign department has just been informed by its Buenos Aires correspondent that negotiations are under way for the contraction in this market of a \$3,000,000 loan for the Province of Mendoza; 5,000,000 pesos (gold) or its equivalent in dollars for the Province of Corrientes, and \$7,200,000 for the Brazilian State of Parana. Moody's statement in the matter, dated July 22, also says:

The Mendoza loan is expected to bear interest at the rate of 7% per annum, will mature in 12 years through an annual sinking fund of 7%, applied to purchase of bonds at not exceeding 107, and will be secured by a special charge on the wine tax.

The Corrientes loan will also take the form of a 7% issue, to be sold to the bankers at not less than 90, and will be secured on the territorial tax, the license and inheritance tax, and the revenues of the Corrientes Ry.

Proceeds from the sale of the Parana loan are to be employed toward the construction of the port of Paranagua. Further details have not been made public.

Commenting on the above negotiations, Dr. Max Winkler, Vice-President of Moody's Investors Service, made the following statement: "Owing to the present apparent popularity of South American issues, it is not unlikely that the above loans will be concluded and that our investing public will be called upon to take up the bonds. In view of the decidedly unsatisfactory financial record of the prospective borrowers which are newcomers in the American market, I trust that for the benefit of our investors, the bankers will refrain from offering in this market bonds of the Province of Corrientes which for more than seven years has been in complete default on its external debt, or of Mendoza which, while paying current interest on its foreign debt, is in default with respect to several years of interest and sinking fund. Moreover, the wine tax of Mendoza appears to have already been hypothecated as security for the 5% gold loan of 1909, outstanding to the amount of about \$4,500,000.

"Parana appears at present to be meeting the service of its debt promptly, but the state has in the past so frequently disregarded rights and privileges of its creditors that I feel that bankers ought to think twice before offering Parana obligations to the still inexperienced American investor who may be looking for bargains in the foreign field."

**Offering of \$520,000 Republic of El Salvador Trustees Coupon Receipts.**

Edmund Seymour & Co., Inc., and Cullen & Drew announced on July 22 the offering of \$520,000 trustees' 6½% coupon receipts for Customs Lien secured gold Treasury

certificates of the Republic of El Salvador, at a price of 99¼ to, yield an average of about 6.60%. The receipts will be dated July 1 1926; they become due \$40,000 monthly beginning July 1 1928 to July 1 1929, inclusive. According to the prospectus, coupon receipts of Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., trustee, are secured by deposit of Treasury certificates of like par amount registered in its name; payable as to principal and interest from principal and interest, respectively, of deposited Treasury certificates received by trustee. They are callable at par on any interest date. Interest is payable Jan. 1 and July 1; denomination, \$1,000. Principal and interest is payable at the office of the trustee in United States gold coin. The Treasury certificates deposited with the trustee were issued under legislative decree and are the direct obligation of the Republic of El Salvador. They bear 8% interest and are secured by a specific pledge of 10% of the customs revenues of the Government subject to the loan of 1923, which has a first lien on the customs revenues and is specifically secured by pledge of 70% thereof. The offering circular also says:

The customs revenues of the Republic of El Salvador are payable in United States gold coin and, by special request of the Republic, are now all collected by the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. as fiscal agent, through its fiscal representative in El Salvador. Under the loan contract covering the loan of 1923 (series A, B and C bonds), and also the loan contract covering this issue of Treasury certificates, the customs revenues reserved for these loans are collected monthly by the fiscal representative of the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.

*Debt Service.*

Interest and sinking fund on loan of 1923 (series A, B and C) — \$1,770,000  
 Maximum annual interest charges \$1,800,000 Treasury cts. — 144,000  
 Customs revenues collected by fiscal representatives first four months of 1926 — 2,600,000  
 Total Outstanding Debt of El Salvador—External and Internal.

Loan of 1923:

Series "A" 8s, due 1948 (closed)	\$5,103,500
Series "B" 6s, sterling bonds, due 1957 (closed)	£1,008,340
*Series "C" 7s, due 1957	\$9,106,400
8% Treasury certificates, this issue, due 1928-32 (closed)	1,800,000

\*The series "C" issue is limited to an authorized amount of \$10,500,000, of which \$9,500,000 have been issued (\$393,600 retired by sinking fund). The balance of \$1,000,000 can be issued only in the average gross customs revenues of El Salvador for a period of 36 consecutive months, ending not less than 60 days prior to the date of issue of any such bonds, shall have been at least equal to three times the total sum required for the annual service of the entire three series of bonds, including the service on the series "C" bonds then issued or to be issued.

Total customs revenues of El Salvador in 1925 as collected by the fiscal representative aggregated \$6,104,935 (United States gold) and collections of the same revenues in the first four months of current year totaled \$2,600,000.

**Offering of \$1,500,000 4½% Bonds of Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank.**

A group consisting of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, The First National Corporation of Boston, Old Colony Corporation, First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, and Brooke, Stokes & Co. of Philadelphia offered on July 22 an issue of \$1,500,000 Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank of Lincoln, Neb., 4½% Farm Loan bonds at 101½ and interest, to yield 4.31% to the optional date in 1936 and 4½% thereafter. Announcement is made that the issue has been heavily over-subscribed. The bonds will be dated July 1 1926 and will become due July 1 1956; they will not be callable before July 1 1936. In denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000, they will be in the form of coupon and fully registered bonds, interchangeable. Principal and interest (Jan. 1 and July 1) will be payable at the offices of the bank, The Equitable Trust Co. of New York and Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago. The Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank has paid dividends regularly since 1919, averaging more than 8% per year, the present rate of 9% having been maintained since October 1922. The following are the bank's loan statistics as of June 30 1926:

Number of loans in force	3,442
Acres of real estate security	1,025,437
Total amount loaned	\$34,873,740
Appraised value (land alone)	\$78,783,810
Appraised value (land and buildings)	\$90,224,912
Average amount of each loan	\$10,131 82
Average amount loaned per acre	\$34 01
Average appraised value per acre (land alone)	\$76 83
Average appraised value per acre (land and buildings)	\$87 99
Percentage of loans to appraised value (land alone)	44.26%
Percentage of loans to appraised value (land and buildings)	38.65%

The following statistics are also supplied by President W. E. Barkley:

*Record of Actual Sale Price of Farms Loaned on.*

Actual sale price of land loaned on as compared with appraised value shown by the following record as of March 31 1926 of sales of land by th

owners, covering all land on which the bank has placed mortgage loans and which has subsequently been sold:

Acreage sold.....	140,450
Appraised value of land and buildings.....	\$19,352,090
Sale price of land and buildings.....	\$19,483,160
Amount loaned on real estate sold.....	\$8,234,683
Percentage of loans to sale price.....	42.2%

The bank's statement of condition as of June 30 1926 follows:

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Mortgage loans.....	\$34,873,740 00	Capital stock paid in.....	\$2,711,400 00
United States Government bonds (cost).....	1,061,562 50	Surplus.....	254,500 00
Notes receivable and contracts.....	90,774 07	Undivided profits.....	436,819 17
Accounts receivable.....	45,893 46	Farm loan bonds issued.....	33,316,500 00
Deposits with banks.....	1,029,088 75	Payments on principal of loans.....	871,383 00
Accrued interest on loans and securities.....	641,257 71	Advances payments on principal and interest.....	50,594 30
Furniture and fixtures.....	8,355 59	Reserved for unpaid bond coupons.....	45,887 50
Real estate.....	473,634 67	Accrued interest on farm loan bonds.....	409,255 00
		Accounts payable (due on incomplete loans, &c.).....	127,967 78
	\$38,224,306 75		\$38,224,306 75

**Offering of \$1,000,000 5% Bonds of Greensboro Joint Stock Land Bank.**

Harris, Forbes & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co. and William R. Compton Co. offered on July 20, at 103 and interest, to yield about 4.625% to the optional date (1936) and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity, an issue of 5% bonds of the Greensboro Joint Stock Land Bank (Greensboro, N. C.) to the amount of \$1,000,000. Dated Aug. 1 1926 and due Aug. 1 1956, the issue will be redeemable at par and interest on any interest date on or after ten years from the date of issue. The bonds will be in coupon form, fully registerable and interchangeable, in \$1,000 denomination. Principal and interest (Feb. 1 and Aug. 1) will be payable at the Greensboro Joint Stock Land Bank, or through the bank's fiscal agency in New York City. Issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, the bonds are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation. They are acceptable as security for Postal savings and other deposits of Government funds. The Greensboro Joint Stock Land Bank operates in North Carolina and Tennessee. The bank has a paid-in capital of \$250,000. In addition to a paid-in surplus of \$50,000, the bank has accumulated a reserve from earnings of \$25,000 and has undivided profits of \$40,290. Dividends are paid on the basis of 8% per annum. Including the present offering, there will be \$3,900,000 of bonds outstanding. The Atlantic Bank & Trust Co. and the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., both of Greensboro, N. C., own approximately 90% of the stock of the bank. The following is the statement of the Greensboro Joint Stock Land Bank (as officially reported Oct. 31 1925):

Acres of real estate security loaned upon.....	168,336
Total amount loaned.....	\$3,319,200
Appraised value of real estate security.....	\$8,713,046
Appraised value per acre.....	\$51 16
Average amount loaned per acre.....	\$19 72
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security.....	38.09%

**Offering of \$1,000,000 4½% Farm Loan Bonds of Union Joint Stock Land Bank of Detroit.**

An offering of \$1,000,000 4½% farm loan bonds of the Union Joint Stock Land Bank of Detroit was made on July 20 by C. F. Childs & Co. at 101¼ and interest, to yield 4.28% to the redeemable date (1936) and 4.50% thereafter. The bonds will be dated July 1 1926 and will run until July 1 1956. They will be redeemable at par and accrued interest July 1 1936, or any interest date thereafter. The bonds will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000, and will be fully registerable and interchangeable. Principal and interest (Jan. 1 and July 1) will be payable at the Union Joint Stock Land Bank of Detroit, Mich., or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. The Union Joint Stock Land Bank of Detroit operates in the States of Michigan and Ohio. It is stated that the majority of loans made in Michigan have been made in the southern and eastern half of the State. No loans have been made in northern Michigan. Loans made in Ohio have been made in the northern and western half of the State. The following analysis of loans as of June 30 1926 is furnished:

Total loans—1,320.....	\$5,800,100 00
Appraised value of farms mortgaged.....	\$16,510,972 00
Average amount loaned per farm.....	\$4,394 02
Average number of acres per farm.....	112
Total acres mortgaged.....	148,036
Average appraised value per acre.....	\$111 53
Average amount loaned per acre.....	\$39 18
Ratio of total amount loaned to appraised value.....	35%

The capital of the bank is \$350,000; surplus and profits, \$87,320 99; reserve (legal), \$12,900; reserve for dividends

payable July 1 1926, \$10,500. Farm loan bonds outstanding of \$5,250,000 are reported. Frank W. Blair, President Union Trust Co., Detroit, is President of the bank; O. P. Gossard is Vice-President and Manager.

**Offering of \$500,000 5% Bonds of Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Salt Lake City.**

At 103.50 and interest, to yield about 4.56% to the optional date (1936), and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity, Harris, Forbes & Co. and the bond department of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago offered on July 19 an issue of \$500,000 5% bonds of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Salt Lake City. They will bear date July 1 1926, will mature July 1 1956, and will be redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date on and after July 1 1936. In denomination of \$1,000, they will be in coupon form, fully registerable and interchangeable. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. 1 and July 1) will be payable in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles or Salt Lake City. These bonds are the obligations of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Salt Lake City, and are secured by either first mortgages on farm lands or, temporarily, by United States Government bonds or certificates of indebtedness deposited as collateral. They are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act. The Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Salt Lake City was organized in 1922 and is restricted by its charter to loans in Utah and Idaho. Its officers and directors are, for the most part, officers of the following Pacific Coast banks and trust companies, and the Joint Stock Land Bank is controlled by the stockholders of these banks and trust companies, which have combined resources of more than \$500,000,000.

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

The following is the statement of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Salt Lake City as officially reported May 29 1926:

Acres of real estate security loaned upon.....	106,226
Total amount loaned.....	\$3,996,300
Appraised value of real estate security.....	\$10,819,500
Average appraised value per acre.....	\$82 71
Average amount loaned per acre.....	\$37 62
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security.....	36.94%

**Corn Belt Farmers To Continue Efforts For Legislation Rejected By Congress—Administration's Policy Condemned—\$1.42 a Bushel Fixed on As Corn Cost—Modification of Tariff Favored.**

A program of farm legislation identical with that rejected by the last Congress was agreed on at a meeting of Midwest farm leaders at Des Moines, Iowa, on July 20. Upon this program both the Corn Belt Committee, composed of farm and co-operative organization heads, and the eleven-state Committee of Twenty-Two, including business men and bankers, as well as farm leaders, were in harmony, says the Des Moines "Register," which states:

The Committee of Twenty-Two, under the leadership of George N. Peck of Moline, Ill., head of the original farm movement backing the first McNary-Haugen bill, voted to include committeemen from other western and southern states which desire representation, and to finance its finish battle for congressional adoption of its program by appealing to state legislatures for appropriations.

*Plan West-South Alliance.*

Both committees took steps toward the formation of a more solid alliance between the western republican corn belt and the southern democratic cotton belt to increase congressional support of the surplus control principle.

The Corn Belt Committee planned to hold a number of meetings in the border states during the summer and fall, at which farmers from the north and the south can frankly discuss their common economic problem.

The two committees reached a common ground when the Committee of Twenty-Two, awaiting the adoption of the Corn Belt Committee's resolutions, approved the program contained in them. Both recognized that the administration is opposed to making the tariff effective for agriculture because of the belief, expressed in the Mellon letter, that it would raise the price of foodstuffs above the foreign cost.

*Condemn Coolidge's Policies.*

The attitude toward the administration was expressed in the following resolution of the Corn Belt Committee:

We condemn the shortsighted industrial policy expressed by spokesmen for the national administration including Secretary Mellon, Secretary Hoover and Secretary Jardine, which opposes any move to make tariffs effective for agriculture on the ground that to do so would place American industry at a disadvantage in competition with foreign competitors in the export markets of the world.

"Such a policy would lead to the industrialization of the nation at the expense of the farmers, subordinating our agriculture to our industry in order that the latter might compete more favorably abroad. Certainly such a policy is not favorable to the economic development of the Middle West or the nation.

George N. Peck expressed almost exactly the same thing in his report to the Committee of Twenty-Two.

"It is the plain and unmistakable attitude of the administration," Mr. Peck said, "to oppose making the tariff effective for agriculture because of the belief it would raise the price of foodstuffs above the foreign costs. This, the administration insists, would react to the disadvantage of American industry in the export markets."

#### *Favor Congressional Probe.*

Investigations by congressional committees of "inter-relations that appear to give to industrial advisers who are not without self-interest as dealers and speculators in farm products, the deciding voice not only in influencing the enactment of agricultural legislation, but in determining the manner of administration of such laws after enactment" were recommended by the Corn Belt Committee.

By these investigations the committee would hope to learn of inter-relations which it distrusts. Additional lines of investigation recommended were:

The activities of Herbert Hoover to dominate and encroach upon the functions of the department of agriculture, including interference by Mr. Hoover in the personnel of the department.

The source of the opposition toward effective agricultural legislation described by Senator Norris of Nebraska in his speech in the Senate June 14.

#### *Hint Market Manipulation.*

The speculative manipulations of the grain markets; suppression of facts regarding such manipulation and the circumstances surrounding the restoration of gambling in "puts and calls" by the Chicago Grain Exchange.

No disadvantage to consumers need result from stabilizing agriculture, the farm committees declared.

"We believe that stability in the agricultural price level and adequate farm production such as in the long run will only be assured by fair prices," the resolutions declared, "are important in the interests of consumers as well as producers of food.

"Development of nationwide co-operative marketing organizations will follow the adoption of an effective plan to stabilize agriculture, provided such a plan does not saddle upon members alone of such co-operative associations the entire expense and inconvenience of controlling the marketing of crop surpluses. These agencies will lower marketing costs between farmer and consumer. The consumer will receive much of the savings in all cases and most of it in some."

#### *Debate Production Costs.*

This demand for a larger return to agriculture was voiced in a particular way by Milo Reno, president of the Iowa Farmers Union and chairman of the Cost of Production Committee which reported yesterday that it had arrived at \$1.42 per bushel as the average cost of producing corn in six corn belt states during the last five years.

This high cost of production figure was the subject of considerable debate. It was defended by the committee and E. E. Kennedy, the statistician, as accurate. The average farm price of corn in the last five years was determined at 72 cents.

Admitting that the figure might seem high to many versed in farm costs, Mr. Kennedy declared that if the farmers in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska and North Dakota were enabled to receive this farm price plus 5% additional, it need not materially increase consumer cost. He urged that an increase in the price of hogs or wheat is not reflected directly in pork or bread in support of his point.

#### *Committee O. K.'s Figures.*

The Corn Belt Committee approved the production cost figures submitted yesterday. They were essentially the same as those approved last December and differed only in method of determination.

The December report adopted was based on the 1920 land value and the ten year average yield of grain, production of livestock and the average daily or farm price of products from 1910 to 1920. Yesterday's figures were based on the 1925 land value and the same averages for the five year period from 1920 to 1925.

The resolutions of the Corn Belt Committee were adopted after long discussions behind closed doors in which there was a conflict over going into the subject of production costs. The opposition to arriving at a figure on producing corn came from leaders who did not wish to endanger their cause in the slightest by permitting enemies to call the figures ridiculous.

Supporters of the cost of production figure maintained that it is first necessary to learn what production costs are and then to secure them through a government agency which can compel their payment.

#### *Threaten Tariff Action.*

The Corn Belt Committee last night issued copies of the resolutions adopted. They read, in part, as follows:

In presenting the recent farm relief bill, we did not ask for a subsidy or for special privileges—we asked only that the dollar the farmer receives for his toil shall have the same purchasing power as the dollar that industry and labor exact of him; or, to be put in another way, we did not ask that the compensation of industry and labor be brought down to the distressing level of the farmer.

On the contrary, we asked only that the living standard of the farmer be raised to the level of that of industry and labor. More than this we do not expect and less than this means the inevitable collapse of our great farming industry. In these premises we desire to say further that we have no inclination to make war upon the existing protective tariff as a system, unless in self-defense we are driven to this extremity; for it should be apparent to all thinking men that the farmer and all other classes of citizens, who have incurred obligations of debt since the close of the world war should desire to pay off such obligations with as nearly as possible a dollar of the same paying power as the one which was the measure of value when they were created.

But if industry is not willing to deal fairly with the farmer in these premises—if it adopts the narrow and astoundingly unfair viewpoint of Secretary Mellon, that the farmer shall continue to feed the consumers of the United States as cheaply as those of Europe are fed, meanwhile distributing the full share to the existing tariff and to the generous wage scales of labor—such a policy enforced upon the American farmer would mean a permanent condition of peasantry, and therefore, we here and now answer the challenge of Secretary Mellon and those for whom he speaks by proclaiming the doctrine of—protection for all, or protection for none.

According to Associated Press advices from Des Moines, in arriving at the \$1.41 a bushel cost price figure, the

value of the land, interest on that value, depreciation and insurance upon buildings, maintenance, the cost and depreciation of machinery, \$1,800 a year wages for the farmer and \$600 a year for an automobile as a business vehicle, were among the items considered. The figures were represented as for the average American farm of approximately 160 acres. These advices also state:

The cost finding committee's report set forth that in Illinois the expense of producing corn, with a fair profit of 6 per cent included, is \$1.43; in Nebraska, \$1.40; Minnesota, \$1.41, and in North Dakota and Wisconsin, \$1.42.

Other costs of production in Iowa, allowing the same fair margin of profit, were reported as oats, 79c.; wheat, \$2.49; hay, \$21.44; hogs, \$16.32; veal, \$17.82; wool, 65c.; lambs, \$20.45; chickens, 28c.; butter-fat, 98c., and eggs, 61c.

An average 160-acre farm was the area upon which the compilation was based, and it was capitalized at \$148 an acre, with an average interest of 5%, or \$1,184. Other expense figures included:

Depreciation on a \$2,250 dwelling, \$90; depreciation on \$3,690 worth of other buildings, \$184; depreciation on fences, \$83; depreciation and interest upon \$1,793.96 worth of machinery, \$335.56; farmer's salary, \$1,800; hired help, \$390; fertilizer, \$101.60, and automobile depreciation and interest, \$121.50, only 75% of the motor car expense being charged to the farm.

#### *Income Needed Is \$5,601.*

The total income necessary for the 5% fair return as outlined is \$5,601.44, against what was said to be a present income of \$2,998.44.

The figures were compiled by E. E. Kennedy, of Pontiac, Ill., secretary of the Illinois Farmers' Union, during nine months of effort. They were adopted by a unanimous vote.

The Corn belt Committee's resolutions demanded "protection for all, or protection for none."

"We are in favor of maintaining American standards for all of our people, and we favor retaining the protecting system that has developed in this country, but only in case it is made equitable by extending it to the great surplus crops of agriculture," recited the preamble to the resolutions.

"We recognize the responsibility of making agricultural readjustments to meet constantly changing economic conditions, but insist that if the protective system for industry is to be maintained, agriculture is entitled to the full benefits secured by adjustments in methods and volume of production and by elimination of waste and improvement of efficiency in distribution."

As a practical and immediate move for bettering agriculture's condition, legislation which would permit the farmers to control and manage excess supplies at their own expense was favored, it being asserted that "such legislation must function through and foster co-operative marketing."

#### *The Committee further declared:*

"Ninety per cent. of our commerce is domestic, and of the 10% exported most of it is agriculture. If agricultural exports be excepted, probably less than 1% of the commerce of the great Middle West moves in export. A stable domestic trade, therefore, is essential to the commerce of the nation generally, and to the Middle West and South particularly.

"We favor the removal or modification of unfair and excessive tariff duty that now affords shelter for price-fixing monopolies. It is idle to refer to manufactured articles on the free list as benefiting the farmer when the materials entering into their manufacture are highly and excessively protected."

The resolutions were adopted at the conclusion of a meeting extending over two days. It is stated that the only business transacted on July 19 was the appointment by William Hirth of Columbia, Mo., chairman of the committee, of a resolutions committee. Mr. Hirth was at the same time reported as saying:

"Mr. Mellon took the position that industry and the consumers of the United States could not afford to pay a higher price for food and raw materials than the industries and consumers of Europe pay. A literal interpretation of that would mean industrializing the United States at the expense of agriculture, and that would mean that under that sort of system the American farmer would drop in caste to an equality with peons and peasants."

According to the New York "Times" the failure of the Corn Belt's effort to secure the agricultural relief sought at the last session of Congress resulted in the adoption of a resolution at Des Moines on July 6 by Kossuth County Republicans condemning the "failure" of President Coolidge "to acquaint himself with the true needs" of agricultural interests and criticising the President for his "submission to the leadership of sectional Eastern political influences."

On June 28 an Associated Press dispatch from Des Moines said:

President Charles E. Hearst of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation today informed President Coolidge that farmers of the Mid-West charged the administration "with full responsibility for failure to keep the promise made to our people" in 1924 when the Republican Party pledged itself to economic equality of agriculture and industry.

In a telegram sent to the President, and a statement issued here, Mr. Hearst described farm relief proposals still pending in Congress as makeshifts and proposals "to hand the farmers legislation that will be inadequate and in no way meet the requirements of the greatest present-day national problem." He charged defeat of the McNary-Haugen principle to a group which, he said, was now enjoying the advantages of the protective system and was unwilling to permit extension of that system to include agriculture.

Mr. Hearst said his plans already were under way for a renewal of the farm relief fight.

### Proposed Organization of Cotton Textile Institute.

Definite action was taken this week toward the organization of the cotton industry on a national scale through the formation of a Cotton Textile Institute, steps to which end were taken a month ago (June 10) at a meeting at the Hotel Biltmore, this city, attended by members of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and the American Cotton Manufacturers Association. That meeting, it was stated, was marked by declarations by the speakers that "nationalism must replace sectionalism," and shortly before the close of the conference a resolution was adopted to have a committee of ten members, five to be appointed by President W. B. MacColl of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and five to be named by James P. Gossett, head of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association. The resolution authorizing the appointment of the inquiry committee reads:

*It is resolved,* That the President of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association and the President of National Association of Cotton Manufacturers each choose a committee of five manufacturers who need not be members of either association.

These ten men shall constitute a committee who shall meet as soon as possible and study the existing successful trade associations and formulate a definite plan for an organization of cotton manufacturers and decide upon the membership thereof.

This organization is aimed to be absolutely national in scope and truly representative of the entire cotton manufacturing industry.

On June 29 a statement was issued by the Committee of Ten in which it made known its recommendation that the organization of the Institute be undertaken. This statement said:

After considering the various plans proposed, the committee made the following tentative recommendations:

That an association be formed called the "Cotton-Textile Institute," to consist of corporations and unincorporated mills engaged in cotton manufacture; that the object shall be to promote the progress and development of the cotton industry in the United States, and that there shall be a board of directors of not less than thirty-six members, that board to select a president and two vice-presidents, who, with twelve other members, are to constitute an executive committee.

The committee discussed in an informal way several suggestions for the activities of the institute. They considered in considerable detail the possibility of the benefit to the industry of group associations for the purpose of exchanging information. The question of expanding markets and promoting the use of cotton goods and cotton products was considered at length and several plans were presented. There will be another meeting for formal organization of the Institute shortly.

The report of the Committee of Ten was indorsed at a meeting of representatives of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association held in this city at the Hotel Biltmore on July 20-21. Fifty-four mill executives of national prominence, says the "Journal of Commerce" were appointed as the board of directors of the new organization, the aim of which is "a reasonable and lawful stabilization in production and prices that will be beneficial both to the consumer and producer." The directors represent every section of the country where cotton goods are manufactured. The same paper says:

The date of the annual meeting was set for October 20. This will be the next meeting of the institute. The treasurer was authorized to call subscriptions to the extent of 1% per spindle as soon as 18,000,000 spindles are subscribed.

The personnel of the organization as formed to-day was selected to serve until the first annual meeting of the Institute, which is to be held in October. According to the articles of association, one-third of the number of directors will be elected for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years. Thereafter, one-third of the number of directors as determined by the Institute, will be elected annually. The president, the vice-presidents, a secretary and treasurer will be elected annually by the directors.

Legislative and political questions will be excluded from the activities of the Institute, the work of which, according to the articles of association will be "economic in character and shall include trade research and commercial problems and preparation for mobilization of the industry in national emergencies."

That the matter of the formation of the Institute was brought before the meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association in May was made known in the "Journal of Commerce" under date of May 18 which had the following to say in part in its advices from Atlanta:

The afternoon session of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association was executive. Reporters, though admitted, were admonished to hold all news of discussion and speeches not authorized from the press.

The representative of the "Journal of Commerce," however, was able to get authorization for the release, in part, of remarks and speeches of prominent cotton men of New York, in addition to a proposition brought to the notice of the convention.

George S. Harris, President of the Exposition Cotton Mills, of Atlanta, in the leading address, starting the forum meeting, stated that the time had now arrived for the association to have a central organization.

#### *Proposes Textile Institute.*

He proposed the forming of a cotton textile institute, its organization to be as follows: A board of directors, a director-general, a chief statistician and technical experts as required, a representative of the Converters' Association to head a converters' department, a representative of the Wholesale Dry Goods Association to head the wholesalers' department, a representative of the Retail Dry Goods Department to head the retailers' department and a legal director.

#### *Program for Institute.*

The functions of the proposed Cotton Textile Institute are to be as follows:

To secure, tabulate and distribute data covering all phases of industry and commerce affecting cotton textiles; to check and advise entire industry and trade; to publish periodically a price index by construction groups, including all yarns; to conduct research relating to the extension of the use of cotton textiles; to direct group activities in export trade; to direct action in all legislation affecting cotton textiles; to direct action as to trade customs, settlement of disputes, etc.; to co-ordinate works of existing associations, and to conduct group advertising at home and abroad.

This proposed institute was discussed and action taken to form a committee to draft preliminary plans.

The resolutions adopted at the May 19 session were as follows:

*Resolved,* That the association commends Southern carriers for what they have done in applying rates fairly adjusted and necessary to growth of manufacturing plants in the South and urges extension of the policy to territories not now properly adjusted and not to agree to any change in rates that would deprive Southern manufacturers of present rates.

*Resolved,* That the association expresses hearty approval of constructive farm relief measures in Congress and recommends suitable legislation to that end and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Coolidge and the Secretary of Agriculture.

*Resolved,* That members of the association individually cease the practice of speculative production of stock, which inevitably leads to unemployment, and adjust production to meet the demands of distribution in order to insure continuity of employment, and to co-operate with the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York in its comprehensive plan for the collection, compilation and orderly distribution of statistics of production, stock and unfilled orders on a wide range of construction.

*Resolved,* That a vigorous protest be lodged with the proper officials of the Government in Washington against such increasing development of prison-made cotton goods manufacture and to confine the use of same should investigation show necessity, to penal institutions only.

*Resolved,* To express to President Coolidge, Secretary Mellon and leaders of both parties in Congress commendation for the substantial decrease during the past year of Federal taxes, and the reduction in the new 1926 tax levy.

On June 7 the movement incident to the organization of a textile institution was referred to in Fall River advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce," from which we take the following:

There is a great deal of interest manifested among cotton goods manufacturers in this section in the work that is being done to organize a textile institute by means of conferences of Southern manufacturers and New York selling agents and with some manufacturers in New England. But it is not developing toward a desire to give early co-operation in an effort to bring about the fruition of plans thus far published.

The new movement is called a belated one that would not have become so conspicuously necessary had the information in the hands of all cotton manufacturers and merchants several months ago been acted on by Southern manufacturers and by Eastern manufacturers operating Southern properties.

The Department of Commerce figures on cotton goods production have shown for months past a preponderating output of goods in Southern mills due to night operations that were advised against by most selling agents and many experienced Southern men. Now that the harm has been done there is a strong belief that limited curtailment will be only a palliative and not a remedy.

One manufacturer pointed out that the April figures issued by the Government showed an average per spindle in place of 221 spindle hours activity. In that month South Carolina mills ran 321 hours, Alabama mills 293 hours, Texas 298 hours, Georgia 281 hours, North Carolina 294 hours, while Massachusetts ran but 143 hours, and all of New England averaged but 153 hours.

#### *Blame Southern Mills.*

Manufacturers here contend that the heavy production in Southern mills not only demoralized markets for the particular cotton goods made there, but also ruined the market for the cotton products still made in this section, including all fine yarns and cloths. With the facts of over-production before them and having failed to follow the advice of selling agents and merchants against it, manufacturers here are not hopeful that any means save the one of unrestrained competition will induce Southern mill managers to back up remedial measures now seen to be plainly necessary.

This is a reasonably accurate presentation of the reaction of most mill men who were asked for an opinion on the new movement. But it is clear that while the first reaction is one of annoyance, that facts in hand should have been so carelessly passed over, there is a powerful latent satisfaction that the demand for correction of manufacturing policies should have come from the South. If direct or strong co-operation is not possible at this time it is certain that opposition will not even be thought of, as long as there is the remotest hope that something can be accomplished to arrive at a more thorough understanding of those things that can be done at once to place the whole industry in a better position to meet the changed methods of buying from mills.

#### *Merchandising Stressed.*

Suggestions of Government leadership, extraneous assistance other than that which is ordinarily commanded from financial channels, or the installation of skeleton forms of organization that can have little real influence so long as individual manufacturing units in the industry are so general, and beyond firm organization control, are not taken very seriously by the rank and file of manufacturers. It is contended that men within the industry are plentiful and strong enough to devise and apply remedies if the trade as a whole has finally reached the place where they are really desired and will be accepted.

### New York Produce Exchange to Inaugurate Grain Futures Plan Aug. 2.

In reporting the plans of the New York Produce Exchange to put into operation its grain futures market on Aug. 2, the New York "Journal of Commerce" of yesterday (July 23) said:

Trading in grain futures, upon receipt of advices from Washington that Secretary of Agriculture Jardine had approved of the application of the New York Produce Exchange for a license as grain futures market, will begin a week from Monday, Aug. 2, according to an announcement made last night by B. H. Wunder, President of the Exchange. The wheat pit is now being constructed on the floor of the Exchange and will be completed before the middle of next week.

The committee on arrangements for the opening of trading in grain futures, of which T. Harry Story is Chairman, held a lengthy meeting yesterday afternoon and mapped out plans for the initial day of trading. A luncheon to a number of distinguished guests, the heads of the other exchanges, railroads presidents and bank officials will take place in the luncheon club of the Exchange. The floor, the biggest trading floor in New York City, which also houses the cottonseed and other commodity markets, will be decorated on the occasion of the oiling exercises.

The New York contract, either buying or selling, will be based on a delivery at Buffalo, where 30,000,000 bushels of warehouse space is available. Buffalo, it is pointed out, is the gateway to the eastern consuming area and the export trade, as well as being one of the largest milling centres in the country at the present time. The grades of grain deliverable on the New York futures contracts include the standard grades of all domestic wheats, red winter wheat, hard winter wheat and spring wheat—all objectionable milling and export grades being eliminated.

An item regarding the plan appeared in our issue of a week ago, page 277.

**George E. Roberts on Conditions in Europe.**

George E. Roberts, Vice-President of the National City Bank of New York, who returned this week from a stay of several months abroad, issued the following statement to-day discussing conditions on the other side as he saw them:

Europe is suffering a reaction from the revival which followed the inauguration of the Dawes Plan. It is simply a stage in the process of recovery. The establishment of a new monetary system in Germany gave a new basis for credit and this with the borrowings abroad started up industry last year at a faster pace than could be maintained. The loss of capital in Germany has not been made good, unemployment is serious, and the purchasing power of the populations of Central and Eastern Europe is low. Germany however, is surely building up capital and improving her industries. The industrial disorganization resulting from the war is causing greater losses than the war itself, and there is so much ignorance of economic relations that the necessary readjustments are very slow. In their anxiety to keep competition out of their home markets the countries are preventing trade which would be mutually beneficial. They cannot buy each other's products unless they can sell their own.

The appreciating and depreciating currencies have been another disturbing factor. The British currency was brought up to par last year and the Danish and Norwegian currencies have been rising toward their old pars. On the other hand the Belgian, French, Italian and Polish currencies have been declining. These changes affect wages, prices and trade relations not only between countries but between different industries within the same country. The lines most closely related to foreign trade are affected more directly than others. In England the coal industry is seriously affected because 25% of the production is sold for export. The currency having increased in purchasing power, the price of coal naturally must be lower to be on the same competitive basis, but the margin of profits in the industry is too small to permit the reduction without a lowering of costs. The rise of the currency enables England to buy all imported raw materials and foodstuffs at low prices, so that on the whole the change would be beneficial to the country's industries, and if all wages and prices were promptly affected alike nobody would suffer. Unfortunately this is not the case, hence the coal strike which is gradually closing down all the industries and presents a very serious problem.

The French currency situation has been going from bad to worse ever since the war. There has been ample warning and of course French bankers and economists have known the danger, but bankers and economists are not very influential with governments anywhere. The French parliamentary body has that serious defect common to European parliamentary bodies, a multiplicity of political parties, in an aggravated degree. It has about fifteen blocs. The result is incapacity to deal with an intricate question like the currency, and particularly with a critical situation requiring prompt action. Eight finance ministers have come and gone since the beginning of 1925, none able to obtain the co-operation of parliament. The public has been losing faith that the government would deal with the situation effectively. It is not outside influence, but internal conditions, which have depressed the franc.

The remedy has been obvious enough. The chief requisite has been revenue sufficient to cover expenditures. A small part of the losses inflicted by the declining franc, if collected in revenues, would have brought order out of what is now chaos. It is a deplorable situation, for the French people are industrious, frugal and patriotic. They have given their savings to the government to carry on the war and to do the reconstruction work, and are in danger of losing all through the mismanagement of their public finances. Of course, four-fifths of the value of the franc was gone two years ago. There has been no possibility of its recovering the old value. It is only the remnant that is in danger now, and while the situation is temporarily critical it must not be thought this final loss if it must be endured will mean the ruin of France. Perhaps the simplest course now is to create a new monetary system, and later on provide such relief for the old bondholders as may seem to be practicable. The wealth of France in land, buildings, railways, factories, thrifty population and productive property of all kinds will still be there. The foreign debts, payable in terms of sound currencies, are not affected.

**Daily Statement of New York Stock Exchange on Call Money Market.**

The following are the daily statements issued this week by the New York Stock Exchange regarding the call money market:

**CALL LOANS ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.**

- July 19—Renewal, 4¼; high, 4¼; low, 4; last, 4. Heavy offerings early in the day caused lowering of rate to 4% at noon. Volume moderate with an ample supply at the close.
- July 20—Renewal, 4; high, 4; low, 4; last, 4. Large supply of money all day. Very light demand.
- July 21—Renewal, 4; high, 4; low, 4; last, 4. New borrowings very small. Offerings ample during day and at the close.
- July 22—Renewal, 4; high, 4; low, 4; last, 4. Money offered freely with a somewhat better demand. Good amount on hand at the close.
- July 23—Renewal, 4; high, 4; low, 4; last, 4. Larger turnover than for a week past with the supply more abundant than usual.

Statements of previous weeks appeared in our issues of July 10, page 155, and July 17, page 279.

**Bank Suspensions in Georgia and Florida—Investigation Into Affairs of Bankers Trust Co. of Atlanta—Statement of Jacksonville Clearing House.**

While several additional banks were reported to have closed this week in Florida, two of the Georgie banks which were among the 80 banks in the two states which closed last week, following the bankruptcy proceedings against the Bankers Trust Company of Atlanta, were reopened this week, according to an announcement by the Georgia State Banking Department on July 22. The two reopened banks, which it is stated had closed as a precautionary measure, are the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Gordon, Ga., members, it is said, of the Bankers Trust Company chain, and the Lakewood Bank, an Atlanta suburban institution, not a member of the Bankers Trust chain.

The closing of more than 80 banks was noted in our issue of a week ago, page 285. Advices in the New York "Times" July 21 reporting the closing of additional banks said:

Five additional Florida banks were closed on Monday and now are in the hands of the State Controller, according to information received in Wall Street yesterday. This brings the total to thirty since May 31. The banks and their capitals were as follows: Bank of Jennings, \$15,000; Bank of Lake Butler, \$15,000; Bank of Monticello, \$25,000; Bank of Moore Haven, \$25,000, and Peoples Bank of Marianna, \$35,000. The first four mentioned were members of the Witham chain.

From Lakeland, Fla., an Associated Press dispatch, July 21, appearing in the New York "Evening Post," said:

The Polk County Trust Company failed to open its doors here today. A statement was issued saying the concern is solvent and that no depositor or creditor will lose money, but that persistent withdrawals in the last forty days made the closing imperative.

The bank is capitalized at \$300,000. A statement July 9, showed total deposits as \$2,166,923.40. A. H. Devine is president.

In all five institutions were reported as having closed on July 21, one in Georgia and four in Florida, making the total number of suspensions in Georgia 85, according to the Associated Press accounts which, in addition to the Polk County Trust Co., state that the Florida banks closed that day were the Bank of Sebastian, at Sebastian; State Exchange Bank, Lake City, and the East Florida Bank at Palatka. From the "Times" it is learned that the Georgia bank which closed on July 21 was the Bank of Mendo, a member of the Bankers Trust chain. This concern turned its affairs over to the State Banking Department.

A statement by the Jacksonville Clearing House regarding conditions in Florida appeared as follows in the New York "Journal of Commerce" of July 21:

The closing of twenty-five banks in Florida since May 31 has not been due to local conditions, nor has it any connection with the real estate situation of the State. The condition is due solely to the withdrawal of the funds of these banks by interests connected with a chain system, identified with the Bankers Trust Company of Atlanta.

The Witham chain of banks was organized many years ago by W. S. Witham, of Georgia, and it is reported that in this chain there are about 125 banks in Georgia and sixty in Florida, all of which are interior banks with small capital.

When the deposits in these Witham banks in the State of Florida had reached the peak during the fall of last year, these banks had to find an outlet for their money. The Bankers Trust Company of Atlanta placed on deposit, subject to call, with the Witham chain in Georgia about \$4,000,000, and in addition thereto placed several millions on time loans through their affiliations. The inability to return this money resulted in the failures. The combined capital of the banks in Florida which closed up for reasons above mentioned amounts to only about \$1,000,000. Many of them had only been established a short time and nearly all belonged to the Atlanta bank chain.

The Bankers Trust Company of Atlanta, Ga., went into the hands of receivers on Wednesday. The receivership was brought about by the Bank of Umatilla, Fla., which charges that the Bankers Trust Company obtained from them 491,500 to be placed on call and for investment. On June 14, 1926, the Bankers Trust Company paid to the Florida bank \$50,000 on account, leaving a balance of indebtedness of \$441,500 which they were unable to obtain.

The petition further charges that the Bankers Trust Company is insolvent, due to fraudulent misappropriation and misuse of the funds of the bank and other institutions and the diversion of these funds from their trust purposes to personal gain and benefit of officials of the Bankers Trust Company of Atlanta. Serious charges against one of the officers, charging misappropriation of funds, is also part of the complaint.

Close investigation has shown that the Florida condition has never been healthier than at the present time. The farmers have marketed larger crops than ever before in the history of the State and at better prices. The larger and independent banks are in a healthy condition and fully able to take care of the situation.

The bankers of Florida have the greatest confidence in the future of the State and fail to show the slightest uneasiness on account of a condition which is due to causes originating outside of Florida.

In the Atlanta "Constitution" of July 16 we find the following statement by T. R. Bennett, Superintendent of Banks in Georgia:

The atmosphere is clearing. While several additional banks closed their doors Thursday, the number is very much less than was anticipated. There are several encouraging signs. One bank which closed yesterday wired this morning to disregard the notice, as it found that it was able to carry on its business. Another, reported as closed, advised that it had effected a consolidation with a neighbor bank. Several others which advised the department that they would not be able to continue have assured us today that they would be able to do so.

#### Receivers Appointed.

The appointment by Judge Sibley, of the United court, of former Governor Hugh M. Dorsey and J. K. Ottley, of the Fourth National bank, Atlanta, as receivers of the Bankers' Trust Company has added confidence to the situation. The appointment of these receivers assures a careful and business-like investigation of affairs of the Bankers' Trust Company and the preservation and proper application of its assets.

Practically all of the banks which have suspended in the last few days were connected with the Bankers' Trust Company, and the failure of the trust company occasioned their suspension. When it is known that the Trust Company's affairs are being properly administered, the banks and their customers will have a new feeling of security.

I repeat what I said yesterday that there is nothing wrong with Georgia or her financial institutions. The present flurry is due entirely to causes originating outside the state and does not indicate any weakness on the part of Georgia banks. But for the difficulties of the Bankers' Trust Company, brought about by conditions in Florida, not a bank in Georgia would have closed. When it was announced that the trust company was no longer in position to finance the banks for whom it had acted as financial agent, these banks were immediately thrown on their own resources. Before they could adjust themselves and make new connections, all sorts of wild rumors were started, and at quite a number of places runs on the banks were begun. To prevent the depletion of their assets pending the forming of new connections, it seemed to many banks necessary to suspend active business. As soon as they can readjust themselves, it is confidently believed that a large proportion will reopen, as the reports show that most of the banks which have suspended are solvent and many of them in excellent condition.

In a number of cases there was no necessity for the closing of the bank, even temporary. The directors simply lost their heads and turned over the banks to the department. In a few days when the present wave of hysteria has passed they will realize that they acted hastily and without proper consideration.

The trouble with the present situation is not with the banks, it is with the people. Calmness, a sense of proportion, and a realization of the fact that the banks are all right, and that the present trouble was not occasioned by local conditions and all will be well again. Agitators and hysterical people are doing incalculable harm. Let Georgia's sober common sense resume its sway and the flurry will soon be over, and many of the banks will begin again to serve their communities.

A further statement by Mr. Bennett was transmitted to G. L. Miller & Co., who maintain offices in Atlanta, Ga., says the New York "Times" of July 20, which added:

Mr. Bennett held that the present situation should adjust itself speedily without undue reflection upon the great body of Georgia's financial institutions.

The State of Georgia is probably in better shape, from a business and financial standpoint, than it has been for the past five years, Superintendent Bennett said.

In order to secure a fair idea of the present situation the following points should be emphasized: First, almost all the aected banks were members of a chain depending upon the Bankers' Trust Company of Atlanta as their fiscal agent. When this trust company failed without warning, due to operations largely outside of Georgia, its correspondents were confronted with an emergency which demanded time to clear.

Second, these banks, on the whole, were situated in the smaller agricultural communities, many of which had other banking facilities. The number of institutions involved is large, but both their combined capital and combined liabilities are small.

Third, in many instances the closure of the banks was a temporary measure to prevent the depletion of their assets until they could form new seal connections. In all probability those banks which are essential to their communities will be able to reopen and continue business.

The investigation of the closing of the Bankers Trust Company was begun at Atlanta on July 20 by a Fulton County Grand Jury. In charging the jury Judge G. H. Howard said that if the law had been violated it should return indictments, and added:

If the officers of the Bankers' Trust Company of Atlanta and other banks have observed the law they are entitled to the investigation and to be exonerated; if such a thing can happen when the officers of the company and the bankers of Georgia are obeying and observing the law, there is urgent need for drastic laws to be applied to the trust companies as well as the banks to prevent such havoc in future. The belief is general throughout Georgia that whatever the cause of the present distressing situation, the cause should be discovered and a remedy applied that will mean something and prevent a repetition of what now confronts us.

According to Associated Press advices from Atlanta, July 21, John W. Boykin, Fulton County Solicitor General, announced that day that evidence of "fictitious transactions" and use of bank funds for bucket shop speculation are being disclosed by the investigation his office is making into the books of the Bankers Trust Company. These advices also state:

The investigation up to this period has disclosed that many fictitious transactions have been resorted to in an effort to hide funds which were unlawfully used and this seems to be one of the favorite systems whereby large sums have been diverted to the benefit of the Bankers' Trust Company and certain of its officials, Mr. Boykin said in discussing the investigation in his department.

Everything indicates that bank funds involving large amounts have been squandered by certain individuals in Atlanta in bucket shop speculations, he said.

In addition to the investigation being conducted by the Solicitor General's office, a separate inquiry into the affairs of the Bankers' Trust Company was being conducted by a Fulton County grand jury instructed by Judge G. H. Howard to ascertain the cause of the bankruptcy proceedings and the suspension of so many Georgia banks.

Solicitor General Boykin said his force was giving all of its time to the investigation of the Bankers' Trust Company affairs.

Other developments of the day included the appointment of an additional receiver for the Bankers' Trust Company, and the designation in Federal Court of Receivers for W. D. Manley, president of the Bankers' Trust Company.

Oscar Dooley, formerly vice president of the Mechanics and Metals National Bank of New York, was appointed a receiver for the Bankers' Trust Company, to serve with John K. Ottley, president of the Fourth National aBnk of Atlanta, and former Gov. Hugh M. Dorsey.

Judge Sibley also authorized the receivers to employ auditors to make a thorough survey of the records of the company.

Richard Courts, Jr., and Harold Hirsch were designated receivers of W. D. Manley by Judge Sibley, in reply to a petition of creditors who filed involuntary bankruptcy proceedings and asked that receivers be named.

Mr. Manley denied insolvency, but agreed to the appointment of receivers.

In the petition Mr. Manley's assets were designated as stocks, bonds and real estate estimated to aggregate \$200,000. The petitioners alleged that he had preferred creditors while insolvent and named the payment of \$1,000 to the Bankers' Trust Company.

The petitioners also urged that his affairs be taken over by receivers because, they alleged, certain stocks owned by him should be sold at their present high value, and that certain real estate needed protection.

### Secretary Mellon in Answer to F. W. Peabody's Argument for Cancellation of Foreign Debts Says We Must Collect Through Taxation from People If Debtors Do Not Pay— Great Britain's Borrowings for Commercial Purposes.

Just before the departure for Europe on July 17 of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon a letter addressed by him to Frederick W. Peabody, a lawyer, of Ashburnham, Mass., in answer to the arguments of the latter for the cancellation of the war debts to the Allies was made public. Secretary Mellon, summing up Mr. Peabody's proposals, indicates that he advocates cancellation first as a legal proposition, on the ground that the United States made a gift and not a loan, and neither party expected payment; second, as an equitable proposition on the ground that the loans represent part of the cost to us of the war, and third, that as a charitable proposition we should cancel the debts in the interest of humanity. Secretary Mellon in answer says "it is clear that when the advances were made to our Allies they knew and we knew they were loans, not gifts." "The only question for discussion in each settlement," he says, "has been the extent of the capacity of the debtor to make payment of an acknowledged liability." Secretary Mellon adds:

None could pay its signed obligations as called for by their terms. Accordingly, payment of the principal had to be extended and the period of 62 years set in the British agreement has been followed in all other agreements. If the debtor nation paid the United States a rate of interest on the postponed installments equivalent to the cost of money to us, we would receive in present value payment of the full debt. Since, however, such an interest rate is beyond the capacity of any of our debtors to pay, the United States has, of necessity, accepted less than the full value of the debt to the extent the interest to be received under the settlement is below the cost of money to the United States, now about 4 1/4%.

#### Secretary Mellon further says:

It must be remembered that England borrowed a large proportion of its debt to us for purely commercial as distinguished from war purposes—to meet its commercial obligations maturing in America, to furnish India with silver, to buy food to be resold to its civilian population, and to maintain exchange. Our loans to England were not so much to provide war supplies as to furnish sterling for home and foreign needs and to save England from borrowing from its own people.

He also points out that the settlements in the case of France, Belgium and Italy are sufficient only to cover post-war indebtedness, and that "the reparations receivable from Germany by Belgium, France and Italy are more than the payments these nations have agreed to make on their indebtedness to both the United States and England." "When cancellation of debts is viewed from the standpoint of the United States," says Secretary Mellon, "you fail to recognize that the Debt Commission, the President and the Congress act not in their individual capacities according to sentiment, but as trustees for those whom they represent, the American people. If these foreign debts are canceled the United States is not released from its obligation to pay the very bonds which were sold to our citizens to make the advances to the foreign Governments. We must collect through taxation from our people if our debtors do not pay to us what they can." In disagreeing with Mr. Peabody's statement that "England is on the edge of destruction," Secretary Mellon says: "I believe Europe is to-day closer



to a permanent, sound solution of its economic troubles than at any time since the war." Mr. Peabody's arguments are given in this issue under another head, as are also the remarks made this week by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Winston Churchill, bearing upon Secretary Mellon's assertions. The following is the latter's letter to Mr. Peabody:

July 14 1926.

Dear Sir: By reference from the President I have your letter of June 30 1926, urging cancellation by the United States of the so-called war debts. Your arguments are confused, but I believe your points can be fairly summarized as follows:

1. As a legal proposition. Taking into account the message of President Wilson, the debates in Congress and the First Liberty Loan Act authorizing advances to our Allies, the United States made a gift and not a loan and neither party expected repayment.

2. As an equitable proposition. Advances were made while the Allies were fighting our battle for us and before we could put an adequate military force in the field, and, therefore, the loans represent part of the cost to us of the war and should be canceled.

3. As a charitable proposition. America being wealthy and prosperous and the European countries being poor and heavily taxed, we should, in the interest of humanity, cancel the debts.

The initial authority for the advances to foreign Governments occurs in the First Liberty Loan Act, passed just after we declared war. As a lawyer, you know that the interpretation of legislation unambiguous on its face is determined from its language and not from expressions in debates on the floor of the Congress. But even ignoring this rule of construction, a reading of President Wilson's message and of the debates shows no ground for your arguments. The most that can be said of any expression you quote as a willingness on the part of the speaker to make the loans even if our debtors may not be good risks. This is far from an intention to make a gift of the advances. Let us, however, consider the Act itself.

The law is declared to be "for the purpose of more effectually providing for the national security and defense and prosecuting the war by establishing credits in the United States for foreign Governments." A reading of Section 2 is convincing that loans and not subsidies were intended. The United States is authorized to purchase at par the obligations of foreign Governments.

As to rate of interest and other essentials, the foreign Government's obligations are to have the same terms and conditions as United States obligations (Liberty bonds) issued under the authority of the Act. Arrangements are to be made for purchasing the foreign Government obligations and for the subsequent payment thereof before maturity. If United States bonds are converted into bonds bearing a higher interest rate, the obligations of foreign Governments are likewise to be converted.

In Section 3 of the same Act the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to receive on or before maturity payment of the foreign Government obligations; to sell the obligations at not less than the purchase price, and to apply the proceeds of any payments made on account of the obligations to the retirement of the debt of the United States.

#### Advances Loans—Not Gifts.

It is clear that when the advances were made to our Allies they knew and we knew they were loans, not gifts. From the time of the original advances to date no responsible authority in the United States Government has suggested cancellation, and each of our debtor nations, except Russia, has recognized the debt created by the advances and has offered to pay. The only question for discussion in each settlement has been the extent of the capacity of the debtor to make payment of an acknowledged liability.

Your second proposition is that the Allies held the line with men until we could deliver an army and, therefore, cash advances made during this period by the United States were our contribution to the general cause of the war and should be canceled.

I shall not dispute with you the exact date when we became an effective force on the Western front nor as to the time or extent of our service at sea. We will assume America, as you infer, contributed nothing military or naval to the common cause, but only gave financial support. Even then you will have to admit that advances made to our Allies after the armistice, when the war was over, cannot be considered as a contribution pending effective entry into battle or as saving American lives.

We can eliminate at once, therefore, loans made entirely after the armistice to Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Austria, Armenia and Rumania. The Allies to which we did make advances while the war was on are England, France, Italy, Belgium, Serbia and Russia. As the figures I shall give will show, if we admit your argument is sound, England alone is concerned.

The debt settlements have been negotiated on the basis of the capacity of the particular debtor to pay. None could pay its signed obligations as called for by their terms. Accordingly, payment of the principal had to be extended and the period of 62 years set in the British agreement has been followed in all other agreements. If the debtor nation paid the United States a rate of interest on the postponed installments equivalent to the cost of money to us, we would receive in present value payment of the full debt.

Since, however, such an interest rate is beyond the capacity of any of our debtors to pay, the United States has, of necessity, accepted less than the full value of the debt to the extent the interest to be received under the settlement is below the cost of money to the United States, now about 4 1/4%.

Looking at the matter from the standpoint of the debtor nation, the debtor has received a concession in its debt to the extent the interest to be paid by it is below the cost of money to the debtor. The obligations taken by us from our debtors carry the interest rate of 5% per annum. Since this rate is less than most of the debtor nations now have to pay for money, the rate of 5% is certainly a fair measure of the real burden put upon them by the settlements.

#### Post-Armistice Loans—Commercial Borrowings of England.

Let us see what relation the burden of our debt settlements bears to our loans after the armistice. In this way we can determine accurately our real contribution in money to the joint cause of the war.

In the case of England, post-armistice advances with interest amounted to \$660,000,000 and the present value of the entire debt settlement is \$3,297,000,000. It must be remembered that England borrowed a large proportion of its debt to us for purely commercial as distinguished from war purposes—to meet its commercial obligations maturing in America, to furnish India with silver, to buy food to be resold to its civilian population, and to maintain exchange. Our loans to England were not so much to provide war supplies as to furnish sterling for home and foreign needs and to save England from borrowing from its own people.

France's after-the-war indebtedness with interest amounts to \$1,655,000,000. The settlement negotiated by Ambassador Berenger with the

American Debt Funding Commission has a present value of \$1,681,000,000. Belgium's post-armistice borrowings with interest were \$258,000,000, and the present value of the settlement is \$192,000,000. In addition, Belgium has a share of the German reparations sufficient to pay her pre-armistice debt to America.

With Italy the situation is similar. Its post-armistice indebtedness with interest is \$800,000,000, and the present value of its debt settlement is \$426,000,000.

It is the same as regards Serbia.

In view of these facts, in what respect do you still believe America has been unfair to its Allies?

The statement is made in your letter that the French debt settlement takes annually about 60% of the German reparations payments which France is to receive. I believe you are not correctly informed. France, in addition to reparations already received from Germany, is to be paid under the Dawes plan 52% of a maximum reached three years from now of 2,500,000,000 gold marks (\$625,000,000) after certain charges, about \$300,000,000 annually. The maximum annual payment required of France under our settlement is \$125,000,000, reached after the sixteenth year.

I think you will find that the reparations receivable from Germany by Belgium, France and Italy are more than the payments those nations have agreed to make on their indebtedness to both the United States and to England.

I come now to your third proposition: That to preserve our self-respect and retain the affection of foreign nations for America we must as a charity cancel the debts. A creditor is never popular, but a debtor without credit is not in an enviable position. England's prompt and courageous attitude when first of all others it sought a settlement of its debt seems to me to have been rewarded in her present sound financial position, a rock in the turbulent seas of monetary instability now washing over the Allied nations. Are you so sure that your policy of cancellation will mean a happier future for a world which will only continue to trust those who keep a promise once made?

#### Collection Through Taxation If Debtors Fail to Pay.

When cancellation of debts is viewed from the standpoint of the United States you fail to recognize that the Debt Commission, the President and the Congress are not in their individual capacity according to sentiment, but are trustees for those they represent, the American people. If these foreign debts are canceled, the United States is not released from its obligation to pay the very bonds which were sold to our citizens to make the advances to the foreign Governments. We must collect through taxation from our people if our debtors do not pay to us what they can.

You call this a "specious reason," but nevertheless, again as a lawyer, you must know the duty of a trustee. Were these trustees as certain as you seem to be that their *cestuiquique* trust, the American people, demanded a cancellation of the debts, it is within the province of popular government to carry out that mandate. But neither generally from the people, the press, nor at all from the chosen representatives of the people in Congress, has come this demand.

I have, as have you and every other good citizen, a profound sympathy for the countries suffering from the after results of the great war which we in America have to a large extent escaped. But I feel that a recognition of their external obligations by the European nations and an undertaking bravely to meet them within their capacity as each country has done is a moral force of great service to permanent prosperity in the world.

#### England Near Solution of Economic Troubles.

I cannot agree with you that England is on the edge of destruction. It is most sound of heart, as its recent solution of a general strike has shown to all. Other countries are in monetary difficulties, but the very acuteness of the disease has brought a clear understanding of the causes and of the proper remedies. Dark as the financial sky now appears, I believe Europe is to-day closer to a permanent, sound solution of its economic troubles than at any time since the war. The danger is there, but with it the courage to fight. I do not despair of Europe.

Very truly yours,

A. W. MELLON, Secretary of the Treasury.

Frederick W. Peabody, Esq., Counselor at Law, Ashburnham, Mass.

### Argument of Frederick W. Peabody for Cancellation of War Debts.

Elsewhere in this issue we are giving the reply of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon to the arguments advanced by Frederick W. Peabody for the cancellation of the war debts owed to the United States by the Allies. In its issue of July 4 the New York "Times" gives an account of a petition to President Coolidge by Mr. Peabody for the cancellation of these debts, copies of which it was indicated were also to be sent to Secretary Mellon and others. Dated Washington, July 3, the "Times" account stated:

A remarkable document containing an impassioned plea to President Coolidge for total cancellation of the Allied war indebtedness to the United States Government has been written by Frederick W. Peabody, of Ashburnham, Mass. Copies of it addressed to Cabinet officers and Senators and Representatives have been received in Washington, while it was said at the White House to-day that the original, designated as a petition addressed to the President of the United States, would be forwarded to Secretary Mellon, as Chairman of the World War Debt Commission, for the Commission's consideration.

In a foreword attached to the petition, addressed "To My Countrymen," Mr. Peabody indicates that the text of his plea for cancellation is a letter written by him to the New York "Times" and published April 3. Commenting on that letter, he says:

"From all over the country a great number of ardently sympathetic responses were received, many of them urging me to find some way of getting the issue plainly before the people. I feel that, 'old as I am,' I cannot evade the obligation which rests upon me in common with every other real American.

"I have, accordingly, as a means of communicating the facts to the people, sent the following petition to the President. It plainly presents the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. I ask my fellow-Americans to read it, and beg those who may in any way be able to help me broadcast it throughout the country. When Americans know the truth they will see to it that America acts as becomes the land of our fathers. Let us not doubt it."

Mr. Peabody is a lawyer, a member of the bar of New York, Massachusetts and California, who has practiced his profession the greater part of his life in New York and Boston and now lives a semi-retired life at Ashburnham, where he is both a counsellor-at-law and a gentleman farmer. He

comes of a distinguished family. His father was Enoch Peabody, head of an old-time shipping firm, while a kinsman was Charles A. Peabody, President of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. Mr. Peabody was born in Brooklyn and was graduated from Columbia College, New York.

#### *Bases Plea on Two Grounds.*

In his petition which was sent to the newspapers after it had been received in Washington, Mr. Peabody bases his plea for the cancellation of the Allied war debts to the United States on two grounds.

The first is that the advances were made to the Allies "for the purpose of the more effectually providing for the (our) national security and defense." They were not loans made to be repaid and the United States is availing itself of a pure technicality in exacting payment.

In support of this statement, Mr. Peabody quotes President Wilson, General Pershing and several Senators and Representatives. He contrasts some of the speeches made by members of Congress in 1917, when the money was forwarded to the Allies, with their speeches in the last two or three years when they wrangled as to the largest amount which could be obtained from a war debtor.

The second ground is that America is actually indebted to the Allies. America loaned to them about ten billion dollars. Mr. Peabody quotes an unnamed regular army officer as authority for saying that "the Allies saved us twenty-seven and a half billions by doing our fighting for five-sixths of the time we were in the war."

This amount, says Mr. Peabody, is nearly three times the amount of our credits to the Allies, and even when the eleven billions we are charging as the cost of time to pay is added to the borrowed sum, we would still owe six and a half billions to our late associates.

#### *Figures Each Life at \$50,000.*

The army officer reaches his conclusion by placing a value of \$50,000 on the lives of each of the United States 50,000 war dead. He quotes an army report as placing the cost of our wounded during this period as just over three billion dollars. This gives five and a half million dollars as the total cost of killed and wounded, disregarding the continuing cost of the wounded.

"Since the enemy was on the run during the greater part of the period of our active participation in the fighting," says the officer, "it is fair to assume that our losses per month were less than they would have been the first five-sixths of the time and before the enemy had broken. To be conservative, however, let us assume that they would have been the same.

"Then our losses in men killed would have been 800,000 and in wounded, 1,200,000, or, expressed in money, \$33,000,000,000. The saving to us, due to our Allies doing our fighting for five-sixths of our war time, is, therefore, \$27,500,000,000."

Mr. Peabody also stresses the "grand hatred" of America which he says is growing up throughout Europe because of our attitude regarding these war debts, and adds:

"We are a friendless people and our destruction would be the salvation of our debtors."

#### *Says Honor is Being Bartered.*

"Plainly expressed, my grievance is that the honor of my country is being bartered for \$21,000,000,000, and I address this petition to my Government for a redress of that grievance in the performance of the most solemn duty of American citizenship—the preservation of the nation from history's brand of shame," Mr. Peabody says.

"Upon our entrance of the war it was perfectly plain to the Government of the United States that, if we were not to be left to face Germany alone, our associates, Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy, must be maintained by us with all necessary supplies until we could join them in the field. The security and defense of the United States imperatively demanded it at whatever cost. The Allies needed it for their own interest, of course; but they needed it before we went into the war and only got it when it would be of benefit to the United States, when it became a matter of necessity to us, a legitimate, an inevitable war measure. There can be no two opinions about this, for the Government of the United States so declared.

"In his speech to Congress asking a declaration of war against Germany, the President definitely pledged 'our lives and our fortunes, everything we are and everything we have' to its prosecution. He didn't suggest loans for our defense to be repaid with interest. He committed America to the contribution of everything we had to the winning of the war, and Congress promptly proceeded to carry out his pledge.

"In little more than a week thereafter Congress voted to make the war supplies that had accumulated in the country available to the Allies, as the law put it, 'to the Governments engaged in war with the enemies of the United States.' This act of the national Legislature providing for the establishment of credits in favor of 'the Governments engaged in war with the enemies of the United States' opened with words that should be known to every citizen as well as they are known to you and to me. But for them, this petition would not be sent to you. These words (would that they might be blazed across the sky!) were: 'For the purpose of more effectually providing for the national security and defense and for prosecuting the war.'

#### *Points to Self-Defense.*

"How could anything be plainer than that the credits were established and some nine billions and a half of dollars were advanced to our associates in the war, solely and only the more effectually to provide for the security and defense of the United States; in other words, to enable the war-weary Allies to prosecute the war alone against the enemies of the United States until we could join them, and thus save us from having to fight Germany without allies or crawl on our knees at her feet?

"The Government of the United States bases its right to demand repayment upon the merest technicality, a naked promise. It would seem that somebody in authority took advantage of the great need of our associates to require of them a promise to repay money advanced for our security and defense, and that, God knows, was so used. It was a mean and un-American thing under such circumstances, and in any court of morals, before any tribunal of honor, yes, as justice is administered between man and man, in any court of law the United States would have no standing whatever.

"Let us glance in turn at the case of England, of Belgium, of France, of Italy. We advanced these four Governments engaged in war with the enemies of the United States something less than nine billions and a half dollars and, upon a pure technicality, have demanded and they have agreed to pay not only the principal sum, but upward of eleven billions for nothing but time—the total exaction by the United States from its late war associates and friends being over twenty-one billions of dollars—a billion more than the amount of our national debt.

"These four nations have been looking to German reparations payments to recover some of their war costs. Especially has France counted upon them for the expense of rebuilding her devastated regions; but our demands will annually take about 60% of the German payments if made. Much more than half of what a defeated Germany hands over to her former enemies to indemnify them for destruction wrought by German guns in

an aggressive and unprovoked war our Government intends to take from its war associates for a part of the cost of keeping their soldiers fit to fight the enemies of the United States for our security and to die in our defense.

"The German payments cease after 35 years; those of our friends continue for 27 years thereafter, and in the end we shall have exacted more than the total of German reparations. They, especially France, have begged that we make their payments to us dependent upon their collections from Germany. We have refused and insisted upon prompt payment according to the bond whether Germany pays or not. In the case of France, what an exhibition of America's conception of unalterable gratitude!

"But the Government of the United States is not wholly without applause. Germany applauds. Our late enemy cordially approves our treatment of our late friends. The heavier the burden we place upon England and France the more profound will be the satisfaction in Germany, and if the funding agreements shake England to her foundations, if they sink France into hopeless bankruptcy, Germany and Germans wherever they may be scattered over the face of the earth will shout aloud and clap their hands for joy.

#### *Calls Action "Morally Indefensible."*

"And for all of this America has to thank the Congress of the United States. Its members well know its action to be morally indefensible; know that every dollar of the money advanced to our associates was advanced for our own benefit and used for our benefit and that it benefited us incalculably. When the measure providing for these advances was being discussed in Congress, leading representatives and Senators loudly proclaimed them to be solely for the security and defense of the United States as declared in the law itself.

"You have my grievance, Mr. President, set forth as clearly as my poor abilities permit; and the redress I ask, nay, demand, is cancellation of every dollar and cent of debt arising out of advances to those Governments engaged in war with the enemies of the United States, for the security and defense of this nation. I ask, I demand, it on behalf of myself and every American who loves his country and has in his breast a spark of honor."

### **Secretary Mellon's Statement on Allied Debts Criticised in British House of Commons by Winston Churchill—Criticisms of Hilton Young.**

Answering that part of the letter of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon to Frederick W. Peabody dealing with the British war debt to the United States, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Winston Churchill, in addressing the House of Commons on July 19, declared that every cent borrowed by Great Britain "was spent under the supervision of the United States Treasury in what was, according to their view, not ours, the furtherance and prosecution of the war, and every cent was spent in the United States and between 1917 and the end of the war. That is, during the period of American intervention over \$7,000,000,000 was spent by Great Britain in the United States." As to Secretary Mellon's assertion that a large proportion of Great Britain's borrowings had been for commercial purposes, Mr. Churchill declared that "we spent on commercial maturities during the same period only \$354,000,000 out of the \$7,200,000,000, or rather less than one-twentieth of the total dollar expenditure for which we were responsible." The New York "Times" reports as follows in a copyright message Mr. Churchill's criticisms:

He [the Chancellor of the Exchequer] said that on the morrow of the Great War and great victory, when President Wilson first came over to Europe and comrade-like sentiments were in all the breasts of the Allied nations there was an opportunity to plead for the principle of equality of sacrifice which would take into consideration not only the money spent but the blood that had been shed, and also on the other side of the account the territory which had been obtained. But now that time had gone and Britain had settled her debt with the United States.

"I do not think," Mr. Churchill continued, "that it is any use for indulging in recriminations with the people or with the newspapers of the United States over the agreement which we made, but I must refer to a statement which is attributed to Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, in the newspapers this morning, because I think it would be a great pity if a misunderstanding should arise on these points.

#### *How Britain Used Debt.*

"Mr. Mellon is reported to have said, in a statement which I understand was a written statement, 'It must be remembered that England borrowed a large proportion of her debt for purely commercial as distinguished from war purposes, to meet commercial obligations maturing in America, to furnish India with silver, to buy food to resell to the civilian population, in order to maintain exchange. American loans to England were not so much to provide war supplies as to furnish sterling for home and foreign needs, and to have England from borrowing from her own people.'

"There really is a complete misapprehension of the facts of the case, and so serious is this misapprehension that it makes me almost doubt the authenticity of the passage which I quote. But what are the facts? We are only dealing with the period after the United States came into the war. There were no loans before then between the Governments.

"Britain, like all the other Allies, spent vast sums of money in the United States on food as well as on shot and shell, but all the loans of the United States to the Allies were, by Act of Congress, specifically limited to the purpose of prosecuting the war. That was the language of the Act of Congress, and the United States Treasury required and obtained full justification for every cent that was lent. Every cent was spent under the supervision of the United States Treasury in what was—according to their view, not ours—a furtherance and prosecution of the war, and every cent was spent in the United States.

#### *All Debt and More Spent Here.*

"Between 1917 and the end of the war—that is, during the period of America's intervention—we spent over \$7,000,000,000 in the United States, and of that sum we borrowed \$4,000,000,000 and we provided \$3,000,000,000 additional, spent in the United States, from our own and other resources. Against the \$4,000,000,000 that we borrowed we spent over \$1,500,000,000 on munitions and over \$2,500,000,000 on cereals and other essential foodstuffs, so that on these two heads alone we spent a sum which equals the whole sum that we borrowed from the United States.

"As to the special instances cited by the distinguished foreign statesman whose name I have mentioned, there again, it seems he has been either mis-reported or misled. We spent on commercial maturities during this same period \$354,000,000 out of a total of \$7,200,000,000 which we borrowed or provided from our own resources, or rather less than one-twentieth of the total dollar expenditure for which we were responsible.

*Sees Much Ill-Feeling.*

"As to the silver loan for India which is referred to, that, as every one knows, was treated quite separately from the war debt and was fully repaid by this country in 1923.

"I hope I shall not be thought to have been wrong in stating these facts, because, while there is certainly a good deal of ill-feeling and resentment about all these questions connected with the repayment of the war debts, it is very important that that resentment should not be increased by any misunderstanding of what are the actual facts of the situation.

"I speak for myself when I say I think we ought not to be discontented with the general situation, nor with the general policy which guided this country in relation to the European debts. It is the old, traditional policy of Britain, and it is based on a very long view of the future of Europe, and of our country in relation to Europe. Let us have some trust in time, and give time a chance to do its work, not only in the Old World but in the New.

"Let us so act that time will be upon the side of easier and wiser solutions than have yet been reached, and that yet exist in the world in respect of war debt payments, and let us have confidence in the teaching of facts in the lessons of experience, which over a long period of years are certain, in my judgment, to produce immense alleviations of the situation which at the present time presses with iron severity on the war-racked nations of Europe."

*Lloyd George's Reply.*

Mr. Lloyd George said he had been induced to take part in the debate because an attack was made upon him by Mr. Churchill in saying he had it in his power to bring about a settlement of the debt question when former President Wilson came to Europe and afterward.

"I did, in fact, approach President Wilson at the time, but Mr. Wilson did not think he was in a position to enter into the subject, as there was to be an immediate Presidential election and he had already had more than he could carry," Mr. Lloyd George said.

He continued that the funding of the debt to America had been a great mistake, and had been done against the advice of the Prime Minister at the time, Bonar Law.

A bad bargain had been made with France, said Mr. Lloyd George. France was paying America 49% of her debt, but would pay Britain only 37%. Italy was paying 24 1/2% to America and only 18 to England. France was materially prosperous, and Italy was doing well. Friends of Premier Mussolini in this country talked of the prosperity of Italy, but they refrained from pointing it out when it became a question of Italy paying.

England was paying America 76% of her debt. The American debt had been muddled from the first. All the mischief had arisen from that settlement. At the time of the agreement with America, Britain could have held out for wiping off all debts and it would have been a great mercy had it been done.

At the same time criticisms of the United States in the House of Commons were also indulged in by Edward Hilton Young, former Liberal Financial Secretary to the Treasury, whose remarks are given as follows in Associated Press cablegrams from London, July 19:

He pointed to the need of American credits to restore Europe, and to the fact that these were withheld while instability continued; hence the necessity of getting all these debt questions settled. He asserted that while America's payments from England were immediate and sure, England's receipts from her debtor European States were ultimate and hypothetical.

Mr. Young protested against the idea of dealing with the debts along purely commercial lines. He did not desire to stir up feeling, but there was something amiss in the fact that all reparations payments were entering American pockets. He believed that the treatment of the debts commercially was misrepresenting the spirit of a great nation and doing the greatest historical wrong to the reasons for America's entry into the war.

There was a small minority in America which made its ledger its Bible and commercialism its god, said Mr. Young, but he believed the real opinion of the American people was otherwise and that in the course of time the true heart of that great people would express itself.

**F. W. Peabody Questions Secretary Mellon's Figures.**

The following is from the New York "Times" of July 22:

Frederick W. Peabody of Ashburnham, Mass., who urged President Coolidge by letter three weeks ago to cancel the Allied war debts to the United States and received a reply from Secretary Mellon, sent a statement yesterday to the New York "Times" in which he asked Mr. Mellon to explain his department's latest figures for post-armistice obligations to our Government. His statement read:

"May I have just a little space in which to ask the Secretary of the Treasury, or his financial experts, now that the Secretary has replied to my letter to the President, to be good enough to furnish a reply to the Secretary himself?

"Before putting pen to paper in the preparation of my plea for cancellation of the so-called war debts, I wrote to the Treasury Department for the figures, and every figure given in my letter was taken from the official documents furnished by Assistant Secretary Dewey, in charge of the fiscal offices.

Referring to the documents furnished him by Under-Secretary Dewey, Mr. Peabody said in his letter:

"From these documents it appears that in arriving at the total of principal due from France the pre-armistice obligation was computed at \$2,933,000,000 (I confine myself to round numbers) and the post-armistice at \$407,000,000, for surplus war stock. The sum of these two items is \$3,340,000,000. To arrive at the \$4,025,000,000, called the total of France's war debt as fixed by the funding agreement, \$685,000,000 of interest upon the principal was added. As the total of principal and interest France has agreed to pay during a period of sixty-two years is \$6,847,000,000, and only \$3,340,000,000 is principal, the balance of \$3,507,000,000 is interest.

"It is true that the Government adds to the principal sum the \$685,000,000 of interest due upon it to the date of the agreement and thus 'generously' charges interest upon interest, compounds it, against France.

"Now then, as the Secretary himself in official documents has reported the pre-armistice indebtedness as within \$67,000,000 of \$3,000,000,000 and the post-armistice indebtedness as only \$407,000,000, will he, or the department, explain his latest statement that the post-armistice obligation amounts to \$1,655,000,000, which he says is about equivalent to the present value of the total to be paid by France, thus conveying the impression that France is charged with no part of the pre-armistice advances?"

"Whatever the department may say, no financial legerdemain can conjure away the fact that our Government has demanded and France, through its representative, has agreed to pay every dollar advanced to enable her to hold the line for us, as well as for herself, for five-sixths of our period in the war and upward of \$3,500,000,000 interest upon it—a total of nearly \$7,000,000,000.

"I make no pretension to great financial ability, but the simple arithmetical processes of addition and subtraction exhibit the Government's great financial experts in a singular light. If they are not trying to deceive the public, why are they at such pains to discredit their own official records?"

"Only one other thing in the Secretary's letter I care to notice. He says: 'I cannot agree with you that England is on the edge of destruction.'

"If I had said anything of the kind, I should be frank to admit that I do not agree with it myself. She is in deep trouble, to which the Government of the United States has largely contributed, but the 'edge of destruction' is far distant."

**Under Secretary Winston Issues Statement In Support of Secretary Mellon's Assertion Regarding British Indebtedness—British Chancellor's Statement Disputed.**

On July 20 the Treasury Department of Washington, through under Secretary Winston, made public figures in support of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's contention that Great Britain had negotiated a large proportion of its loan from the United States "for purely commercial as distinguished from war purposes." Under Secretary Winston's statement was also in the nature of a reply to Winston Churchill, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, who, in the House of Commons on July 19 insisted Great Britain's loans were used for war purposes also. We give herewith the statement of Under Secretary Winston:

A statement of the British account with the United States in connection with war loans shows the following reported expenditures in the United States:

Munitions, incl. remounts.....	\$1,330,607,883 09
Munitions for other Governments.....	205,496,801 10
Exchange and cotton purchases.....	1,682,419,875 31
Cereals.....	1,375,379,343 57
Other foods.....	1,169,153,585 05
Tobacco.....	99,174,858 34
Other supplies.....	215,331,787 01
Shipping.....	48,890,000 00
Reimbursements.....	19,302,357 55
Interest.....	387,732,633 50
Maturities.....	353,501,561 66
Relief.....	16,000,000 00
Silver.....	261,643,388 81
Food for Northern Russia.....	7,029,965 94
Miscellaneous.....	47,745,029 01

Total reported expenditures.....\$7,219,408,669 94

These expenditures were met as follows:

By reimbursement from the other Allies out of funds loaned to these Allies by the United States.....	1,853,612,246 37
By dollar payments by the United States Government for British currencies.....	449,496,227 55
By proceeds of rupee credits in gold from India.....	81,352,908 06
By cash from Britain's "own independent resources".....	760,128,929 52
Funded in debt settlement with the United States.....	4,074,818,358 44

Total.....\$7,219,408,669 94

From England's total reported expenditures in America from April 6 1917, to Nov. 1 1920, there should be deducted the \$1,853,000,000 expenditures for which Great Britain was simply the purchasing agent for the other Allies and for which Great Britain was paid by the other Allies from money loaned to them by the United States. This amount was not provided from England's "own independent resources." This leaves \$5,366,000,000. Of this amount \$1,682,000,000 represents "exchange and cotton purchases." The greater part of this expenditure was for the maintenance of sterling exchange not necessary for purchase in America, but which enabled England to make purchases in other countries at an undepreciated exchange rate. \$2,643,000,000 was for food and tobacco.

A part of this item is probably included in the account out of which England was reimbursed by the other Allies and a part was resold by England to its own civil population. To the extent of this resale England avoided the necessity of floating loans in its own country. \$507,877,000 was for interest and principal of England's commercial obligations maturing in America. \$261,000,000 was for silver. The total principal advances to England after the armistice were \$581,000,000.

**British Treasury in Answer to Secretary Mellon and Under-Secretary Winston on Use of Money Borrowed from United States.**

In addition to the statement of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Winston Churchill, relative to Secretary Mellon's assertions to the effect that a large part of the indebtedness of Great Britain to the United States was used for "purely commercial as distinguished from war purposes" the British Treasury on July 22 took occasion to elaborate on the Chancellor's statement, answering both Secretary Mellon and Under-Secretary Winston, in which among other things it says:

The expenditure in question represents largely, if not entirely, bills drawn on London by American exporters in respect to sales of cotton and other American commodities to England, and practically the whole amount represents payments for actual exports from America to England.

The British Treasury statement is reported as follows in Associated Press accounts:

"Great Britain provided sterling and neutral currencies to meet all her own requirements throughout the war, and, in addition, bore the burden of covering the sterling requirements of her Continental allies.

"But for the fact that the United States did not feel able on entering the war to relieve her of additional burden, Great Britain would have been able to meet from the resources she placed at the disposal of her allies her expenditures in America, and in all human probability the British debt to the United States would never have been incurred.

"The British Treasury feels it necessary to set forth the foregoing facts because they seem to show that no case for discriminating against Great Britain can be founded upon her use of money borrowed from the United States for the prosecution of the war. No complaint has been made by Great Britain against the adverse discrimination with which she has been treated.

"It is recognized that the creditor is entitled to discriminate between debtors and that a debtor is bound to comply with the demands of the creditors up to the full limit of the obligations. It is only when reasons are assigned for such discrimination which clearly arise from a misconception of the facts that necessary corrections of fact must be made."

The Treasury communique starts with a reference to Secretary Mellon's statement as referred to by Chancellor Churchill in the House of Commons on Monday. The Chancellor of the Exchequer quoted the American Secretary of the Treasury as having said that Britain borrowed a large proportion of her debt for purely commercial as distinct from war purposes, to meet commercial obligations maturing in America, to furnish India with silver, to buy food and to maintain exchange. American loans to Britain, according to Secretary Mellon, were not so much to provide war supplies as to furnish sterling for home and foreign needs and to save Britain from borrowing from her own people.

The communique then proceeds:

"A further statement, reported to have been issued by the United States Treasury, while largely confirming the facts cited by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, refers to certain further points of detail, on which comments appear desirable.

This statement sets out under certain headings the expenditure incurred by Great Britain in the United States after the latter's entry into the war."

Then, quoting five headings of this expenditure from the American Treasury statement, the communique continues:

"It is not understood why the United States Treasury statement appears to treat dollars derived by the British Treasury from the sale of sterling and rupees as not constituting part of Great Britain's independent resources. "The United States Government was provided by Great Britain for the American Army needs in the United Kingdom with sterling, against which the United States paid dollars. This was in essence a purchase of exchange for sterling, and clearly must be regarded as an independent resource of Great Britain. On the United States Treasury's figures, therefore, Items 2, 3, and 4 account for \$1,300,000,000 out of the total expenditure of \$7,219,000,000.

"As regards the further sum of \$1,853,000,000 obtained from the European Allies in the form of reimbursements, it must be remembered that Great Britain throughout the war furnished the Allies with assistance in obtaining purchases in the United States.

"For example, Great Britain could have satisfied her cereal requirements from the British Dominions and Argentina without purchasing wheat in the United States and without borrowing dollars for that purpose. To save tonnage and the risk of U-boat attacks, however, it was arranged that Italy and France should be supplied at Mediterranean ports with cereals grown in the British Empire, whereas we bought for ourselves in America and borrowed for the purpose.

"The cost of all these purchases was distributed between the Allies, and considerable amounts were repaid by them [out of loans they raised in the United States], but a large proportion remains at the charge of the British Government and is included in the British debt to America.

"Moreover, the reimbursements received from the other Allies were more than equaled by further British purchases in America of essential commodities, and the reimbursements in no way invalidate the fact that British purchases of American munitions, foodstuffs and other commodities essential for the prosecution of the war largely exceeded the amount Great Britain borrowed from the United States.

"The statement of the United States Treasury shows that there is no disagreement upon the actual figures, and that of the total of \$7,219,000,000 Great Britain expended in the United States between 1917 and 1920, only \$4,074,000,000 was borrowed from the United States.

"Regarding the expenditure of the funds thus available, the United States Treasury refers to the \$1,682,000,000 spent on exchange and cotton purchases, and states: "The greater part of this expenditure was for the maintenance of sterling exchange and was not necessary for purchases in America, but which enabled England to make purchases in other countries at an unprecedented exchange rate."

"This statement is very difficult to understand. It appears, however, to mean that the dollars in question were not used for purchases in America, but for a sale across the exchange. This is by no means the case. The expenditure in question represents largely, if not entirely, bills drawn on London by American exporters in respect to sales of cotton and other American commodities to England, and practically the whole amount represents payments for actual exports from America to England.

"Arbitrage transactions—that is, sales of dollars for other foreign currencies—were practically non-existent during the war, and British purchases in neutral countries, such as Scandinavia, Spain and Argentina, were financed entirely without American help."

The communique quotes from an official report of the United States Treasury for 1920 regarding the exchange item, and continues:

"It is quite true that a large part of the British borrowing was spent on the purchase of foodstuffs for the civil population, as well as for the army, but it was recognized at the time and it is obvious that supplies for the civil population were an essential of the war requirements. Food for the workman was as important as ammunition for the soldier. Nor could the soldier be asked to fight if his family at home was not fed.

"The United States Treasury memorandum lays stress on the fact that the United States loaned \$581,000,000 to Great Britain after the armistice, and the conclusion is suggested that this was borrowed for commercial purposes beneficial to Great Britain; in fact it was an inevitable process in winding up the immense transactions current when the war was suddenly stopped."

### Rodman Wanamaker Suggests Establishment by United States of National Reserve Bank of Commerce to Aid France.

A proposal that America establish a National Reserve Bank of Commerce to be a commercial clearing house for the world's business, is made by Rodman Wanamaker in a cablegram sent on July 22 to Maurice Bunau-Varilla, publisher of the "Matin" in Paris, in which Mr. Wanamaker

says that American business men must assist France in her task of financial rehabilitation. The New York "Times," which is authority for this, quotes Mr. Wanamaker as saying:

France cannot form a solid Ministry in the present crisis unless she cuts her political fetters and takes the aid of the business men and the working men and the saving men of that country and of the world. The United States needs France. Every nation needs France. It is time to stop the unfair and unworthy recriminations that are flying back and forth between the countries.

The sacrifices of the World War left France bleeding by the wayside. Now, with her great heart and strong purpose, she asks in turn America's helping hand. Nor maudlin promises. Not charity. Not one franc. Just time to recover, to pay in full what she received from our economical, work-loving, great country. America will respond. We do not forget.

Let us be done with carpings and criticisms. Let ill-informed and uninformed hold their peace while the real working interests of France are rehabilitated. She will pay every penny and hold her honor, which has always been on the highest pinnacle of integrity.

Give the business men, the working men of France a guiding, helping hand and we shall find they will astonish the world. If America could establish the National Reserve Bank of Commerce—a commercial clearing house for the business of the world—and conduct it on proper lines and foundations, it would help to clear the chaos far better than any League of Nations, or Versailles, Geneva, Locarno or other kind of treaties.

### Inter-State Commerce Commission Denies Petition of Western Roads for 5% Increase in Freight Rates—Provision for Upward Revision of Class Rates in Western Trunk Line Territory Not Yet Heard.

The 5% general increase in freight rates sought by the Western railroads has been denied in an opinion of the Inter-State Commerce Commission made public July 17—the Commission in its conclusions stating that "it is quite clear from the evidence that so far as the major portion of the Western district is concerned, no financial emergency exists." The Commission at the same time denied the petition of security holders of Northwestern carriers for an additional 15% horizontal increase in rates in Western trunk line territory. The Commission held that the earnings of the roads in the West as a whole had not been such as to warrant at this time a general downward revision of rates on farm products including livestock. The Commission also held to be unnecessary the creation of separate rate groups which had been proposed for the Southwest, taking in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, southern Kansas, Missouri south of the Missouri River, and that part of Louisiana west of the Mississippi. A separate group also was suggested, to be known as the Mountain-Pacific-Southern group, which would have been created by dividing the present Mountain-Pacific group. Despite the Commission's denial of the 5% increase sought in freight rates, it developed on July 17 that the roads may yet increase their revenues substantially by a new move, said a Washington dispatch in the "Wall Street News," which went on to say:

The carriers' new hope is seen in a new petition already filed with the Commission asking an upward revision of the class rates in Western trunk line territory which if granted would add \$11,528,924 to their annual revenues. The Commission in yesterday's decision gave encouragement as it was admitted class rates in this territory were on a materially lower level than in any other section of the West and that numerous discrepancies exist. The carriers have asked for hearings before the Commission on this petition in the fall and meanwhile they are negotiating with shippers in the territory for an agreement on a mutually satisfactory basis of rates.

In its conclusions the Commission said:

As to ex parte 87, it is quite clear from the evidence that, so far as the major portion of the Western district is concerned, no financial emergency exists. In this portion the carriers appear to be both financially and physically sound. In the Northwestern region and in Western trunk line territory the revenues of certain of the important carriers have not yielded 5.75% upon any rate bases that can reasonably be adopted in advance of a final determination of present values for rate-making purposes. The least favorable conditions in the district, so far as carrier revenues are concerned, appear to exist in Western trunk line territory. It is, however, to be noted that both in the Northwestern region and in Western trunk line territory, as well as in the Western district as a whole, conditions have recently shown an improving tendency.

It is clear upon the record that there are many inequalities in the rate structures existing in portions of the Western district which should be corrected.

It is the right and the duty of the carriers to take the steps necessary to correct improper rate relations as they may be found to exist, and to supply revenue deficiencies by initiating suitable changes in rates. The first definite proposal of the carriers in this proceeding was presented after the hearings began and was for a general 5% increase on freight with certain exceptions. Later they submitted a proposal for an upward revision of class rates in Western trunk line territory, which has not yet been heard.

Not only did the carriers fail to present evidence with respect to the need for changes in individual rates between particular points or on particular classes of traffic, but no State Commission, shipper, security holder or other representative of the public, or of particular interests who appeared, offered any feasible suggestions of this character. Even had we desired to assume the responsibility of prescribing individual rate change with the object either of improving the earnings of carriers in the Northwest, or of rectifying internal relations in the rate structures, the present record would not enable us to do so to any considerable extent.

The record, however, warrants us in concluding that in proposing changes in existing rate structures either for the purpose of improving earnings of carriers in Western trunk line territory or for the rectifying of inequalities

in existing rate structures, carriers should propose no advances in the rates on products of agriculture, including livestock, except where particular rates on such products may need adjustment to remove inconsistencies, or where it can be shown that the product in question is not affected by depression.

The earnings of carriers in the Western district, as a whole, have not been such as to warrant us on the record as it stands to-day in making any general downward revision of rates on products of agriculture or of other industries subject to depression.

The record does, however, present much information which bears directly on the task imposed upon us by the resolution, and it is our purpose to attempt to obtain further information necessary to enable us to determine what, if any, readjustments should be made as between commodities or in furtherance of the rectification of the rate structure as between particular points and districts.

The 5% increase in freight rates—intra-State and inter-State—asked by the railroads would have returned approximately \$80,000,000 in 1924 to the interested carriers, which contended they failed by \$181,306,886 to earn in that year the so-called fair return of 5.75% on valuation. It is pointed out in the New York "Times" that the figures submitted by the Western carriers showed an increase in rate of return from 2.91% in 1921 to 4.12% in 1925, and this they contended did not represent as rapid a recovery as that experienced by Eastern and Southern railroads. Referring further to the petition of the roads, and the findings of the Commission, the same account from Washington states:

Hearings were held by the Commission in Chicago, Denver, San Francisco, St. Paul, Dallas and Kansas City, and a vast amount of evidence was taken. The condition of most of the railroads applying for the increase, with the possible exception of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, and one or two others, improved, while the investigation was in progress. This probably was the reason, as noted by the Commission, why the carriers laid less stress on the claim of a financial emergency which threatened insolvency unless the rates were raised as requested.

Counsel for a committee of railroad security holders, using valuation figures so far arrived at by the Commission, showed an aggregate value for the Western district, as of Dec. 31 1924, of \$8,207,000,000, divided as follows: Northwestern, \$3,029,000,000; Central Western, \$3,667,000,000, and Southwestern, \$1,511,000,000. The rate of return for 1925 on these values was given as 4.02% for the Northwestern region, 5.38 for the Central Western, and 6.29% for the Southwestern.

"A representative of the Western State Commission," the Commission's decision declared, "maintained that the earnings of 1925, taken as a whole, understated the present earning power because considerable improvement had taken place in the second half of the year, after allowing for the usual seasonal increase. It may be noted as tending to substantiate this view, that the first quarter of 1926 shows some improvement over the same period in 1925. However, in view of the uncertainties of the business situation, we are inclined to accept the results for the year 1925, as representing the net earning power of Western roads for the purposes of this case."

*Autos' Influence Seen.*

The fact that traffic, and particularly passenger traffic, had been seriously affected by the growth in the use of the automobile, was considered by the Commission, which stated:

"The growing use of the private automobile and the auto bus and truck has injected a disturbing economic influence into the railroad situation, both as to freight and passenger business. Although this influence has been relatively more adverse in the case of passenger traffic, the loss in passenger revenue growing out of this new competition has to an extent at least been offset by augmented freight revenues derived from the carriage of materials for and products of automobile manufacturers and in the carriage of fuel and lubricants used in the operation of automobiles."

Dealing with the "condition of agriculture," the Commission stated that, as to the prospect for the immediate future, testimony of witnesses for the farm interests was that the improved agricultural condition in 1924-25 was in considerable part due to the unusual circumstances that a large wheat crop in this country was accompanied by a short world crop.

"It also appears," the Commission added, "that the prices of sheep and hogs are not far from the high points in their present cycles, although in the cattle price cycle many think that the movement will be upward for some years. The net effect of the testimony by individual farmers and ranch men is that a decided improvement has taken place in the profitability of their undertaking, but that they cannot yet be regarded as generally prosperous if we consider unpaid debts and deferred maintenance of machinery and buildings."

The Commission stated that investigation of these features of the situation are to be continued in hearings, under the Hoch-Smith resolution, which were not closed with the rendering of to-day's decision.

"Counsel for the farm interests," the Commission said, "asked that rates on agricultural products be reduced to substantially what they were on June 24 1918, but no definite plan was presented according to which this could be accomplished without threatening the solvency of some of the railroads."

"Others directed our attention to the high car mile earnings on particular agricultural products, such as wheat, but it has not yet been made clear, if reduction in grain rates are made, what other commodities can be found that will bear higher rates. Unless this is done, the net earnings from the grain probably will be so diminished as to threaten the maintenance of adequate transportation service."

The briefs of the roads were referred to in these columns March 27 1926, page 1715, and May 1, page 2449.

**P. J. Roosevelt Says Northwestern Security Holders' Committee Will Continue Efforts for Relief of Carriers—Says Counsel for Roads Failed to Indicate Special Conditions Prevailing in Northwest in Plea for 5% Rate Increase.**

In a statement on July 17 relative to the action of the Inter-State Commerce Commission in denying the petition of the Western railroads for a 5% increase in freight rates, Philip J. Roosevelt, a member of the firm of Roosevelt & Son, which organized the Northwestern Railroad Security Holders' Committee, declared that "We feel that it is the

duty of all security holders of Northwestern railroads to bring pressure upon the executives so that they on their own behalf will unite to make a proper request for relief to the Commission. In the meantime, for our part, we are not going to stop this fight here. We shall consult counsel and take every means open to us, applying to the Courts if necessary and if practical, to secure relief for the carriers of the Northwest whose lines lie in Western Trunk Line Territory."

According to Mr. Roosevelt, "the presidents and boards of directors of the Northwestern railroads have no one to blame but themselves for the denial Friday by the Inter-State Commerce Committee of the application for a 5% freight rate increase for all carriers whose lines lie west of the Mississippi River." Mr. Roosevelt continued:

It was hardly to be hoped that a satisfactory decision would be handed down in view of the position taken by the executives of the Northwestern railroads.

The decision is not without its crumbs of comfort. The Commission has accepted "the results for the year 1925 as representing the net earning power of Western roads for the purposes of this case." These results, according to the decision, were as follows:

Northwestern group	-----	Rate of Return.
Central group	-----	4.02%
Southwestern group	-----	5.38%
		6.30%

In the year 1925 the figures showed the Southwestern roads earning 6.30% (more than a "fair return," according to the Inter-State Commerce Commission definition) on their Inter-State Commerce Commission valuations. The Security Owners Committee, which we organized, disagree diametrically with the decision of the Commission, that it is not the duty of the Commission to readjust such a discriminatory situation as is shown to exist in the different parts of the West. Nevertheless, we are not without sympathy for the contention of the Commission that "it is the right and duty of the carriers to take the steps necessary to correct improper rate relations as they may be found to exist and to supply revenues deficiencies by initiating suitable changes in rates." The carriers' executives have utterly failed in their paramount duty to act in this respect. The counsel for the Western railroads made no mention of the special conditions prevailing in the Northwest. Every particle of testimony and argument, with respect to this question, was brought forward by the Committee which we organized.

In a letter dated July 1 1926 to the bondholders and stockholders of the Chicago & Great Western, the Chairman of the board, S. M. Felton, says "an emergency increase of 5% as far as the Northwestern roads are concerned is not half what is necessary to comply with the terms of the Transportation Act." Testimony to this effect was given by other executives of other Northwestern roads in the Western Rate Case, yet in spite of this fact, no adequate application to adjust the handicap under which the Northwestern roads are operating was filed by the executives of the Northwestern roads. In view of the failure of the Northwestern carriers' executives to make any special plea for their properties, the Commission has seen fit not to grant them any relief at this time.

Practically every hopeful intimation in the Commission's decision is based upon testimony and argument placed in the record by the Northwestern Railroads Security Holders' Committee, which was organized by Roosevelt & Son. The Commission says: "In the Northwestern region and in Western Trunk Line Territory, the revenues of certain of the important carriers have not yielded 5.75% upon any rate bases that can reasonably be adopted in advance of a final determination of present values for rate-making purposes. The least favorable conditions in the district, so far as revenue carriers are concerned, appear to exist in Western Trunk Line Territory. . . . It is clear upon the record that there are many inequalities in the rate structure existing in portions of the Western District which should be corrected. . . . The record does, however, present much information which bears directly on the task imposed upon us and it is our purpose to attempt to obtain further information necessary to enable us to determine what, if any, readjustments should be made as between commodities or in furtherance of the rectification of the rate structure as between particular points and districts."

The decision confirms the two principal contentions of the Security Holders' Committee which we organized; first, that the rate structure is inadequate; second, that it is unfair and discriminatory as between carriers in the Northwestern region and the carriers in the rest of the western district and further that the Western Trunk Line Territory is in the most serious condition. I believe that in helping to secure this decision from the Commission our Committee has gained a point of considerable value.

**Inter-State Commerce Commission Tells of Rate Needs of Western Railroads in Light of Testimony Produced at Late Hearing.**

The Inter-State Commerce Commission's ruling, refusing to grant a 5% increase of freight rates to Western roads, contains no observation on rates which shows how that body is approaching the needs of particular carriers, says the "Wall Street News" in its issue of July 20. The Commission notes that a committee of seventy holders of Northwestern roads maintained at hearings that the rate level in "Western trunk line territory was at least 15% below that of the rest of the Western district and urged that an additional increase of approximately 15% be made for the trunk line region. The Commission said:

Some confusion exists with respect to the area properly to be considered as Western trunk line territory, as some evidently intend . . . While others have primarily in mind Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and that part of Missouri north of the Missouri River. In our statistics lines serving the latter area are divided between the Central Western and Northwestern regions. Separate statistics showing the rate of return earned by the carriers in that area are not available, but attention is repeatedly called of record to the fact that a number of the weakest roads in the Western district have all or a considerable part of their mileage in the area in question, including the Chicago Great Western, Minneapolis & St. Louis, Chicago & Alton, Chicago Peoria & St. Louis, and others, while portions of a number of other roads claimed not to be earning the fair return are situated in this area. Among these may be mentioned the Chicago Mil-

waukee & St. Paul, Chicago & North Western, and Chicago Rock Island & Pacific.

*Differences of Needs.*

The security holders state: "It would be flying in the face of the facts to grant uniform relief for the entire Western district. To do so the Commission would have to close its eyes to the proved differences in financial needs and rate structure between the Northwest and the other regions."

On the record we are unable to determine the precise extent to which the rates in Western trunk line territory, whether considered as a whole or as comprising only the area east of the Missouri River, are lower than those in the Southwest or in the remainder of the Western district. It is clear that rate increases in that territory, particularly the portion east of the Missouri River, will tend both to produce a more uniform level of rates throughout the West and to benefit directly many of the weakest carriers in the Western district. We are required under Section 15a (of the Transportation Act) only to adjust rates by rate groups to produce as nearly as may be a fair return for carriers as a whole in such rate groups. But it is evident that the principal purpose of that section was to afford the public adequate transportation service. This end would clearly not be as adequately served by general increases throughout such a large rate group as the Western district, applying alike to weak and strong lines, as by increases confined as far as possible to areas where the rates appear to be on the lowest level and where the weakest roads are located.

**Vernon Munroe Succeeds Ira H. Patchin as Secretary of American Section of International Committee of Bankers on Mexico:**

At a meeting of the American Section of the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico on July 22, Vernon Munroe was appointed Secretary to take place of the late Ira H. Patchin, who had been Secretary to the Committee since its organization in 1919, and whose death was noted in our issue of July 17, page 287. Mr. Munroe has for several years been a member of the staff of J. P. Morgan & Co., and has given special study to matters pertaining to Latin-America.

**Exchange of Voting Trust Certificates for Free Stock in Same Corporation not Held as Gain or Loss for Income Tax Purposes.**

An exchange in voting trust certificates for free stock in the same corporation is held not to give rise to gain or loss for income tax purposes, in an important ruling just made public by the Solicitor of Internal Revenue, according to M. L. Seidman, tax expert of Seidman & Seidman, Certified Public Accountants. "This ruling," Mr. Seidman explained, "is of vital importance to investors in that many voting trusts have recently been or are about to be dissolved and it was generally regarded that the stockholders might be faced with a large income tax in the exchange of stock certificates. The Solicitor holds, however, that the stockholder is in essentially the same position after the exchange as before, and that the transaction, therefore, is not a final disposition until the new stock is sold or in some regular way disposed of, no gain or loss will be deemed to have arisen."

**Seventh Annual Meeting of Morris Plan Bank Delegates to Be Held at Asheville, N. C., Oct.-18-20.**

Theodore Francis Green, President of The Morris Plan Bankers Association, announces from association headquarters in Philadelphia that Asheville N. C., had been chosen as the convention city for the seventh annual meeting of delegates from Morris Plan banks and companies throughout the United States. The session will extend over three days—Oct. 18, 19 and 20. S. L. Forbes, Treasurer of the Asheville company, will serve as Convention Chairman and Walter D. Brown of Philadelphia, Secretary-Treasurer. In addition to delegates from 113 cities where this form of industrial banking is in operation, there will be savings and commercial bankers who are making an intensive study of this type of finance.

Figures made public by President Green indicate that Morris Plan banks and companies have loaned more than \$800,000,000 since the inception of the first one in Norfolk, Va., in 1910. The number of loans exceed 3,845,000, or an average of \$208 per loan. In addition the public now holds \$61,000,000 worth of certificates or deposits in these institutions. The total resources approximate \$150,000,000.

**ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.**

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Charles E. Harwell was reported posted for transfer this week to James L. Cooke, the consideration being stated as \$152,000, the same as the last preceding sale. The membership of Alfred G. Kay was reported posted for transfer to Ralph S. Richards for a nominal consideration.

Preparatory to its merger with the Bank of the Manhattan Company, the Greenpoint National Bank of Brooklyn has changed from a national to a State institution under the name of Greenpoint Bank. The certificate of authorization has been issued by the State Banking Department. At a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of the Manhattan Co. on Aug. 10, final steps to merge the Greenpoint National Bank with the Bank of the Manhattan Company will be taken. The Bank of the Manhattan Company plans to increase its capital from \$10,000,000 to \$10,700,000. Of the new stock, \$300,000 will be issued to take care of the stockholders of the Greenpoint National Bank. In our issue of June 19, page 3415, we indicated that the bank contemplated increasing its capital as a result of its absorption of the Greenpoint National Bank and the Bronx Borough Bank. The "Wall Street News" of yesterday (July 23) stated:

President Stephen Baker of the Bank of Manhattan Co., in a letter to the stockholders, announces that the company has secured an option in connection with the projected acquisition of the Bronx Borough Bank, to issue 8,000 shares of Manhattan stock in payment for 1,080 shares, representing more than two-thirds of the Bronx institution. Stockholders will meet in special session to vote upon this question and the acquisition of the Greenpoint Bank.

Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Company announced this week the appointment of Francis L. Whitmarsh as a member of the advisory board of its Sherman office at Fifth Avenue and 32nd Street. Mr. Whitmarsh is a director of Francis H. Leggett & Co., 13th Avenue and 27th Street.

The executive committee of the board of directors of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. at a meeting held July 20 appointed J. Warren Andrews as Assistant Secretary, and Beverly Keator as Assistant Cashier.

Henry P. Davison was on July 21 elected a member of the board of trustees of the New York Trust Co., taking the place of his brother, F. Trubee Davison, who has resigned to assume his duties in Washington as Assistant Secretary of War, to which office he was recently appointed, as noted in our issue of July 10, page 164. The announcement of the New York Trust Co. is interesting as an indication of the continuation in the Davison family of a banking relationship begun more than thirty years ago. It was with the Liberty National Bank of New York, later merged with the New York Trust Co., that Mr. Davison's father, the late Henry P. Davison, first gained notice in the field in which he rose to be a commanding figure. The late Mr. Davison was appointed to the office of Assistant Cashier of the Liberty National Bank in 1894, only three years after its founding. His rise was rapid and in a short time he was made Cashier and later Vice-President. In 1901, at the age of 34, he was elected President of the bank. He later became associated with the First National Bank of New York and then a partner in J. P. Morgan & Co., remaining a trustee of the New York Trust Co. throughout his life.

Arthur Wolfsohn, of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, has been elected a member of the advisory board of the Hariman National Bank of this city. Mr. Wolfsohn has been one of the largest underwriters for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States for many years in New York City and various parts of the country.

Wilfred G. Soltau has been appointed Acting Assistant Secretary of the Havre Office of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, and Henri Cailleux, Acting Auditor, Havre Office, during the absence from that office of Horton P. Kennedy, Assistant Secretary.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Guaranty Company of New York on July 20, Harold F. Greene, Vice-President, was appointed a member of the executive committee of that company.

Samuel W. Boocock, second oldest member of the New York Stock Exchange, died at his home on July 13. Mr. Boocock, who entered the Exchange in 1869, had still retained his membership, although he retired from active business many years ago. Mr. Boocock was born in Brooklyn, and was a trustee of the Brooklyn Trust Co. He died at the age of 85. In his will Mr. Boocock bequeathed his seat in the New York Stock Exchange to two of his business associates, Henry Bowers of Brooklyn, N. Y., and James Spence Wilson of Ridgewood, N. J., Mr. Bowers receiving a two-thirds interest and Mr. Wilson one-third.

The Comptroller of the Currency has approved the application to organize the Bedford National Bank & Trust Co.

of Brooklyn, N. Y. The new institution plans to begin business with a capital of \$500,000. Frank H. Tyler, of Tyler-Warren Co., of Brooklyn (real estate), is interested in the organization of the bank.

The People's Bank, a newly organized Newark institution, will open for business at 232 South Orange Ave. on Monday, July 26. Officers of the new bank are: Meyer Kussy, President; Ray E. Mayham, Vice-President and Cashier; Samuel Schechner, Vice-President, and Raymond C. Buck, Assistant Cashier; while the directors are: Messrs. Kussy, Mayham and Schechner, Emanuel Heyman, George A. Guenther, Tobia Santoro and James P. Smith. In regard to the officers and directors chosen, the Newark "Evening News" of July 16 said in part:

Mr. Kussy, who is President of the West Side Trust Co., and the South Side National Bank & Trust Co. of this city, was the first man to serve as President of two banking institutions in this city at the same time, and his election to the presidency of the People's National Bank makes a third.

Mr. Mayham is Vice-President and director of the West Side Trust Co. and the South Side National Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Heyman is a director of both of these banks, and Mr. Schechner is a director of the West Side Trust Co. and the South Orange Trust Co. Mr. Buck has been Chief Clerk and Auditor of the West Side Trust Co.

Announcement was made following the bank's organization meeting that the shares of stock in the new bank, which were offered to residents and business people in the immediate vicinity of the bank, were largely oversubscribed.

The new building of the Essex County Trust Co. at the southeast corner of Main St. and South Arlington Ave., East Orange, N. J., which has been under construction since October 1924, was opened for public inspection yesterday, July 23, and the bank plans to begin business in the new quarters on Monday, July 26. The following in regard to the new building appeared in the Newark "News" of July 16:

One of the decorative features of the new bank, of which Col. Oscar H. Condit is President, is a painting upon the ceiling which shows landmarks familiar to the older residents of the suburban city. The painting is a reproduction of a scenic map of the city as it appeared in 1856.

The bank has a floor space of approximately 6,000 square feet. The ceiling is 35 feet above the floor and the exterior walls are of Napoleon gray Tennessee marble.

The change in the name of the Closter National Bank, Closter, N. J., to the Closter National Bank & Trust Co., is announced by the Comptroller of the Currency.

Resignation of Charles H. Bissikummer as President and a director of the Albany Trust Co., Albany, N. Y., to take effect Aug. 1, was announced by the directors on July 11, according to the Albany "Knickerbocker Press" of that date. Mr. Bissikummer has been connected with the Albany Trust Co. since its organization in 1900. He served as Teller and Trust Officer until 1904, when he was made Assistant Secretary. In 1908 he was elected Secretary and in 1910 Vice-President and Secretary. His promotion to the Presidency of the institution came the following year, 1911. He has served on the board of directors since 1905. Mr. Bissikummer is President of the Albany Clearing House Association and has served as Vice-President of the Trust Company Section of the American Bankers Association; first President of the Trust Company Section of the New York State Bankers Association; Treasurer of the New York State Bankers Association; Chairman of Group V of the New York State Bankers Association, and President of the Albany Bankers Association. The following resolution was adopted by the directors of the Albany Trust Co. on receiving Mr. Bissikummer's resignation:

This board has received with great regret the resignation of Mr. Charles H. Bissikummer, as its President and a director, to take effect Aug. 1 1926. Mr. Bissikummer has been connected with this trust company since its organization, a period of over twenty-six years. He has been active in all of its departments during that period of time, and when, in 1911, he became its President, he had already demonstrated that he was a banker of the first class.

His administration of the office of President has been marked by a series of successes in the affairs of the company for which he has been largely responsible. He has demonstrated that he was not only well versed in a knowledge of banking, but peculiarly fitted to maintain the position of the trust company, the only State institution of that kind in the city, on a par with that of all other banks in this city.

Mr. Bissikummer has endeared himself to every member of this board by the atmosphere of friendliness and courtesy which he has drawn about all of its meetings and deliberations. He has in every crisis shown himself as one possessed of a high sense of honor. In leaving the trust company in the most prosperous condition of its history, he may well look back with pride on the work that he has done, as we look with regret on his official parting.

Resolved, That the resignation of Mr. Charles H. Bissikummer, as President and director of this board, be and the same is, hereby accepted with deepest regret.

The "Knickerbocker Press" also referred to a contemplated merger of the Albany Trust Co. and the First National Bank of Albany, with John A. Becker, President of the latter institution, as President, saying in this regard:

The announcement was made public following exclusive publication in the "Knickerbocker Press" several months ago that the Albany Trust Co. and the First National Bank were formulating plans to merge into one banking institution. Mr. Bissikummer will not sever his connection with the trust company entirely, but for the term of at least a year will act as an adviser in the consolidation plans and in all other affairs of the institution.

In the near future, it is understood, the Albany Trust Co. will begin the erection of a new branch bank building at 253 Washington Avenue near Northern Boulevard.

At a meeting of the directors of the Central National Bank of Wilmington, Del., on July 12, Howard F. McCall was elected Cashier to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George F. Baird.

The Chicago Title & Trust Co. announced the appointment on July 20 1926 of Miss Frieda Tow as Assistant Secretary of the company.

James A. Latta, a Vice-President and a director of the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, died suddenly of heart attack on July 18 while on a vacation trip with his family in New Mexico near Cowles. In addition to his activities in the Northwestern National Bank, Mr. Latta at his death was a director of the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. and the Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. For 21 years he had been an active factor in the civic and social life of Minneapolis. Born in Ionia County, Mich., 61 years ago, he began his banking career in 1885 as a teller in the Second National Bank of Ionia, that county, but eventually moved to Detroit. In 1905 he resigned from a Detroit bank to accept a Vice-Presidency in the Swedish-American National Bank of Minneapolis, and upon the merger of the latter with the Northwestern National Bank in 1908, became a Vice-President of the enlarged institution, the position he held at the time of his death.

The National Exchange Bank, St. Paul, Minn., which in April last was purchased by a new organization under the title of the National Exchange Bank in St. Paul, went into voluntary liquidation on June 24. The new institution began business on April 26 1926, as reported in these columns in our May 22 issue.

The Guthrie County National Bank of Panora, Iowa, closed its doors on July 12 by order of a Federal examiner, according to the Des Moines "Register" of July 13. The institution was founded in 1876 and was capitalized, it is understood, at \$50,000.

George B. Harrison, until his recent resignation a member of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank at Los Angeles, and nationally known banker, on July 15 was elected President and a director of the Denver National Bank, Denver, and assumed his new duties at once. Following his acceptance of the Presidency of the institution, Mr. Harrison said:

I feel very much honored to be called to be the head of an institution like the Denver National Bank. There will be no change in the policy of the bank. It is too well established for that, and for 30 years has been one of the foremost banks of the city, so the policy will continue along the same lines as heretofore, and the depositors will not even know that any change has been made.

I intend to devote my whole time to the affairs of the bank. The position is such a responsible one that I feel that I cannot give my time to any outside interests, and have sent my resignation to-day as a member of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank at Los Angeles. It is in another district and I cannot give my time to both positions.

The following press dispatch from Prescott, Ariz., to the Los Angeles "Times" under date of July 12, reported that two new banks were about to open in that city—a branch of the Valley Bank and the First National Bank:

Prescott is to have two new banks. On the 19th inst. is to be opened a branch of the Valley Bank, which has headquarters in Phoenix and already has ten branches in southern and central Arizona, its last report balancing at \$13,000,000. C. H. Tinker will be in charge. A few days later, in the former quarters of the Prescott State Bank, will be started the First National Bank of Prescott, with capital stock of \$100,000 and \$10,000 surplus. Organization has been under the direction of Marcus M. Bright, a Fort Worth banker and cattleman, represented by A. H. Green.

According to the Bulletin issued by the Comptroller of the Currency, the National Bank of Arizona at Phoenix, Ariz., has changed its name to the "First National Bank of Arizona at Phoenix."

The Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis now includes in its service a new department in which it is "equipped to handle mergers, consolidations, sales and refinancing of business organizations, in the interest of greater volume of production with its consequent lower overhead, lower profit per unit, but higher profit per year." In calling attention to its new department, Festus J. Wade Jr., Vice-President of the institution, states that "This is a rather unusual service for

a trust company to offer, and we believe it is the first time such service has been offered by advertisement." One of the advertisements of the company announcing the departure says:

Because economy has become a national watchword, and because low price to the consumer through lower operating costs has become a business watchword, and finally, because Government has taken Roosevelt's advice, and now penalizes conduct—not size—it therefore becomes a logical step to merge business organizations for higher efficiency.

With the passing of Col. William H. Palmer Richmond has lost one of the few survivors of those who fought through the War between the States; who helped rebuild Virginia and the South in spite of poverty and every discouragement, and kept abreast of younger men who were born in a new and less strenuous era. His record as a soldier and officer of the Confederate Army was brilliant. General Lee, is stated, valued his counsel, and Jackson and Longstreet, and A. P. Hill, who was his immediate chief, gave favorable attention to his opinion. Although 91 years of age Colonel Palmer, until recent months, was still active and keenly interested in business affairs. He was President of the Virginia Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Chairman of the Board of the State-Planters Bank & Trust Co. and of the Mutual Assurance Society. He was instrumental in starting and helping forward to success many new enterprises, and during the financial crises of 1897, 1903 and 1907 he performed noteworthy service for his city and State. He served as President of the City Bank from 1890 until 1910 when the bank was merged with the State Bank of Virginia to become the National State & City Bank. This new bank he headed until 1920, when it was reorganized as the State & City Bank & Trust Co. When, in March of this year, the merger with the Planters National Bank took place, he continued as Chairman of the Board of the State-Planters Bank & Trust Co. Throughout his long life Colonel Palmer's influence was always exerted for the best interests, both civic and moral, and for the welfare of the community.

Andrew M. Bergstrom, formerly a Vice-President of the Citizens & Southern Bank of Atlanta, Ga., was on July 13 elected a Vice-President of the Atlanta & Lowry National Bank of that city and also of its affiliated institution, the Georgia Trust Co., according to the Atlanta "Constitution" of July 14. Continuing, the "Constitution" said:

Mr. Bergstrom was born in Atlanta and educated in the public schools. He began his banking career as a boy with the old Third National Bank, and continued with that institution after it became the Citizens & Southern Bank. He severed his connection there last fall and went to Florida for a rest, intending to stay out of the harness for several years. However, he was induced to return to Atlanta and join the forces of the Atlanta and Lowry and its sister institution, the Trust Company of Georgia.

A dispatch to the New York "Times" on July 16 from Miami, Fla. stated that announcement was made in Miami on that date of the purchase of the controlling interest in the Hollywood Bank & Trust Co., Hollywood, Fla. by E. C. Romfh, President of the First National Bank of Miami and other officials of that institution or its subsidiaries. The dispatch further went on to say:

The bank will be reorganized later as the First National Bank of Hollywood, while the capital stock will be increased immediately to 100,000, with a surplus of \$100,000.

The Hollywood Bank and Trust Company, which recently weathered a severe run following the closing of the Bank of Dania, is in the City of Hollywood, 18 miles north of here. It was founded and formerly controlled by J. W. Young, developer of Hollywood, and his associates.

Through to-day's purchase it becomes the fourth in the chain controlled by the First National Bank of Miami, the others being the First Trust & Savings Bank of Miami and the First National Bank of Miami Beach. The First National Bank of Coral Gables, another addition to the system, is now in process of organization.

Two million dollars, representing 4,454 shares of stock of the Bank of Italy, according to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of July 14, have been acquired by the employees of that institution under the provisions of a plan that contemplates ultimate control of the \$400,000,000 organization by its employees. Continuing, the "Chronicle" said:

The plan, which was introduced by A. P. Giannini, provides that 40% of the bank's profits shall be set aside each half year and devoted to the purchase of stock for the employees. The entire staff of the bank, numbering 2,500 people, is participating in the undertaking.

"We regard the plan as eminently successful," said James A. Bacigalupi, President, in commenting on its operation. "We feel that it has a tendency to improve the character of service to our customers and discourages waste and inefficient methods. The personnel of the bank accepts the plan as a definite responsibility."

More than \$650,000 was set aside for stock purchase during the first half of the year, of which amount \$497,000 was paid out of the bank's profits and the balance contributed from salary by the employees. This means that for each dollar saved by the employees the bank added approximately \$3 25 out of its earnings. The price of \$450 at which the stock was acquired represented a figure nearly \$10 below the present market price.

In calling attention to recent changes among the officers and directors of the American Colonial Bank of Porto Rico, E. A. Thayer, Credit Manager of the bank, says:

F. M. Schall of William Schall & Co., 160 Broadway, New York, is now a Vice-President, C. W. Kempter, formerly with the National City Bank of New York in Brazil, has been appointed as an Assistant Vice-President, and M. H. Balzac, formerly Manager of the American Colonial Bank at Arecibo, Porto Rico, has been appointed Cashier. New directors are Eduardo Giorgetti, capitalist, of San Juan, Porto Rico F. M. Schall, and E. S. Paine of William Schall & Co., New York.

At the close of its 27th fiscal year on April 30 1926, the bank reported capital paid up of \$1,500,000; surplus of \$1,000,000; undivided profits of \$192,067; deposits of \$13,141,195, and assets of \$16,024,764. These figures compare with paid in capital of \$1,000,000 on Oct. 31 1925; surplus of \$400,000; undivided profits of \$315,070; deposits of \$8,246,147, and assets of \$10,710,644 on Oct. 31 last. In his statement to the stockholders on May 12 1926, President Schall said:

The sugar crop of 1924-25 was the largest in the history of the island, but due to low sugar prices, profits in this industry were small. The sugar crop this year will be about 600,000 tons, but as prices are lower than last year, profits will again be small. Steady improvement in increased production through proper selection of seed and better methods of cultivation give better promise for the future of this industry.

The tobacco crop will be over 35,000,000 pounds. The leaf is of good quality, bringing excellent prices, and the demand has been heavy. Practically all of the tobacco planters are doing well.

The coffee crop for 1925-26 was small but prices were good, the average being around 27 cents. Co-operative marketing is proving of considerable benefit to the coffee farmers.

Coffee growers report very heavy blossom on the trees, which is an indication of a good crop to be picked in October and November.

The fruit growers have enjoyed another prosperous year. After a slump of two years, the canning of grape fruit is again becoming profitable, the demand for this product greatly exceeding the supply.

In February 1926 our capital and surplus were increased by \$1,000,000, and it was decided to pay dividends quarterly instead of semi-annually.

During the year just closed a regular dividend of 4% and an extra dividend of 4% were declared and paid on Dec. 1 1925, and a regular dividend of 2% and an extra dividend of 2% were declared and paid on Jan. 30 1926, and a regular dividend of 2% and an extra dividend of 2% were declared and paid May 1 1926, making a total of 16% for the year.

The bank's main office is at San Juan; it has branches at Mayaguez, Arecibo, Caguas, Ponce and Santurce.

#### COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will again make a satisfactory increase compared with a year ago. 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, July 24) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns aggregate 4.5% more than in the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$9,203,660,391, against \$8,805,088,651 for the same week in 1925. At this centre there is a gain for the five days of 1.3%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended July 24.	1926.	1925.	Per Cent.
New York.....	\$4,061,000,000	\$4,009,000,000	+1.3
Chicago.....	548,403,723	543,441,065	+0.9
Philadelphia.....	465,000,000	456,000,000	+2.0
Boston.....	396,000,000	338,000,000	+18.6
Kansas City.....	138,869,840	*119,500,000	+16.2
St. Louis.....	121,300,000	120,700,000	+0.4
San Francisco.....	161,858,000	149,235,000	+8.4
Los Angeles.....	150,578,000	119,428,000	+26.1
Pittsburgh.....	152,897,065	146,061,969	+4.7
Detroit.....	151,238,842	155,345,795	-2.7
Cleveland.....	107,443,171	106,045,724	+1.2
Baltimore.....	95,333,915	88,697,813	+7.5
New Orleans.....	52,589,132	51,975,302	+1.2
Thirteen cities, five days.....	\$6,602,511,688	\$6,403,481,668	+3.1
Other cities, five days.....	1,067,205,305	997,678,920	+7.0
Total all cities, five days.....	\$7,669,716,993	\$7,401,160,588	+3.6
All cities, one day.....	1,533,943,398	1,403,928,063	+9.2
Total all cities for week.....	\$9,203,660,391	\$8,805,088,651	+4.5

\* Estimated.

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 July 17. For that week there is an increase of 5.7%, the 1926 aggregate of the clearings being \$10,119,355,358 and the 1925 aggregate \$9,579,053,548. Outside of New York City the increase is only 3.4%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a gain of 7.6%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District there is an improvement of 12.2% in the New York Reserve District (including this city) of 7.5%, and in the Cleveland Reserve District of 5.3%. The Richmond Reserve District



has suffered a loss of 2.5%, the Atlanta Reserve District of 8.2% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 0.5%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are smaller by 0.8%, in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 1.8% and in the Dallas Reserve District by 0.6%. The St. Louis Reserve District has a gain of 5.6%, the Kansas City Reserve District of 6.5% and in the San Francisco Reserve District of 12.2%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week End, 1926, 1925, Inc. or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco) and Total (129 cities).

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

Large table with columns: Clearings at, Week Ending July 17, 1926, 1925, Inc. or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows list various cities and their Federal Reserve Districts (e.g., First Federal Reserve District - Boston, Second Federal Reserve District - New York, etc.).

Table with columns: Clearings at, Week Ending July 17, 1926, 1925, Inc. or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows list various cities and their Federal Reserve Districts (e.g., Seventh Federal Reserve District - Chicago, Eighth Federal Reserve District - St. Louis, etc.).

Table with columns: Clearings at, Week Ending July 15, 1926, 1925, Inc. or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows list various cities and their Federal Reserve Districts (e.g., Canada, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc.).

a No longer reported clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended July 14. d Week ended July 15. e Week ended July 16. \* Estimated.





Table with columns: United States (Concl), Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include various states and totals for July 17 1926, July 10 1926, July 18 1925, and Summary.

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

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital. Rows include Seward National Bank, Willamette National Bank, and Tioga National Bank.

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital. Rows include First National Bank of Fontana, First National Bank of Denver, and First National Bank of Auburndale.

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital. Rows include Closter National Bank and National Bank of Arizona.

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital. Rows include Greenpoint National Bank and First National Bank of Pelican Rapids.

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital. Rows include First National Bank of Pelican Rapids and Pelican Rapids, Minn.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows include Old Colony Trust Co., Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co., Waterloo Textile Corp., etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows include Philadelphia Title & Trust, West End Trust Co., Philadelphia Trust Co., etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows include Calco Chemical Co., Van Camp Packing Co., Automotive Devel. Co., etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows include Merchants Nat. Bank, Collateral Loan Co., Merrimac Hat Corp., etc.

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 with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Rows include Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Concluded) and Public Utilities (Concluded).

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Public Utilities (Concluded) and Banks.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and Banks.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Public Utilities (Concluded) and Banks.









Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, July 22 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 402, 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 JULY 21, 1926.

Table with 10 columns representing dates from July 21 1926 to July 22 1925. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, Total bills discounted, U. S. Government securities, Bonds, Treasury notes, Certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. Government securities, Foreign loans on gold, Total bills and securities, Due from foreign banks, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources, Total resources) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Member banks-reserve account, Government, Foreign bank, Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents, Distribution by Maturities, F. R. notes received from Comptroller, F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured, Total).

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925 two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due 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. \*Revised figures.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 21 1926

Table with 13 columns for cities: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran, Total. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, Total bills discounted, U. S. Government securities, Bonds, Treasury notes, Certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. Govt. securities) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes received from Comptroller, F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured, Total).



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Wall Street, Friday Night, July 23 1926.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 422.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sub-sections for Railroads, Industrial & Misc., and various stock listings.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various companies like Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M.G., etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial metrics.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing maturity, interest rate, bid, and asked prices for U.S. Treasury certificates.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices. Table with columns for date (July 17-23) and various bond types like First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds are:

Small table listing registered bond transactions with columns for bond type and quantity.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling was dull and nominal, though with a firm undertone, and rates practically unchanged.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 85 13-16@ 4 85 29-32 for checks and 4 86 5-16@ 4 86 13-32 for cables.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling Actual—High for the week 4 86 19-32, Low for the week 4 85 3/4.

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, and Germany Bankers' Marks.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15@25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$1.775 per \$1,000 premium.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 422. A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 446.

CURRENT NOTICES.

- Lawyers Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$1,650,000 convertible 5 1/2% serial gold notes of Peoples Light & Power Corporation.
—Frazier & Co. announce that Alfred A. Sevely is now associated with them in the bond department of their New York office.
—James Talcott, Inc., has been appointed factor for Edward A. Jones & Co., Inc., selling agents for a number of large woolen mills.
—Blyth, Witter & Co., Chicago, announce the removal of their offices to the fifth floor of the Borland Building, 105 South La Salle Street.
—George W. Lewis, formerly with Luke, Banks & Weeks, has become associated with Harvey Fisk & Sons.
—Fred G. Pohl has joined the sales force of Bristol & Willett of New York.

\* No par value.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various banks and trust companies like Bank of America, Citicorp, etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial data.

\* Banks marked (\*) are State banks. (1) New stock. (2) Ex-dividend. Ex-rights.

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

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

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 per share. Includes various stock symbols and prices.

Main table with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925'. Lists various stocks and their performance metrics.

\* Bid and asked prices # Ex-dividend

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 corresponding price ranges for various stocks.

Table listing various stocks under 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for Shares, Par, and Price.

Table with columns 'PER SHARE' and 'Range Since Jan. 1 1926.' listing price ranges for various stocks.

Table with columns 'PER SHARE' and 'Range for Previous Year 1925.' listing price ranges for various stocks.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, July 17 to Friday, July 23); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. Includes various stock entries like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Bush Terminal new, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. # Ex-dividend.

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

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 (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, July 17 to Friday, July 23) and rows of stock prices per share.

Table with columns for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PER SHARE' (Lowest and Highest) and rows of stock names and prices.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day x Ex-dividend a X-rights



# New York Stock Record—Continued—Page 6

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan 1 1926. On basis of 100 share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.		
Saturday, July 17.	Monday, July 19.	Tuesday, July 20.	Wednesday, July 21.	Thursday, July 22.	Friday, July 23.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest			
\$ per share 41 1/8 42 3/4 28 1/8 28 1/2 108 1/8 108 1/8 17 1/4 17 1/4 36 36 108 1/2 109 1/2 20 1/2 21 98 1/2 98 33 33 130 1/2 131 110 1/4 110 1/4 114 1/4 114 1/4 11 1/4 11 1/4 71 80 22 22 1/2 102 1/2 105 54 1/2 55 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 72 1/2 74 1/2	\$ per share 41 1/8 42 3/4 27 1/2 28 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2 17 1/4 17 1/4 36 36 108 1/2 109 1/2 20 1/2 21 98 1/2 98 33 33 130 1/2 131 110 1/4 110 1/4 114 1/4 114 1/4 11 1/4 11 1/4 71 80 22 22 1/2 102 1/2 105 54 1/2 55 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 73 75	\$ per share 41 1/8 42 3/4 27 1/2 28 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2 17 1/4 17 1/4 36 36 108 1/2 109 1/2 20 1/2 21 98 1/2 98 33 33 130 1/2 131 110 1/4 110 1/4 114 1/4 114 1/4 11 1/4 11 1/4 71 80 22 22 1/2 102 1/2 105 54 1/2 55 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 73 75	\$ per share 41 1/8 42 3/4 27 1/2 28 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2 17 1/4 17 1/4 36 36 108 1/2 109 1/2 20 1/2 21 98 1/2 98 33 33 130 1/2 131 110 1/4 110 1/4 114 1/4 114 1/4 11 1/4 11 1/4 71 80 22 22 1/2 102 1/2 105 54 1/2 55 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 73 75	\$ per share 41 1/8 42 3/4 27 1/2 28 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2 17 1/4 17 1/4 36 36 108 1/2 109 1/2 20 1/2 21 98 1/2 98 33 33 130 1/2 131 110 1/4 110 1/4 114 1/4 114 1/4 11 1/4 11 1/4 71 80 22 22 1/2 102 1/2 105 54 1/2 55 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 73 75	\$ per share 40 1/2 40 5/8 27 1/2 28 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2 16 1/2 17 34 35 3/8 107 1/4 107 1/4 20 1/2 20 1/2 98 99 31 1/2 32 1/2 122 122 1/2 105 107 1/2 113 113 11 1/4 11 1/4 72 79 22 22 1/2 103 105 54 1/2 54 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 72 73	Shares 100 46,700 600 15,500 10,500 100 30,600 22,800 5,500 2,100 300 600 900 9,600 1,300 500	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par Shell Transport & Trading 42 Shell Union Oil No par Do pref 100 Simms Petroleum 10 Simmons Co No par Preferred 100 Standard Oil of Cal No par Standard Oil of New Jersey 25 Do pref non-voting 100 Stand Plate Glass Co No par Sterling Products No par Stewart-Warn Sp Corp No par Stromberg Carburet No par Studeb Corp (The) new No par Do pref 100 Submarine Boat No par Sun Oil 100 Superior Oil No par Superior Steel 100 Sweets Co of America 50 Sylington temp cts No par Class A temp cts No par Telatograph Corp No par Tenn Corp & C No par Texas Company (The) 25 Texas Gulf Sulphur 10 Texas Pacific Coal & Oil 10 Texas Pacific Land Trust 100 The Fair No par Tide Water Oil 100 Preferred 100 Timken Roller Bearing No par Tobacco Products Corp 100 Do Class A 100 Transit Oilmet new No par Transue & Williams St'l No par Underwood Typewriter 25 Union Bag & Paper Corp 100 Union Oil California 25 Union Tank Car 100 Do pref 100 United Alloy Steel No par United Cigar Stores 25 Preferred 100 United Drug 100 Do pref 50 United Fruit No par United Fruit A No par Universal Pictures 1st pf 100 Universal Pipe & Rad No par Do pref 100 U S Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy 100 Do pref 100 U S Distrib Corp tem cts No par Do pref 100 U S Hoff Mach Corp v t e No par U S Industrial Alcohol 100 Do pref 100 US Realty & Improvt new No par United States Rubber 33 Do 1st pref 100 U S Smelting, Ref & Min 50 Do pref 50 United States Steel Corp 100 Do pref 100 U S Tobacco No par Preferred 100 Urah Copper 100 Utilities Pow & Lt A No par Vanadium Corp No par Van Raalte No par Do 1st pref 100 Virginia-Caro Chem No par New Certificates No par Do pref 100 Do "B" No par Do "C" No par 8% pref w l 100 7% pref w l 100 Virginia Iron Coal & Coke 100 Vivadour (V) new No par Waldorf System No par Walworth Co cts No par Ward Baking Class A No par Class B No par Preferred (100) No par Warner Bros Pictures A 10 Warren Bros No par Weber & Hellbr, new c No par Western Union Telegraph 100 Westinghouse Air Brake 50 Westinghouse Elec & Mfg 50 Weston Elec Instrument 100 Class A 100 West Penn Co No par Certificates 100 Do 7% pf tem ctf new 100 West Penn Elec of A v t e No par Preferred 100 West Penn Power pref 100 White Eagle Oil No par White Motor 50 White Rock Min Sp ctf No par Wickway Spencer Steel ctf 5 Willys-Overland (The) 5 Do pref 100 Wilson & Co, Inc. new No par Do Class A No par Woolworth Co (F W) 25 Washington P & M 700 Do pref A 100 Do pref B 100 Wright Aeronautical No par Wright (Wm Jr) No par Yale & Towne 25 Yellow Truck & Coach 100 Preferred 100 Youngstown Sheet & T No par	\$ per share 40 1/2 40 5/8 27 1/2 28 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2 16 1/2 17 34 35 3/8 107 1/4 107 1/4 20 1/2 20 1/2 98 99 31 1/2 32 1/2 122 122 1/2 105 107 1/2 113 113 11 1/4 11 1/4 72 79 22 22 1/2 103 105 54 1/2 54 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 72 73	\$ per share 40 1/2 40 5/8 27 1/2 28 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2 16 1/2 17 34 35 3/8 107 1/4 107 1/4 20 1/2 20 1/2 98 99 31 1/2 32 1/2 122 122 1/2 105 107 1/2 113 113 11 1/4 11 1/4 72 79 22 22 1/2 103 105 54 1/2 54 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 72 73	\$ per share 40 1/2 40 5/8 27 1/2 28 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2 16 1/2 17 34 35 3/8 107 1/4 107 1/4 20 1/2 20 1/2 98 99 31 1/2 32 1/2 122 122 1/2 105 107 1/2 113 113 11 1/4 11 1/4 72 79 22 22 1/2 103 105 54 1/2 54 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 72 73	\$ per share 40 1/2 40 5/8 27 1/2 28 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2 16 1/2 17 34 35 3/8 107 1/4 107 1/4 20 1/2 20 1/2 98 99 31 1/2 32 1/2 122 122 1/2 105 107 1/2 113 113 11 1/4 11 1/4 72 79 22 22 1/2 103 105 54 1/2 54 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 72 73	\$ per share 40 1/2 40 5/8 27 1/2 28 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2 16 1/2 17 34 35 3/8 107 1/4 107 1/4 20 1/2 20 1/2 98 99 31 1/2 32 1/2 122 122 1/2 105 107 1/2 113 113 11 1/4 11 1/4 72 79 22 22 1/2 103 105 54 1/2 54 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 72 73	\$ per share 40 1/2 40 5/8 27 1/2 28 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2 16 1/2 17 34 35 3/8 107 1/4 107 1/4 20 1/2 20 1/2 98 99 31 1/2 32 1/2 122 122 1/2 105 107 1/2 113 113 11 1/4 11 1/4 72 79 22 22 1/2 103 105 54 1/2 54 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 72 73

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend.

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Type, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Govt. & Municipal, and Railroad bonds.

\$5=£. d Due July. k Due Aug. p Due Nov s Option sale

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for bond names, interest periods, prices, and ranges.

a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due May. d Due Oct. e Due Dec. f Option sale.

BONDS					Interst Period	Price Friday, July 23.		Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1	
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ended July 23.						Bid	Ask	Low	High		Low	High
Kansas City Term 1st 4s.....1980												
Kentucky Central gold 4s.....1981												
Kentucky & Ind Term 4 1/2s.....1981												
Stamp.....1981												
Lake Erie & West 1st 6s.....1931												
2d gold 5s.....1941												
Lake Shore gold 3 1/2s.....1991												
Registered.....1991												
Debtenture gold 4s.....1928												
25-year gold 4s.....1931												
Registered.....1931												
Leh Val Harbor Term 5s.....1954												
Leh Val N Y 1st gu g 4 1/2s.....1940												
Lehigh Val (Pa) cons g 4s.....2003												
General cons 4 1/2s.....2003												
Lehigh Val RR gen 5s Series.....2003												
Leh V Term Ry 1st gu g 5s.....1941												
Leh & N Y 1st gu var gold 4s.....1945												
Lex & East 1st 50-yr 5s gu.....1965												
Little Miami 4s.....1952												
Long Dock consol g 6s.....1935												
Long Ldd 1st con gold 5s.....1931												
1st consol gold 4s.....1931												
General gold 4s.....1932												
Unfiled gold 4s.....1949												
Debtenture gold 5s.....1934												
20-year p m deb 5s.....1949												
Guar refunding gold 4s.....1949												
Nor Sh B 1st con g g 5s.....1932												
Louisiana & Ark 1st g 5s.....1927												
Lou & Jeff Bdge Co gu g 4s.....1945												
Louisville & Nashville 5s.....1937												
Unfiled gold 4s.....1940												
Collateral trust gold 5s.....1931												
10-year secured 7s.....1930												
1st refund 5 1/2s Series A.....2003												
1st & ref 6s Series B.....2003												
1st & ref 4 1/2s Series C.....2003												
N O & M 1st gold 6s.....1930												
2d gold 6s.....1930												
Paducah & Mem Div 4s.....1946												
St Louis Div 2d gold 3s.....1980												
Mob & Monty 1st 4 1/2s.....1945												
South Ry Joint Monon 4s.....1952												
Atl Knov & Cin Div 4s.....1955												
Lousv Cin & Lex Div g 4 1/2s.....1932												
Mahon Coal RR 1st 6s.....1934												
Manila RR (South Lines) 4s.....1939												
1st 4s.....1939												
Manitoba Colonization 5s.....1934												
Man G B & N W 1st 3 1/2s.....1941												
Mich Cent Det & Bay City 6s.....1931												
Registered.....1931												
Mich Air Line 4s.....1940												
J L & S 1st gold 3 1/2s.....1951												
1st gold 3 1/2s.....1952												
20-year debtenture 4s.....1929												
Mid of N S 1st ext 5s.....1940												
Milw L B & West Imp g 5s.....1929												
Mil & Nor 1st ext 4 1/2s (blue).....1934												
Cons ext 4 1/2s (brown).....1934												
Mil Spar & N W 1st gu 4s.....1947												
Milw & State L 1st gu 3 1/2s.....1941												
Minn & St Louis 1st 7s.....1927												
1st consol gold 5s.....1934												
Temp cts of deposit.....1931												
1st & refunding gold 4s.....1949												
Ref & ext 50-yr 5s Ser A.....1962												
1st guar g 7s.....1927												
M St P & S S M con g 4s Int gu 3/8 J												
1st cons 6s.....1938												
1st cons 5s gu as to Int.....1938												
10-year coll trust 6 1/2s.....1931												
1st & ref 6s Series A.....1946												
25-year 5 1/2s.....1949												
1st Chicago Term 5s f 4s.....1941												
Mississippi Central 1st 6s.....1940												
Mo Kan & Tex 1st gold 4s.....1940												
Mo-K-T RR—Fr 1 5s Ser A.....1962												
40-year 4s Series B.....1962												
10-year 6s Series C.....1932												
Cum adjust 5s Ser A Jan. 1967												
Missouri Pacific (reorg (o)												
1st & refunding 5s Ser A.....1965												
1st & refunding 6s Ser D.....1949												
1st & refund 6s Ser E Int.....1955												
General 4s.....1975												
Mo Pac 3d 7s extat 4%.....1935												
Mob & Brl prior lien g 5s.....1945												
Mortgage gold 4s.....1945												
Small.....1945												
Mobile & Ohio new gold 6s.....1927												
1st extended gold 6s.....1927												
General gold 4s.....1938												
Montgomery Div 1st g 6s.....1947												
St Louis Division 6s.....1927												
Mob & Mar 1st gu gold 4s.....1991												
Mont C 1st gu g 6s.....1937												
1st guar gold 5s.....1937												
Morris & Essex 1st gu 3 1/2s.....2000												
Nashv Chatt & St L 1st 6s.....1928												
N Fla & S 1st gu g 5s.....1937												
Nat Ry of Mex de lien 4 1/2s.....1957												
July 1914 coupon on.....												
Assent cash war ret No 3 on.....												
Guar 70-year s f 4s.....1977												
Assent cash war ret No 3 on.....												
Nat RR Mex prior lien 4 1/2s.....1926												
July 1914 coupon on.....												
Assent cash war ret No 3 on.....												
1st consol 4s.....1951												
April 1914 coupon on.....												
Assent cash war ret No 3 on.....												
New England cons 5s.....1945												
Consol 4s.....1945												
N Junc RR guar 1st 4s.....1986												
N O & N E 1st ref 4 1/2s A.....52												
New Orleans Term 1st 4s.....1953												
N O Texas & Mex n-c int 5s.....1935												
1st 5s Series B.....1954												
1st 5 1/2s Series A.....1954												
N & C Bdge gen guar 4 1/2s.....1945												
N Y B & M B 1st con g 6s.....1935												
N Y Cent RR conv deb 6s.....1935												
Registered.....												
Consol 4s Series A.....1998												
Ref & Impt 4 1/2s "A".....2013												
Ref & Impt 5s Series C.....2013												
Registered.....												

BONDS					Interst Period	Price Friday, July 23.		Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1	
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ended July 23.						Bid	Ask	Low	High		Low	High
N Y Central & Hudson River—												
Mortgage 3 1/2s.....1997												
Registered.....1997												
Debtenture gold 4s.....1934												
Registered.....												
30-year debtenture 4s.....1942												
Registered.....												
Lake Shore coll gold 3 1/2s.....1998												
Registered.....												
Mfch Cent coll gold 3 1/2s.....1998												
Registered.....												
N Y Chic & St L 1st g 4s.....1937												
Registered.....1937												
25-year debtenture 4s.....1931												
2d 6s Series A B C.....1931												
Refunding 5 1/2s Series A.....1974												
Refunding 5 1/2s Ser B.....1975												
N Y Connect 1st gu 4 1/2s A.....1953												
N Y & Erie 1st Series B.....1953												
N Y & Erie 1st ext gold 4s.....1947												
3d ext gold 4 1/2s.....1953												
4th ext gold 4s.....1947												
5th ext gold 4s.....1928												
N Y & Greenw L gu g 5s.....1946												
N Y & Harlem gold 3 1/2s.....2000												
N Y Lack & W 1st & ref 5s.....1973												
1st & ref 4 1/2s.....1973												
N Y L E & W 1st 7s ext.....1930												
N Y & Jersey 1st 5s.....1932												
N Y & Long Branch gen g 4s.....1941												
N Y N E & Hart n-c deb 4s.....1947												
Registered.....												
Non-conv debtenture 3 1/2s.....1947												
Non-conv debtenture 3 1/2s.....1954												
Non-conv debtenture 4s.....1955												
Non-conv debtenture 4s.....1956												
Conv debtenture 3 1/2s.....1956												
Conv debtenture 6s.....1948												
Registered.....												
Collateral trust 6s.....1940												
Debtenture 4s.....1957												
Harlem R & Pt Ches 1st 4s.....1954												
N Y & Northern 1st g 5s.....1927												
N Y O & W ref 1st g 4s June 1992												
General 4s.....1955												
N Y Providence & Boston 4s.....1942												
N Y & Putnam 1st con gu 4s.....1992												
N Y & R B 1st gold 5s.....1927												
N Y Susg & West 1st ref 5s.....1937												
2d gold 4 1/2s.....1937												
General gold 5s.....1940												
Terminal 1st gold 5s.....1943												
N Y W Ches & B 1st Ser I 4 1/2s '46												
Nord Ry ext l s f 4 1/2s.....1950												
Norfolk South 1st & ref 6s.....1961												
Norfolk & South 1st gold 6s.....1941												
North & West gen gold 6s.....1931												
Improvement & ext 6s.....1931												
New River 1st gold.....1932												
N & W Ry 1st cons g 4s.....1996												
Registered.....1996												
Div' 1st llen & gen g 4s.....1944												
10-year conv 6s.....1929												
Pocah C & C joint 4s.....1941												
Nor Cent gen & ref 5s A.....1974												
North Ohio 1st guar g 5s.....1945												
Nor Pacific prior lien 4s.....1997												
Registered.....1997												
General lien gold 3s.....2007												
Registered.....												
Ref & Impt 4 1/2s Ser A.....2047												
Registered.....												
Ref & Impt 6s Ser B.....2047												
Registered.....												
Ref & Impt 5s Ser C.....2047												
Nor Pac Term Co 1st g 6s.....1933												
No of Cal guar g 6s.....1938												
North Wisconsin 1st 6s.....1940												
Og & L Cham 1st 4s g.....1945												
Ohio Connecting Ry 1st 4s.....1945												
Ohio River RR 1st g 5s.....1936												
General gold 6s.....1937												
Ore & Cal 1st guar g 5s.....1927												
Ore RR & Nav con g 4s.....1946												
Ore Short Line—1st cons g 5s '46												
Guar cons 6s.....1946												
Guar refund 4s.....1929												
Oregon-Wash 1st & ref 4s.....1961												
Pacific Coast Co 1st g 5s.....1946												
Pac RR of Mo 1st ext 4s.....1938												
2d extended gold 6s.....1938												
Paducah & Ill 1st 4 1/2s.....1956												
Paris-Lyons-Med RR 6s.....1958												
S f external 7s.....1958												
Paris-Orleans RR s f 7s.....1954												
Paulista Ry 7s.....1942												
Pennsylvania RR—cons g 4s.....1943												
Consol gold 4s.....1948												
4s sterl stop dol.....May 1 1948												
Consol 4 1/2s.....1960												
General 4 1/2s Ser A.....1965												
General 5s Ser B.....1968												
10-year secured 7s.....1930												
15-year debtenture 6 1/2s.....1930												
Registered.....												
40-year gold 6s.....1964												
Pa Co—Gu 3 1/2s coll tr A reg 1937												
Guar 3 1/2s coll trust Ser B.....1941												
Guar 3 1/2s trust cts C.....1942												
Guar 3 1/2s trust cts D.....1944												
Guar 15-25-year gold 4s.....1931												
Guar 4s Ser E.....1952												
Peoria & East 1st cons 4s.....1940												
Income 4s.....1990												
Perc & Pekin Un 1st 5 1/2s.....1974												
Pere Marquette 1st Ser A 5s.....1956												
1st 4s Ser B.....1956												
Phila Balt & W 1st g 4s.....1943												
Gen 5s Series B.....1974												
Philippine Ry 1st 30-ys s f 4s.....1937												
Pine Creek regst 6s.....1932												
P C C & St L gu 4 1/2s A.....1940												
Series B 4 1/2s guar.....1942												
Series C 4 1/2s guar.....1942												
Series D 4s guar.....1945												
Series E 3 1/2s guar gold.....1949												
Series F 4s guar gold.....1953												
Series G 4s guar.....1957												

a Due Jan. d Due April. p Due Dec. s Option sale.

BONDS N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ended July 23.

Table listing various bonds including Pitts Clin Chic & St L (Concluded), Reading Co gen gold 4s, Jersey Central coll g 4s, etc. Columns include Bond, Price, Range, and Range Since.

BONDS N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ended July 23.

Table listing various bonds including U N J RR & Can gen 4s, Uta h & Nor gold 5s, etc. Columns include Bond, Price, Range, and Range Since.

INDUSTRIALS

Table listing industrial bonds including Adams Express coll tr g 4s, Ajax Rubber 1st 15-yr s f 8s, etc.

g Due Jan d Due May. e Due June. h Due July. i Due Aug. p Due Nov. s Option sale.



New York Bond Record—Concluded—Page 6

Table of New York Bond Record with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and other financial details.

a Due Jan. d Due April. p Due Dec. s Option sale.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table of Quotations of Sundry Securities including Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, Tobacco Stocks, Rubber Stocks, and Sugar Stocks.

\* Per share. † No par value. b Basis. d Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. n New stock. f Flat price. k Last sale. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. z Ex-50% stock dividend. s Sale price. r Canadian quotation.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday), Sales for the Week, STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Miscellaneous, Mining), Range Since Jan. 1 1926 (Lowest, Highest), and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Boston Elevated, Amer Pneu Service, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a Assessment paid. b Ex-stock dividend. c New stock. d Ex-dividend. e Ex-rights. f Ex-dividend and rights



Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange July 17 to July 23, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various bond types like American Tel & Tel, Mass Gas, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, July 17 to July 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Alliance Insurance, American Stores, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange July 17 to July 23, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Amer Wholesale pref., Arundel Corp new stock, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Northern Central, Penna Water & Power, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange July 17 to July 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Bond3, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various bonds and stocks like Adams Royalty Co, All America Radio, etc.

Table of stock prices for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

\* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange July 17 to July 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

\* No par value.

Note.—Sold last week and not reported: 25 Amer. Vitrified Products, pref. at 94; 230 Blaw-Knox Co. at 58 3/4; 125 Carnegie Metals at 14 1/2; 30 Conley Tank Car, pref. at 100; 10 West Penn Rys., pref. at 95.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange July 17 to July 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for St. Louis Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for Cincinnati Stock Exchange (continued), including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

\* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—For this week's record of transactions on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange see page 423.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from July 17 to July 23, 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.

Table of stock prices for New York Curb Market, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

Table with multiple columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and various stock names like Dunhill Internat., Royal Bak Powder, etc.

Other Oil Stocks (Concluded)	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low	High		Low	High
Mountain & Gulf Oil	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	900	1 1/2	1 3/4
Mountain Producers	10	24 1/2	24 1/2	7,600	23	26
National Fuel Gas	100	150	150	70	131	159
New Bradford Oil	5	5 3/4	5 3/4	600	5 1/4	5 3/4
Northwest Oil	10	4	4	1,000	3	7
Ohio Fuel Corporation	25	39 1/2	42 1/2	10,000	33	43 1/2
Pandem Oil Corp.	2	7 3/4	7 3/4	1,100	7 1/4	7 3/4
Peer Oil Corp.	1	0	0	3,000	0	0
Pennock Oil Corp.	25	26 1/2	26 1/2	4,000	14 1/2	22 1/2
Red Bank Oil	25	26 1/2	26 1/2	100	6 1/4	7 3/4
Reiter-Foster Oil Corp.	25	23 1/2	23 1/2	4,300	14 1/2	24 1/2
Royal-Can Oil Syndicate	25	7 1/4	7 1/4	23,500	20	24 1/2
Ryan Consol Petroleum	25	5 3/4	5 3/4	2,200	4 1/2	4 1/2
Salt Creek Consol Oil	10	8 1/2	8 1/2	400	8	10
Salt Creek Producers	10	30 3/4	31 1/2	3,800	28 1/2	36
Shreveport El Dorado PL25	25	13 1/2	13 1/2	100	11	13 1/2
Tidal Osage voting stock	25	9	9 1/2	400	7 3/4	10
Tide Water Assoc Oil	100	24 1/2	24 1/2	29,000	21	27
United Oil of Calif.	25	7 1/2	7 1/2	800	6 1/2	7 1/2
Venezuelan Petroleum	25	6 1/2	6 3/4	8,800	4 1/2	7 1/2
Wilex Oil & Gas new	25	33 1/2	33 1/2	6,700	22	36 1/2
Woodley Petroleum Corp.	25	6 1/4	6 1/4	600	4 1/2	7 1/2
WV Oil & Gas	1	25	23	32,000	5	35

**Minning Stocks.**

Company	Price	Low	High	Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1. Low	Range Since Jan. 1. High
Amer C M M & M	1	4c	6c	22,000	3c	7c
Arizona Globe Copper	1	8c	9c	3,000	7c	31c
Beaver Consol	1	75c	75c	2,100	45c	96c
Bunker Hill & Sullivan Min & Concentrating	10	75	75	25	75	75
Carmex Metals	10	14	14	700	14	21
Consol Copper Mines	1	3 1/4	3 1/4	8,500	1 1/2	3 1/2
Consol New Utah Corp	3	5c	7c	8,000	3c	7c
Cortez Silver Mines Co	1	27 1/2	27 1/2	2,300	1 1/4	2 1/4
Crescon Cons Gold M & M	1	6c	9c	2,400	9c	23 1/2
Engineer Gold Mines Ltd	5	11c	11c	1,600	1c	3c
Eureka Croesus	1	5c	6c	12,000	3c	6c
First Thought Gold Min	1	4c	4c	1,000	4c	10c
Forty-nine Mining Co	1	11c	11c	1,000	5c	19c
Golden Centre Mines	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,600	1c	3c
Golden State Mining	10	4c	4c	4,000	2c	6c
Goldfield Florence	1	10c	8c	7,000	6c	18c
Hawthorne Mines Inc	1	14c	17c	41,000	12c	32c
Hesla Mining	25	18	17 1/2	600	15 1/2	19 1/2
Hollinger Consol Gold M	5	19 1/2	19 1/2	700	17 1/4	19 1/2
Jerome Verde Devel	50	55c	65c	1,500	50c	1 1/2
Kay Copper Co	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	27,000	1 1/2	2 1/4
Mason Valley Mines	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	1 1/2	2 1/4
New Cornelia Copper	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	800	1 1/2	2 1/4
New Jersey Zinc	100	192 1/2	192 1/2	70	183 1/2	223 1/2
Newmont Mining Corp	10	63 1/2	64 3/4	6,000	46 1/2	64 3/4
Nipissing Mines	5	5 3/4	5 3/4	1,100	5	7 1/2
Noranda Mines Ltd	1	16 1/4	15 1/2	13,200	12 1/2	18 1/2
Ohio Copper	1	30c	32c	4,000	20c	39c
Parmac-Porcupine Min	1	2	2 1/2	1,000	2	2 1/2
Premier Gold Min Ltd	1	5 1/4	4 1/4	7,200	3 1/4	5 1/4
Spearshead Mining	1	3c	3c	67,000	2c	6c
Teck Hughes	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	2,300	2 1/2	4
Tonopah Belmont Devel	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	800	2 1/2	4
Tri-Bullion S & Dev	10c	14c	15c	2,000	3c	4 1/4
United Verde Extens	50	28 1/2	29 1/2	1,400	27 1/2	35
U S Continental Mines new	5	8c	8c	3,000	6c	10c
Utah Apex	5	7 1/4	8	1,200	6 1/4	8
Utah Metal & Tunnel	1	1 1/2	1 1/4	100	1 1/4	2 1/4
Wenden Copper Mining	1	3	3 1/2	1,800	2 1/2	3 1/2
West End Consolidated	5	15c	15c	2,000	15c	30c

**Bonds—**

Company	Price	Low	High	Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1. Low	Range Since Jan. 1. High
Allied Pack deb 8s	106 1/4	78	79	89,000	70 1/2	89
Aluminum Co of Am 7 1/2 1933	106 1/4	106 1/2	106 1/2	18,000	106	107 1/2
Am G & El 6s new	101	100 3/4	101	174,000	98 3/4	101 1/4
American Power & Light— 6s old without warr 2016	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	141,000	96	100 1/2
6s new 2016	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	123,000	98	100 1/2
Amer Roll Mill 6s	1936	103 1/4	103 1/4	3,000	101 1/4	103 1/4
Amer Seating 6s	1936	99 1/4	99 3/4	9,000	99 1/4	100 1/4
Amer Thread 6s	1928	102 1/4	102 1/4	3,000	102 1/4	103 1/4
Amer Wks & El 6s 1975	95 1/4	95	95 3/4	85,000	92 1/2	95 1/4
Anacosta Cons Min 6s 1929	102 3/4	102 3/4	103	5,000	102 3/4	103 1/4
Appalach El Pow 5 1/2 1976	94 3/4	94 3/4	95 1/4	138,000	94 1/2	97 1/2
Assoe Gas & Elec 6 1/2 1955	99 1/4	99	99	243,000	92 1/4	100
Assoe'd Sm Hardw 6 1/4 1933	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	12,000	95	96 1/4
Atlantic Refining 8s	1949	21	21	1,000	19	33 1/4
Bait & Flint 6 1/2 2000	96	96	97	305,000	94 1/2	98 1/2
Beaver Board Co 8 1/2 1933	91	91	92	14,000	90 3/4	91 3/4
Bell Tel of Canada 6 1/2 1955	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 3/4	25,000	99 3/4	101 1/4
Berlin City Elec 6 1/2 1928	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	9,000	98	99 1/4
6 1/2 1929	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	10,000	97	98 3/4
Boston & Main RR 6s 1933	100	100	100 1/4	6,000	94 1/4	101
Brunner Turb & Eq 7 1/2 55	85 1/2	85 1/2	86	17,000	85	101 1/2
Buffalo Gen Elec 5 1/2 1956	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 3/4	9,000	99 1/4	103 1/4
Burmeister & Wain of Copenhagen 15 yr 6 1/2 1940	95	94	95	28,000	94	95
Canadian Nat Rys 7 1/2 1935	113 1/2	113 1/2	114	11,000	110	114 1/2
Carolina Pow & Lt 5 1/2 1955	98 3/4	98 3/4	99 1/4	98,000	97 1/2	100 1/4
Chic & N W 4 1/2 s	102 1/4	101 3/4	102 1/4	35,000	101 1/2	102 1/4
Cities Service 6s	1966	93 1/2	93 1/2	174,000	91 1/2	93 1/4
New when issued	1966	93 1/2	93 1/2	65,000	91 1/2	94
Cities Ser 7s Ser D	1966	105 1/2	106 1/2	177,000	101 1/2	106 1/2
8 1/2 series E	1966	112 1/2	112 1/2	20,000	109	112 1/2
Cons E, F & L P 6 1/2 s	1949	107 3/4	107 3/4	4,000	105 1/2	107 3/4
5 1/2 Series E	1952	106 1/2	106 1/2	1,000	105	107
Consolidated Textile 8s '41	99	80 1/2	80 1/2	2,000	80	92
Container Corp 6s	1946	99	99	10,000	80	99
Cosq-Mech Coal 6 1/2 1954	93 3/4	93 3/4	94	13,000	90	96 1/4
Cuban Telep 7 1/2 1941	109 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	14,000	108 1/2	112
Cudahy Pack deb 5 1/2 1937	91 3/4	91	91 1/4	33,000	91	95 1/4
5 1/2 1946	95 1/4	95 1/4	95 1/4	5,000	94 1/4	96 1/4
Detroit City Gas 6 1/2 1947	104 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4	22,000	104 1/4	107 1/4
Detroit Edison 7s	1930	131 1/2	131 1/2	1,000	124 3/4	138 1/2
Duke-Price Pow Ist 6s 1961	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	261,000	100 1/4	103 1/2
East Term Off Bldg 6 1/2 43	101 1/2	100 3/4	101	10,000	100	103 1/2
Eltinger-Schild Co 6s 1935	96	96	96 1/2	6,000	95 1/2	97 1/2
Elec Refrigeration 6s 1931	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	90,000	100 3/4	104 1/4
Europ'n Mtg & Inv 7 1/2 50	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	10,000	97 1/2	100 1/4
Federal Sugar 6s	1933	85 1/2	85 1/2	2,000	85	98 1/2
Fiat 20-yr s 7 1/2	1946	93 1/4	93 1/4	92,000	93 1/4	93 1/4
Fisk Rubber 5 1/2 s	1931	98	96 3/4	355,000	93 1/4	98 1/4
Florida Pow & Lt 6 1/2 1954	94 3/4	94 3/4	94 3/4	239,000	91 1/2	96 1/4
New	1937	104 3/4	104 3/4	30,000	95	95 1/2
Gair (Robt) Co 7 1/2	1937	90	90	1,000	103	105 1/2
Galena-Signal Oil 7 1/2 1930	102 1/4	116 1/2	116 1/2	9,000	84	104
Gen Ice Cream 6 1/2 1935	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	26,000	101 1/2	102 1/2
General Petroleum 6 1/2 1928	101 1/2	97	97 1/2	14,000	96 1/2	99 1/2
Goodyear T & R 5 1/2	1928	97	96 3/4	10,000	96 1/2	99
Goody'r T & R Cal 5 1/2 31	109 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	11,000	107 1/2	109 1/2
Grand Truck Ry 6 1/2 s 1936	88 1/4	87 1/4	88 1/4	90,000	85	88 1/4
Great Cons Elec 6 1/2 1950	103 1/2	100 1/4	100 1/4	9,000	98 1/2	101 1/2
Gulf Oil of Pa 5 1/2	1937	101	101	1,000	100 3/4	101 3/4
Serial 5 1/2	1928	99 1/4	99 1/4	23,000	94	100
Hamburg Elec Co 7 1/2 1935	95 1/4	95 1/4	95 1/4	78,000	94	97 3/4
Hesder Steel Corp 7 1/2 1946	95 1/4	96 1/2	96 1/2	7,000	95 1/4	100 3/4
Indep Oil & Gas 6 1/2 1931	99	99	99	6,000	98	99
Indiana Limestone 6 1/2 1941	97	97 1/2	97 1/2	34,000	97	98 1/2
Indianapolis P & L 6 1/2 1936	95 1/4	95	95 1/4	28,000	95	95 1/4
Internat Grt Nor 5 B 1956	96 1/4	96	96 1/4	28,000	96	96 1/4
Int Rys of Cent Am 6 1/2 41	96 1/4	96	96 1/4	28,000	96	96 1/4

Bonds (Concluded)	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low	High		Low	High
Kaufman Dept Ss 6s 1935	---	97 1/2	97 1/2	5,000	97 1/2	97 1/2
With warrants	---	97 1/2	97 1/2	1,000	97 1/2	97 1/2
Keith (B F) Corp 6s 1946	99 3/4	99 1/2	99 3/4	11,000	99 1/2	100 1/4
Keystone Telep 5 1/2 s—1965	86	86	86	1,000	83	86
Kresge Foundation 6s 1936	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 3/4	134,000	100 1/4	100 3/4
Krupp (Feldt) Ltd 7 1/2 1929	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	33,000	90 1/2	98 1/2
Laclede Gas L 5 1/2 s—1935	---	100 1/4	100 1/4	133,000	98	100 1/4
Lehigh Pow Secur 6s—2026	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	33,000	93	94 1/4
Leonard Tietz Inc 7 1/2 s '46	---	98 1/4	98 1/4	35,000	93 1/4	99
with stock purch warr'ts	98 1/4	98 1/4	98 1/4	8,000	103 1/4	105
Libby, McN & L 7s—1931	---	104	104	50,000	97 1/2	104
Loews Inc 6s with war 1945	97 1/4	97 1/4	98	8,000	97 1/4	99 1/4
Long Isl Lg Co 6s—1945	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 3/4	8,000	99 1/4	103 1/4
Manitoba Power 5 1/2 1951	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	29,000	94 1/2	98 1/4
Mansfield Min & Smelting (Germany) 7s—1941	98 1/4	98 1/4	99	31,000	94	101
Mass Gas Cos 5 1/2 s—1940	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	33,000	99 1/2	101 1/2
Mlag Mill Mach 7s—1956	---	92 1/2	92 1/2	1,000	92 1/2	93 1/2
Missouri Pacific 5s—1927	---	100 1/4	100 1/4	13,000	100	100 1/4
Mont'y Ward & Co 5s 1946	97 1/4	97 1/4	98 1/4	25,000	97	98 1/4
Morris & Co 7 1/2 s—1930	---	104	104	5,000	103 1/4	105 1/4
Nat Dist Prod 6 1/2 s—1945	---	96	97	9,000	95	99

**Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.**—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of July. The table covers 15 roads and shows 5.52% increase over the same week last year:

Second Week of July.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	\$ 353,245	\$ 336,015	\$ 17,230	\$
Canadian National	4,952,030	4,426,722	525,308	-----
Canadian Pacific	3,525,000	3,314,000	211,000	-----
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	117,814	119,543	-----	1,729
Georgia & Florida	45,600	33,000	12,600	-----
Great Northern	2,294,000	2,304,386	-----	10,386
Mineral Range	4,332	12,257	-----	7,925
Minneapolis & St Louis	288,136	270,500	17,636	-----
Mobile & Ohio	348,183	326,429	21,754	-----
Nevada California & Oregon	10,360	7,897	2,463	-----
St Louis-San Francisco	1,748,902	1,793,457	-----	44,574
St Louis Southwestern	399,800	437,655	-----	37,855
Southern Ry System	3,752,299	3,522,189	230,110	-----
Texas & Pacific	417,972	383,431	34,541	-----
Western Maryland	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total (15 roads)	18,873,507	17,886,208	1,087,299	102,469
Net increase (5.52%)	-----	-----	987,299	-----

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

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
1st week Apr. (15 roads)	\$ 17,678,425	\$ 16,549,262	+1,135,163	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 (15 roads)	17,468,131	16,994,994	+473,137	2.78
2d week May (15 roads)	18,443,628	16,581,018	+1,862,510	7.23
3d week May (14 roads)	18,124,630	15,950,455	+2,174,175	13.63
4th week May (15 roads)	26,040,097	21,984,029	+4,056,068	18.45
1st week June (15 roads)	18,874,013	17,192,610	+1,681,403	9.75
2d week June (15 roads)	18,802,401	17,094,407	+1,707,994	9.99
3d week June (15 roads)	19,039,129	17,158,394	+1,880,735	10.96
4th week June (15 roads)	25,593,738	23,231,988	+2,361,750	10.17
1st week July (15 roads)	18,862,723	17,481,987	+1,380,736	7.90
2d week July (15 roads)	18,873,507	17,886,208	+987,299	5.52

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.
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	111,786,857	+27,819,895
Aug.	554,549,318	507,537,554	+47,021,764	166,558,666	134,737,211	+31,821,455
Sept.	564,443,591	540,063,587	+24,381,004	177,242,895	159,216,004	+18,026,891
Oct.	590,161,046	571,576,038	+18,585,008	180,695,428	168,640,671	+12,054,757
Nov.	531,742,071	504,781,775	+26,960,296	148,157,616	131,381,847	+16,775,769
Dec.	523,041,704	504,450,580	+18,591,184	134,445,634	124,090,958	+10,354,676
1926.	506,002,036	464,774,329	+41,227,707	130,837,324	101,487,318	+29,350,006
1925.	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	-----
Mar.	528,905,183	485,236,559	+43,668,624	133,642,754	109,081,102	+24,561,652
April	498,443,309	472,629,820	+25,813,489	114,685,151	102,920,555	+11,764,596
May	516,467,480	487,952,182	+28,515,298	128,581,566	110,904,074	+17,677,492

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been: 1925: 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.; 1926: Jan., 0.93% inc.; Feb., 0.04% dec.; March, 22.50% inc.; April, 11.43% inc.; May, 13.89% inc. In June the length of road covered was 236,779 miles in 1925, against 236,357 miles in 1924; in July, 236,762 miles, against 236,525 miles; in August, 236,750 miles, against 236,540 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, 236,599 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; in April, 236,518 miles, against 236,526 miles; in May, 236,833 miles, against 236,858 miles.

**Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.**—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

	Gross from Railway—		Net from Railway—		Net after Taxes—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1925.	1925.
Akron Canton & Youngstown—						
June	251,212	271,532	72,936	125,346	53,794	112,006
From Jan 1	1,572,193	1,487,656	478,283	597,141	364,952	516,970
Central Vermont—						
June	785,995	715,861	77,988	64,498	58,979	45,408
From Jan 1	4,319,226	4,057,608	647,941	108,199	533,133	6,911
Chicago & Alton—						
June	2,640,109	2,424,855	-----	-----	*356,056	*307,814
From Jan 1	14,729,488	14,339,971	-----	-----	*1,360,970	*1,593,471
Delaware Lackawanna & Western—						
June	8,061,116	7,730,162	-----	-----	*2,114,363	*1,739,892
From Jan 1	41,526,448	43,561,401	-----	-----	*8,002,288	*7,864,526
Gulf Mobile & Northern—						
June	492,787	459,953	-----	-----	*84,526	*82,067
From Jan 1	3,039,945	3,034,873	-----	-----	*641,669	*586,220
Kansas City Southern (incl. Texarkana & Ft Smith)—						
June	1,839,167	1,724,678	579,896	488,805	464,945	378,736
From Jan 1	10,819,375	10,151,347	3,722,827	2,958,703	2,971,850	2,293,986
Minneapolis St Paul & S S M—						
June	2,297,481	2,246,283	-----	-----	*393,576	*398,854
From Jan 1	12,156,120	12,038,399	-----	-----	*1,488,122	*1,337,669
Wisconsin Central—						
June	1,860,249	1,728,572	-----	-----	*246,419	*256,119
From Jan 1	9,450,290	9,440,915	-----	-----	*516,438	*779,121
Total System—						
June	4,157,730	3,974,855	-----	-----	*639,995	*654,973
From Jan 1	21,606,410	21,479,314	-----	-----	*2,004,560	*2,116,790
New York Chicago & St Louis—						
June	4,345,518	4,208,687	-----	-----	*516,710	*733,743
From Jan 1	26,974,187	26,497,148	-----	-----	*4,890,648	*4,969,301
New York Ontario & Western—						
June	1,398,097	1,239,635	-----	-----	*264,886	*235,378
From Jan 1	5,927,291	5,942,575	-----	-----	*361,514	*297,013
Norfolk & Southern—						
June	930,754	721,208	326,060	163,523	268,131	119,139
From Jan 1	4,956,083	4,467,972	1,508,077	1,113,158	1,209,563	837,192

	Gross from Railway—		Net from Railway—		Net after Taxes—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1925.	1925.
Southern Pacific System—						
June	25,726,057	25,708,639	7,466,646	7,009,299	*5,153,501	*4,409,251
From Jan 1	139,189,664	137,396,598	31,850,906	27,096,776	*79,345,943	*15,150,331
Union Pacific System—						
June	16,694,891	15,344,421	4,654,401	4,486,560	3,383,775	3,429,422
From Jan 1	90,973,685	83,504,417	22,345,675	20,590,709	14,784,148	13,381,560
Western Maryland—						
June	1,765,816	1,525,618	579,268	461,953	499,268	396,953
From Jan 1	10,769,788	9,484,883	3,226,815	2,765,690	2,751,815	2,385,690
* After rents.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	Income.	Charges.	Balance.	-----	-----	-----
Western Maryland						
June '26	*482,238	245,954	236,284	-----	-----	-----
'25	*361,823	251,881	109,942	-----	-----	-----
From Jan 1 to June 30	*2,603,091	1,487,951	1,115,140	-----	-----	-----
'25	*2,119,083	1,521,346	597,737	-----	-----	-----

\* Includes other income.

**Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.**—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Companies.	Gross Earnings—		Net Earnings—	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
South'n Calif Edison Co.	June 2,497,050	2,194,90		

From the remarks of President Kraft we take the following:  
**Sales, &c.**—Our total sales this year are \$36,720,077, as compared with \$31,097,386 the previous year, an increase of over 18%. Our net surplus earnings are \$1,678,931, including credits from unconsolidated subsidiaries, as compared to \$1,417,330 for last year.

**Dividends.**—During the fiscal year ended March 31 1926 dividends of 6% in cash and 6% in stock were paid on the common stock. \$100,248 was also paid as preferred dividends prior to redemption of these issues.

The operations of the past year have shown the value of the new dividend policy adopted by the directors at the beginning of the period. This policy was designed to permit of the re-investment of the larger part of the earnings of the business to help finance its growth, while at the same time giving the stockholders regular stock dividends to represent some portion of these re-invested earnings.

Out of the combined net surplus earnings for the fiscal year of \$1,678,930 There was paid out for preferred dividends (a charge which was eliminated for the future by retirement of these issues)-----

Eliminated for the future by retirement of these issues	100,248
Leaving applicable to common stock	\$1,578,682
Cash dividends on common required	439,485
Leaving for re-investment in the business	\$1,139,197
This re-invested amount is accounted for on the books of the company as follows:	
Capitalized by stock dividends	439,477
Added to surplus	699,725
Total re-invested earnings	\$1,138,752

With future growth of net earning power, the benefit of this policy will become increasingly apparent. In no other way can balance sheet strength be so rapidly increased out of earnings, while at the same time giving to the stockholders a good current return.

**Outlook.**—The present outlook for the company is favorable. The business recession which affected the company somewhat during the latter part of 1925 and the first part of 1926, has apparently disappeared. Sales at the present time are in excess of the sales of a year ago. Raw material prices are considerably lower, and while competitive conditions are not as favorable as they were two years ago, the belief of the management is that both sales and profits for the fiscal year 1926 will show a substantial increase over 1925.

**CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATEMENTS YEARS END, MAR. 31.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net sales	\$36,720,077	\$31,097,386	\$23,754,546	\$18,290,167	\$11,104,480
Cost of sales	31,256,692	25,410,932	19,621,737	14,921,572	9,528,151
Gross profit	\$5,463,385	\$5,686,454	\$4,132,809	\$3,368,595	\$1,576,329
Total oper. expense	3,760,855	3,512,195	2,807,101	2,244,354	1,241,556
Net operating profit	\$1,702,530	\$2,174,260	\$1,325,708	\$1,124,241	\$334,773
Oth. income	207,853	122,399	72,660	76,964	45,502
Total	\$1,910,383	\$2,296,659	\$1,398,368	\$1,201,205	\$380,275
Other exp.	150,624	502,304	124,003	86,121	48,334
Interest	78,150	171,488	125,789	80,574	31,938
Income tax	181,176	205,536	151,355	134,927	41,865

x Net profit carried to surplus — \$1,500,433 — \$1,417,331 — \$997,221 — \$899,583 — \$258,138  
 x Kraft Cheese Co.'s interest in net earnings of controlled companies not owned 100% amounted to an additional \$178,499 not included in above.  
 See also V. 122, p. 2937.

**Great Northern Railway.**

(37th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

Extracts from the text of the report for the calendar year 1925, together with preliminary statement of earnings for the six months ended June 30 1926, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page of this issue.

**STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.**

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Aver. miles of road oper.	8,242.09	8,251.44	8,254.21	8,260.71
Number pass. carried	3,642,749	3,940,656	4,975,800	5,509,459
Pass. carried 1 mile	441,498,635	422,372,425	460,207,562	450,052,946
Rev. per pass. per mile	3.161 cts.	3.240 cts.	3.326 cts.	3.358 cts.
Revenue tons carried	33,494,620	31,669,750	36,385,396	27,450,587
Tons carried 1 mile	8,517,913,981	8,093,136,444	8,754,272,702	6,882,464,797
Rev. per ton per mile	1.058 cts.	1.064 cts.	1.070 cts.	1.134 cts.
Net rev. from ry. oper. per train mile	\$1.792	\$1.578	\$1.386	\$1.088

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 2641.

**GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.**

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Inv. in road & equipment				
Road	368,309,443	362,915,720		
Equipment	104,447,675	96,998,217		
Impts. on leased ry. property	130,866	133,135		
Sinking funds	865	563		
Depos. in lieu of mtgd. prop.				
sold	36,102	50,698		
Misc. phys. prop.	4,466,752	3,773,537		
Inv. in affil. cos.				
Stocks	190,349,900	189,046,897		
Bonds	26,818,600	26,818,600		
Notes	2,641,908	1,664,016		
Advances	17,217,209	14,470,275		
Other invest'ts				
Stocks	1,282,774	1,282,024		
Bonds	2,113,330	2,115,080		
Notes	54,000	54,038		
Advances	91,164	91,164		
Miscellaneous	1,552,017	1,765,209		
Cash	19,063,372	19,146,108		
Demand notes & deposits				
Time drafts and deposits	35,000	35,000		
Special deposits	5,590,000	6,040,000		
Loans & bills rec.	531,299	7,274,190		
Traf. & car-serv. balances rec.	1,174,463	983,993		
Net bal. rec. fr. agts. & cond.	2,853,987	2,320,867		
Misc. accts. rec.	10,490,575	12,310,243		
Mat'l & supplies	9,942,816	9,799,070		
Int. & divs. rec.	15,393	59,769		
Oth. curr. assets	79,420	71,349		
Work. fund adv.	32,229	32,903		
Oth. def'd assets	13,215,457	11,703,619		
Rents & insur. prems. paid in advance	77,359	68,969		
Dist. on funded debt	4,429,644	4,529,584		
Oth. unadj. deb.	10,605,720	10,296,360		
Total	797,764,559	786,799,490		
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Capital stock	248,916,550	249,477,150		
Prem. on capital stock	81,268	81,268		
Grants in aid of construction	435,847	372,189		
Fd. debt unmat.	318,866,515	316,082,815		
Non-negot. debt to affil. cos.	1,850,165	1,994,614		
Loans & bills pay.	6,500,000	6,500,000		
Traf. & car-serv. bills payable	751,489	865,342		
Audited accts. & wages payable	6,121,305	6,431,792		
Misc. accts. pay.	1,026,155	766,847		
Int. mat'd unpd.	8,062,773	7,982,541		
Divs. mat. unpd.	14,851	33,373		
Fd. debt mat'd unpaid	285,500	6,500		
Unmat'd interest accrued	428,732	450,689		
Other curr. lia-bilities	190,534	122,100		
Other def'd lia-bilities				
Tax liability	13,401,358	12,061,457		
Ins. & cas. res.	8,320,944	7,848,118		
Accrued deprec.	2,198,032	2,185,829		
Road	2,624,123	2,370,359		
Equipment	28,061,826	29,561,739		
Miscel. phys. property	28,132	20,238		
Other unadjust. credits	9,033,557	9,450,435		
Add'ns to prop. through inc. & surplus	37,054,381	37,009,556		
Fund. debt ret. through inc. & surplus	1,548,473	1,527,231		
Sink. fund res.	6,970	13,641		
Appr. surv. not spec. invested	1,965,450	1,864,138		
Profit and loss	99,989,627	91,719,559		
Total	797,764,559	786,799,490		

—V. 123, p. 322, 204.

**American Chile Company.**

(Semi-Annual Report—6 Mos. Ended June 30, 1926.)

Thomas H. Blodgett, Chairman and President, July 17, says in substance:

Profits after providing for all charges except income taxes, totalled \$720,886 for the first 6 months of 1926. In 1925, for the corresponding period the profits were \$642,638. After deducting estimated taxes, the profits for the first half of 1926 were \$620,726. A year ago they were \$579,769. Profits for the second quarter of 1926, after all charges, including reserves for taxes, were \$326,826.

Dividends on the Common stock were restored during the Spring months at the rate of 75 cents a share each quarter. The first payment was made July 1. In addition, all back dividends on outstanding 6% preferred stock were paid.

The company owes nothing to banks. The only funded indebtedness is in the form of \$1,498,000 Sen Sen Chiclet bonds.

The major departments of the business have moved forward in a healthy manner. The outlook for the remainder of the year is favorable.

**INCOME ACCOUNT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross profit from sales after deducting cost of mat'l, labor & mfg. expa	\$1,673,389	\$1,664,196	\$1,315,160	\$1,110,377
Other income	74,493	70,486	79,324	80,764
Total income	\$1,747,882	\$1,734,682	\$1,394,484	\$1,191,141
Sell. and adm., exp	978,074	981,190	792,253	750,820
Profit on operations before int. charges	\$769,808	\$753,492	\$602,231	\$440,321
Prov. for Fed. taxes	100,160	62,868		
Interest charges	48,922	110,854	150,546	185,330
Balance, surplus	\$620,726	\$579,770	\$451,685	\$254,991
Def. at begin'g of period	sur627,689	2,377,344	3,546,144	4,153,296
Adj. of sur. through re-capitalization		Cr4,250,572		
Other surplus adjust's	Cr1,485	deb162,536	Cr53,288	Cr45,056
Surplus through re-capitalization	1,555,586	See x		
Dividends (1926)	304,513			
Sur. at end of period	\$2,500,973	x\$2,290,461	df\$3,041,171	df\$3,853,249

A also after depreciation. x Earned surplus, \$105,383; surplus through recapitalization, \$2,185,079.

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.**

1926.		1925.		1926.		1925.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land, bldgs., &c., after deprec'n	2,826,988	3,017,731	Prior pref. stock	x3,577,375	1,264,500		
Good-will, patents, &c.	5,000,000	5,000,000	Prior pref. scrip	—	1,760		
Cash	158,054	311,690	Preferred stock	—	138,100	1,987,000	
Bal. on subscrip. to capital stock	—	173,425	Common stock	x3,731,900	3,713,900		
Accts. & notes rec.	453,515	428,731	5-year notes, 1927	—	299,250		
Inventories	2,723,759	1,974,558	Def'd debs., 1928	—	275,500		
Chicle at foreign suppliers	42,999	151,445	Sen Sen bonds	—	1,498,000	1,685,000	
Invests. notes, rec.	282,500	296,000	Accounts payable	233,535	198,968		
Prepayments	213,785	199,517	Notes payable	—	400,400		
Adv. Chile purch.	203,232	416,141	Aceruals	—	124,790	42,880	
Def. chgs. on re-capitalization	—	253,250	Res. for taxes	—	100,160	62,868	
Total	11,904,833	12,222,478	Sur. thru re-capitalization	1,555,586	2,185,079		
			Earned surplus	945,387	105,383		
			Total	11,904,833	12,222,478		

x Stated value \$100 per share. y Stated value \$20.—V. 122, p. 2655.

**Marland Oil Co. and Subsidiaries.**

(Quarterly Statement—3 Months Ended June 30 1926.)

**INCOME ACCOUNT FOR 3 AND 6 MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30.**

	1926—3 Mos.	1925.	1926—6 Mos.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$20,942,898	\$17,790,520	\$37,039,541	\$33,829,826
Oper. & adm. expenses	17,185,993	13,068,176	29,741,881	25,456,711
Net earnings	\$3,756,905	\$4,722,344	\$7,297,660	\$8,373,115
Other income	2,192,963	1,930,392	4,127,151	3,746,900
Gross income	\$5,949,868	\$6,652,736	\$11,424,811	\$12,120,015
Interest and discount	3,784	3,414	11,466	694,712
Depr. & deple. reserve	1,503,631	1,308,888	3,059,546	2,389,882
Res. for abandoned leases	221,102	353,614	502,382	765,050
Dividends paid	1,918,982	1,290,553	3,896,687	1,290,553
Balance	\$2,302,369	\$3,357,747	\$4,044,730	\$6,979,818

It is estimated that Federal income taxes for the 6 months ended June 30 1926 will amount to approximately \$400,000.

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.**

June 30'26. Dec. 31'25.		June 30'26. Dec. 31'25.		
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$	
Fixed assets (less depr. & deple.)	66,662,465	57,818,595	Cap. stk. & surp.	x94,074,267
Invest. & adv.	1,602,329	12,439,619	Minority interests	23,341
Deferred charges	1,271,372	1,432,958	5-year notes	640,563
Cash	2,583,249	3,999,108	Acc'ts payable	5,554,304
U. S. Treas. cts.	—	1,000,000	Accrued items	260,713
Bills & ac'ts rec.	6,118,205	5,588,623	Total (ea. side)	100,553,193
Crude oil	5,123,591	4,573,818	no par shares.	—
Refined products	4,406,497	3,970,655	V. 122, p. 2340.	
Mat'l & supplies	2,677,544	1,764,672		
Accrued items	107,941	214,381		
x Represented by 1,925,503 14-20				

**Procter & Gamble Co., Cincinnati, O.**

(Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1926.)

Pres. Wm. Cooper Procter, Cincinnati, O., July 14, wrote in brief:

The total volume of business done by this company and constituent companies for the fiscal year ended June 30 1926 amounted to \$189,314,559. The net earnings for the year, after all reserves and charges for depreciation losses, advertising and special introductory work, had been deducted, amounted to \$12,241,753. Both earnings and volume of business of the company during the past year have shown a satisfactory increase.

**VOLUME OF BUSINESS & NET EARNINGS YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.**

	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Volume of business, incl. subsidiary companies	189,314,559	156,085,091	121,372,681	109,776,389
Net earnings, after prov. for depr., losses, tax., &c.	12,241,753	10,375,159	8,629,447	8,532,826

**BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.**

1926.		1925.		1926.		1925.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Real estate, bldgs., machine plant & equipment	42,113,601	38,427,714	Common stock	25,000,000	24,005,209		
Good-will, patents, licenses, &c.	2,883,055	2,883,055	Preferred stocks	12,181,100	12,181,100		
Mdse. & material	35,626,694	30,526,053	Acc'ts payable	5,771,856	3,245,251		
Debts & notes rec.	11,631,405	8,557,728	Deprec'n, repairs, insurance, &c., reserve	—	22,295,118	20,071,533	

Willys-Overland Co., Toledo, O., & Subsidiary Cos. (Semi-Annual Report—6 Months Ended June 30 1926.)

Table of Consolidated Income Account for 6 mos. ended June 30, 1926. Columns show 1926 and 1925 figures for various income items like Gross profit, Selling, Interest, and Total.

Table of Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30, 1926. Columns show 1926 and 1925 figures for Assets (Land, Bldgs., Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.).

\* After depreciation. Shipments in the first six months of 1926 were 95,000 cars, practically all Willys-Knight and Overland six-cylinder models, as the new European type small car, the Whippet, did not get into large production until after the end of the six months.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

STEAM RAILROADS.

I.-S. C. Commission Rejects Western Roads' Application for 5% General Rate Increase.—N. Y. 'Times' July 16.

Surplus Cars.—Class I railroads on July 8 had 239,167 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.

Car Shortage.—Practically no car shortage is being reported. Freight Car Repairs.—Freight cars in need of repair on July 1 totaled 165,588, or 7.2% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.

Repair of Locomotives.—The railroads of this country had fewer locomotives in need of repair on July 1 this year than at any time since the compilation of these records began in 1920, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" July 17.—(a) Co-operation brought about between public and railroads through shippers' regional advisory boards, p. 259. (b) Increased wages sought by railroad firemen, p. 283. (c) Samuel E. Winslow, Chairman Railroad Mediation Board; John Marri-man, Secretary, p. 283.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—To Acquire Control of New Mexico Central Ry.—See that company below.—V. 122, p. 3206.

Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Ry.—Pennsylvania RR. to Discontinue Payment of Interest on B. C. & A. Bonds.—See Pennsylvania RR. below.—V. 120, p. 3062.

Big Sandy & Cumberland RR.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$63,785 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1917.

Boston & Maine RR.—To Abandon Kennebunkport Branch.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 8 issued a certificate authorizing the Boston & Maine RR. to abandon its branch line extending from Kennebunk station in a generally southeasterly direction about 4 1/2 miles to Kennebunkport, all in the town of Kennebunk, York County, Me.

The branch was built by the Kennebunk & Kennebunkport RR., and opened in 1883. It was operated under lease until 1919, when it was acquired by the Boston & Maine RR. and its cost entered upon the books of that company as investment in road, \$65,000.

The company represented that the line was built primarily for summer business but that most of this travel is now by automobile. The company does not propose to provide substitute service by motor trucks and busses, contending that such service is not required in view of the availability of the electric railway.

The Commission stated that no representations by hotel or resort owners, or summer residents, inference being that these interests are indifferent to the question. There are no industries on the line.

Abandonment of Belmont Branch Denied.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 6 denied the Boston & Maine RR. authority to abandon its Belmont Branch in Belknap County, N. H. This decision reverses the former finding relating thereto. The Commission also entered an order revoking the certificate issued Nov. 3 1925 (see V. 121, p. 2633).

Brookings & Peach Orchard RR. (of Ark.)—Value. The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$14,500 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1918.

Chicago & Illinois Midland Ry.—To Issue Equipment Trust Certificates.—

The company on July 15 applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$489,000 equip. trust certificates to be sold to stockholders.—V. 122, p. 1451.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Charge Withdrawn. A charge made by a minority bondholders against the receivers of the company that two subsidiary roads in Indiana were being operated at a loss was formally withdrawn July 19.

International Rys. of Central America.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period, Month of June 1926, and 6 Mos. to June 30 1926, showing Operating revenue and Operating income.

With 200 miles of new road under construction, the company will soon have 800 miles of road serving all of Guatemala and a large part of Salvador, particularly the coffee and banana growing sections of these countries.—V. 122, p. 2792.

Kansas City Southern Ry.—Files Application with I.-S. C. to Acquire Control of M.-K.-T.—The directors of the Kansas City Southern Ry. Co., at a meeting in this city yesterday, approved the form of application to be made to the I.-S. C. C. for authority to acquire control of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. Co. through purchase or exchange of stock.

It is set forth that the application is being made without a request for authority to consolidate the two properties.

Announcement is likewise made in the application that it is expected that concurrently a similar application will be made by the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. Co. to acquire control of the St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co. by the same method.

In setting up arguments in favor of its purchase of Missouri-Kansas-Texas stock, special reference is made to the large systems already in operation in the Southwest, and it is claimed that the operation of those two properties and the St. Louis Southwestern as a single system would better serve the public interest than separately as at present.

Laona & Northern Ry.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$190,000 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1916.

Lake Superior Terminal & Transfer Ry.—Tentative Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$710,000 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1917.

Marion & Eastern RR.—Control Sought by Missouri & Pacific RR.—See Missouri & Pacific RR. below.—V. 122, p. 345.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Seeks Control of Marion & Eastern. The application of the company for authority to acquire control of the Marion & Eastern RR. by purchase of its capital stock was assigned by the I.-S. C. Commission July 6 for further hearing to July 30.—V. 122, p. 3079.

Mobile & Gulf RR.—Stock Authorized.—The I.-S. C. Commission on July 10 authorized the company to issue \$300,000 of common stock, par \$100, for the purposes stated below.

The company was incorporated in Alabama on July 1 1925 with an authorized capital stock of \$5,000, which subsequently was increased to \$300,000. By our certificate issued on Oct. 12 1925, we authorized the company to acquire and operate in inter-State commerce a line of railroad extending from a connection with the Southern Ry. at Fayette, in a general southerly direction for a distance of approximately 30 miles, and to construct an extension of said railroad from the southern terminus to a connection with the Mobile & Ohio RR. at Buhl, a distance of approximately 3.5 miles, all in Fayette and Tuscaloosa counties, Ala.

The company has agreed to purchase the completed line of railroad from the lumber company for \$270,000, and also will purchase from the lumber company, for \$25,000, the following equipment: 3 freight locomotives, 1 box car, 2 flat cars, and 1 caboose, issuing in payment for the road and equipment \$295,000 of common stock.

New Mexico Central Ry.—Control Acquired by Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 30 authorized the acquisition by Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. of control of the above company (a) by purchase of capital stock, and (b) by lease.

The report of the Commission says in substance: The line of the New Mexico Central extends from Santa Fe to Torrance, N. M., a distance of about 116 miles. At Santa Fe it connects with the lines of the A. T. & S. F. Ry. and the Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. At Torrance it connects with the El Paso & Southwestern system, now under control of the Southern Pacific Co. The line of the New Mexico Central is also intersected by lines of the Santa Fe at Kennedy and Willard, distant 22 and 80 miles, respectively, from Santa Fe.

The New Mexico Central was incorporated in Delaware in 1918 and is a carrier engaged in the transportation of passengers and property subject to the Act. It has outstanding capital stock amounting to \$410,900, of which \$40,000 is owned by the Metropolitan Co., Inc. The remaining \$900 of stock is held by directors as qualifying shares. The A. T. & S. F. Ry. proposes to pay \$700,000 in cash for the stock held by the Metropolitan Co., Inc., which is to be turned over to the A. T. & S. F. Ry. free and clear of all encumbrance. The New Mexico Central has no outstanding bonds but is indebted to the Metropolitan Co., Inc., in the amount of about \$580,000 on open account or demand notes. The latter company has advanced moneys to liquidate the obligations of the New Mexico Central from time to time.

The proposed lease is for the period of 10 years, and from year to year thereafter, subject to termination by either party upon 90 days' notice.

Chairman Eastman, dissenting, said: My reasons for dissenting are, not that I object on its merits to what is here proposed, but that it seems to me clearly a consolidation of the two carriers into a single system for ownership and operation which we are without authority to approve under paragraph (2) of Section 5 of the Inter-State Commerce Act.—V. 122, p. 2796.

**New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry.—Bonds Sold.**—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have sold at 100 and int. \$4,600,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series "C," dated April 1 1924; due Aug. 1 1956.

Denom. of \$1,000 c\* and r\*. Int. payable F. & A. Red., all or part, on any int. date at 105 and int.

**Issuance.**—Subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission. **Security.**—These bonds are to be issued under the 1st mtge. of the company, dated April 1 1924, which is a first lien, either directly or through pledge of all outstanding securities of subsidiary companies, on approximately 1,485 miles of railroad, with its appurtenances, including two ferry boats and the facilities used in the operation of the ferry over the Mississippi River at Anchorage, La., on real estate of an estimated value exceeding \$3,000,000 and on equipment having a book value, after depreciation, as of May 31 1926, of approximately \$8,823,374.

**Company and its subsidiaries** operate over the lines of railroad subject to the 1st mtge. as aforesaid, together with several short lines over which the company has trackage rights, a system which extends from the Mississippi River at Baton Rouge, via Houston, to the Mexican border at Brownsville, to San Antonio and to the Rio Grande Valley. From Baton Rouge to New Orleans the business of the company is handled over the lines of Yazoo & Mississippi Valley R.R. and Illinois Central R.R. under a contract with those companies. **Company** owns all the capital stock of International-Great Northern R.R., which owns 1,159 miles of railroad. **New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry.**, and its subsidiaries operate over approximately 2,750 miles of railroad (including mileage operated under trackage and similar contracts) extending from New Orleans and Baton Rouge to Austin, Fort Worth, Waco and San Antonio, to the Gulf ports of Freeport, Galveston, Orange, Beaumont, Houston, Port O'Connor and Corpus Christi and to connections with the National Rys. of Mexico at Laredo and Brownsville.

**Control.**—Company is controlled through the ownership of more than 87% of its stock, by Missouri Pacific RR.

**Purpose.**—These bonds are being sold to reimburse the treasury of the company for capital expenditures made out of income, and to provide funds necessary for the acquisition of additional properties (including a one-third interest in Texas City Terminal Ry.) and for betterments and improvements.

**Capitalization.**—Upon the completion of present financing, there will be outstanding \$15,770,000 1st mtge. 5 1/4% gold bonds, series "A" \$12,326,400 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series "B" \$4,600,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series "C," and \$4,373,600 5% bonds, due in 1935, secured under the 1st mtge. ratably with the 1st mtge. bonds issued thereunder.

**Company** has no other funded debt, except \$2,374,000 of equipment trust certificates maturing serially up to 1940, secured on equipment costing approximately \$3,320,000. There is outstanding \$15,000,000 of capital stock on which dividends are now being paid at rate of 7% per ann. of the bonds remaining unissued, \$4,373,600 are reserved to refund or retire the outstanding 5% bonds, due in 1935, and the remainder may be issued only in respect of the acquisition of new properties or securities representing thereof, or for extensions, betterments and improvements chargeable to capital account, or (to the extent of 80% of the cost thereof) for the acquisition of equipment, or for the refunding of obligations secured by a lien prior to the lien of the 1st mtge. on after acquired property. A sinking fund of 5% per annum for 20 years is provided in respect of bonds issued for equipment expenditures.

**Earnings.**—The income of the company and its principal subsidiary companies (other than International-Great Northern R.R.) for the year ended Dec. 31 1925, applicable to the payment of interest on 1st mtge. bonds amounted to \$4,383,851, while the total interest on funded and other debt amounted to only \$1,490,831.

**Listing.**—Outstanding 1st mtge. bonds of series "A" and series "B" are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and application will be made to list these additional bonds.—V. 123, p. 322.

**New York Central RR.—Automatic Train Control System.** The company on July 17, upon its line and upon the lines of the Boston & Albany R.R., the Michigan Central R.R., the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. and the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie R.R., placed in full operation a system of automatic train control, and on more than 1,500 locomotives, both freight and passenger, equipped with the new safety device, operated over nearly 3,000 miles of track also equipped.

The extensive work, which has resulted in equipping the most important divisions of the lines of the New York Central System, including the entire line of the Boston & Albany R.R., was begun a little less than a year ago when contracts were made for the device which is now in use, and which is of a simple character, permitting the engineer to retain full control of his engine as long as he obeys the rules in regard to operation, but tending that control away from him and operating on the side of safety if he disregards those rules. The system which has been selected and installed was selected after a series of experiments and trial installations on which more than \$800,-000 was spent.—V. 122, p. 3602.

**New York Connecting RR.—Definitive Bonds Ready.**—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is prepared to deliver definitive 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series "B," in exchange for temporary bonds outstanding. (For offering of bonds, see V. 122, p. 211.)—V. 122, p. 1759.

**Pennsylvania RR.—Stops Buying of Baltimore Chesapeake & Atlantic Ry. Coupons.**—The company on July 21 notified the management of the Baltimore Chesapeake & Atlantic Ry. that it will not purchase any further coupons from the 1st mtge. 5% bonds of the latter company. The reason for this action, the Pennsylvania RR. said, "is the continued unsatisfactory financial condition and outlook of the railway company and its inability to increase its traffic or to improve its net earnings." It is said that unless the B. C. & A. can make arrangements to pay the coupons due in September it is likely that a protective committee will be formed. There are \$1,250,000 of the bonds outstanding.

In explanation of its action the Pennsylvania RR. announced: "The Pennsylvania RR. has been purchasing these coupons since 1921 in the hope of affording the Baltimore Chesapeake & Atlantic Ry. an opportunity to recuperate from the war conditions and improve its earnings, and, if possible, avoid a financial reorganization. Due to the activities of private and public motor cars and trucks, the change in markets for the products of the territory served by the Baltimore Chesapeake & Atlantic Ry., and the greatly increased cost of railway operation, that company's condition has failed to improve, thus making it necessary for the Pennsylvania RR. to reach this decision."

For the 5 months ending May 31 the B. C. & A. reported a deficit, after rentals, of \$169,038, which compared with net operating income of \$173,975 in the first 5 months of 1925. The road is operated as a part of the Pennsylvania System on June 9 there were sold at auction in New York \$3,000 of the 1st mtge. bonds at 52 1/2% of par.

The B. C. & A. was organized in 1894. It operates about 80 miles of track between Claiborne and Ocean City, Md., and Salisbury and Fulton, Md. Operation of the company's steamship lines between Baltimore and eastern shore points was ordered discontinued by the I.-S. C. Commission several years ago. The road is capitalized for \$2,500,000 and has total assets and total liabilities of more than \$7,000,000.—V. 123, p. 204.

**Pittsburgh & Susquehanna RR.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$321,717 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1917.—V. 113, p. 2615.

**St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Bonds Authorized.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to procure the authentication and delivery of \$1,291,000 of 1st terminal and unifying mtge. bonds.—V. 122, p. 2791.

**Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Bonds Sold.**—Dillon, Read & Co., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. have sold at 95 1/2 and int., to yield over 6.40%, \$8,000,000 additional 1st & consol. mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A, of 1915. Due Sept. 1 1945. (See description in V. 121, p. 1457.)

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

**Data From Letter of S. Davies Warfield, President of Company.**

**Company.**—The Seaboard Air Line Ry. System directly operates 3,928 miles of railroad (exclusive of 472.77 miles of subsidiary and separately operated companies), extending from Richmond, Va., through the South Atlantic States. The territory traversed is one of the most productive sections of the South, including the great citrus fruit-bearing, vegetable, cotton and tobacco growing districts and also many important manufacturing sections. The strength of the Seaboard's position is indicated in that its percentage of miscellaneous freight to total traffic is greater than that of any important competing railroad of the South.

The lines of the Seaboard system reach substantially all the important cities of the South Atlantic seaboard and extend to Tampa, Fla., on the Gulf and to other Florida west coast points, to West Palm Beach (Palm Beach), Fla., on the east coast, to Norfolk and all important South Atlantic ports south of Norfolk, and also to Atlanta, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., and Birmingham, Ala. The Seaboard System reaches Washington, D. C., over the Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac R.R., in which it has an interest.

The Seaboard, through its subsidiary, Seaboard-All Florida Ry., has under construction the extension of its system from West Palm Beach to Miami and other points on the East Coast, and on the West Coast the system, through lease and construction, is being extended to Fort Myers and Naples and other points. It is expected that the several extensions will be ready for operation by Dec. 1 1926. These extensions will reach some of the most rapidly developing sections of Florida. The estimated cost of the construction on both Florida coasts has been financed.

The Seaboard System enjoys superior competitive advantages as the short line between Richmond and Florida. By the extension of its main line to West Palm Beach it became the only railway system operating through trains over its own rails from Richmond to points on the lower east coast of Florida. The Seaboard System has the only direct line across the peninsula of Florida connecting the two coasts.

**Security.**—A direct obligation of company and secured by direct first mortgage lien on approximately 442 miles of railroad, including the through low-grade main line of 258 miles from Hamlet, N. C., to Savannah, Ga., via Charleston, S. C. They are further secured by pledge of certain securities, including \$53,921,000 ref. mtge. bonds out of a total of \$73,-271,000 issued.

The effect of covenants made by the company is that no additional bonds (other than 1st & consol. mtge. bonds) secured by any existing mortgage lien on any of the company's property now directly owned may be issued except additional ref. mtge. bonds, which by the provisions of the 1st & consol. mtge. are required to be pledged thereunder. As such additional ref. mtge. bonds shall be issued and pledged under the 1st & consol. mtge., holders of 1st & consol. mtge. bonds will acquire an increased interest in the security afforded by the refunding mortgage.

**Income Applicable to Interest and Other Comparable Figures.**—Cal. Years.

	1925	1924	1923
Railway operating revenues.....	\$62,864,710	\$53,384,173	\$52,249,110
Railway operating expenses.....	46,733,363	41,387,634	40,342,259
Total income applicable to interest....	10,935,545	9,933,490	8,367,625
Fixed interest charges.....	6,850,385	6,601,413	6,095,245

Gross operating revenues for the 6 months ended June 30 1926 (actual to May 31—June estimated) were over 16% greater, and net railway operating income was over 14% greater, than for the corresponding period of 1925.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to increase the facilities of the Seaboard System, made necessary by a heavy increase in traffic; for improvements, acquisitions, betterments, additions and extensions to the properties of the company and its subsidiaries; and to reimburse the company's treasury for expenditures made for such purposes.

**a Funded Indebtedness as of June 30 1926 (Adjusted to Give Effect to This Financing).**

	Authorized.	Outstanding in hands of public.	Pledged.
Underlying bonds.....	b	\$32,651,000	c\$5,849,000
First mortgage bonds.....	b	12,775,000	g\$27,000,000
Refunding mortgage bonds.....	d\$125,000,000	19,350,000	h\$21,000,000
First and consol. mtge. bonds.....	300,000,000	45,747,500	h\$20,878,500
Notes to U. S. Government.....		16,453,900	-----
Adjustment mortgage bonds.....	f\$25,000,000	25,000,000	-----

a The company has outstanding certain guaranties and commitments as to funded indebtedness of subsidiary companies. b No more to be issued. c Pledged under 1st & ref. mtges. d \$100,000 additional underlying bonds are pledged under a lease agreement. Additional bonds issued must be pledged under the 1st & consol. mtge. Before completion of this financing this amount will have been increased. e Pledged under 1st & consol. mtge. f Adjustment mtge. bonds have a junior lien upon the collateral securing the ref. mtge. bonds. g Pledged under ref. mtge. h Pledged under notes to U. S. Government.—V. 123, p. 322.

**Southern New England RR. Corp.—Charter Dead.**—The charter of the company, which has since 1912 held out to Providence the hope of direct rail connection with Montreal, expired at midnight, June 30 1926. The railroad was placed in the hands of receivers Roy D. Garner and Clayton K. Fauver on March 29 and, according to attorneys, affairs will probably be wound up definitely in the near future through the sale of its properties, either as a whole or in relatively small parcels.

There is still a legal possibility that the property and roadbed on which approximately \$7,000,000 was spent previous to the World War, may be purchased by one of the railroad companies said to be interested in the line. In case of such a purchase of the property as a whole it would be possible for the new owners to apply to the next General Assembly for a new charter. See also V. 122, p. 1916.

**Union Freight RR.—Note Extended.**—The I.-S. C. Commission on July 10 granted the company authority to extend the maturity date of a mortgage note for \$60,000 for a period of 3 years from June 16 1926, with interest at the rate of 5% per annum.—V. 119, p. 1954.

**Virginia-Carolina Ry.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,812,415 on the property of the company as of June 30 1916.—V. 120, p. 3063.

**Wabash Railway Co.—Bonds Sold.**—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have sold at 95 1/2 and interest, to yield over 5 1/4%, \$15,500,000 refunding and general mortgage 5% gold bonds series B.

Dated Aug. 1 1926; due Aug. 1 1976. Denom. \$1,000 c\* and r\*. Interest payable F. & A. Not redeemable before Aug. 1 1936. The entire series, but not part thereof, will be redeemable on Aug. 1 1936 or on any interest date thereafter at 105 and interest upon not less than 60 days' previous notice. Both principal and interest of the bonds will be payable in gold coin of the United States of America, without deduction for any tax or taxes (except any Federal income tax) which the railway company or the trustees shall be required to pay or retain therefrom under any present or future law of the United States of America, or any State, county or municipality therein.

**Issuance.**—Subject to the approval of the Inter-State Comm. Commission. **Listing.**—Application will be made in due course to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

**Data from Letter of Chairman W. H. Williams, July 19 1926.**

**Security, &c.**—These bonds will be issued under the refunding and general mortgage dated Jan. 1 1925, and will be secured by a direct mortgage upon all of the lines of railroad and other property owned by the company at the



date of the mortgage, including valuable terminal properties in Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City, and on equipment (or the equity of the company therein) having a net value as of May 31 1926, after depreciation, over outstanding equipment trust certificates, of not less than \$31,269,113.

The lines of railroad covered by the mortgage comprise about 2,032 miles of first main track, 330 miles of second main track and 962 miles of other track, on various parts of which the refunding and general mortgage is subject to prior obligations issued and outstanding on Jan. 1 1926. In the aggregate principal amount of \$62,244,435, for the retirement of which at or before maturity refunding and general mortgage bonds are reserved. None of the prior obligations may be renewed or extended and no further issues made under the indentures securing them, except that \$5,936,311 principal amount of additional bonds may be issued under the Wabash R.R. first lien terminal gold 4% trust indenture dated Jan. 1 1904, for the acquisition of additional terminal properties. Refunding and general mortgage bonds are reserved for the retirement of any such additional terminal bonds which may be so issued. The entire bonded debt of the company, issued and outstanding as of Jan. 1 1926, together with the present issue, amounts to \$90,244,435, equal to only \$44,412 per mile of road.

The lines of railroad covered by the refunding and general mortgage, traverse the States of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Michigan and in conjunction with leased lines and trackage rights form a direct connection between the important cities of Buffalo, N. Y., Detroit, Mich., Chicago, Ill., and Toledo, Ohio, St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, Neb.

Purpose.—To reimburse the treasury for capital expenditures heretofore made and to provide additional funds for capital purposes.

Earnings.—For the year ended Dec. 31 1925 gross income applicable to the payment of fixed charges and rentals amounted to \$13,022,622, while such charges amounted to only \$5,076,184.

Capitalization.—Company has outstanding \$69,305,850 preferred A, \$2,516,542 convertible preferred B and \$66,670,575 common stock, having a present market value of approximately \$84,000,000.

The total authorized amount of refunding and general mortgage bonds which may at any time be outstanding is limited to an amount which, together with all prior obligations of the railway company as defined in the mortgage, shall not exceed 1½ times the aggregate par value of the then outstanding capital stock. There are now outstanding in the hands of the public \$12,500,000 series A 5¼% bonds due March 1 1975. In addition to the bonds reserved for refunding prior lien bonds, as above stated, bonds may be issued under the refunding and general mortgage for the acquisition of new properties or to the extent limited by the mortgage, securities representative thereof, for extensions, betterments and improvements or for 90% of the cost of equipment and to reimburse the treasury for expenditures heretofore made for such purposes.

A sinking fund of 5% per annum for 20 years is provided in respect of bonds issued for equipment expenditures.—V. 122, p. 2484.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES.**

**American Water Works & Electric Co.—Power Output.**

President H. Hobart Porter announced July 20 that the company was now producing electric energy at a rate 11½% higher than the previous year. The increased use of electricity in the territory served by the West Penn Electric Co., a subsidiary, reflected not only the increase in consumers but also the continually growing use of electricity by our customers, Mr. Porter said.

The net power output for June was 114,317,675 k.w.-hrs. comparing with 101,662,770 k.w.-hrs. for the corresponding month of 1925, a gain of 12,654,905 k.w.-hrs. or practically 12½%. For the first half of 1926, net power output aggregated 718,056,352 k.w.-hrs. against 634,973,035 k.w.-hrs. for the first 6 mos. of 1925, an increase of 83,083,317 k.w.-hrs. or 11½%.—V. 123, p. 205.

**Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Dividends on \$6 and \$6 50 Div. Series Pref. Stock Payable in Cash or Class A Stock.**

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividends of \$1 50 per share on the \$6 dividend series pref. stock and \$1 62½ per share on the \$6 50 dividend series pref. stock, both payable Sept. 1 to holders of record July 31.

These dividends were also made payable in class A stock at the rate of 5.1-100ths of 1 share of class A stock for each share of \$6 dividend series pref. stock held and at the rate of 5.5-100ths of 1 share of class A stock for each share of \$6 50 dividend series pref. stock held. On the basis of \$32 75 per share for the class A stock, the former dividend is at the rate of \$6 68 per share per annum and the latter dividend at the rate of \$7 20 per share per annum.

The stockholders may purchase sufficient additional scrip to complete a full share or sell their scrip at the rate of \$1 above or below, respectively, the last sale price of class A stock on the day preceding.—V. 123, p. 322.

**Augusta-Aiken Ry. & Electric Corp.—Acquis., &c.**

The stockholders on June 17 approved (a) the acquisition by the Georgia-Carolina Power Co., a subsidiary, of the common stock of the Georgia-Carolina Electric Co., (b) the acquisition by the latter company of the assets of the Carolina Light & Power Co. (S. C.), various transmission lines and distribution systems in Georgia, and a portion of the transmission line erected by the Georgia Ry. & Power Co. connecting with the Stevens Creek plant of the latter; (c) an issue of \$2,000,000 1st mtge. 3-year 6% gold notes of the Georgia-Carolina Electric Co. (see V. 123, p. 324 and 205), of which \$1,500,000 have since been sold.—V. 121, p. 2270.

**Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.—Stock Offered Employees—Earnings.**

By action of the directors on July 19, employees of the B.-M. T. System are to have a second opportunity to purchase preferred stock of the corporation at a price considerably lower than the present market value and upon terms that will make the final net cost to the employee approximately \$55 per share.

The B.-M. T. announced on July 20 the terms of an offer of 12,000 shares of its outstanding preferred stock, previously acquired for sale to its employees. Payments for the stock are to be extended over a period of 5 years so that employees may secure the stock by paying only \$1 per share per month. This second offer of preferred stock to its employees is made representative of the employees to represent them in the settlement of problems of mutual interest to the employees and management. The original offer of B.-M. T. preferred stock to employees was made in July 1924. The stock was selling in the market at that time at approximately \$70 per share. Fifteen thousand shares were offered to employees at \$65 per share, and payments were extended over a period of a year. By crediting employees with dividends paid at the rate of \$6 per share per annum during the period of payment and charging interest on deferred payments at the rate of only 5% per annum, the net cost to employees was approximately \$60 50 per share under the original offer.

Under the 1926 offer, the stock may be purchased by employees for \$75 per share, although the market price at present is \$85 per share. By again crediting employees with dividends as paid during the period of payment and charging only 5% interest per annum on deferred payments, as in the first offer, the final cost to employees under the terms of the new offer will be reduced to approximately \$55 per share. Subscriptions under the new offer are limited to 20 shares for each employee, with the right reserved to the company to reduce subscriptions and allot shares to every employee may subscribe for and receive at least one share. When the first offer of 15,000 shares was made, subscriptions were received from 10,609 employees for a total of 20,235 shares.

Period End. June 30—	1926—Month—	1925.	1926—12 Mos.—	1925.
Total oper. revenues	\$3,866,929	\$3,761,881	\$44,840,968	\$43,312,417
Total oper. expenses	2,563,403	2,496,293	29,220,840	28,426,391
Net rev. from oper.	\$1,303,526	\$1,265,589	\$15,620,128	\$14,886,027
Taxes on oper. prop'ties	224,380	266,344	3,260,385	3,068,462
Operating income	\$1,079,146	\$999,245	\$12,359,743	\$11,817,565
Net non-oper. income	104,524	94,570	1,180,493	1,084,581
Gross income	\$1,183,671	\$1,093,816	\$13,540,236	\$12,902,146
Total income deductions	643,149	648,970	7,777,877	7,814,221
Net income	\$540,522	\$444,845	\$5,762,359	\$5,087,925

—V. 122, p. 3603.

**Carolina Power & Light Co.—Bonds Called.**

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1938, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 105 and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 122, p. 2038.

**Central Illinois Public Service Co.—Acquisitions.**

The company has purchased the municipal electric properties of Kinmundy, Middletown and Creal Springs, Ill. The company also has acquired the electric properties in Parma, Mendon, New Liberty, Littleton, Paloma and Coatsburg, Ill., within the past three weeks.—V. 123, p. 81.

**Central Power & Light Co.—Listing.**

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$14,500,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, 1956 series, to be dated Aug. 1 1926 and due Aug. 1 1956.

Denom. c\* \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and r\* \$1,000 and multiples thereof. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) will be payable in U. S. gold coin or of equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing Aug. 1 1926, at the First Trust Savings Bank, trustee, Chicago. Interest will be payable also at the Central Union Trust Co. in New York, and will be exempt from the normal Federal income tax not exceeding 7%. Red. all or part by sinking fund or otherwise, as follows: If on or prior to July 31 1931, at 105; if thereafter but on or prior to July 31 1936, at 104½; if thereafter but on or prior to July 31 1941, at 104; if thereafter but on or prior to July 31 1946, at 103; if thereafter but on or prior to July 31 1951, at 102; if thereafter but on or prior to July 31 1955, at 101.

Purpose.—To reimburse the treasury for additions and extensions, for refunding existing obligations and for other corporate purposes.

Security.—With the refunding of the obligations referred to, these bonds will become a first lien on the property of the company. This issue is limited to \$14,500,000 but under the indenture additional bonds may be issued subject to earnings restrictions equal to 75% of the expenditures for additions constructed or purchased but not exceeding 75% of value.

Company.—Incorp. in Mass. on Nov. 2 1916. Owns and operates public utility and ice properties: supplies electric light and power service to about 74 communities, ice to 61, water to 16, gas to 4, street railways to 2. Of the 89 communities served, 87 are in Texas.—V. 123, p. 81.

**Central & South West Utilities Co.—Initial Com. Div.**

An initial semi-annual dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the outstanding common stock, payable Aug. 2 to holders of record July 20.—V. 122, p. 3080.

**Chicago Railways Co.—Default on Payment of Bonds in 1927 Expected—Deposit of Bonds Urged.—The bondholders' protective committee (Albert W. Harris, Chairman), in a letter to the holders of the 1st mtge. bonds July 19, says, in part:**

The company's franchise expires and your bonds fall due Feb. 1 1927. In our opinion the bonds will not be paid at maturity. The physical property constituting the security for the bonds has a recognized value much greater than the face value of the 1st mtge. bonds, but we are advised by counsel that even if, as we hope, a reorganization plan can be worked out without undue delay, a foreclosure of the 1st mtge. is the quickest and probably the only way that the property can be freed from the present mortgage liens and title to the property acquired by a company which will serve in the reorganization of the traction companies.

Bondholders will be represented in court by the trustee under the deed of trust and by the bondholders' committee, as well as by counsel selected by the trustee and the committee.

Unfortunately, the city has no authority at this time to grant a street railway franchise for more than 20 years. Legislation enabling the company to secure operating rights without definite time limitations, and with a reasonable return upon the acknowledged value of the property, must be secured from the Legislature before an ordinance can be agreed upon which will restore the company's credit so that the money can be obtained for improved transportation service.

There are over 10,000 holders of Chicago Rys. Co. 1st mtge. bonds, and the standing and authority of this committee of bondholders in these most important negotiations and its ability to get results beneficial to you depend in large part upon the number of bonds represented by the committee.

The other security holders interested in the traction properties will be fully organized. On this account it is all the more important that the 1st mtge. bondholders should be a unit. Furthermore, foreclosure proceedings and reorganization plans can be materially hastened if all of the security holders will co-operate with their respective committees by promptly depositing their securities.

Depositing bondholders are given the right to disapprove any plan of final settlement which may be adopted by the committee. The expenses of the committee and the compensation of its members are limited to 1% of the principal amount of bonds deposited.

Immediate application will be made for the listing of the certificates of deposit upon the Chicago Stock Exchange and for admission to unlisted trading on the New York "Curb."

This committee is advised that the Aug. 1 1926 interest will be paid.—V. 122, p. 2327.

**Cities Service Co.—Dividends.**

Regular monthly dividends of ¼ of 1% on common stock and ½ of 1% in cash have been declared on the common stock, together with the usual monthly cash dividends of ¼ of 1% on the preferred and preference B stocks, all payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. Like amounts are payable Aug. 1.—V. 123, p. 323, 81.

**Citizens Gas Co. of Indianapolis.—Tenders.**

The Bankers Trust Co., primary trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City will until Aug. 11 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & ref. mtge. s. f. gold bonds, dated July 1 1912, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$35,696 at a price not exceeding 108 and int.—V. 122, p. 2189.

**Columbia Gas & Electric Co. & Subs.—Consol. Earnings.**

[Company and subs. controlled by practically 100% common stock ownership or lease.]

	—6 Mos. End. June 30—	1926.	—12 Mos. End. June 30—	1925.
Gross earnings	\$19,855,137	\$16,016,532	\$37,322,165	\$27,632,954
Oper. exp., taxes & dep.	10,919,693	9,087,327	21,510,627	15,963,837
Net oper. earnings	\$8,935,445	\$6,929,205	\$15,811,538	\$11,669,117
Other income	1,698,654	1,172,117	3,256,408	2,378,552
Total income	\$10,634,099	\$8,101,321	\$19,067,946	\$14,047,669
Lease rentals	2,167,717	2,293,307	4,326,848	4,644,744
Int. charges & pref. divs. of subs.	981,872	624,177	1,884,411	986,415
Interest charges (Col. G. & Elec. Co.)	666,091	442,415	1,286,926	933,986
Surplus after deprec. avail. for dividends	\$6,818,418	\$4,741,422	\$11,569,762	\$7,482,525

**Commonwealth Power Corp. & Subs.—Earnings.**

	12 Months Ended June 30—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$46,786,688	\$40,861,003	\$39,120,282	\$38,120,810
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance	25,659,358	22,837,833	22,120,282	22,120,810
Gross income	\$21,127,330	\$18,023,170	\$16,999,471	\$16,000,000
Fixed charges (see note)	11,690,907	10,544,519	9,249,728	9,249,728
Dividends on preferred stock	2,209,305	2,160,606	1,980,606	1,980,606
Prov. for retirements & replacements	3,229,488	3,009,572	2,802,626	2,802,626
Balance	\$3,997,629	\$2,308,473	\$2,966,511	\$2,966,511

This statement is prepared on the basis of giving effect for the full two-year period to the acquisition of the control of the Tennessee Electric Power Co. under plan which became effective in July 1925.

Note.—Includes interest and amortization of debt discount, and earnings accruing on stock of subsidiary companies not owned by Commonwealth Power Corp.—V. 123, p. 320, 205.

**Cleveland Painesville & Eastern RR.—Sub. Co. Bonds Called.**

All of the outstanding 1st mtg. s. f. 6% gold bonds series A, dated Feb. 2 1925, of the United Light & Power Co., Cleveland O., have been called for payment Aug. 1 at the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, O. at 105 and int.—V. 122, p. 609.

**Connecticut Light & Power Co.—Bonds Called.**

The company has called for payment Aug. 1 at 107½ and int. \$56,000 1st & ref. mtg. 5¼% s. f. gold bonds series B, dated Feb. 1 1924. Payment will be made at the Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 16 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 122, p. 3337.

**Consumers Power Co.—To Increase Preferred Stock.**

The stockholders will vote Aug. 3 on increasing the authorized preferred stock (par \$100) from 500,000 shares to 750,000 shares.—V. 122, p. 3209.

**Dallas (Tex.) Ry.—Offering of Bonds.**—See Dallas Railway & Terminal Co. below.

The stockholders will vote Aug. 2 on changing the name of the company to Dallas Railway & Terminal Co.—V. 122, p. 2798.

**Dallas (Tex.) Railway & Terminal Co. (at Present the Dallas Railway).—Bonds Offered.**—Tucker, Anthony & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Old Colony Corporation, and W. C. Langley & Co., are offering at 96½ and interest, to yield over 6.25%, \$5,000,000 first mortgage gold bonds, 6% series, due 1951.

Dated July 1 1926; due July 1 1951. Interest payable (J. & J.) without deduction for the Federal income tax up to but not exceeding 2% per annum. Penna. 4 mills tax refunded. Principal and interest payable at the office or the agency of the company in New York and in Boston. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Redeemable, all or part, at any time on 30 days' notice before July 1 1931; at 106 and interest, and at a premium decreasing 1% each four years period thereafter, the bonds being redeemable at 100 on and after July 1 1950.

**Data from Letter of Vice-President A. S. Grenier, July 17 1926.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in Texas in Sept. 1917. Now operates, under a modern franchise, the entire electric railway service in Dallas, Tex., serving a population estimated at about 250,000. Company also owns and operates a modern 8-story terminal station and office building situated near the centre of the business district of the city. The building serves as a terminal for all interurban lines entering the city and also contains numerous executive and commercial offices of companies doing business in Dallas. The owned property of the company includes 83.45 miles of line, single track equivalent.

In addition to the wholly owned property, the company operates under lease the electric railway serving that part of Dallas known as Oak Cliff. This leased property includes 30.19 miles of line, single track equivalent. This leased property is an integral part of the railway system serving the city and its environs. Under the provisions of the lease the company has the option to purchase the property at any time after Jan. 1 1940, and prior to 1953; in certain circumstances option may be exercised earlier. In certain newer sections of the city now being developed the company has installed bus service as feeders to its present lines.

The entire power requirements of the company are purchased from the Dallas Power & Light Co. under rates approved by the city government. Dallas Power & Light Co. also supplies the entire electric power and light requirements of Dallas and is also controlled by the Electric Power & Light Corporation.

**Capitalization (Outstanding on Completion of Present Financing)**

First mortgage gold bonds, 6% series, due 1951 (this issue).....	\$5,000,000
7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100).....	1,500,000
Common stock (par \$100).....	3,250,000

x The issuance of further bonds limited by conservative restrictions of the mortgage.

**Control.**—More than 92% of the above common stock will be owned by the Electric Power & Light Corporation.

**Dividends.**—Dividends have been paid on the preferred stock since 1921. During 1925 cash dividends paid on the common stock then outstanding amounted to \$7.24 a share, and cash dividends have been paid each year since 1921 in at least an equal amount on the common stock.

**Purpose.**—The proceeds of these bonds, together with the issuance of \$1,000,000 of preferred stock and \$1,000,000 of common stock, are being issued to retire outstanding bonds and notes of the company and for other corporate purposes.

**Security.**—Secured by a direct first mortgage on all the company's property and equipment including the terminal building, now owned or hereafter acquired, subject to prior lien bonds, if any, on hereafter acquired property. The principal amount of these \$5,000,000 bonds to be issued is less than 60% of the value of the company's wholly owned property as of May 31 1926, as established under the franchise for rate-making purposes. This property has been recently appraised by independent engineers at depreciated values largely in excess of the franchise value.

Earnings for the Four Years Ended Dec. 31	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings.....	\$3,429,298	\$3,322,215	\$3,330,425	\$3,270,827
Oper. exp., incl. maint., taxes and rentals.....	2,578,079	2,547,246	2,632,349	2,532,958
Net earnings.....	\$851,219	\$774,969	\$698,076	\$737,869

**Franchise.**—Under the terms of the company's franchise, approved by popular vote in 1917, a definite property valuation has been established on which the Company is entitled to earn a return of 7% after provision for maintenance, depreciation, accident and surplus reserves. Company has since 1920 been granted such fare rates as have been necessary to permit the allowed 7% return under the franchise.

Under the provisions of the franchise, the company is required each month to set aside an amount equal to 18% of the railway gross revenues for the period for repairs, maintenance and depreciation. The franchise also provides for supervision by a supervisor of public utilities appointed by the City Commissioners of the City of Dallas.

The franchise is indeterminate as to time. The city has reserved the right after April 3 1927 to purchase the property then operated thereunder at 105% of the then existing property value, or the property may be acquired by a licensee named by the city at 110% of such value.

[The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of the above issue of bonds.]

**Detroit Edison Co. & Subsidiaries.—Earnings.**

Period—	Month of June—	6 Mos. June 30—
	1926.	1925.
Total operating revenues.....	\$3,285,541	\$2,752,838
Non-operating income.....	66,819	54,931
Gross revenue.....	\$3,352,361	\$2,807,769
Oper. & maint. charges, reserves and taxes.....	2,415,436	2,054,563
Interest on funded & unfunded debt.....	307,474	319,888
Amortiz. & other deduct.....	27,334	35,273
Net income.....	\$602,116	\$398,045

—V. 122, p. 3604.

**Detroit United Ry.—Payment to Bondholders.**

The Security Trust Co. and W. C. Dunbar, receivers, announce that pursuant to an order of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, entered July 15 1926 there will be payable on and after Aug. 2 to the persons presenting 1st & coll. trust s. f. 5-year 6% bonds to Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, for appropriate notation thereon, 18½% of the principal amount thereof, which payment shall be deemed and taken as on account of the principal thereof as of Aug. 1 1926, irrespective of the dates of presentation of bonds to the trust company and the actual payment by the trust company of said 18½% distribution of principal.

The committee for the 1st mtg. & coll. trust sinking fund 5-year 6% bonds (Theodore G. Smith, Chairman) says:

While progress has been made in negotiations with security holders of subsidiary companies, looking towards a system reorganization, it is evident

that during the summer months it will be impossible to promulgate a satisfactory reorganization plan.

On the application of Central Union Trust Co. of N. Y., as trustee under the indenture securing these bonds, a Court order has been secured directing the trust company, on and after Aug. 2 1926, from funds held by it as trustee, to pay as of Aug. 1 1926 18½% of the principal of bonds presented to it for the purpose.

As it is most desirable that in the further negotiations in respect to a plan of reorganization this committee should represent all or substantially all of the holders of the bonds of the issue aforesaid, holders of undeposited bonds of said issue are urged to deposit the same with the depository, Central Union Trust Co. of N. Y., on or before Aug. 14 1926, said date having been fixed by the committee as that on which the right to deposit bonds under the protective agreement shall expire.—V. 121, p. 2637.

**East Bay Water Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.**—Peirce, Fair & Co., Blyth, Witter & Co., and Wm. Cavalier & Co. are offering at 96, yielding 6.25%, \$2,431,200 class A 6% cumul. pref. stock (non-callable).

Preferred both as to assets and earnings. Dividends payable Q.-J. Par value, \$100 per share. Exempt from normal Federal income tax and from California personal property tax. Mercantile Trust Co., San Francisco, transfer agent.

For description of properties, &c., see V. 123, p. 323.

**Eastern New York Utilities Corp.—Interest in Corp. to be Acquired by Mohawk-Hudson Power Corp.**—See that company below.—V. 122, p. 3338.

**Florida Power & Light Co.—Earnings.**

Period to June 30—	1926-6 Mos.—1925.	1926—12 Mos.—1925.
Gross earnings.....	\$7,982,917	\$4,743,408
Net earnings for June 1926 were \$393,824, an increase of 39% over those for June 1925; for the first 6 mos. of 1926 were \$3,041,464, an increase of 51% over those for the first 6 mos. of 1925, and for the 12 mos. ended June 30 1926 were \$5,314,583, an increase of 70% over those for the 12 mos. ended June 30 1925.		

It is announced that rapid progress is being made on the construction of the company's two new steam electric generating stations, to have initial aggregate installed capacity of 60,000 kilowatts, and it is expected that these plants will be in operation before the end of this year. Company is also building over 500 miles of high-voltage transmission lines to complete the interconnection of practically all of its electric properties and distribution systems in the many communities served. See also V. 123, p. 205.

**Gatineau Power Co.—Bonds Sold.**—Bankers Trust Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Blair & Co., Inc.; The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Redmond & Co. have sold at 94 and int., to yield over 5.40%, \$25,000,000 1st mtg. gold bonds, 5% series, due 1956.

Dated June 1 1926; due June 1 1956. Int. payable J. & D. in New York and Boston in U. S. gold coin and in Montreal and Toronto in Canadian gold coin without deduction for any U. S. Federal income tax not exceeding 2% which the company may lawfully pay at the source. Penna. 4-mills tax refunded. Red. on any int. date on 30 days' published notice at 105 through June 1 1936; thereafter at 104 through June 1 1941; thereafter at 103 through June 1 1946; thereafter at 102 through June 1 1951, and thereafter prior to maturity at 101; accrued int. to be included in all cases. Denom. c\*\$1,000 and \$500 and \*\$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and authorized multiples. The Royal Trust Co., Montreal, trustee.

**Data from Letter of President A. R. Graustein, July 20.**

**Company.**—A Quebec corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of International Paper Co. Will own in fee or hold through long-term Government leaseholds water power sites in the Province of Quebec, Canada, with an aggregate potential capacity in excess of 700,000 h.p. Company is now undertaking a development program calling for the completion by the fall of 1928 of four hydro-electric plants with an initial aggregate installed generating capacity of 397,500 h.p., of which 373,500 h.p. is on the Gatineau River. This river, one of the most important power rivers in Quebec, enters the Ottawa River from the north in the vicinity of the City of Ottawa. Two of the developments with over half the initial capacity lie within seven miles of that city. Contracts for the sale of over 90% of the primary power to be generated by the initial installations at these four plants have already been executed with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, the Canadian International Paper Co. and the Canada Cement Co., Ltd., and the balance is expected to be readily absorbed in the adjacent power markets.

The Kipawa plant at the outlet of Lake Kipawa, Quebec, is almost completed up to a capacity of 24,000 h.p. The Chelsea and Farmers plants on the Gatineau River are now under construction and are to be completed up to their initial installed capacities of 131,000 h.p. and 92,500 h.p., respectively, early in 1927. Construction work on the fourth development, the Paugan plant, is to be started in the fall of this year and it is anticipated that this plant will be in commercial operation with an installed capacity of 150,000 h.p. by the fall of 1928.

A storage dam is being constructed at Bitobi Rapids, 90 miles above the Paugan plant, which will create a storage reservoir with a superficial area of 107 square miles and a capacity of 82,000,000,000 cu. ft. This reservoir, which will become the property of the Province of Quebec and will be operated by the Quebec Streams Commission, will equalize the flow of the Gatineau River and thus make possible the large output of primary power from the plants of the company down stream.

**Guarantee of Completion.**—A deposit sufficient, in accordance with estimates by independent engineers, to provide funds for the completion of the present development program up to the initial capacity of 397,500 h.p., will be held in escrow so long as required, subject to withdrawal as expenditures are made for this purpose. This deposit will be composed largely of cash, and the balance will consist of \$12,500,000 (the remainder of the initial issue) of 1st mtg. bonds, International Paper Co. agreeing to find purchasers for these bonds as additional cash is required. International Paper Co. has, furthermore, guaranteed to provide any additional funds which may be necessary for the completion of this initial development program.

**Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Program).**

Common stock (no par value).....	x500,000	shs
6% cumulative preferred stock.....	x\$25,000,000	
6% sinking fund gold debentures, due 1941.....	12,500,000	
First mortgage gold bonds, 5% series, due 1956.....	y37,500,000	
x All owned by International Paper Co., except Province of Quebec and shes. y Includes this offering of \$25,000,000 of bonds and \$12,500,000 additional to be issued and held in escrow. Further 1st mtg. bonds may be issued under the conservative restrictions of the trust deed.		

**Security.**—This issue will be secured by a direct first mortgage and hypothec on all properties presently to be owned by the company. Certain of the transmission lines may be owned by a subsidiary, all of the securities of which will be pledged under the trust deed.

Under the terms of the trust deed no funded debt in addition to the \$37,500,000 1st mtg. gold bonds and \$12,500,000 6% gold debentures will be issuable against the present development up to the initial capacity of 397,500 h.p. of the Paugan, Chelsea, Farmers and Kipawa plants. Estimates of independent engineers indicate a value for this initial development, when completed, largely in excess of the funded debt to be outstanding.

**Sinking Fund.**—The trust deed will provide for a minimum annual sinking fund, payable in cash or bonds, commencing Dec. 1 1927, equal to ½% of the greatest aggregate principal amount of 1st mtg. gold bonds at any time outstanding. Bonds acquired by the sinking fund will be cancelled forthwith.

**Power Contracts.**—A 30-year contract has been executed with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario which provides for the sale of power to the Commission. Under the terms of this contract the Commission will purchase 80,000 h.p. of electrical energy during the 12 months beginning Oct. 1 1928, the amount increasing annually thereafter to a maximum of 260,000 h.p. during the 12 months beginning Oct. 1 1931, which rate is continued throughout the life of the contract. It is estimated that starting with Oct. 1 1931 this contract alone will produce annual net earnings available for interest and reserves amounting to over 1.8

times the annual interest charges on the entire initial issue of \$37,500,000 1st mtge. gold bonds.

In addition, the Canadian International Paper Co. has entered into a 30-year contract for the purchase of a minimum of 74,000 h.p. per annum to be used at its new Gatinéau newsprint mill and its Kipawa pulp mill, and the Canada Cement Co., Ltd., has contracted to purchase 3,000 h.p. per annum for an initial period of 15 years from Oct. 1 1930, subject to renewal.

The trust deed will contain provisions limiting and defining the conditions under which certain changes may be made in these contracts in order to introduce the reasonable flexibility desirable in long-term contracts. Estimated Earnings.—Net earnings from the Chelsea, Farmers and Kipawa plants, available for interest and reserves, even before completion of the Paugan plant, will, it is estimated, be at the rate of about 1.7 times the annual interest requirements on the present offering of \$25,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds. Upon completion of all four power plants and the delivery of the ultimate amount of power under the contract with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, it is estimated that net earnings available for interest and reserves will exceed \$5,400,000 per annum, or almost three times the annual interest requirements on the entire \$37,500,000 1st mtge. gold bonds issuable against this initial construction program.

Canadian International Paper Co.—A wholly owned subsidiary of International Paper Co. Owns and operates the Three Rivers newsprint mill in the Province of Quebec with a capacity of over 600 tons per day, and now has under construction the new Gatinéau newsprint mill, also of 600 tons daily capacity. It also owns and operates mills producing sulphite pulp with an aggregate capacity of 385 tons per day. Its holdings of timberland freeholds and timber limits under Canadian Crown leases exceed 10,000,000 acres.

International Paper Co., with its subsidiaries, is the largest manufacturer of paper in the world and one of the largest holders of water powers and timber limits in North America. The capacity of its paper mills is more than twice as great as that of any other company on this Continent. Its timberland freeholds and Canadian Crown timber limit leases cover over 12,000,000 acres or an area substantially larger than the combined areas of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Long Island. Upon completion of the present development program of Gatinéau Power Co., the International Paper Co. with its wholly owned subsidiaries will have developed water powers with a total installed capacity of almost 600,000 h.p. (500,000 h.p. hydro-electric and 100,000 h.p. hydraulic), capable of being increased through further development and through the utilization of undeveloped sites to be about 1,400,000 h.p.

[The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of the above issue of bonds.]

\$12,500,000 Debentures to Be Offered Shortly.—The issue of \$12,500,000 sinking fund 6% gold debentures due 1941, which completes the company's present financing, will be offered Monday morning (July 26) by the same banking syndicate which offered the above issue of bonds.

The debentures will be redeemable up to and incl. June 15 1931 at 105 and thereafter at 1/2 of 1% less each succeeding year, accrued interest to be added in each case. A sinking fund will be provided commencing July 1 1927 sufficient to retire well over 40% of the issue prior to maturity.

Georgia-Carolina Power Co.—Acquisition.—

See Augusta-Aiken Ry. & Elec. Corp. above.—V. 98, p. 1159.

Grand Rapids Holland & Chicago Ry.—Sale.—

It is announced that the property of the road, operating between Grand Rapids, Mich., and Saugatuck, is to be sold at public auction Aug. 19 1926 by order of the Federal Court. Stuart Hanley is receiver.—V. 118, p. 3077.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Strike Ends.—

The strike which became effective at midnight July 5 virtually came to an end on July 22, when about 300 strikers agreed to go back to work on July 23. A statement made on behalf of Frank Hedley, President of the Interborough during the afternoon of July 22, indicated that all the men would be taken back if they came as individuals.

Passengers carried on the Interborough Rapid Transit system Thursday (July 22), the last day of the 17 days strike, totaled 2,458,804, against 2,901,194 last year, a decrease of 15.2%. The intense heat as well as sub-normal service on the subway, due to the strike, caused the decrease in traffic. For the 17 days of the strike 8,871,051 fewer passengers were carried than for the corresponding period last year, making the loss in receipts \$443,553. Normal service is expected by midnight Monday.

Tenders.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, New York City, will until Aug. 13 receive bids for the sale to it of first and refunding mortgage 5% gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1966, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$436,533 at a price not to exceed 110 and interest.—V. 123, p. 83.

Lehigh Power Securities Corp.—Definitive Debs.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is now prepared to deliver definitive Series A 6% gold debentures dated Feb. 1 1926, due Feb. 1 2026 in exchange for the temporary debentures outstanding. (For offering, see V. 122, p. 611.)—V. 122, p. 883.

Mohawk-Hudson Power Corp.—Expansion.—

The New York P. S. Commission has authorized the corporation to acquire more than 10% of the stock of the Eastern New York Utilities Corp. which serves municipalities in Rensselaer and Columbia Counties, N. Y.—V. 123, p. 206.

Montana Power Co. & Subs.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Quars. End. June 30 and 6 Mos. End. June 30, and rows for Earnings, Exps. & Fed. taxes, Net earnings, and Net income.

Mountain Water Service Co.—Trustee.—

The New York Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an issue of 1st mtge. 5 1/2% gold bonds, series "A."

National Public Service Corp.—Tenders.—

The New York Trust Co., trustee, 100 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until July 28 receive bids for the sale to it of 30-yr. 5 1/2% sinking fund collateral trust gold bonds, series "A" due Feb. 1 1955, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$93,573 at a price not to exceed 105 and int.—V. 122, p. 3340.

New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Quar. Ended June 30 and 6 Mos. End. June 30, and rows for Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Taxes, Uncollectibles, Total oper. income, and Net non-oper. revenue.

Balance, sur. or def. \$229,205 def \$165,610 \$293,510 dft \$1,296,005 The executive committee of the directors have approved estimates aggregating \$3,566,712 for extension and improvements to plant, necessary to meet the steady demand for service, making a total of \$23,854,860 authorized for new construction thus far this year. The company reports a net increase for the past month of 6,945 telephones, as against 5,339 for the corresponding month of 1925, making a total increase of 34,672 telephones

for the 6 months ending June 30 1926. Included in these recent authorizations are appropriations aggregating \$2,498,030 to cover the estimated cost of hundreds of routine additions to plants in all parts of the company's territory during July, Aug. and Sept. The appropriations for metropolitan Boston aggregate \$1,604,725.—V. 122, p. 3083.

Niagara Falls Power Co. & Subs.—Semi-Annual Report.

Table with columns for 1926 and 1925, and rows for Total operating revenue, Oper. exp., amort. & tax, Net earnings, Other income (net), Total net income, Interest, Surplus income.

North American Co.—Acquires Properties.—

The Co. has acquired the stock of 5 public utilities operating in Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Properties acquired are the Powers Sp. Idling Light Co., the Dickinson County Public Service Co., the Aurora Electric Light & Power Co., the Amasa Lighting Co. and the Alpha Lighting Co.

For the 4 weeks ending July 1 1926, the power output in the districts around and incl. Cleveland; eastern Wisconsin, incl. Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Appleton; the central Mississippi valley incl. St. Louis and southwestern Illinois; and central California, incl. Sacramento, Fresno and San Francisco. 374,420,000 k.w.h. as against 320,430,000 k.w.h. in 1925.—V. 122, p. 3606.

North Carolina Public Service Co.—Bonds Offered.—

A. C. Allvn & Co., Inc., Pynehon & Co., and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., are offering at 94 1/2 and int., yielding over 5.37%, \$3,125,000 1st & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, Series due 1956.

Dated July 1 1926; due July 1 1956. Denom. c\* \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and r\* \$1,000 and multiples thereof. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice on any int. date to and incl. July 1 1941 at 105 and int.; thereafter to and incl. July 1 1955 at 102 1/2 and int.; and thereafter to maturity at 100 and int. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Interest also payable at the office of the National Bank of the Republic of Chicago, at the option of the holder. Penn. 4-mill tax, Conn. 4-mill tax, Maryland securities tax not in excess of 4 1/2 mills, Calif. personal property tax not in excess of 5 mills, p. a., and Mass. 6% income tax refunded.

Data from Letter of President W. S. Barstow, July 19.

Company.—Furnishes electric light and power service in Greensboro, High Point, Burlington and other communities in the central part of North Carolina, and through ownership of practically all of the common stock and lease of the Salisbury & Spencer Ry., furnishes electric light and power, gas and street railway service in Salisbury and Spencer. Company also manufactures and distributes gas in Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem and a large suburban territory tributary thereto, and furnishes transportation service in Greensboro. The territory served has a total population estimated at more than 215,000 and embraces 38 communities. Of the operating income of the present properties, approximately 64% is derived from electric light and power, 34% from gas and only 2% from transportation.

The electric transmission and distribution system comprises approximately 742 miles of line and the necessary substations, transformers and other auxiliary equipment to serve properly the needs of its customers.

The gas properties have an aggregate generating capacity of approximately 1,750,000 cu. ft. daily, distributed by 225 miles of gas mains, and for the 12 months ended May 31 1926, 39,094,394 k.w.h. of electric energy and 310,334,600 cu. ft. of gas were distributed to 27,109 customers. A new gas manufacturing plant and distribution mains are in process of construction in the city of Burlington and will be placed in service about Aug. 1 1926.

Valuation.—Based on appraisals by independent engineers, plus capital additions to date, the valuation of the physical properties of the company and its subsidiary is largely in excess of the total consolidated funded debt to be presently outstanding.

Security.—These bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage on a substantial portion of the company's property, and by a direct mortgage on its remaining property, subject only to \$2,824,300 of 5% bonds, the refunding of which is provided for by the mortgage securing these bonds. In addition, \$1,052,900 of such underlying bonds are pledged as further security under this mortgage, so that the series due 1956 share ratably in the direct first mortgage security of such underlying bonds. Company has covenanted that the underlying bonds will not be increased in amount unless deposited as additional security under the mortgage securing these bonds.

Company owns and has deposited as additional security under the mortgage securing this issue more than 92% of the common stock of the Salisbury & Spencer Ry.

Capitalization Outstanding with Public upon Completion of Present Financing. 1st & refunding Mtge. 5% bonds, Series due 1956 (this issue) \$3,125,000 1st & ref. (now 1st) mtge. 5% bonds, due 1934 (closed) \$2,324,300 Underlying divisional bonds 500,000 Cumulative preferred stock (\$7 per share annual dividend) 22,254 sbs. Common stock 30,020 sbs.

An additional \$1,052,900 of these bonds are pledged with the trustee under the mortgage securing the Series due 1956 bonds. In addition, there are outstanding with the public \$831,000 of 5% bonds due 1945, of the Salisbury & Spencer Ry.

Consolidated Earnings of Properties Now Owned by Company and Its Subsidiary for 12 Months Ended April 30 1926.

Table with rows for Gross earnings (including other income) and Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes.

Net earnings \$727,502

Annual interest requirements on total funded debt to be presently outstanding, including this issue \$339,015

Each year since the formation of North Carolina Public Service Co. in 1909 both gross and net earnings have increased.

Sinking and Improvement Fund.—Company covenants to pay to the trustee on July 1 1928 and on each July 1 thereafter a sum equivalent to 1% of the series due 1956 bonds then outstanding. Such moneys may at the option of the company be applied to the purchase or redemption of series due 1956 bonds or expended in additions or betterments to the mortgaged property, against which no additional 1st & ref. mtge. bonds may be issued.

Management.—Company is controlled by General Gas & Electric Corp. through ownership of the entire outstanding common stock, and in common with the other subsidiaries of that corporation is operated and managed by the W. S. Barstow Management Association, Inc., of N. Y. City.

Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding \$800,000 1st lien & ref. mtge. 6 1/2% gold bonds, series A, due Feb. 1 1944, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 107 1/2 and int. at the Seaboard National Bank, 115 Broadway, N. Y. City.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as successor trustee, will until July 19 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & ref. mtge. 5% 25-year S. F. gold bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$33,959, at prices not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 123, p. 325.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Air Mail and Passenger Service.—

The company began passenger air service July 16 between the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, and Hoover Field, Washington. Beginning July 20 planes leave Philadelphia at 9:30 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. and Washington at 12 m. and 3:30 p. m. The distance is 125 miles and the flying time is 1 1/2 hours each way. The fare is \$15 one way—\$25 for a 15-day round-trip ticket. Each plane carries 8 passengers, and each passenger is permitted 30 lbs. of baggage free. 25c. a lb. will be charged for excess baggage.

P.R.T. air service also carries the air mail between Philadelphia and Washington under contract with U. S. Post Office Dept.

**Earnings, &c., for 3 and 6 Months Ended June 30.**

	1926—3 Mos.	1925—6 Mos.	1926—6 Mos.	1925—12 Mos.
Passengers carried	248,835,184	234,330,414	483,571,941	461,832,570
Passenger revenue	\$13,552,721	\$12,554,303	\$26,281,114	\$24,830,326
Operating revenue	\$13,768,010	\$12,726,068	\$26,675,935	\$25,153,093
Operation and taxes	9,961,016	9,208,407	19,885,538	18,183,315
Operating income	\$3,806,994	\$3,517,661	\$7,090,377	\$6,969,778
Non-operating income	145,054	87,579	275,106	138,058
Gross income	\$3,952,048	\$3,605,240	\$7,365,482	\$7,107,836
Payments to city—Sink fund & Frankford Elev	201,040	3,368,853	4,020,801	6,619,173
Fixed charges, divs., &c.	3,742,662		6,947,512	
Net income	\$8,346	\$236,388	\$15,891	\$488,664

—V. 122, p. 3341.

**Pittsburgh (Pa.) Rys.—Refinancing Plan.**—A recent dispatch from Pittsburgh stated that "the plan for the refinancing of this company, a subsidiary of Philadelphia Co., is practically completed. A general refunding mortgage bond issue will be sold to retire all the outstanding mortgage bonds, amounting to about \$11,575,000, of the component companies. Of these, two issues totaling \$489,000 have matured but holders agreed to accept continuation of the regular interest pending the consummation of the proposed plan of recapitalization."—V. 122, p. 2193.

**Rockford & Interurban Ry.—Distribution to Bondholders.** Holders of certificates of deposit evidencing 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds have been notified by the bondholders' committee (Robert W. Baird, Chairman) has adopted a plan for the sale to T. M. Ellis Jr. of Beloit, Wis. (evidenced by a contract of sale dated July 17 1926) of bonds deposited with the committee under the deposit agreement dated Nov. 1 1925. The consideration for such sale is to be paid in cash and is on the basis of 23 1/2% of the face value of the bonds, which consideration, subject to committee's necessary expenses, if any, above the amount provided for in said sale, will be distributed to holders of certificates of deposit. Any holder of certificates of deposit may at any time within 20 days after July 19 surrender to the First Wisconsin Trust Co., depository, his certificate of deposit and withdraw from the obligations of the deposit agreement and receive bonds to the amount represented by his certificate of deposit upon payment of his pro-rata share of the reasonable compensation and expenses theretofore incurred by the committee, as determined by it, and of the obligations and liabilities of the committee. Every holder of a certificate of deposit who shall not within such period of 20 days as aforesaid so surrender his certificate of deposit and withdraw from the deposit agreement shall be conclusively and finally deemed to have given assent to the plan. The committee further states: "Accordingly, all holders of certificates of deposit who shall not, within 20 days after July 19 have surrendered their certificates of deposit and withdrawn from the deposit agreement in accordance with the provisions thereof above referred to, shall become irrevocably bound by the terms of the plan (contract for sale of bonds)." See also V. 122, p. 3342.

**San Jose Water Works, San Jose, Cal.—Bonds Offered.**—Bank of Italy (San Francisco), Calif. is offering at 102 1/2 and int., to yield 4.80%, \$500,000 1st mortgage 5% gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1926; due July 1 1931. Int. payable (J. & J.) at the Mercantile Trust Co. of California, San Francisco, trustee, without deduction of normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Exempt from personal property tax in Calif. Callable all or part on any int. date at 105 up to July 1 1931, and decreasing 1/4% each year thereafter, but in no case shall the call price be less than 100 1/2. Denom. \$1,000 c\*.  
**Legal Investment.**—Application has been made to the Superintendent of Banks to certify these bonds as a legal investment for savings banks in California.

**Issue.**—Authorized by the California RR. Commission.  
**Data from Letter of Joseph R. Ryland, Pres. of Company.**  
**Company.**—The works and its predecessor, the San Jose Water Co., has supplied the city of San Jose and vicinity, the town of Los Gatos and vicinity, the village of Saratoga and vicinity, and other parts of Santa Clara County, with water for domestic and municipal purposes since 1866. Immediately after its incorporation in 1866, the San Jose Water Co. commenced acquiring lands and water rights in Santa Clara County and constructed its water supply system.  
**The water works' operative properties** (all of which will be covered by the mortgage securing the present bond issue) are located in Santa Clara County and are within a radius of 24 miles of San Jose. These consist of approximately 6,000 acres of land owned in fee, and riparian rights to approximately 3,000 additional acres, together with pumping plants and pumping equipment, reservoirs, dams, pipe-lines, distributing mains and metered service connections forming a complete water system supplying a population of approximately 75,000. The present facilities are sufficient to supply a population of 150,000 with no additional capital expenditures except for distributing mains as needed.  
**Water Supply.**—The source of water supply is dual. The surface source consists of the waters of Los Gatos Creek, with a catchment area of 45 square miles, and the waters of Saratoga Creek, with a catchment area of 6 square miles.  
**The underground or pumping source** of water supply is composed of 5 pumping plants, with a sixth in the course of construction, all set at strategic points and capable of supplying in excess of 30,000,000 gallons daily. There are 3 booster pumping plants for better distribution of water, the emergency reservoirs holding 300,000,000 gallons and 8 distributing reservoirs having a combined capacity of 33,000,000 gallons. Water is transmitted for distribution through 181 miles of pipe line of 4 to 24 inches diameter, and 122 miles of pipe line of less than 4 inches diameter. At the present time there are more than 19,000 active service connections.  
**Security.**—Secured by a 1st mortgage on all of operative properties now owned or hereafter acquired. The value of the operative properties, as shown by the books of the company, is substantially in excess of \$4,000,000. This figure is based on the original cost of construction, and does not take into consideration the present replacement value or existing high construction costs. Based on current quotations, the outstanding common stock of the company represents a market equity of more than \$3,300,000, junior to this issue of bonds.

**Outstanding Capitalization at Conclusion of Present Financing.**

1st mtge. 5% gold bonds	\$500,000
Notes payable	199,600
Capital stock	3,000,000

**Mortgage Provisions.**—Of the remaining \$4,500,000 authorized bonds, \$2,500,000 may be issued but only to pay for the cost of permanent additions, betterments, &c., made by the company subsequent to Jan. 1 1926, and \$2,000,000 may be issued under the same restrictions, but must not exceed 50% of the cost of permanent additions, betterments, &c., provided that the net earnings for 12 consecutive calendar months, and not more than 60 days prior to the application for the issuance of bonds, shall have been not less than 1 1/4 times the annual interest charges on all bonds outstanding in the hands of the public, and for the issuance of which application is then made.  
**Earnings.**—During the last 5 years the average annual net earnings, after all taxes, available for interest on this issue, were \$183,810, which is the equivalent of 7 3/8 times such charges. As a result of an increase in rates granted by the RR. Commission, such earnings for the year ending May 31 1926 were approximately 13.5 times interest requirements. The actual net earnings for each year are given, as follows:

1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
\$138,977	\$154,114	\$156,504	\$160,711	\$308,655

**Revenue and Expenses for the Year Ending May 31 1926.**

Oper. rev., \$573,480; non-oper. rev., \$2,210; total revenue	\$575,690
Total expenses (including all taxes)	238,652

**Revenue applicable to bond interest**—\$337,038  
**Purpose.**—To retire an equal amount of notes payable which were created to meet expenditures made for capital purposes. This issue does not increase the debt of the company.  
**Dividends.**—The company has paid dividends at the rate of 50c. per month without interruption from 1889 to 1926. Beginning Jan. 1926, the regular dividend rate was increased to 58c. per month.

**General.**—Since the organization of the San Jose Water Co. in 1866, neither the water company nor its successor, the San Jose Water Works, has ever issued any bonds. Both companies have heretofore financed themselves by issuing common stock, by reinvestment of surplus earnings and by bank loans.—V. 120, p. 212.

**Sharon & New Castle Street Ry.—Receiver Asked.**—The New York Trust Co. of New York on July 19 filed an equity suit in the U. S. District Court against the company to recover interest on \$120,000 of 1st mtge. 7% bonds, dated July 1 1901. The trust company, in its bill of complaint, also petitions the Court for appointment of a receiver to take charge of railway company property, with power, if deemed necessary, to operate the railway and other steps as will protect the rights and interest of the holders of the bonds. The New York Trust Co., as trustee for the bondholders, cites that no interest has been paid on any of the bonds since Jan., 1903, making the defendant in default for a period of 22 years in payment of interest.

**Shenandoah River Power Co.—Listing, &c.**—The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$410,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds (see V. 121, p. 1228). Officers of the company are: Arthur S. Ives, Pres.; William W. Battles, V.-Pres.; Rolland A. Davidson, Treas.

**Actual earnings 5 1/2 months (Aug. 17 1925 to Jan. 31 1926), since incorporation**

	Gross.	Net.
Estimated earnings 12 mos. pro rata on above	\$41,924	\$23,497
Combined actual earnings 12 months of company and predecessor companies to Jan. 31 1926	91,470	51,267

**Balance Sheet Jan. 31 1926.**

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash	\$68,678	Common stock	\$10,696
Construction	692,866	Preferred stock	174,900
Material on hand	1,074	1st mtge. 6% bonds	410,000
Notes receivable	1,195	Notes payable	85,000
Accounts receivable	6,179	Preferred stock subscribed	25,100
Invest. in affiliated companies	60,000	Accounts payable	34,199
Subscribers to preferred stock	19,501	Accrued int. on bonds & notes	10,674
Prepayments	1,173	Accrued insurance	1,311
Unamort. debt discount, &c.	55,483	Retirement reserve	57,500
Misc. suspense (offset by res'v)	2,560	Other reserve	2,500
		Capital surplus	92,121
		Corporate surplus	4,709
Total	\$908,709	Total	\$908,709

—V. 122, p. 1457.

**Southern California Edison Co.—Earnings.**

Period—	Month of June—	3 Mos. June 30—	6 Mos. June 30—
	1926.	1925.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$2,497,050	\$2,194,901	\$12,933,581
Net earnings after oper. expenses & taxes	1,724,011	1,598,905	8,350,856
Bal. after fixed charges	1,242,008	1,202,045	5,416,749

—V. 123, p. 326.

**Southern Cities Utilities Co.—Debentures Sold.**—Ames, Emerich & Co. have sold at 98 and int., to yield over 6.25%, \$1,500,000 6% conv. gold debentures, series "A."

Dated April 1 1926; due April 1 1936. Int. payable (A. & O.) in N. Y. City. Red. at any time, all or part, on 30 days' published notice at 105 and int. on or before April 1 1931, less 1/2 of 1% for each year or part thereof elapsed thereafter. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Fidelity Trust Co. of New York, trustee. Int. payable without deduction for that part of any normal Federal income tax deductible at the source not in excess of 2%. Company also agrees to refund, upon application, to resident holders the Penna. 4-mill tax, Maryland security tax not exceeding 4 1/2 mills, Conn. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills, Calif. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills, Dist. of Col. personal property tax not exceeding 5 mills, and the Mass. income tax on int. not exceeding 6%.  
**Conversion Privilege.**—Convertible into class "B" common stock up to and incl. Jan. 1 1928 at the rate of \$55 a share; thereafter and incl. Jan. 1 1930 at \$70 a share; thereafter and incl. Jan. 1 1932 at \$90 a share; thereafter and incl. Jan. 1 1935 at \$100 a share. Conversion privilege lapses after Jan. 1 1935.  
**Valuation.**—Properties of the company and of owned subsidiaries have been appraised by independent engineers as of March 1 1926 at a valuation which, together with cash available for new construction, provides an equity on the basis of reproduction cost, after deducting all prior obligations, of over \$5,600,000 for these debentures, and on the basis of reproduction cost less depreciation of over \$3,400,000.  
**Purpose.**—The agreement under which these debentures are to be issued is a part of a plan to provide a simple conservative vehicle for future financing. Proceeds of this issue and the \$5,500,000 1st lien 6% gold bonds, series "A," will be used to redeem outstanding bonds, to reimburse the company for expenditures made for additions and improvements, to provide a substantial amount of cash for completion of the present construction program and for other corporate purposes.

For description of properties, capitalization, &c., see V. 123, p. 85.

**Tennessee Electric Power Co.—Rights.**—The common stockholders of record June 25 were recently given the right to subscribe on or before July 9 for 44,000 additional shares of common stock at \$70 per share pro rata. This privilege permitted common stockholders to purchase 28.20% of their common stock holdings or approximately one share of additional common stock for each 3 3/8 shares held. The stockholders had the option to pay for the additional common stock either (1) in cash or in New York or Chattanooga exchange, (2) in 2d pref. stock at \$85 per share flat, or (3) part in such 2d pref. stock and the balance in cash or New York or Chattanooga exchange.—V. 122, p. 3607.

**Washington Water Power Co.—Earnings.**

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross revenue	\$2,959,838	\$2,675,450	\$2,589,173	\$2,602,608
Operating expenses	822,369	785,597	765,590	900,863
Taxes (incl. income tax)	373,927	331,453	322,850	325,166
Interest	261,050	319,475	299,455	311,654
Replacement reserve			12,994	116,675
Profit & loss, prior years	Cr. 6,885	Cr. 1,842		Cr. 883
Deduct for additional reserve for replacements				100,000
Net earnings	\$1,509,377	\$1,240,768	\$1,188,283	\$849,132

—V. 122, p. 3085.

**Westchester Water Service Co.—Trustee.**—The New York Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of 1st mtge. 5 1/4% gold bonds, series "A."

**West Penn Power Co.—Bonds Sold.**—W. C. Langley & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and Dominick & Dominick have sold at 100 1/2 and int. \$18,500,000 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds, Series "G."

Dated Mar. 1 1916; due June 1 1956. Interest payable J. & D. in New York and Chicago without deduction for Federal income taxes now or hereafter deductible at the source, not in excess of 2%. Denom. c\* \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and r\* \$1,000. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon 4 weeks' notice at the following prices and accrued interest: On or before June 1 1951, at 105; thereafter and on or before June 1 1954, at 102; and thereafter to maturity at the principal amount. Free of present Pennsylvania 4-mill tax. Equitable Trust Co. of New York, trustee.

**Data from Letter of A. M. Lynn, President of Company.**  
**Company.**—Organized in Pennsylvania in March 1916. Owns and operates an extensive system of electric power and light properties serving 437 communities in the great industrial area in southwestern Pennsylvania adjacent to Pittsburgh. The territory comprises one of the most important manufacturing and mining districts in the world and the population served is estimated at approximately 575,000.

**Capitalization Outstanding (After This Financing).**

First mortgage gold bonds (including this issue)	x\$47,000,000
7% cumulative preferred stock	12,700,000
6% cumulative preferred stock	4,634,300
Common stock	18,600,000
x Consisting of \$8,500,000 Series A 5%; \$12,500,000 Series E 5%; \$7,500,000 Series F 5 1/2%, and \$18,500,000 Series G 5% (this issue).	

The company has also outstanding a contract and obligation of \$604,500 to the U. S. Govt. due serially to 1930 with interest at from 5% to 6%. The company has entered into an indemnity bond for its faithful performance of this contract, and such bond is secured by a second mortgage on its properties.

**Purpose.**—To provide funds for the retirement of \$6,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, Series D 7%, to partially reimburse the company for funds expended in the purchase of the Connellsville Power Station, and for permanent improvements, extensions or additions or new or additional property, made and to be made or acquired, and for other corporate purposes.

**Security.**—Secured by first mortgage on all the fixed property, rights and franchises now owned by the company and will be secured by a direct mortgage on all such property hereafter acquired.

**Earnings for the 12 Months Ended May 31 1926.**

Gross earnings, including miscellaneous income	\$15,430,664
Oper. exps. (excl. of reserve for renewals and replacements), maintenance, rentals and taxes	8,167,221
Net earnings	
Annual int. requirements on 1st mtge. bonds (incl. this issue)	\$7,263,443
-V. 123, p. 326.	2,387,500

**Wisconsin Public Service Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.**—Morris F. Fox & Co., Milwaukee, Wis., are offering at \$100 per share, flat, \$1,850,000 6 1/2% cumulat. pref. stock (par \$100 per share).

Preferred as to assets and dividends over the common stock and ranking equally with series A 7% pref. stock. Divs. on the 6 1/2% preferred stock are payable Q.-M. 20. Red. all or part, at 105 and divs. on any div. date. Divs. are free from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent, offices of the company. Registrar, First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee.

**Issuance.**—Authorized by the Wisconsin RR. Commission.

**The bankers state:**

**Corporation.**—A Wisconsin corporation. Directly and through one wholly owned subsidiary company supplies electricity for power and light, gas for domestic and commercial needs, or other public service to important cities and towns situated in 11 counties of northeastern Wisconsin and Menominee County, Mich., having a combined total population estimated to be in excess of 335,000. The territory served includes the Fox River Valley, which is one of the most prosperous and populous farming and manufacturing districts in Wisconsin. The important communities served include the cities of Green Bay, Oshkosh, Manitowoc, Sheboygan and Marinette, Wis., and Menominee, Mich., and a large number of smaller communities throughout this prosperous section. Company at present serves a combined total of 58,609 customers with gas and electricity, in 122 communities. 81% of the present net earnings of the company is derived from the sale of electricity for power and light, over 18% from gas and less than 1% from miscellaneous services.

The physical property of the company and subsidiary includes 9 hydro-electric generating plants having a total installed capacity of 39,018 h.p. and 3 steam electric generating stations having a total installed capacity of 28,073 h.p., or a combined total present installed electric generating capacity of 67,091 h.p. Company owns 439 miles of electric transmission lines and 630 miles of electric distribution lines. The gas properties include 4 gas manufacturing plants having a combined daily capacity of 7,010,000 c.f., and 338 miles of transmission and distribution gas mains. Company has a combined holder capacity of 3,208,000 c.f.

**Capitalization Outstanding (After Giving Effect to Financing)**

6 1/2% cumulat. pref. stock, series "B" (this issue)	\$1,850,000
7% cumulat. pref. stock, series "A"	3,650,000
Common stock	2,650,000
Underlying divisional bonds	x3,077,000
1st lien & ref. mtge. gold bonds:	
Series A, 6%, due Oct. 1 1952	6,792,000
Series B, 5 1/2%, due Jan. 1 1958	4,438,000
x Not including \$1,308,000 of 1st mtge. & ref. 5% bonds of Wisconsin Public Service Co. pledged as additional security for the Wisconsin Public Service Corp's. 1st lien & ref. mtge. gold bonds, and also not including \$228,000 of 1st & ref. mtge. 5% bonds of Green Bay Gas & Electric Co. pledged as additional security under said mortgage of Wisconsin Public Service Co.	

**Earnings (Of all Properties Now in System) for 12 Mos. End. May 31.**

Gross earnings	1926. \$4,208,097	1925. \$3,763,936
Operating exp., maint. and taxes, excl. deprec.	2,454,052	2,205,404
Net earnings		
Interest charges	\$1,754,045	\$1,558,532
	859,408	774,957
Balance for dividends and retirement reserves.		
Annual div. requirements on \$5,500,000 pref. stk.	\$894,637	\$783,575
	\$375,750	

**Purpose.**—The proceeds will be used, in part, to reimburse the company for additions and extensions recently made and now being made to the properties, and for other proper corporate purposes.

**Management.**—The properties of the company are under the management of Bylesby Engineering & Management Corp., the entire capital stock of which is owned by Standard Gas & Electric Co., which also owns all of the common stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of Wisconsin Public Service Corp.—V. 122, p. 2500.

**INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mail Order Houses Reduce Prices of Commodities in Line with General Trend of Wholesale Prices.**—Montgomery Ward & Co. and Sears, Roebuck & Co. show slightly lower list prices in latest catalogues. "New York Times" July 17 1926.

**Cleaners' and Dyers' Strike Is Over, with Old Wage Scale Still in Effect.**—About 10,000 workers on strike or locked out since July 13 prepare to return to jobs July 26, when employers waive 20% wage reduction. "Evening Post" July 22, p. 5.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" July 17.**—(a) New York Produce Exchange approves regulation of grain futures trade for delivery in Buffalo, p. 277. (b) Sugar Equalization Board ends, p. 277. (c) Secretary of Banking for Pennsylvania refuses to reverse order of the Pennsylvania State Bureau of Securities suspending the license of G. L. Miller & Co., Inc.—Real estate investment house answers attack, p. 277. (d) New York banking institutions waiving check collection charges, p. 278. (e) Jones & Co., Inc., Boston brokerage firm, enjoined by New York State Supreme Court from doing business in New York State, p. 279. (f) Government control of radio, p. 281.

**Alliance Realty Co.—Earnings.**

Six Months Ended June 30—	
Net from operation and sales of real estate	1925. \$83,147
Interest on mortgage	31,632
Balance, surplus	
Other income	\$51,515
	137,086
Total income	
Expenses and all taxes	\$188,601
	27,823
Net income	
—V. 122, p. 1919.	\$206,698
	\$160,778

**Alta Plaza Apartments (Thomas H. Hamill & R. G. Hall, Inc.) San Francisco, Calif.—Bonds Offered.**—S. W. Straus & Co. are offering at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 100.78 and int., to yield from 6.25% to 6.50%, according to maturity, \$350,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% serial coupon gold bonds (safeguarded under the Straus plan).

Dated May 1 1926; maturities, 3 to 15 years. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100\*. Callable at 103 and int. for the first five and at 102 and int. thereafter; bonds and coupons (M. & N.) payable at the offices of S. W. Straus & Co. Exempt from personal property tax in California Federal income tax, 1 1/2%, paid by borrower.

**Security.**—Secured by a direct closed first mortgage on the land in fee, and on an apartment house and an adjoining garage building to be erected and by Straus plan provisions for monthly deposits to meet the principal and interest payments when due.

The land on which the buildings are to be erected constitutes the northeast corner of Jackson and Steiner Sts., San Francisco. It fronts approximately 62 1/2 ft. on the north side of Jackson St. and approximately 117 1/4 ft. on the east side of Steiner St. The principal building will be a 12-story, Class A, steel frame, full fireproof apartment house, containing 117 rentable rooms comprised in 12 suites of which 11 will have 10 rooms and one each will have 7 rooms. In addition to the rentable suites, the building will have additional rooms for servants. A garage building with a capacity of 22 cars will adjoin this structure on the Jackson St. frontage.

**Valuation.**—The value of the land and the completed buildings has been appraised by independent appraisers in excess of \$583,000.

**Earnings.**—The net annual earnings of this property when completed, after deductions for taxes, insurance, operation and ample allowance for vacancies, are estimated at \$51,690 available for interest and serial principal payments required under this bond issue. This is more than 2 1/4 times the greatest annual interest charge and is \$18,808 more than the greatest combined annual interest and serial principal requirements hereunder.

**Borrowing Corporation.**—These bonds are the direct obligation of Thomas H. Hamill & R. G. Hall, Inc., of which the principal stockholders are Thomas H. Hamill and R. G. Hall. They will be directly in control of this property.

**Amalgamated Leather Cos., Inc.—May Liquidate Divs.**  
According to dispatches from Philadelphia, President John Blatz has confirmed reports that the company is considering plans for liquidating \$42 accumulated dividends on its preferred stock, but said as yet no plan has definitely been decided upon. The company, whose stock is traded on the New York Curb, has made formal application for listing its shares on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 122, p. 1919.

**American European Securities Co.—Dividend No. 2.**  
A quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share has been declared on the pref. stock, payable Aug. 16 to holders of record July 31. An initial dividend of \$2 per share was paid on this issue on May 15 last.—V. 122, p. 2332.

**American Pneumatic Service Co.—Earnings.**

Six Months Ended June 30—	
Gross income	\$208,228
Interest and depreciation	72,474
Net income	
Earnings of Lamson Co. (a Subsidiary)	\$135,754
Six Months Ended June 30—	
Net income after charges	\$156,857
-V. 122, p. 3608.	

**American Republics Corp.—Report.**

Period—		—Quar. End. June 30—		—6 Mos. End. June 30—	
		1926.		1925.	
Sales	\$7,997,335	\$8,322,768	\$13,912,643	\$15,586,985	
Cost of sales	6,594,203	6,757,991	11,450,785	12,710,408	
Expenses	509,524	586,479	984,729	1,113,576	
Net profit		\$893,608	\$978,298	\$1,477,129	\$1,763,000
Sur. aft. res. for Fed. tax	670,109	801,221	1,093,772	1,452,679	
-V. 122, p. 2501.					

**American Thread Co.—Annual Report.**

Years End. Mar. 31—		1925-26.		1924-25.		1923-24.		1922-23.	
xNet profits		loss\$552,729	\$1,017,325	\$1,501,544	\$2,113,303				
Employees' pension fund		50,000	100,000	100,000	80,000				
Prof. div. (5%)		244,818	239,665	239,220	244,524				
Common dividend			y648,000	y1,080,000	y1,296,000				
do rate per cent.			(6%)	(10%)	(12%)				
Reserve for contingency				100,000	500,000				
Balance		def\$847,546 sur		def\$77,683		def\$7,221			
x After providing for bond interest, depreciation and taxes and reducing the inventories at Mar. 31 to cost or market value, whichever is lower.									
y In 1924-25 includes final dividend of 3% and interim dividend of 3%.									
In 1923-24 includes final div. of 7% and interim div. of 3%; in 1922-23 includes final div. of 9% and interim div. of 3%, and in 1921-22 includes final div. of 7% and interim div. of 3%.—V. 121, p. 333.									

**Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—Harriman and Anaconda Interests Form Corporation to Take Over and Operate Big Silesian Zinc Mines.**

As a sequel to the completion of negotiations by the Harriman and Anaconda Copper Mining Co. interests for the larger part of the Silesian zinc mine holdings of the Georg von Giesche heirs of Germany, announcement is made of the formation of the Silesian-American Corp. in Delaware. This corporation, which will be headed by Cornelius F. Kelley, President of the company, will acquire from Georg von Giesche's Heirs Mining Co. (Bergwerksgesellschaft Georg von Giesche's Erben), a German corporation, all of the capital stock of the Giesche company (Giesche Spolka Akcyjna), together with \$6,000,000 of the German company's sinking fund mortgage bonds.

Conclusion of the deal for the Giesche concession is the result of approximately a year's intensive study by the Anaconda company's engineers and geologists. Arrangements for financing the acquisition are now being made by a syndicate headed by W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and Lee, Higginson & Co. The Anaconda company will own a majority stock interest in the Silesian Holding Co. which will control the Silesian-American Corp., and has selected the management of Giesche properties acquired.

Properties of the Giesche concession, one of the oldest and largest industrial projects in Europe, include proved zinc ore reserves which, according to conservative estimates of American engineers, are sufficient to supply about 50,000 metric tons annual production, to supply the company for approximately 20 years. In addition, unexplored territory should materially lengthen the operating life of the property. The company also has large coal deposits, which according to Giesche engineers, will allow production at present capacity for over 100 years. It owns large concentrating, smelting and refining plants for the treatment and production of zinc, lead and silver; zinc and lead rolling mills, sulphuric acid and other by-product factories, as well as some 1,400 workmen's homes and landed estates of over 19,000 acres, of which 10,000 acres are forest land.

Three years ago the Giesche company acquired substantially all of the properties of Georg von Giesche Heirs Mining Co. located in territory ceded to the Republic of Poland, including approximately 60% of the Bleisharley Zinc & Lead Mine in Upper Silesia. The transfer of the former company to the Silesian-American Corp. will make possible improvements in production and distribution which, it is confidently expected, will result in materially increased profits. In the 5 pre-war years, 1909-1913, net earnings of the Georg von Giesche Heirs Co., which then directly owned the Polish properties of the Giesche company, were before depletion and depreciation, averaged \$5,312,541 per annum, available for interest and taxes.

The directorate of the Silesian-American Corp. will consist of John D. Ryan, Chairman of the Anaconda company; W. A. Harriman, Chairman of W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.; Cornelius F. Kelley, President of Anaconda company; George H. Walker, President of W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and 3 members to be appointed by the Giesche interests.—V. 122, p. 2641.

**Armour & Co. (Ill.)—Ordered to Divest Itself of Stock in Two Companies—Complaint Dismissed.**

The Federal Trade Commission has issued an order requiring this company to divest itself in good faith of all of the stock in Eau Claire Creamery Co. of Eau Claire, Wis., and the Pacific Creamery Co. of Tempe, Ariz. No stock or property of the two companies now owned by Armour shall be sold or transferred to any one having an interest in the Armour Co., the order states. The Commission further in this case dismissed those portions of the complaint charging Armour & Co. with acquiring and owning capital stock of the Harold L. Brown Co., Inc., Loudon Packing Co., A. S. Kinn-

month Produce Co., and Smith, Richardson & Conroy. Commissioner Nugent dissented to the dismissal of the complaint involving these companies, with the exception of Harold L. Brown Co., Inc.

The Commission found that Armour & Co. obtained control of the business and property of the Eau Claire Creamery Co. and the Pacific Creamery Co., which resulted in eliminating and suppressing competition in the sale of butter between the respondent and Eau Claire Creamery Co., and the sale of canned milk in the States of Arizona and California between the respondent and the Pacific Creamery Co.

Explains Federal Ruling.—The company on July 21 authorized the following statement: The adverse ruling of the Federal Trade Commission in respect to the purchase some 10 years ago of the stock of the Pacific Creamery Co. and a minority interest in the Eau Claire Co. is of no consequence whatever.

We have always maintained that no basis in fact ever existed for the filing of these cases, all of which have now been dismissed, with the exception of these two unimportant complaints, and one other case pending in the court.

Pays Bonus to Employees.—Bonus checks for some 6,000 employees were mailed on July 16. The bonuses are part of a plan adopted by the company more than a year ago to encourage employees to purchase and hold the company's pref. stock.

Asher Coal Mining Co., Inc. (Ky.).—Bonds Sold.—Security Trust Co., Lexington, Ky.; Caldwell & Co., Nashville, Tenn., and Fourth District Securities Corp., Cincinnati, O., recently sold at 100 and int. \$850,000 6% 1st (closed) mortgage serial gold bonds.

Company.—Incorp. in 1914 in Kentucky. Is engaged in the buying, selling and leasing of coal lands, the major portion of its income is derived from royalties paid by strong, well-established lessees.

Lessees.—The lessee companies consist of Koppers Co. (controlled by the Mellon interests) of Pennsylvania, the Southern Mining Co. and the Golden Ash Co. of Williamsburg, Ky., and the Crown Coal Co. of Middleboro, Ky.

Earnings.—During the past five years ended Dec. 31 1925 the company has had amounts available for bond interest and sinking fund before depreciation, depletion and Federal taxes totaling \$599,087, or an annual average of \$119,877, equivalent to about 2.5 times maximum annual bond interest charges on this issue.

Purpose.—To retire \$285,500 of 5% 1st mtg. bonds and approximately \$300,000 floating debt and to complete the purchase of 16,500 acres of land located in Clay and Leslie Counties.

Directors.—T. J. Asher, Pres.; Robert Asher, V.-Pres.; H. H. Asher, Sec.; G. M. Asher, Treas.; M. Brandenburg and A. J. Asher.

Bankers Building (Chicago).—Listing.—The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 5,000 land trust certificates, each certificate having a face value of \$1,000, and representing 1/500th undivided interest or multiple thereof in the equitable ownership in the fee simple title to approximately 22,250 sq. ft. of land located at the southwest corner of South Clark and West Adams Sts., in the financial district of Chicago, Ill.—See V. 123, p. 209.

(Robert E.) Barber Land Co., Detroit.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Small & Co. and Nicol, Ford & Co., Inc., Detroit, are offering at 100 and interest, \$500,000 first mortgage 6% real estate gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1926; due June 1 1936. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Bonds and coupons (J. & D.) payable at the Union Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Redeemable at 101 and interest on June 1 1927 or on any interest date thereafter on 30 days' notice. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Tax exempt in Michigan.

Appraisal.—The properties pledged have been appraised by the Union Trust Co. at \$1,366,850.

Security.—The bonds are an obligation of the company, a Michigan corporation owned and controlled by B. F. Stephenson and Robert E. Barber. As security for their payment, the Union Trust Co. has taken title to 31 houses and lots and 285 unimproved lots located in subdivisions developed by B. F. Stephenson and associates.

Location.—The properties covered by this issue are principally located in three subdivisions—Oakland Manors, Park Home and Seven Oakland.

Purpose.—For the retirement of existing indebtedness and for improvements.

Table with 5 columns: Period, Net earnings, Other income, Total income, Reserves, Preferred dividends, Balance, surplus. Rows include 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923.

Table with 4 columns: 6 Mos. Ended June 30, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. Rows include Net profits, Earnings, Adjustment, Total surplus, Dividends paid, Profit and loss surplus.

Condensed Balance Sheet. Table with 4 columns: June 30 '26, Mar. 31 '26, June 30 '26, Mar. 31 '26. Rows include Assets (Real estate, Mtgcs., etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Pref. stock, etc.).

Bethlehem Steel Corporation.—Report for Second Quarter of 1926.—In making public the statement of earnings, E. G. Grace, President, said:

Earnings during the second quarter of 1926, after deducting all charges and preferred dividends, were equal to \$2.04 per share on the common stock as compared with \$2.32 per share in the first quarter of 1926, and \$1.31 per share in the second quarter of 1925.

The total income of the corporation for the second quarter exceeded that of the first quarter, the lower rate of earnings per share on the common stock being due to the fact that the premium paid upon the redemption of \$11,000,000 of 7% marine equipment trust certificates on July 9 1926, and the discount on, and expenses incident to the issue and sale of \$10,000,000 of secured serial 5% gold notes were charged against the second quarter's earnings.

Operations averaged 82.3% of capacity during the second quarter as compared with 87.2% during the previous quarter, and 67.1% during the second quarter of 1925. Current operations are at the rate of approximately 72% of capacity as compared with 56% for July 1925.

The value of orders on hand June 30 1926 was \$50,010,117 as compared with \$59,390,376 at the end of the previous quarter and \$50,342,813 on June 30 1925. The recent increases in steel prices have not caused any decrease in demand.

Meanwhile the net reduction in the funded debt of the corporation, totaling over \$24,000,000 since Jan. 1 1925, has resulted in a saving in its interest charges of more than \$1,500,000 per year.

The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend on the preferred stock, payable Oct. 1 1926 to holders of record on Sept. 1 1926.

Earnings for Quarter and Six Months Ended June 30. Table with 5 columns: -Quar. End. June 30- 1926, -6 Mos. End. June 30- 1926, -Quar. End. June 30- 1925, -6 Mos. End. June 30- 1925. Rows include Total income, Less int. charges, Balance, Less provision for depr'n, Net income, Less divs. on pref. stock, Surplus for the period.

Bloor Building (Central Sites Development Co., Ltd.), Toronto.—Bonds Offered.—The United Bond Co., Ltd., Toronto and Windsor, Canada, are offering at \$100 and int. \$650,000 guar. 1st mtg. 7% real estate gold bonds.

Dated April 15 1926; maturing 1928-1936. Int. payable (A. & O.) at the offices of United Bond Co., Ltd., Windsor, at the office of one of the trustees, Howard C. Wade, Detroit, at the Royal Bank of Canada, Windsor, or Toronto, or at the Chemical National Bank of New York, 257 Broadway, New York. Denom. \$50, 100, \$250, \$500 and \$1,000. Howard C. Wade, of Detroit and the London & Western Trusts Co., Ltd., London, Ont., are joint trustees.

Security.—This issue is a closed 1st mtg. on land held in fee simple and building now in course of erection thereon, known as the Bloor Building.

Booth Fisheries Co., Chicago.—Report.—Table with 4 columns: May 1 '26, May 2 '25, Apr. 26 '24, Operating income, Interest, Depreciation, &c., Federal taxes, Balance, surplus.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—	May 1 '26		May 2 '25		Liabilities—	May 1 '26		May 2 '25	
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Real estate, mach., &c.....	14,787,124	14,782,939			Preferred stock.....	4,999,800	4,999,800		
Prof. stk. disc. & reorg. exp.....	377,801	377,801			Common stock.....	5,000,000	5,000,000		
Inv. in allied cos.....	108,569	122,365			Funded debt.....	6,668,876	3,542,750		
Long term note rec.....	20,000	25,000			Res. for renew. & repairs.....	98,124	38,537		
Sinking fund.....	184	184			Federal taxes.....	32,109	557		
Cash.....	714,779	716,920			Accounts & notes payable.....	3,189,623	5,796,941		
Accts. & notes rec., less reserves.....	838,690	712,396			Int., tax., ins., &c. accrued.....	147,266	86,135		
Inventories.....	3,783,730	2,834,392			Adv. by cust. on consignments.....		36,163		
Unexpired Insur.....	6,615	45,246			Surplus.....	1,175,054	709,668		
Deferred charges.....	673,358	592,750							
Total.....	21,310,852	20,209,994	Total.....	21,310,852	20,209,994				

\* Represented by 250,000 shares of no par value.—V. 122, p. 2803.

**Borg & Beck Co., Chicago.—Earnings.—**  
Six Months Ended June 30— 1926. 1925.  
Net profit after charges and taxes... \$455,000 \$276,000  
—V. 122, p. 3457.

**Borne Scrymser Co.—To Change Par Value.—**  
The stockholders will vote Aug. 18 on changing the authorized capital stock from 10,000 shares, par \$100, to 40,000 shares, par \$25. Four shares of the new stock will be issued in exchange for each share now held.—V. 122, p. 2334.

**British Columbia Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.—Balance Sheet April 30 1926.—**

Assets.	Liabilities.
Cost of properties.....\$7,674,203	Common stock.....x\$3,000,000
Investment.....20,000	7% preferred stock.....556,200
Inventories.....612,491	6% 1st mtge. bonds.....3,707,500
Advances to loggers.....369	7% gen. mtge. bonds.....1,500,000
Customs drawback.....16,724	Accounts payable.....201,252
Accts. & bills receivable.....390,954	Res. weight adjust. on pulp shipped to Japan.....43,249
Cash.....696,760	Res. for real prop. taxes.....3,965
Deferred accounts.....42,068	Res. for fuel oil tax, Govt. of British Columbia.....66,719
	Res. for charges to oper.....2,704
	Surplus.....208,318
Total (each side).....\$9,453,570	

a After deducting provision for depletion of timber limits amounting to \$11,502. x Represented by 100,000 of no par value.—V. 122, p. 614.

**Broadway-Telegraph Realty Co., Detroit.—Bonds Offered.—**Hayden, Van Atter & Co. and Wm. L. Davis & Co., both of Detroit, recently offered at 100 and int. \$350,000 8-year 6½% 1st (closed) mtge. sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated May 15 1926; due May 15 1934. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the trustee, Fidelity Trust Co., Detroit, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Tax exempt in Michigan. Callable, all or part, on any int. date at 102½ and int. up to and incl. May 15 1930 and at 101½ and int. thereafter to maturity. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*.

**Security.**—As security for the payment of these bonds, the trustee has taken title to real estate aggregating 1,371 lots, in 4 subdivisions, in the Dearborn district. These properties are located in the southwest section of the metropolitan Detroit, in one of the most rapidly growing suburban districts. Of these lots, 1,025 have been sold for a total sales price of \$1,019,399. The selling price of the 346 unsold lots amounts to \$309,450, giving the properties pledged a total value, based on the selling price, of \$1,328,849, nearly 4 times the amount of this bond issue.

To further assure prompt payment of the bonds, the contracts covering the lots sold have been assigned to and deposited with the trustee who has active control of the collections. These contracts, which are over 28% seasoned, have unpaid principal balances totaling \$739,320—more than twice this issue of bonds—with monthly payments in excess of \$11,000.

**Valuation.**—The property pledged as security for this issue has been appraised by the trust company at \$705,500.

**Sinking Fund.**—The trust indenture provides that a minimum of 70% of the gross collections received by the trustee on land contracts now made and to be made shall be held in a sinking fund for the payment of interest and for the retirement of bonds of this issue at the call price if not purchasable in the open market at a lower price.

**Brockway Motor Truck Corp.—Larger Dividend.—**

The directors have declared a cash dividend of 50c. per share and a stock dividend of 2% on the outstanding 150,000 shares of common stock (no par value), both payable to holders of record July 23. Previously quarterly dividends of \$37½c. a share were paid.

The company estimates that earnings for the 6 months ending July 31 will be equal to \$4 a share, compared with \$5 16 a share in the entire year 1925.—V. 122, p. 3088.

**Brown Co., Portland, Me.—Bonds Called.—**

All of the outstanding Berlin Mills Co. 5% 1st. mtge. gold bonds, dated Aug. 1902, and maturing subsequent to Aug. 1 1926 have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 110 and int. at the Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass. Holders may present bonds at any time prior to Aug. 1 and receive \$1,125 for each \$1,000 bond, less a discount at the rate of 4% p. a. for the period from date of presentation to Aug. 1. Holders of bonds maturing Aug. 1 may present bonds at any time prior to Aug. 1 and receive \$1,025 for each \$1,000 bond less a discount at the rate of 4% p. a. for the period from date of presentation to Aug. 1.—V. 122, p. 2334.

**Buckeye Pipe Line Co.—Extra Dividend of 1%.—**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. per share on the outstanding \$10,000,000 capital stock, par \$50, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share, both payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Aug. 20. An extra distribution of 50c. per share was also made on March 15 last.—V. 122, p. 1175.

**Burns Bros. (Coal).—Probable Acquisition.—**

The directors are considering the purchase of an interest in the Rubel Coal & Ice Corp. and a committee has been selected to investigate its coal and iron properties. The committee consists of Allison Dodd, W. T. Payne, Theodore S. Barber and Sanders A. Wertheim. Burns Brothers established in the last year 14 additional distributing stations, of which two are in Brooklyn, three in Long Island, one each in Connecticut and Massachusetts and seven in New Jersey. The company's earnings have increased and deliveries in June were \$5,000 tons of coal more than in June 1925.—V. 122, p. 3600.

**Burroughs Adding Machine Co.—Special Dividend of \$1 per Share on Common Stock.—To Redeem Pref. Stock.—**

The directors have declared a special dividend of \$1 per share on the no par value common stock, payable Aug. 31 to holders of record Aug. 13.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividends of \$1 75 per share on the pref. and 75c. per share on the common stock, both payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 15.

The company has called for redemption Sept. 30 at \$105 a share, the pref. stock, of which there is about \$11,160,000 outstanding.—V. 122, p. 3345.

**Bush Terminal Co.—Empl. Stock Ownership Plan Approved**

The directors have adopted a plan under which employees of the organization and its affiliated companies may participate in the management and

profits of the company through a stock ownership plan, according to announcement by President Irving T. Bush. Details are expected to be worked out in final form and made public within the next few days.—V. 122, p. 2952.

**Butler Brothers, Chicago.—Listing.—**  
The Chicago Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$11,390,790 common stock, par \$10. According to Pres. F. S. Cunningham, the company does not contemplate any new financing and has given no one an option on its stock.—V. 122, p. 755.

**By-Products Coke Corporation.—Earnings.—**

	—Quar. Ended June 30—	1926.	1925.	—6 Mos. End. June 30—	1926.	1925.
Operating profit.....	\$644,403	\$543,473	\$1,522,066	\$801,761		
Other income.....	46,203	50,224	164,753	103,150		
Total income.....	\$690,606	\$593,697	\$1,686,819	\$904,911		

Depreciation.....	187,272	146,346	356,863	274,612		
Interest.....	96,318	143,701	265,619	285,049		
Preferred dividends.....	34,249	34,249	68,498	68,499		
Common dividends.....	94,955		189,909			
Surp. before Fed. taxes	\$277,812	\$269,401	\$865,929	\$276,751		

**California Ice & Cold Storage Co., San Diego, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—**Stephens & Co., San Francisco, and First National Bank, San Diego, are offering at 100 and interest \$350,000 first (closed) mortgage and collateral 7% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1926; due July 1 1938. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Interest payable (J. & J.) at the First Trust & Savings Bank of San Diego or at the National City Bank of New York without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Principal payable at the First Trust & Savings Bank, trustee. Redeemable, all or part, on 30 days' notice, at 103 and interest, on or before July 1 1927; thereafter at 101 and interest until maturity. Exempt from the California personal property tax.

**Data from Letter of C. S. Wallace, Secretary of the Company.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in 1926 in Delaware. Will own (a) properties of the Home Ice & Cold Storage Co., Long Beach, Calif.; (b) all outstanding bonds and all the capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of the Bakersfield Ice & Cold Storage Co., Bakersfield, Calif.; and (c) approximately all of the outstanding Class B (voting control) stock of the San Diego Ice & Cold Storage Co., San Diego, Calif., thus co-ordinating the three companies under one control and management.

Capitalization After This Financing—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First mtge. and collat. 7% bonds (this issue).....	\$350,000	\$350,000
Class A stock (no par value).....	25,000 shs.	15,000 shs.
Class B stock (no par value).....	25,000 shs.	x14,989 shs.
x Subject to slight change but approximately correct.		

**Security.**—The bonds will constitute a first closed mortgage on the properties acquired from the Home Ice & Cold Storage Co. at Long Beach, and will be a first lien on all the bonds and all the capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of the Bakersfield Ice & Cold Storage Co. Appraisals by independent appraisers and engineers indicate that this issue will be less than a 50% loan upon the present conservative value of the lands, buildings, machinery and equipment at Long Beach and Bakersfield, without considering the value of the other assets of the company. Company, in addition, owns valuable pieces of unencumbered real estate and practically all of the outstanding class B stock of the San Diego Ice & Cold Storage Co., which stock represents the voting control of the San Diego Co., and is a very valuable asset.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings of the combined properties for the two years ended May 31 1926 available for the payment of interest on this issue and for depreciation and Federal taxes (after allowing for interest on the outstanding bonds of the San Diego Ice & Cold Storage Co. and for dividends at the rate of \$2 50 per share per annum on the outstanding class A stock of that company) have averaged about three times annual interest requirements on this issue of bonds. For the three years ended May 31 1926, net earnings, before interest and depreciation, of the Home Ice & Cold Storage Co. and the Bakersfield Ice & Cold Storage Co. upon the properties of which companies this issue is a first lien, have averaged well in excess of the combined annual interest and maximum sinking fund requirements of this issue and are at present running at the rate of about twice such requirements. Earnings should very materially increase upon completion of the cold storage facilities at the Long Beach and Bakersfield plants, funds for which will be available from the proceeds of this issue.

**Sinking Fund.**—The trust indenture securing these bonds provides for an annual sinking fund, commencing in 1928, calculated to retire about 60% of the bonds by maturity, through purchase in the open market, or by call by lot.

**Purpose.**—The proceeds from the sale of these bonds and approximately 15,000 shares of class A stock will be used to build a cold storage plant at Long Beach, enlarge the cold storage facilities at Bakersfield and for other corporate purposes.

**Case Fowler Lumber Co., Macon, Ga.—Listing, &c.—**

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$500,000 first (closed) mortgage 7% sinking fund gold bonds. Officers of the company are: H. C. Fowler, Pres.; Treas. & Gen. Mgr.; W. M. Fowler, J. D. Case and X. Y. McCann, Vice-Presidents; H. L. MacEwen, Sec.

**Results for Calendar Years—** 1925. 1924.  
Gross earnings (before int., depr., Fed'l & other taxes).....\$341,323 \$313,833  
Net earnings (after int., deprec'n, Fed'l & other taxes).....191,578 194,644

Balance Sheet December 31 1925.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Plant and equipment, including land owned.....	Preferred stock.....
\$707,731	Common stock.....
164,652	Accounts payable.....
104,486	Reserve for taxes, &c.....
208,244	First mortgage 7% bonds.....
11,818	Surplus.....
789,497	
56,774	Total (each side).....
56,774	\$2,043,203
x Less depreciation. See also V. 122, p. 2196.	

**Central Alloy Steel Corp.—Consolidation.—** See United Alloy Steel Corp. below.

**Central Manhattan Properties, Inc.—Listing.—**

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,100,000 secured sinking fund 5% gold bonds, dated March 1 1926. See offering in V. 122, p. 3457, 3609.

**Central Steel Co., Massillon, O.—Merged with United Alloy Steel Corp.—**

See that company below.—V. 122, p. 2503.

**Chace Mills, Fall River, Mass.—New Treasurer.—**

Gordon Bunker, of N. Y., has been elected treasurer succeeding Henry F. Grinnell.—V. 121, p. 2407.

**(The) Chicago Beach Hotel (The Beach Hotel Co.), Chicago, Ill.—Bonds Offered.—**The Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Lawrence, Stern & Co. and A. G. Becker & Co. are offering at 100 and int. \$2,750,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1926; due June 1 1941. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Chicago. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Red., all or part, on 30 days' notice on any int. date at 102 and int. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. The Dist. of Col. 5 mills tax, the Virginia 6 mills tax, the Iowa 6 mills tax, the Kentucky 5 mills tax, the Penna. 4 mills tax, the Calif. 4 mills tax, the Kansas 2½ mills tax, the Minn. 3 mills tax, the Conn. 4 mills tax, the Maryland 4½ mills tax, the Mich. 5 mills exemption tax, the 1½% State income tax of Missouri, and the 6% State income tax of Massachusetts refunded.

**Data from Letter of Ronald F. Brunswick, President of the Beach Hotel Co.**

The Beach Hotel Co.—Incorp. in Illinois. Owns in fee simple a tract of land comprising a total of about 15 1/2 acres, fronting on Hyde Park Boulevard and Lake Michigan. On the southwestern frontage of this land the structure known as the old Chicago Beach Hotel was erected in 1892. In 1921 a new 12-story fireproof structure was erected on the southeast corner of the land, with frontages of about 275 feet on the boulevard and 275 feet on the Lake Michigan side.

Security.—The trust indenture securing this issue covers the new Chicago Beach Hotel building, and a portion of the land above described, totalling about 179,315 square feet, together with the power house operated in connection with the hotel property.

Earnings.—The property covered by this mortgage is owned and operated by the Beach Hotel Co., which also owns and operates the old Chicago Beach Hotel, adjacent to the new structure. The old building, which has become obsolete, will be immediately demolished, and therefore in calculating the earnings applicable to this issue, the income and operating expenses of the two structures have been segregated.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in the retirement of outstanding obligations of the company. Sinking Fund.—The mortgage will provide a sinking fund sufficient to retire by purchase or redemption \$1,020,000 bonds prior to maturity.

Christie, Brown & Co., Ltd.—Earnings.— Period Ended June 30— 3 Months. 6 Months. Gross profit \$183,135 \$344,612 Net operating profit 68,632 119,419 Sur. after inc. tax res., int., com. & pref. divs. 12,726 32,659

Clinchfield Coal Corp.—New Director.—Fairfax Landstreet has been elected an additional director.—V. 122, p. 2803. Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.—Earnings.— Results for the Quarter and Six Months Ended June 30. 1926—3 Mos.—1925. 1926—6 Mos.—1925.

Commander-Larabee Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Dillon, Read & Co., N. Y., and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolis, are offering at 98 1/2 and int., to yield over 6.15%, \$3,500,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6% 15-year sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1926; due July 1 1941. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum.

Commercial Investment Trust Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.— Six Months Ended June 30— 1926. 1925.

Commercial Solvents Corp.—New Plant.—The directors have authorized the construction of a new butanol plant at Peoria, Ill., on 17 acres of land recently acquired from Rock Island R.R. Co., and adjoining their present property.

Commercial Investment Trust Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.— Six Months Ended June 30— 1926. 1925. Total \$2,011,568 \$1,425,951 Divs. paid on pref. stock of Merc. Acceptance Co. 35,000 35,000

Congoleum-Nairn Co., Inc.—Earnings.— Six Months Ended June 30— 1926. 1925. x1924. Manufacturing profits \$4,824,118 \$6,407,845 \$8,224,399 Administration & gen. exp., &c. 2,794,672 4,063,589 3,310,594

Consolidated Balance Sheet. June 30 '26. Dec. 31 '25. Assets— a14,731,720 15,051,785 Cash 3,383,830 3,054,357 Notes & accts. rec. 4,511,980 3,380,044 Inventories 7,748,220 8,479,097

Congress Cigar Co., Inc.—Sales—Earnings.— Six Months Ended June 30— 1926. 1925. Gross sales \$8,389,560 \$7,354,902 Net earnings after all charges except Federal taxes 1,057,970 919,845

Consolidated Publishers, Inc.—Notes Sold.—Lehman Brothers and Hallgarten & Co. have sold at 100 and int. \$4,300,000 10-year coll. trust 6 3/4% s. f. gold notes. Dated July 1 1926; due July 1 1936.

Data from Letter of Paul Block, President of Company. Company.—Has been organized to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of the following companies: The Toledo Blade Co., owners and publishers of the Toledo (Ohio) "Blade"; Newark Star Publishing Co., owners and publishers of the Newark (N. J.) "Star-Eagle"; the Herald Co., owners and publishers of the Duluth (Minn.) "Herald"; the New Era Publishing Corp., owners and publishers of the Lancaster (Pa.) "New Era" and Paul Block, Inc., national advertising representative of a number of leading publications.

The Toledo "Blade," founded in 1836, has a circulation of 120,000 daily. For nearly 50 consecutive years the "Blade" has yielded its owners a profit in each year. The "Blade" is now erecting a new plant, to cost about \$1,000,000, which will furnish it with the most modern and efficient editorial and publishing facilities.

The Newark "Star-Eagle," established in 1832, is the second largest newspaper of New Jersey and the leading Republican paper of the State. It has a present daily circulation in excess of 95,000. The "Star-Eagle" plant is in part owned in fee and in part occupied by leasehold.

The Lancaster "New Era" is the leading newspaper in its territory. It is the result of the merger of the "Examiner," founded in 1830 as a weekly, and the "New Era," which issued its first edition in 1877. Its circulation of over 22,000 daily is by far the largest of the local papers.

Period— y 4 Mos. End. —x Years Ended December 31— Apr. 30 '26. 1925. 1924. 1923. Combined profits (as above) \$492,004 \$1,241,016 \$902,811 \$859,109



Sinking Fund.—An annual sinking fund will be provided sufficient, with the installment due on July 1 1936, the maturity date, to retire the entire issue.

Listing.—The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of the above issue of bonds.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period, 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net earnings, taxes, and other income, Total income, Depreciation, Interest, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Extra common divs., Balance, surplus, and V. 122, p. 3610.

Crane Co.—10% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a 10% stock dividend on the common stock, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 15, and in addition the regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% on the common and 1 3/4% on the preferred stock, both payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Sept. 1.—V. 122, p. 1756.

Crucible Steel Co. of America.—Earnings Statement.—

Chairman H. S. Wilkinson, July 16, says in substance: The volume of business of the company, as indicated by unfilled orders on its books upon the several dates mentioned below, was: June 30 1926, 126,140 tons; Dec. 31 1925, 153,025 tons; June 30 1925, 124,909 tons; Dec. 31 1924, 105,298 tons. The difference in the amount of unfilled orders during this period is caused by the seasonal decline which usually occurs at this time of the year and does not indicate any change in the annual volume of business.

Six Months Ended— June 30 '26, Dec. 31 '25, June 30 '25, Dec. 31 '24. Net earnings— \$3,113,682, \$3,047,355, \$2,656,264, \$2,267,715. Additions and improvements which in the last statement to stockholders were reported as under way at several of the plants, and requiring about six months to complete, are being finished according to schedule and will be ready for use within the time mentioned.

Cuba Co.—Rights to Stockholders.—

The directors have voted to offer to common stockholders of record Aug. 10 the right to subscribe, pro rata, on or before Sept. 8 for an aggregate of 250,000 shares of the 6% cum. pref. stock of the Consolidated R.R. of Cuba at \$40 a share. The ratio is 4-10 of one share of Consolidated R.R. pref. stock for each one share of Cuba Co. common stock.

Cushman's Sons, Inc.—Changes in Personnel—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period ended June 30, 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Rows include Profit, Depreciation, Federal income tax, 7% preferred dividends, 8% cum. preferred divs., Common dividends, Balance, surplus, and V. 122, p. 2336.

Cuyamel Fruit Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period, 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net, after expenses, Depreciation, Interest, Profit, and V. 122, p. 2505.

Devon Chemical Co., Baltimore.—Listing.—

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 165,000 additional shares, of no par value common stock, making 400,000 shares now listed.—V. 123, p. 331.

Devonian Oil Co., Tulsa, Okla.—Special Dividend.—

President J. H. Evans in a recent letter to stockholders, which accompanied a special dividend check of 2%, said in substance: "The company has not as yet been placed on a regular dividend basis. While net earnings for the first 4 months of this year were at the rate of approximately 10%, it has been considered the best policy for the company and to reinvest a large portion of the earnings in the development of its properties and in the acquisition of additional properties and acreage. A total of 18,764 acres, located in various parts of the Mid-continent field, has been acquired since Jan. 1 1926, making the total acreage of the company now owned 70,167 acres. The net daily average production for the week ended June 10 was 2,058.94 bbls.—V. 122, p. 3090.

(Joseph) Dixon Crucible Co.—New Director.—

Horace K. Corbin, President of the Motor Finance Corp., Newark, N. J., has been elected a director to fill the place of Robert E. Jennings, who has retired.—V. 113, p. 1364.

Dodge Brothers, Inc.—Earnings. 6 Mos. End. June 30.—

Table with 4 columns: Period, 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net sales of cars and parts, Net income before int., gold debentures and Federal taxes, Income charges, Interest on 5% serial notes, Provision for Federal taxes, Provision for dividends on preference stock, Balance, surplus, and V. 123, p. 211.

President E. G. Wilmer says:

Net sales for the first half of this year were \$156,041,866, as compared with \$117,045,569 for the same period of last year, or, expressed in cars and trucks sold, 307,115 this year and 138,767 last year. Dodge Brothers' dealers retail deliveries for every week from Jan. 1 to June 30 have substantially exceeded the same deliveries for the corresponding week of last year.

Graham Brothers division sold 19,666 trucks and buses during the first half of this year, 10,447 for the first half of last year and 23,884 for the entire year 1925, which was the record year for the truck division.

As of June 30 1926, our cash in bank was \$19,952,511; U. S. and other readily marketable securities were \$8,621,561; accounts receivable were \$13,234,613; inventories were \$19,735,857, totaling quick assets of \$61,544,542. Total current liabilities consisting entirely of ordinary accounts payable, dealers' deposits, accruals of Federal income taxes, interest on debentures and accrued dividends on preference stock amounted to \$25,925,645. Surplus has been increased \$9,435,476 this year through earnings, making a total increase in surplus since May 1 1925 of \$34,235,989, of which \$14,958,543 resulted from debenture conversions and \$19,277,445 from earnings.

On May 1 Dodge Brothers, Inc., acquired the outstanding minority interest in Graham Brothers, thus on May 1 Dodge Brothers, Inc., became the sole owner of Graham Brothers. Since Dodge Brothers, Inc., was previously the owner of 51% of Graham Brothers, the earnings herein above reported include 51% of the earnings of Graham Brothers from Jan. 1 to April, inclusive, and 100% thereof for May and June. Had Dodge Brothers, Inc., been the sole owner of Graham Brothers throughout the first 6 months of 1926, as they now are, its earnings from operations during the first half would have been increased by approximately \$900,000. In connection with this purchase, the directors authorized the sale of \$8,250,000 of unsecured 5% notes maturing in 3 equal installments in 1, 2 and 3 years from May 1 1926.

Current deliveries, at retail, of passenger cars and trucks are substantially in excess of a year ago, and all present indications point to a satisfactory second half.—V. 123, p. 210.

Dome Mines Ltd.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period, 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Rows include Gross earnings, Other income, Total income, Operating and general cost, Estimated Dominion tax, Net income, and V. 123, p. 210.

Donner Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period, 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Rows include Operating profit after expenses, taxes, and interest, Provision for depreciation, Net income, and V. 122, p. 2506.

Douglas-Pectin Corporation.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Quarters End. June 30, 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net sales, Other income, Total income, Expenses, Depreciation, Interest, Net profit, and V. 122, p. 2336.

Durant Motors, Inc.—Earnings of "Star" Division.—

Vice-President Colin Campbell announces that the earnings of the Star car division, including Hayes-Hunt Body Corp., in June, after depreciation and deduction of Federal income taxes, were \$511,656.—V. 122, p. 2197.

East Coast Fisheries Co.—Suit.—

A suit for \$167,207 in behalf of stockholders of the company came before Supreme Court Justice Mahoney on July 5 on an application by the defendants to compel the plaintiff to give particulars of alleged fraudulent misrepresentations in the sale of the stock. The action is brought by Julian M. Hodgskin in behalf of himself and 80 other stockholders against Ivan A. Taylor, William F. Birch, Richard Cole, William W. MacFarlane and 9 other officers of the company.—V. 115, p. 2691.

Eaton Axle & Spring Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End. June 30, 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net earnings after all chgs. except Fed. taxes, and V. 122, p. 2330.

Elder Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet April 30.—

Table with 4 columns: Assets, 1926, 1925, Liabilities, 1926, 1925. Rows include Plant, Good-will, Cash, Notes and acc'ts rec., Inventories, Due by employees, Sundry investm'ts, Deferred charges, Total, 8% 1st pref. stock, 8% 2d pref. stock, Common stock, Mortgage debt, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Due to emp. & off., Wages accrued, Res've for taxes, Reserve for litig. & contingencies, Surplus, and Total.

A comparative income account was published in V. 123, p. 90.

Electric Refrigeration Corp. & Subs.—Sales—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End. June 30, 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net sales, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Charges, Federal taxes, Net profit, and V. 123, p. 211.

Elouise Apartments, Albany, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—

The F. H. Smith Co. is offering at 100 and interest \$470,000 first mortgage 7% coupon gold bonds. Dated June 15 1926; maturities two to ten years. Interest payable J. & D Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\* (\$100 bonds in 3, 5 and 10-year maturities only). Callable at 102 and interest on any interest date during the first three years, thereafter at 101 and interest. Bonds and coupons payable at the Washington and New York City offices of the F. H. Smith Co.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on the land and the building. In addition, the mortgage will constitute in effect a first lien on the earnings of the property.

Land and Building.—The property contains approximately 14,000 sq. ft., fronting 120 ft. on Western Ave. and 133 ft. on South Lake Ave., Albany, N. Y. The building, an 8-story fireproof structure, is to contain 94 suites ranging from 2 rooms and bath to 4 rooms and bath, which may be combined, if desired, into larger suites. The building will contain two electric elevators and the most modern equipment throughout.

Sinking Fund.—To provide for the annual amortization and the interest payments as they come due, the borrower is required to create a sinking fund by making monthly deposits of 1-12 of the total amount of interest and principal due during the current year. Thus the amount of the mortgage is reduced from \$470,000 to \$282,000 before the final maturity.

Valuation.—Real estate authorities of Albany have appraised the property and building as follows: (a) \$750,000, and (b) \$779,100.

**Owner of Property.**—Bonds will be the obligation of the Elouse Corp., owner of the property, of which Thomas A. Gallagher (Albany, N. Y.) is President and Norman A. Henderson, Secretary-Treasurer.

**Endicott-Johnson Corporation.—Earnings.—**

	6 Mos. End.	Six Months Ended	July 1—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net sales	\$32,491,355	\$32,682,325	\$31,460,500	\$33,478,170		
aMfg. costs & other exp.	\$30,425,778	29,698,969	29,036,897	29,798,491		
Net operating income	\$2,065,627	\$2,983,356	\$2,423,603	\$3,679,679		
Federal taxes, &c.	390,343	469,558	437,426	515,905		
Profit sharing plan	—	513,786	256,932	841,797		
Preferred dividends	427,122	442,827	459,663	467,983		
Common dividends	1,013,400	1,013,400	1,012,650	1,012,196		

Balance, surplus.....\$234,762 \$513,785 \$256,932 \$841,798  
Includes interest charges, less miscellaneous income.  
The company on Feb. 15 1923 paid a stock dividend of 20% (\$3,371,370) from initial surplus.—V. 122, p. 3459.

**Eppley Hotels Co., Omaha, Neb.—Bonds Offered.**—Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc., and A. B. Leach & Co. of New York and the Omaha Trust Co., Omaha, Neb., are offering at 100 and int. \$2,500,000 1st mtge. 6½% s. f. gold bonds.

Authorized, \$5,000,000. Dated July 1 1926; due July 1 1941. Principal payable at the Omaha Trust Co., Omaha, Neb., trustee. Int. payable (J. & J.) at the office of the trustee or the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100c\*. Callable, all or part, on any int. payment date prior to maturity on 30 days' notice at 102 and int. up to and incl. July 1 1931; thereafter at 101½ and int. up to and incl. July 1 1934; thereafter at 101 and int. up to and incl. July 1 1937; and at 100½ and int. during the balance of the life of the issue. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2% and to refund the Mich., Ill. and Iowa personal property tax and Wisconsin State income tax not in excess of 6 mills.

**Data from Letter of E. C. Eppley, President of Company.**  
**Company.**—Organized in the spring of 1926 to acquire a chain of strategically located hotels which had been successfully built up over a period of 10 years by E. C. Eppley, as a proprietorship. 95% of the stock of the company is owned by Mr. Eppley, who has been generally known as one of the largest individual owners of hotels in the country. Company owns in fee the following hotels and the premises on which they are located: Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln, Neb.; Norfolk Hotel, Norfolk, Neb.; Lincoln Hotel, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Evans Hotel, Columbus, Neb.; Capital Hotel, Lincoln, Neb.; Cataract Hotel, Sioux Falls, S. D., and Chieftain Hotel, Council Bluffs, Ia. Company owns all the stock (with the exception of directors' shares) of the corporations owning leaseholds in and operating the following hotels: Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, Neb.; Magnus Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Rome Hotel, Omaha, Neb.; Martin Hotel, Sioux City, Ia.; Lindell Hotel, Lincoln, Neb.; West Hotel, Sioux City, Ia.; Montrose Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Carpenter Hotel, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Total room capacity of the above hotels is 7,377.  
Net earnings have been consistently reinvested, resulting in the very substantial equity (over \$4,500,000 based on valuation) remaining for the stock of the company after deducting this bonded indebtedness.

**Security.**—These bonds will be a direct obligation of the company secured by a 1st mtge. on the above fee hotel properties and their furnishings and equipment and by pledge of all stock (except directors' shares) of the corporations owning leaseholds in the last mentioned 8 hotels.

**Valuation.**—The American Appraisal Co. have appraised the fee properties and buildings thereon at \$4,131,425, and the several leaseholds at \$1,105,000. Albert Pick & Co., Chicago, have valued the furnishings and equipment at \$1,940,600, making a total of \$7,177,025 after the completion of the two hotels under construction.

**Earnings.**—Average annual net earnings for the above hotels for the 3 years ending Dec. 31 1925, after depreciation and applicable to interest, were over 2½ times the maximum interest requirements on these bonds. The Capital Hotel, just opened, and the Norfolk and Chieftain Hotels, to be opened in the next few months, will increase the room capacity from which the above earnings were derived by over 21%. It is estimated by the management that earnings for 1926 will be over 3 times the maximum interest charges on these bonds.

**Income Account for Calendar Years.**

	1925.	1924.	1923.
Income from all sources	\$3,419,616	\$2,807,312	\$2,439,951
Cost of food & supplies, oper. exp. &c.	2,859,108	2,376,251	1,981,309
Depreciation	156,334	115,485	92,656
Interest	59,755	36,989	29,129
Provision for est. Fed. taxes & contin.	49,500	48,800	70,100

Net profit.....\$294,919 \$229,787 \$266,757  
**Sinking Fund.**—The indenture securing this issue will provide for a sinking fund to retire \$50,000 of the bonds in each of the 1st and 2d years; \$75,000 the 3d, 4th and 5th years; \$125,000 the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th years; \$150,000 the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th years, or a total of \$1,550,000 prior to maturity.

**Purpose.**—To retire existing separate mortgages, complete the two hotels under construction and to retire present bank loans. Company will be left with ample net quick assets.

**Equitable Building Co., Denver, Colo.—Preferred Stock Offered.**—Otis & Co. recently offered at 99 and divs., \$200,000 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100).

Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 110 and divs. Divs. payable Q. J. I. Denver National Bank, transfer agent. Exempt from personal property taxes in Colorado and from the normal Federal income tax.

**Capitalization.**—Authorized, outstanding. 1st Mortgage 5% notes (closed) \$1,200,000 \$1,200,000  
7% Cumul. preferred stock, par \$100.....250,000 200,000  
Common stock (no par).....10,000 shs. 10,000 shs.

x To be dated June 1 1926. Interest payable (J. & D.) at the International Trust Co., Denver, trustee. Denom. \$25,000. To mature serially at the rate of \$50,000 per year commencing June 1 1927, and ending June 1 1950. Red. on any interest date on 6 months' prior written notice to trustee at 101 and int. No deduction for any tax, assessment or Governmental charge (other than Federal income taxes exceeding in the aggregate 2% p. a.). Notes are convertible into bonds, par for par.

**Directors.**—Raymond Sargeant (Pres.), C. E. Wilson (V.-Pres.), C. E. Titus (Sec.-Treas.), H. C. Van Shaack and J. B. Grant.

The bankers, in an advertisement, say:  
**Company.**—Formed to acquire the fee simple title to the Equitable Building and the 8 lots upon which it stands.

The building was erected in 1922, and is completely fireproof, being built of Colorado granite, terra cotta and hard tile brick. It has 9 floors and full basement. The foundations are such that 9 additional stories may be added. The building is located at the corner of 17th and Stout Sts., Denver.

Approximately 40% of the upstairs is occupied by the Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. under a 5-year lease. The remainder of the building is occupied by prominent business and professional interests, a great percentage of the leases being long term. The building is at present 100% rented and there has not been a vacancy for the past 8 years.

**Management.**—The Equitable Building is under the management of Van Shaack & Co.

**Equity.**—It is estimated that after deducting \$1,200,000 bonded debt, there remains an equity of approximately \$300 for each \$100 share of preferred stock.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings for 1925 were \$120,200, so that, after deducting bond interest, the dividend requirements of the preferred stock were earned 4.3 times.

**European Shares, Inc.—Earnings.—**  
It is announced that this corporation, organized and financed the latter part of December 1925 by Hayden, Stone & Co. with a paid-in capital of \$2,000,000, consisting of 100,000 shares, has so far realized a profit amounting to \$482,565 as a result of business closed as of July 1 1926.—V. 122, p. 2507.

**Federal Knitting Mills Co., Cleveland, Ohio.—Common Stock Offered.**—Finley, Smith & Gentsch and Otis

& Co., Cleveland, are offering at \$29 per share 16,000 shares of no par value common stock.

Exempt from the Ohio general property tax. Divs. exempt from the present normal Federal income tax. The United Banking & Trust Co., Cleveland, transfer agent and registrar.

**Capitalization Authorized and Outstanding (after this Financing).**  
7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100).....\$260,000  
Common stock (no par value).....32,500 shs.  
No funded debt.

**Data from Letter of H. G. Goulder, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Originally established in 1905 as a co-partnership. Is being organized in Ohio to acquire the assets of a company by the same name. The former company was incorporated in Ohio in 1906 with a capital of \$50,000 and built up its business to the present size entirely out of earnings. Company manufactures sweaters for men, women, and children, and a large and varied line of knitted fabrics which are made into headwear, scarfs, shawls, mufflers, dresses and novelties. Practically all of the company's products are wholesaled direct to jobbers and through its own agency in New York City.

The company's plant, held under a favorable lease, is located on one of the main thoroughfares of Cleveland, at Detroit Ave. and W. 29th St., and contains approximately 125,000 sq. ft. of floor space. Both machinery and equipment are modern in every respect and in excellent condition, having been efficiently and continuously maintained. The land on which the plant is located includes sufficient unoccupied area for future expansion. Company employs approximately 500 people.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings after allowance for all charges including liberal depreciation adjusted to Federal taxes at 13½% have been as follows:

Year—	Net Sales	Net Prof.
1917	\$1,392,297	\$146,221
1918	1,975,605	208,949
1919	2,133,231	163,984
1920	2,937,692	61,381
1921	2,024,802	170,323

Sales for the first six months of 1926 are in excess of the figure for the corresponding period of 1925 and estimated earnings are in proportion.

**Dividends.**—It is planned to place the no par common stock now being offered on a \$2 50 annual dividend basis, payable quarterly, beginning Oct. 15 1926.

**Assets.**—The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1925 adjusted to give effect to changes incident to the incorporation of the new company, shows net tangible assets, after deducting preferred stock and reserves, of \$942,195, or \$29 per share of common stock to be outstanding. Of this amount over \$24 is in net quick assets. Current assets are \$1,139,238, or more than 13 times current liabilities of \$81,554.

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list this stock on the Cleveland Stock Exchange.

**Flour Mills of America, Inc.—Stock Certificates.**—

Interim receipts representing \$8 pref. stock series "A" may now be surrendered at the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in exchange for certificates of stock. (For offering see V. 122, p. 2660).—V. 123, p. 212.

**General American Tank Car Corp.—Retires Preferred.**—

The corporation has purchased and retired \$368,500 of 7% cumulative preferred stock, leaving \$7,951,200 par value still outstanding.—V. 122, p. 2660.

**General Electric Co.—Fractional Certificates.**—

The engraved certificates for the new no par common stock will be ready for delivery Aug. 2 1926. A letter to stockholders, accompanying dividend checks, says: "Because of the \$10 par value of special stock, and resulting small value of fractions thereof, issuance of scrip for fractions of shares in payment of stock dividends would be unduly expensive and annoying. The directors have, therefore, decided to issue only certificates for full shares of special stock, and in lieu of fractions of shares to pay stockholders entitled thereto the cash value of the fractions."—V. 123, p. 331.

**General Motors Corp.—Sales of Closed Cars.**—

In May 79% of all cars sold by General Motors were closed cars, compared with 59% in May 1925, 41% in 1924, 38% in 1923 and 19% in 1922. The percentages by months for the past four years follow:

Month—	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922
Jan.	84%	47%	42%	34%	29%
Feb.	82%	54%	35%	29%	27%
March	—	88%	38%	25%	25%
April	—	—	76%	61%	42%
May	—	—	79%	59%	41%
June	—	—	58%	37%	35%

This comparison includes Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Oakland, Buick and Cadillac. As these lines of cars cover practically all price classes, carrying out General Motors policy to build a car for every purse and purpose, the figures may be taken as representative of the trend of the industry to closed cars.—V. 123, p. 332, 91.

**General Outdoor Advertising Co., Inc.—Earnings.**—

Period—	Quarters Ended—	6 Mos. End.	
	June 30 '26	Mar. 31 '26	June 30 '26
Operating revenues, incl. deprec'n	\$7,931,600	\$6,668,010	\$14,599,700
Operating expenses, incl. deprec'n	6,817,963	6,143,071	12,961,034

Earnings from operations	\$1,113,727	\$524,939	\$1,638,666
Miscellaneous income	133,682	66,480	200,162
Gross earnings	\$1,247,408	\$591,419	\$1,838,827
Interest	16,682	10,178	26,860
Provision for Federal taxes	165,260	79,355	244,615

Net profit.....\$1,065,466 \$501,886 \$1,567,352  
The directors have declared regular quarterly dividends of 1¼% on the preferred stock and \$1 per share on the 125,000 shares of class A stock, both payable Aug. 16 to holders of record Aug. 5. An initial dividend of 50 cents per share was paid on the common stock on July 15 last.—V. 122, p. 2955.

**General Railway Signal Co.—Receives New Orders.**—

The company reports having received contracts as follows: From the Southern Railway covering the installation of an absolute block signaling system between Atlanta and Macon, Ga., 82 miles; from the New Orleans & North Eastern RR. covering the installation of an absolute permissive block signaling system between Meridian and Ellisville, Miss., and Eastabouche and Hattiesburg, Miss., 74 miles. The installation of the above systems will be made by the General Railway Signal Co.

The company also reports having received new orders for niterlocking machines from the Boston & Albany, Southern Ry., Montreal Tramways, New York Central, Lincs East, and color light signals from the Florida East Coast Ry. and Fort Worth & Denver City RR.—V. 123, p. 212, 91.

**Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc.—Earnings.**—

Six Months Ended June 30—	1926.	1925.
Operating profit	\$1,221,066	\$995,432
Depreciation	95,508	88,545

Balance	\$1,125,558	\$906,887
Other income	70,509	42,283

Total income	\$1,196,067	\$949,170
Federal taxes, &c.	181,417	141,776

Net profit.....\$1,014,650 \$807,394  
—V. 122, p. 3611.

**Greenridge Court (Apartments), White Plains, N. Y. Bonds Offered.**—The Empire Bond & Mortgage Co. are offering at \$100 and int. \$515,000 guaranteed 1st mtge. 6% gold loan bonds.

Dated June 15 1926, due Dec. 15 1928-1933. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the office of the Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York, trustee, or at the office of the Empire Bond & Mortgage Corp., N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100c. Non-callable. The normal Federal income tax up to 2% will be paid, and the Penna. 4 mills tax, the 4½ mills property tax of Maryland, the District of Columbia and Kentucky 5 mills tax and the 6% personal property tax of Massachusetts will be refunded.

**Legal Investment.**—Legal for trust funds upon completion of building.  
**Guarantee.**—Principal and interest guaranteed jointly by Maryland Casualty Co. and Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co.

**Security.**—Closed first mortgage on land fronting 228 ft. on Greenridge Ave. and 247 ft. on Maple Ave., White Plains, N. Y. and extending to a depth of 255 ft., together with a modern 5-story garden apartment house under construction thereon.

**Valuation.**—The land and completed building have been appraised by Prince & Ripley at \$865,000 and by R. E. L. Howe, Jr., at \$867,500.

**Earnings.**—The net annual earnings, after deducting taxes, insurance and operating expenses, are estimated at \$102,595, or more than 3 times the greatest interest charges and 2 1/4 times the combined interest and amortization charges.

**Borrowing Corporation.**—This issue is the direct obligation of the Wakauf Corp. of which Benjamin P. Walker is President and Alfons Kaufman is Treasurer.

**Hope Engineering & Supply Co., Pittsburgh.**—Notes Offered.—R. W. Evans & Co., Inc., New York and Pittsburgh; the National City Bank, Cleveland, O.; Paul & Co. and Bacon & Mather, Inc., both of Philadelphia, Pa., and Calahan & Co., Altoona, Pa., are offering at 99 and int., yielding 6.15%, \$1,000,000 10-year 6% sinking fund gold notes.

Dated July 1 1926, due July 1 1936. Red. at any time all or part, by lot, on 60 days' notice at 102 and int. Denom. \$1,000 c. Int. payable without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Company will reimburse resident holders for the Pennsylvania 4 mills State tax. The National City Bank of Cleveland, trustee.

**Listing.**—Company agrees to make application to list these notes on the New York Curb.

**Data From Letter of R. S. Lord, President of Company.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in 1906 in West Virginia, by a number of prominent engineers, and for years has been a specialist in natural gas and petroleum work. Company plants and head offices are located at Mount Vernon, O.

Company specializes in investigations and reporting on natural gas properties and projects; also constructing pipe lines for oil and gas, gas compressing stations, oil pumping stations, gasoline recovery plants, manufacturing gas engines and gas engine compressors, and renders a complete service in an engineering and construction way for the natural gas and oil industry. Company has done work for some of the largest companies in the country.

Company manufactures gas engines, gas engine compressors, heat exchangers, absorbers and other appliances for the oil and gas industry. Company has built over 3,000 miles of pipe lines and more than 100 gas compressing, oil pumping and gasoline recovery plants, also has built gas distribution systems in 40 cities and towns.

**Capitalization.**

	Authorized	Outstanding
10-year 6% gold notes (this issue)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
7% preferred stock, par \$100	300,000	220,000
Common stock, par \$100	700,000	651,750

**Assets.**—Consolidated balance sheet of the corporation and its subsidiaries as of June 1 1926 shows after giving effect to this financing: Current assets of \$1,984,937; current liabilities of \$129,822, and net quick assets, \$1,855,115, equivalent to 1.855 per \$1,000 note. Balance sheet also shows net assets of \$2,392,561 after deducting all liabilities excepting these notes equal to \$2,393 per \$1,000 note.

Company agrees to apply for life insurance to the amount of \$300,000 on the lives of the executive officers of the company for the benefit of the note holders.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings for the past 5 years are equal to an average of more than 3 times interest charges on these notes, and for the past 2 years equal to 5 times such interest charges. Company has made steady progress since the date of its incorporation and earnings outside of dividends have been put back into the business. Company estimates earnings for the coming year, after giving effect to this financing, in excess of 6 times interest charges on these notes.

**Dividends.**—Company has paid 7% on its preferred stock since its issue, and has paid cash dividends on its common stock since its inception to date on an average of over 7% per year. Company in addition has paid special stock dividends of various amounts.

**Purpose.**—To acquire additional capital to carry on the company's increased business being offered it, which amounts to many millions.

**Sinking Fund.**—Company agrees to set aside annually out of earnings sufficient to retire one-tenth of the total amount of notes outstanding each year. If notes are not obtainable in the market at or below 102, then notes shall be called by lot at 102.

**Management.**—Includes R. S. Lord, Pres.; R. J. Lindsay, V.-Pres.; B. E. Hepler, V.-Pres. & Treas.; Thomas B. Hall, Sec.; W. B. Jennings, Mgr. of the manufacturing division; E. N. Layfield, engineer.

**Howe Sound Co.—Quarterly Statement.**

Production—	Quarters Ended—			6 Mos. End. June 30 '26.
	June 30 '26.	Mar. 31 '26.	June 30 '26.	
Gold (ounces)	3,084	1,844	4,928	
Silver (ounces)	597,355	576,922	1,174,277	
Copper (pounds)	9,016,120	8,227,371	17,243,491	
Lead (pounds)	14,767,834	12,748,969	27,516,803	
Zinc (pounds)	13,400,762	9,517,392	22,918,154	
<b>Earnings</b>				
Value of metals produced	\$3,531,231	\$3,317,347	\$6,848,579	
Operating expenses	2,534,822	2,476,457	5,011,280	
Operating income	\$996,409	\$840,890	\$1,837,299	
Other income	43,659	38,583	82,242	
<b>Total income</b>	\$1,040,068	\$879,473	\$1,919,541	
Depreciation	194,353	184,942	379,295	
Net income before depletion	\$845,715	\$694,531	\$1,540,246	

—V. 122, p. 2661.

**Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Earnings.**

Period—	6 Mos. to June 30—		
	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net sales	\$15,003,807	\$12,264,953	\$29,441,500
Costs and depreciation	13,075,779	10,558,737	25,476,247
Expenses & Fed. taxes	990,273	795,979	1,905,191
<b>Balance</b>	\$937,755	\$910,237	\$2,060,062
Profit sale plant assets	—	Cr374,519	Cr374,519
Common dividends	228,452	456,905	456,904
<b>Surplus</b>	\$709,303	\$827,852	\$1,603,158

A dispatch from Detroit July 22 says: The corporation is enjoying the largest production year in its history, production at the end of June being 26,943, an increase of almost 40% over the same period in 1925. Estimated production and shipments for July are 4,500 cars, bringing the total for the 7 months to 31,443. This is only 18,500 less than the entire production, with the ratio between production and unfilled orders remaining the same throughout July, as the average for the first six months, there being still \$2,500,000 unfilled orders on the corporation's books. Shipments of 8-cylinder cars during July are somewhat lower than in June, but orders are higher. Sixes are about the same as in June.

Inventory was reduced from \$7,300,000 at the end of May to \$5,961,000 at June 30 1926, turning into cash over \$2,500,000.—V. 122, p. 3349.

**Ice-O-Matic Refrigeration Co., Ltd.—Preferred Stock Offered.**—Walter T. Smith & Co., Ltd., and Roberts, Cameron & Co., Ltd., both of Toronto, are offering at par (\$100 per share) \$300,000 7% cumul. sinking fund preferred (a. & d.) stock (each share carrying with it a bonus of one share of no par value common stock). The bankers, in their circular, state:

This stock is to be fully paid and non-assessable. Dividends payable Q.-J. 1. Callable, all or part, at 105 and dividends on 60 days' notice. Transfer agent, Chartered Trust & Executor Co., Toronto.

**Sinking Fund.**—Company shall set aside each year a sum equal to 10% of its surplus earnings remaining after paying fixed charges and dividends on the preference shares outstanding, for the purpose of redeeming said preference stock, and shall have the right to purchase preference shares in

the open market for redemption at the market price, provided the price shall not exceed 105, and if preference shares are not available in the open market, then the company shall have the right to call shares at 105 and int.

**Capitalization.**

	Authorized	Issued
7% cumulative sinking fund preferred stock	\$300,000	\$300,000
Common stock (no par value)	9,000 shs.	9,000 shs.

**A circular states:**  
**Company.**—To manufacture in Canada electrical (iceless) refrigeration machines embodying principles of construction covered by the Stitt patents. These principles of construction are the embodiment of experiments carried on since 1914.

The company will also have the exclusive right of user of the Stitt refrigerant gas known as Alcold and to be used exclusively in Ice-O-Matic machines. This gas is covered by Canadian patent, and, so far as is known, is the only patented refrigerant. In addition to its efficiency as a refrigerant, it has no obnoxious odor, is non-injurious, non-poisonous and non-explosive.

The company assumes the rights and obligations of a license agreement dated June 2 1926, entered into with the Stitt Refrigeration Co., a Michigan corporation, whereby the company is given the exclusive right to manufacture under the above patents and the exclusive right to use and sell Alcold refrigerant gas in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain and Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, India and Burma Union of South Africa, Kenya, Tanganyika, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark, Spain, Brazil, Dutch East Indies, Newfoundland, and all other British Dominions, Crown Colonies, Protectorates and Mandates.

After the company is in thorough operation in the manufacture of Ice-O-Matic machines it is proposed to manufacture other electrical appliances, such as oil burners, computing scales, electric coffee mills and choppers, &c., which are capable of manufacture with the same equipment. This is primarily for the purpose of permitting the manufacture of Ice-O-Matic machines at an even rate in a shorter space of time and thereby effecting a constant reduction in price to the public, not only of Ice-O-Matic machines but of oil burners, &c., and which will open up larger markets.

**Manufacture.**—Drawings and patterns are already developed and ready for use and production can proceed as soon as plant and equipment are ready. The company expects to be in manufacture of its own units Aug. 1. In the meantime it will be supplied with complete units from the Michigan organization. In this way sales development can be proceeded with at once.

**Earnings.**—From the volume of business now in sight, it is estimated that the company will manufacture and sell in excess of 2,000 units during the first year of operation. Basing the estimated earnings of the company on an output of 2,000 machines, it is estimated that the net earnings will be \$79,100, or sufficient to pay the preferred dividend more than three times over. After deducting the preferred dividend the estimated earnings will equal \$6.45 per share on the common stock.

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list this stock on the Toronto Stock Exchange in due course.

**International Salt Co. and Subs.—Earnings.**

Period—	6 Mos. End. June 30—		6 Mos. End. June 30—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Net after expenses	\$206,991	\$293,696	\$318,737	\$439,092
Fixed charges and sinking fund	94,139	95,022	170,127	190,044
<b>Profit before Federal taxes</b>	\$112,852	\$198,674	\$148,610	\$249,048

—V. 122, p. 3461.

**International Paper Co.—Sub. Co. Offers Bonds.**

See Gatineau Power Co. under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 123, p. 333, 212.

**Intertype Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Extra Dividend.**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents on the common stock, both payable Aug. 16 to holders of record Aug. 2. Extras of like amount were paid in cash in Feb. and Aug. since and incl. 1924, and in addition a 10% stock div. was paid on Nov. 17 1924 on the common stock.

**Consolidated Earnings Statement.**

Period—	-3 Mos. End. June 30—		-6 Mos. End. June 30—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Gross profit	\$339,197	\$476,388	\$769,961	\$892,100
Head & branch office selling corp.	185,770	176,711	365,567	340,212
Depreciation	42,700	30,716	77,898	63,808
Reserve for taxes	18,000	53,000	48,000	87,000
<b>Net to surplus</b>	\$92,727	\$215,962	\$278,496	\$401,079

—V. 123, p. 333.

**Jordan Motor Car Co.—May Reduce Common Div.**

President Edward S. Jordan says: "Our regular quarterly dividend of 75c. a share was paid on June 30, and the next quarterly payment will not come up for consideration until early in September. [This rate has been paid quarterly on the present common stock since March 31 1924.—Ed.] At a recent meeting of directors I outlined a future program for the company which should enable us to make rapid progress in meeting all future competition in the high-class field which our car occupies. In furtherance of these plans I strongly advised the conservation of cash resources to help finance the program, so that development plans can be carried out without impairing the company's position, which is free from indebtedness of all kinds."

"Our volume has been gaining steadily since the introduction of the new Line Eight. Our sales for the year ended June 30 1926 were 11,135 cars, with a value of \$15,541,187, against sales of 5,672 cars in the year ended June 30 1925, with a value of \$11,187,615."

The earnings for the quarter ended June 30 1926 will be found in V. 123, p. 333.

**Lambert Pharmacal Co.—Earnings.**

Six Months Ended June 30—		1926.	1925.
Net profit after taxes		\$1,608,963	\$1,608,832
Proportion of profits applicable to Lambert Co.		905,042	584,343

—V. 122, p. 2340.

**Lee Rubber & Tire Corp.—Earnings.**

6 Mos. Ended June 30—		1926.	1925.	1924.
Net sales		\$6,098,735	\$6,059,404	\$6,662,534
Cost of goods sold		x6,257,227	5,881,965	6,770,256
Operating loss		\$158,492	sur\$177,439	\$107,722
Other income		34,516	39,632	29,469
<b>Net operating loss</b>		\$123,976	sur\$217,071	\$78,253
Interest		57,309	59,011	86,313
<b>Net loss</b>		\$181,285	sur\$158,060	\$164,566

x After provisions for rebate on sales covering decline in prices effective July 7 1926.

The surplus account for the first six months shows: Previous surplus, \$2,253,294; add miscellaneous adjustments, \$2,873; total surplus, \$2,256,167; net loss, \$181,285 for first six months ended June 30 1926; surplus June 30 1926, \$2,074,882.—V. 122, p. 2052.

**Lehn & Fink Products Co.—Earnings.**

The company reports for the 6 months ended June 30 1926 net profit of \$725,385 after taxes. This profit is arrived at after deducting an amount for advertising more than \$250,000 greater than that expended for advertising during the first half of 1925.—V. 122, p. 1463.

**Life Savers, Inc.—Earnings.**

The company reports for the first six months of 1926 net sales of \$2,056,732, and net profits after all charges except taxes of \$801,819.—V. 122, p. 3350.

**Lloyd Sabauda S.S. Line (Italy)—Definitive Bonds.**

Definitive 1st mtge. 7% marine equip. serial gold bonds are ready for delivery at the office of Hallgarten & Co., 44 Pine St., in exchange for interim receipts. For offering of bonds, see V. 122, p. 1320.

**Locomotive Co. of America, Inc.—Bonds Called.**

Certain 20-year 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, dated Sept. 1 1922, aggregating \$75,000, have been called for payment Sept. 1 at par and int. at the First National Bank of Bridgeport, Conn., trustee.—V. 121, p. 208.

**Loew's, Incorporated, & Subsidiaries.—Earnings.—**  
*Twelve Weeks Ended June 6—*

Gross profit.....	\$2,066,901	1925.	\$1,284,600
Depreciation and Federal taxes.....	432,182	1924.	291,760
Net profit.....	\$1,634,719	1925.	\$992,840

**Louisiana Oil Refining Corp.—Earnings.—**

Period—	Quarters Ended—			6 Mos. End.
	June 30 '26.	Mar. 31 '26.	June 30 '26.	June 30 '26.
Net earnings.....	\$1,294,032	\$739,329	\$2,033,361	
Deductions.....	15,433	42,192	57,624	
Interest.....	58,543	70,315	128,858	
Deprec., deple. & amortization.....	378,902	364,338	743,240	
Net income before Federal taxes....	\$841,154	\$262,484	\$1,103,639	

(P.) **Lorillard Co.—To Change Dividend Policy.**—The company plans to pay dividends on its common stock at the rate of 8% in common stock instead of the present rate of 12%, or \$3 in cash, on the \$25 par common stock, beginning Oct. 1 1926. W. A. March, Asst. Sec. & Asst. Treas., says:

In order that stockholders may not be misled by rumors of the company's condition, apparently put out for stock market purposes, the President has directed me to state that none of the officials who are large shareholders have sold any stock and the company is in strong financial position. Its surplus is large, its resources are ample, and its inventories are adequate and well bought.

The company is now vigorously pressing its business in the popular smoking types, such as its well-known Muriel cigars, its red-cut Union Leader pipe tobacco and its Old Gold blended cigarettes, and it has just completed the manufacturing units at Middletown, O., and has another under construction at Richmond, Va. The brand of Old Gold cigarettes was put on the market late in April and has been confined to New England, yet it is selling at a volume which, if extended over the country, would approximate an annual market value of more than \$15,000,000. It has been the custom of the company to finance its marketing, even of new brands, out of current earnings.

In order to take full advantage of the public favor with which these smoking types are meeting and at the same time maintain this custom, the President has decided to recommend to the board that beginning with Oct. 1 next, and thereafter until further notice, the dividends on the common stock will be paid in common stock and charged to undivided profits or surplus at the annual rate of 8 shares for each 100 shares outstanding. This is a step very much in the interest of the stockholders. It will give them, in his opinion, the equivalent in fair market value of the cash dividend they have been receiving.—V. 122, p. 3093.

(**Edith Rockefeller McCormick Trust.**—Notes Offered. —Love, Van Riper & Bryan, St. Louis, are offering at prices ranging from 100 and interest to 100.72 and interest, to yield from 5.25% to 6%, according to maturity, \$585,000 first mortgage 6% serial gold notes, series B.

Dated July 1 1926; due serially 1927-1930. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at Chicago Title & Trust Co., trustee, Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Redeemable on any interest date on 30 days' notice at a premium of 1/2% for each six months or fraction thereof of unexpired life, premium in no case to exceed 2%, plus accrued interest in every instance. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax, not exceeding 2%.

Organization.—Edith Rockefeller McCormick Trust was organized in 1923 by Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick of Chicago to consolidate and operate certain of her real estate holdings and to deal in real estate in Chicago and vicinity. As certified by Angus Stevens & Co., certified public accountants, Chicago, the trust shows net tangible assets as of Dec. 31 1925 of \$9,318,514. Among the assets of the trust are stocks of the various so-called Standard Oil companies, of which the common stock of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey represents the greater part. The present market value of these stocks is in excess of \$6,500,000.

Security.—These \$585,000 notes are a direct and general obligation of the Edith Rockefeller McCormick Trust and in addition are specifically secured by a first mortgage on certain parcels of Chicago suburban real estate located in the Devonshire Manor subdivision. These properties upon which these notes are secured by a first mortgage have already been sold by the trust for an aggregate sum of \$1,468,000. In each instance the purchasers paid into the trust at the time of purchase 20% of the sale price. The amount of this issue equals only 40% of the value of the mortgaged property as indicated by the actual sale price. The properties have an appraised valuation of \$1,299,025.—V. 120, p. 2280.

**McCrary Stores Corporation.—Earnings.—**

Period—	Quar. Ended June 30—		6 Mos. End. June 30	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Sales.....	\$7,304,794	\$6,569,788	\$14,183,092	\$12,078,600
Cost of sales.....	5,139,655	4,865,618	10,180,407	8,914,097
Gross profits.....	\$2,165,139	\$1,704,170	\$4,002,685	\$3,164,503
Selling & gen'l expenses....	1,708,046	1,265,352	3,207,490	2,468,548
Net profit.....	\$457,093	\$438,818	\$795,195	\$695,955

**Magma Copper Co.—Earnings.—**

Period—	Quar. End. June 30.		6 Mos. to June 30.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Net earnings before deprec. & tax.....	\$420,871	\$470,022	\$863,697	\$988,378

During the three months ended June 30 1926 the company produced 7,272,573 lbs. of refined copper at a cost of 7.82c. per lb. after deducting gold and silver values. This compares with a production of 7,115,386 lbs. for the previous quarter at a cost of 7.89c. per lb. after deducting gold and silver values.—V. 122, p. 2202.

**Massillon Water Service Co.—Trustee.**—The New York Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for an issue of \$800,000 first mortgage 5 1/2% gold bonds, Series A.

**Master Printers Building (Kymson Building Corp.), New York City.**—Bonds Offered.—Peabody, Hougheling & Co., Inc., P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., and Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and interest \$2,800,000 first (closed) mortgage 6 1/2% sinking fund gold loan bonds.

Dated July 1 1926; due July 1 1946. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.), payable at the office of the Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500\*. Redeemable all or part, on any interest date or for the sinking fund at any time, on 30 days' notice, at 105 and interest to and including July 1 1929; at 103 and interest thereafter, to and including July 1 1931; at 102 and interest thereafter, and prior to maturity. Interest payable without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Certain State taxes refunded.

**Building.**—The building will occupy the entire block front on the east side of Tenth Ave. between 33d and 34th streets, New York City, and will consist of 18 stories and basement. Construction will be of steel, concrete and brick with flat slab type of floors designed to carry a live load of 250 lbs. per sq. ft. throughout. There will be 8 freight elevators, 2 of which will have a capacity of 6,000 lbs. each and 6 of 4,000 lbs. each, and 6 high-speed passenger elevators. The building will have a total street frontage of about 497 ft. with stores on the entire street level. In the rear of the building a 120-ft. loading platform, reached conveniently through a driveway running through from 33d St. to 34th St., will minimize any congestion of trucking along the street front.

**Security.**—This loan will be secured by a closed first mortgage lien on the land and building owned in fee, comprising a total ground area of over 33,000 sq. ft. The land has been appraised at \$800,000 and the cost of the building on completion at \$3,544,000, making a total value of \$4,344,000. Based on this value the loan represents a 64.4% mortgage.

**Earnings.**—Geo. R. Read & Co., whose estimate is the lowest of three independent experts, estimate the annual net earnings available for interest, after deducting operating expenses, maintenance, insurance and taxes, to be not less than \$406,000, or over 2.2 times maximum annual interest charges on this loan. Over 30% of the building is already leased for a period of ten years to eight different firms in the printing, binding and allied trades at a gross annual rental of \$170,500, which is at an average rate per square foot in excess of that on which the above estimate is based, and is the approximate equivalent of the total estimated operating expenses and taxes. The building will have a total rentable area of about 530,600 sq. ft. The design of the building and the large street frontage on three wide streets will afford exceptionally favorable light conditions contributing to the rentability of space and making it particularly suitable to the needs of printing and allied trades.

**Sinking Fund.**—A semi-annual sinking fund commencing Jan. 1 1929 is provided. The operation of this sinking fund, through purchase in the open market or by redemption, is calculated to reduce this loan to less than the present appraised land value by maturity.

**Legal for Trust Funds.**—Based on the above appraisals, the land and building upon completion will have a valuation of over 155% of the principal amount of this loan, and these securities, in the opinion of counsel, will then be legal for the investment of trust funds under the laws of the State of New York.

**Manhattan Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—Semi-Annual Report.**—

President Chas. T. Baisley in a letter to the stockholders says in substance: The balance sheet as of June 30 1926 (see below) reflects the condition of the company after the final settlements and adjustments relative to the sale of the battery business, which sale was approved by the stockholders on March 30 1926. The discontinuance of the manufacture of batteries has corrected an uneconomic condition and resulted in putting the company in an excellent financial position. The occasion has also been taken to adjust the assets to a very liquid form.

During the last 6 months the company has acquired the business of a company, kindred to the Halliwell Electric Co., Inc. and has combined it therewith under the title of the Halliwell-Shelton Electric Corp. Both companies have been in business for over 25 years, and the economies and benefits resulting from the combination are already being felt. The future of this subsidiary is promising.

The Trout Mining Co., another 100% owned subsidiary, is progressing in a satisfactory manner. It has been the policy of the company for some time to diversify its activities and with the prospects of the already existing and the new activities beginning and contemplated, I believe we may look forward with confidence to a constantly increasing prosperity.

**Income Account for 6 Months Ended June 30.**

	x1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Sales.....	\$3,621,019	\$3,739,229	\$4,002,089	\$3,723,379
Cost of sales.....	2,843,205	2,902,080	3,145,619	2,907,506
Gross profits.....	\$777,814	\$837,149	\$856,470	\$815,873
Miscellaneous profits.....	1,012,306	60,239	94,637	68,482
Total income.....	\$1,790,121	\$897,388	\$951,107	\$884,355
Selling, admin. & gen. exp., taxes and depreciation....	933,886	732,974	839,734	770,189
Net profit (bef. Fed. taxes).....	\$856,234	\$164,414	\$111,374	\$114,166

**Comparative Balance Sheet.**

<b>Assets—</b>	<b>a June 30 '26.</b>	<b>Dec. 31 '25.</b>	<b>Assets—</b>	<b>a June 30 '26.</b>	<b>Dec. 31 '25.</b>
Fixed assets.....	\$445,361	\$1,230,540	Capital stock.....	\$5,560,000	\$5,560,000
Construction.....	425,730	—	Notes payable.....	—	1,015,000
Stocks sub. cos.....	1,088,835	—	Accounts payable.....	431,523	538,650
Earned surplus of subsidiaries.....	430,000	—	Divs. payable.....	101,250	91,125
Oil-will, patents, &c.....	2,503,312	2,870,496	Res. for taxes.....	17,282	72,421
Cash.....	1,289,270	320,296	Conting. reserve.....	213,859	—
Notes & accts rec.....	503,104	1,124,572	Surplus.....	1,338,763	888,763
Inventories.....	1,105,111	2,113,935			
Prepaid ins. & tax.....	87,686	70,387			

Total (each side) \$7,652,678 \$8,155,959  
 x Tentative as of June 30 1926. x Represented by 81,000 shares of no par value.—V. 122, p. 3220.

**Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc.—Earnings.—**

Period—	—Qr. End. June 30—		—6 Mos. June 30—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Total earnings.....	\$654,085	\$ 587,975	\$1,283,041	\$1,174,764
Depreciation & depln.....	193,765	164,305	375,192	328,596
Income charges.....	13,391	167	21,767	2,153
Federal inc. tax prov.....	55,054	45,752	109,295	90,612
Net income.....	\$391,875	\$377,751	\$776,156	\$753,403

—V. 122, p. 2340.

**Matzen Woolen Mills, Inc., Seattle, Wash.—Bonds Offered.**—The company recently offered at 100 and dividends \$200,000 first (closed) mortgage 5-year sinking fund 7% gold bonds. Dated June 1 1926; due June 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable J. & D. (Two-thirds of this issue had already been subscribed by prominent business men and capitalists of Seattle.) Conversion Privilege.—Convertible into common stock at \$10 a share up to June 1 1931.

**Security.**—Secured by a prior lien on all land, buildings, machinery and assets of the company at Kirkland, Wash. Upon the completion of this financing the balance sheet of the company will show net tangible assets of approximately \$482,646, or nearly 2 1/2 times the amount of this issue. Insurance to the extent of \$530,000 is carried on these assets, of which \$80,000 is "use and occupancy."

**Company.**—Has been manufacturing woolen cloth at Kirkland for the past twelve years. The plant upon which these bonds are a first mortgage has been entirely rebuilt after the destruction of the original one by fire in 1924. The mill has a capacity of 900,000 yards per year.

**Purpose.**—To provide the company with additional working capital to take care of business available and other corporate purposes.

**Officers, &c.**—Upon completion of this financing the officers of the company will be as follows: Pres., George Matzen; V.-Pres. & Sec., Geoffrey Winslow; Treas., J. A. Swallow. The trustee finance committee, who will have complete supervision of all finances of this company until indebtedness created under this plan is discharged, will consist of: J. A. Swallow, Chairman (Chairman of the Dexter-Horton National Bank); C. L. Hibbard of the Hibbard-Stewart Co.; A. W. Leonard, Pres. of the Puget Sound Power & Light Co.; William Pigott, V.-Pres. of the Pacific Coast Steel Co., and Reginald H. Parsons.

**Earnings.**—Estimated earnings upwards of \$50,000 a year approximately four times the interest charges.

**Medical Arts Bldg. (Corp.), Baltimore, Md.—Bonds Offered.**—Century Trust Co., Baltimore, is offering at 100 and int. \$500,000 1st (closed) mtge. 10-year 6% sinking fund guaranteed gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1926; due July 1 1936. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Prin. and int. J. & J. 1st coupons payable Jan. 1 1927 payable at the office of the Century Trust Co., trustees, Baltimore, Md. Callable all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 102, on or before July 1 1931 and thereafter at 101. Interest paid without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2% and State security taxes not exceeding 5 mills refunded.

**Building.**—The building will consist of 8 stories and basement, and will be of modern reinforced concrete frame with reinforced concrete and tile floors. The lot upon which the building is erected has a frontage of 52 feet on Cathedral St. and 190 feet on Richmond St. Rear of lot is 173 feet and the south line 142 feet, thus giving a total area of 15,833 sq. ft.

**Security.**—Secured by a closed first mortgage on the land and building owned in fee. The property has been appraised when completed as planned, at \$925,000. Based upon this appraisal this issue represents less than a 55% mortgage.

**Earnings.**—Based on rates indicated by the office space applied for thus far, the earnings of the property are estimated to be as follows: Gross rental, \$180,000; operating expenses, taxes and insurance, \$55,600; balance, \$124,400.

Sinking Fund.—The indenture securing this issue will provide for an annual sinking fund of 3%, or \$15,000, payable semi-annually, the first installment to be paid on May 1 1928.

Guarantee.—These bonds are guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Maryland Casualty Co. and the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co., with combined capital and surplus of over \$24,000,000 and assets of over \$84,000,000.

Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd. (of Del.)—Annual Rep.—Calendar Years—1925. 1924. 1923. 1922. Profits from operations \$30,811,546 \$10,186,491 \$18,011,518 \$39,360,253

P. & L. sur. Dec. 31.—\$55,352,829 \$42,178,921 \$46,657,967 \$43,754,108

Mid-Continent Coal Corp.—Trustee.—The New York Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for an issue of \$500,000 1st mtg., 7% sinking fund gold bonds.

Midland Steel Products Co.—Earnings.—Quar. End. June 30—6 Mos. June 30—1926. 1925. 1926. 1925. Manufacturing profits \$970,337 \$1,297,204 \$2,011,730 \$2,438,599

National Cloak & Suit Co.—Sales.—1926—June—1925. Decrease. 1926—6 Mos.—1925. Decrease. \$4,028,159 \$4,104,624 \$76,465 \$19,592,264 \$21,307,010 \$1,714,746

New Mexico & Arizona Land Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—Assets—1925. 1924. Liabilities—1925. 1924. Lands \$902,959 \$902,959 Capital stock \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000

North American Car Corp.—Equipment Trusts Sold.—Freeman & Co., New York, have sold at prices to yield from 4.80% to 5.10%, \$700,000 5% equipment trust gold certificates, series of 1926.

Principal and divs. unconditionally guaranteed by the North American Car Corp. Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., New York, trustee. Dated Aug. 1 1926. Payable annually in serial installments of \$70,000 each from Aug. 1 1928 to Aug. 1 1937 both incl. Denom. \$1,000. Red., all or part, on any div. date at 101 and divs. Both prin. and divs. are to be paid without deduction of normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum.

Security.—Secured by deposit with the trustee of title to 598 all-steel 8,000-gal. capacity tank cars having a current aggregate value in excess of \$932,000, or more than 133% of the face amount of the certificates to be issued.

Corporation.—On Jan. 1 1926 acquired all the assets owned by the North American Car Co., which latter company was started in 1908. Its business primarily consists in the ownership, operation and leasing of refrigerator cars and tank cars to railroads, meat packers, refrigerator companies and shippers of all kinds of perishable and liquid freight.

Old Ben Coal Corporation.—Debentures Called.—Certain of the outstanding 10-year 7 1/2% debentures, dated Aug. 1 1924, aggregating \$125,000, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 110 and interest at the Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia, or at the National City Bank, New York City.—V. 122, p. 2666.

1512-18 La Salle St. Bldg. (1512-18 North La Salle St. Bldg. Corp.), Chicago, Ill.—Bonds Offered.—Leight, Holzer & Co. are offering at par and int. \$265,000 1st mtg. serial 6 1/2% coupon gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1926; due serially, 1928 to 1936. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 in all maturities, \$100 in 1936 maturity only. Principal and interest payable (J. & J.) at office of Leight, Holzer & Co. Callable all or part on any interest date upon 60 days' notice in reverse of the numerical order of the bonds at 102 and int., Chicago Title & Trust Co., Chicago, trustee.

Organization.—The Hotel Holding Co. of Hollywood has been incorp. in California by C. E. Toberman, Sid Grauman, Joseph M. Schenck, I. C. Freud, M. C. Levee, Geo. L. Eastman, Lou Anger, Fred Niblo, Louis B. Mayer, King Vidor, Joseph Aller, Marcus Loew and a number of others, all of Los Angeles.

Onyx Hosiery, Inc.—Earnings.—Quar. End. June 30—6 Mos. June 30—1926. 1925. 1926. 1925. Net profit after deprec., taxes and other chgs. \$232,445 \$'08,904 443,779 \$387,243

Consolidated Balance Sheet. June 30 '26 Dec. 31 '25. Assets—Land, bldgs., &c. 770,231 762,669 Plant, furn. & fixt. 3,156,416 3,188,617

Otis Steel Company.—Earnings Statement.—Quar. End. June 30—6 Mos. End. June 30—1926. 1925. 1926. 1925. Manufacturing profit \$1,070,138 \$1,380,102 \$2,532,703 \$2,224,963

Philadelphia & Camden Ferry Co.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$2,815,351 on the property of the company, as of June 30, 1916.—V. 122, p. 102.

Piggly Wiggly Western States Co.—Sales.—1926—June—1925. Increase. 1926—6 Mos.—1925. Increase. \$593,097 \$528,141 \$64,956 \$3,560,721 \$3,111,656 \$449,065

Pittsburgh Malleable Iron Co.—Dividend Reduced.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the outstanding capital stock, par \$50, payable July 28 to holders of record July 26.

Postum Cereal Co., Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—[Including operations of Iglehart Bros., Inc., since date of acquisition—March 31 1926.] Quar. End. June 30—6 Mos. End. June 30—1926. 1925. 1926. 1925.

Procter & Gamble Co.—Extra Cash Dividend.—The directors on July 20 declared in addition to the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1 25 per share on the common stock, an extra cash dividend of \$2 per share, both payable on and after Aug. 14 to holders of record July 24.

Punxsutawney Water Service Co.—Trustee.—The New York Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for an issue of \$500,000 first mortgage gold bonds.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Common Dividend Resumed.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding \$30,000,000 common stock, par \$100, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 14.

Earnings for Three and Six Months Ended June 30. Period—1926—3 Mos.—1925. 1926—6 Mos.—1925. \*Net gain \$1,932,653 \$1,545,338 \$4,104,743 \$3,073,102

(The) Roosevelt in Hollywood (Hotel Holding Co., of Hollywood).—Bonds Offered.—Sutherland, Barry & Co., New Orleans and Alvin H. Frank & Co., Los Angeles, are offering at prices to yield from 5.95% to 6.50% \$1,100,000 1st (closed) mtg. 6 1/2% serial gold bonds.

Dated April 1 1926. Due serially April 1 1928 to April 1 1943 incl. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee, or, at the option of the holder, at the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. City, without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2%, or future California State income tax up to the lowest normal or primary rate.

Legal Investment.—Application has been made to the Superintendent of Banks for the certification of this issue as legal investment for Savings Banks in California.

Organization.—The Hotel Holding Co. of Hollywood has been incorp. in California by C. E. Toberman, Sid Grauman, Joseph M. Schenck, I. C. Freud, M. C. Levee, Geo. L. Eastman, Lou Anger, Fred Niblo, Louis B. Mayer, King Vidor, Joseph Aller, Marcus Loew and a number of others, all of Los Angeles.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding
First mortgage 6½% serial gold bonds-----	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Second mortgage serial gold bonds-----	400,000	400,000
Preferred stock-----	500,000	
Common stock-----	500,000	400,000

In the sale of the second mortgage bonds and the capital stock, par has been realized for all the securities issued. There is no so-called promotion stock in the financing of this company.

**Security.**—These bonds are secured by a first closed mortgage on property 160 ft. on Hollywood Boulevard and 180 ft. on Orange Drive, Hollywood (now a part of the City of Los Angeles) and is ideally located for the carrying on of the business for which it is intended. The improvements will be a modern class "A" reinforced concrete hotel building which is now in the course of erection, together with the pledge to the trustee of the lease of the said hotel property. There will be 418 guest rooms, 11 street level stores, ballroom, banquet rooms, main and three private dining rooms, &c.

**Values.**—Independent appraisals have been made of the property, as follows: Land value (average appraisal), \$411,000; cost of building, \$1,532,600; total, \$1,943,600. The Banking Department of the State of California has checked these values and it is expected the bonds will be certified as a legal investment for savings banks in the State of California. The underwriters have had an independent survey of the cost of the building as shown by plans and specifications approved by the Building Department of the City of Los Angeles and confirmed by S. G. H. Robertson & Co., engineers and contractors, and Holmes & Sanborn, consulting engineers of Los Angeles, both of which firms have been prominent in the larger building operations in this community.

**Earnings and Management.**—Effective with the completion of the building, which is contemplated within one year, the same has been leased for a period of 30 years to the Roosevelt Hotel Operating Co., who have secured their lease by furniture and equipment to the value of \$250,000, and which lease has been pledged to the trustee as additional security for these bonds. The estimate of the operations of this property show annual earnings of \$294,880, due consideration having been given vacancy, operating expenses and other charges assumed by the operating company under the lease. In as far as the Hotel Holding Co. is concerned, a straight lease has been taken from the Roosevelt Hotel Operating Co. which provides a net rental for the first 2 years in the aggregate sum of \$370,366, the rental for the balance of the 28 years being \$200,000 per annum. This rental is net to the company, all taxes, insurance and maintenance charges being borne by the operating company. This rental shows approximately 2.8 times the maximum interest charge, or 3.6 times the average annual interest requirements on this bond issue.

**St. Catherine-Stanley Realty Corp. (Castle Bldg.), Montreal.**—Bonds Offered.—W. A. Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., R. A. Daly & Co., Hanson Bros. and Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., Montreal, Canada, are offering at 99 and int., to yield about 6.60%, \$1,000,000 6½% 1st (closed) mtge. 20-year sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1926; due May 1 1946. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 or \$100 c\*. Interest (M. & N.) and principal payable in gold coin at the Royal Bank of Canada at Montreal, Toronto, and at the Agency of the Royal Bank, N. Y. City. Callable all or part on any int. date up to Nov. 1 1934, at 105, thereafter up to and incl. Nov. 1 1939, at 103, thereafter until maturity at 102, with interest. Montreal Trust Co., Montreal, trustee.

**Data from Letter of C. C. Holland, Vice-Pres. of Corporation.**  
**Company.**—Has been incorp. in Quebec, to acquire the property on the northwest corner of St. Catherine and Stanley Sts., in Montreal, having a frontage of 75 feet on St. Catherine St. by 146 feet 7 inches on Stanley St. On this property is to be erected an 11-story and basement fireproof building, to be known as the "Castle Building," having stores and show-rooms on the ground and mezzanine floors, the balance of the building to be subdivided into offices to suit the tenants.

Capitalization (Authorized and Outstanding.)	
6½% 1st (closed) mtge. bonds, due 1946-----	\$1,000,000
7% non-cumul. redeemable preference stock-----	5,000 shs.
Common stock, no par value-----	

**Security.**—The issue will constitute a first mortgage, hypothetic and charge on all fixed property now owned or hereafter acquired, as well as a floating charge on the undertaking and all other assets, in favor of the Montreal Trust Co., Montreal, trustee.

As additional security for the bonds, the company agrees to retain out of earnings a special contingent reserve fund of \$32,500 which will for 5 years be unimpaired through payments of any dividend on the preferred or common shares.

**Sinking Fund.**—Payment commencing May 1 1929 of \$10,000 half yearly, plus the interest on bonds redeemed will be made and is to be applied in the purchase of bonds in the open market at or below their current redemption prices, or if so unobtainable, by call at their current redemption prices. This sinking fund is calculated to retire approximately 63% of the issue by maturity.

**Valuation.**—The land has been valued at \$549,000; the building (completed) at \$1,043,000.

**Earnings.**—It is estimated that the results of the operation of the building will be approximately: total gross revenue from rentals, \$223,000; deduct 10% for vacancies, \$22,300; and operating expenses and taxes of \$55,000; net operating revenue, \$145,700.

**St. Lawrence Pulp & Lumber Corp.—Bondholders to Receive Payment of About 50%.—**

The holders of certificates of deposit issued under the deposit agreement dated Feb. 2 1924, for 1st mtge. serial sinking fund 6% gold bonds have been notified that the bondholders' protective committee (composed of J. H. A. Acer, P. M. Chandler, E. H. Letchworth, T. A. McAuley, Hunter C. Phelan and Alex Whiteside, with Earl C. Vedder, Sec., of 115 Broadway, N. Y.) has decided that it is advisable to sell all the 1st mtge. serial sinking fund 6% gold bonds deposited with it under the agreement, and that notice of such decision, stating the terms of the proposed sale, has been duly filed with the Atlantic National Bank of Boston, depository, Boston, Mass.

The terms of the proposed sale are as follows: The purchaser agrees to purchase all the \$1,465,000 of 1st mtge. serial sinking fund 6% gold bonds deposited with the committee and to pay therefor \$732,500 and in addition thereto \$41,750 as partial payment of the committee's expenses. Payment is to be made in cash, \$41,750 being presently payable and the remainder of the sum agreed to be paid by the purchaser is to be paid upon delivery of the bonds by the committee, provided the necessary consent to the sale of the holders of 90% of the bonds deposited with the committee be obtained in accordance with the provisions of the deposit agreement dated Feb. 2 1924. The proceeds of the sale will, upon receipt thereof by the committee, be distributed among depositing bondholders after payment of the expenses, compensation, indebtedness, obligations and liabilities of the committee.

Each holder of a certificate of deposit representing bonds deposited with the committee will be conclusively presumed to have assented to such sale unless he shall on or before Aug. 20 1926, have filed with the depository, or with the agent of the depository (Marine Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y., or Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Canada), with whom he deposited his bonds, written notice of his dissent from such proposed sale, specifying the date or dates and the number or numbers of the certificate or certificates of deposit held by him.—V. 118, p. 2583.

**Saks & Co.—Redemption of Bonds.**—The company has called for redemption on Sept. 1 all its outstanding 20-year sinking fund mortgage 7% gold bonds, dated March 1 1922, at 110 and interest. Funds for this purpose were obtained through the recent sale of Saks Realty Corp. leasehold mortgage 6% serial gold bonds. (See V. 122, p. 2055.)—V. 120, p. 1101.

**Scotten, Dillon Co.—Extra Dividend.**—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 3%, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 3%, on the outstanding capital stock, both payable Aug. 14 to holders of record Aug. 5. On May 15 last only the regular dividend was paid. On Feb. 17 1926 the company paid an extra dividend of 7% and on Nov. 13 1925 an extra of 5%, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 3%.—V. 122, p. 2342.

**Security Bond & Mortgage Co. (Fla.).—Bonds Offered.**—J. A. W. Iglehart & Co., Bodell & Co., Harrison, Smith &

Co., and Smith, Hull & Co. are offering at par and int. \$750,000 1st mtge. 6% collateral trust gold bonds, series D.

Dated Aug. 1 1926, maturities from one to five years. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the Maryland Trust Co., Baltimore, Md., trustee, without deduction for the normal Federal income tax of 2%, and with a refund of any State, county or municipal tax up to 5 mills. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Red. at any time on 30 days' notice at par and int., plus ½ of 1% for each year or fraction thereof to maturity.

**Legal Investment for national banks.**  
**Company.**—Is engaged in making first mortgage loans on completed, fee simple properties in Southern States. Company has affiliated with it a number of local mortgage companies, operating in the cities in which most of its loans are made.  
**Security.**—The direct obligation of the company, and are secured dollar for dollar by first mortgages on fee simple real estate.

**Guarantee.**—The Maryland Casualty Co., with capital and surplus of \$10,106,749 and resources of \$37,218,246 guarantees unconditionally the payment of principal and interest on each mortgage.—V. 122, p. 2205.

**(The) Seagrave Corporation.—Earnings Statement.—**

Period Ended June 30—	1926-3 Mos.—1925.	1926-6 Mos.—1925.
Net sales-----	\$461,325	\$555,957
Cost of sales-----	277,856	353,864
Selling expense-----	92,386	79,425
Administrative expense-----	22,246	37,271
Net profit from operations-----	\$68,836	\$85,396
Other income-----	21,370	31,414
Total income-----	\$90,206	\$85,396
Federal taxes-----	11,782	18,449
Other deductions-----	5,377	12,474
Net profit-----	\$73,046	\$66,947

—V. 122, p. 3466.

**Silesian-American Corp.—Organized—Control, &c.**  
 See Anaconda Copper Mining Co. above.

**Simmons Co.—Consolidated Balance Sheet.—**

	May 31 '26	Nov. 30 '25		May 31 '26	Nov. 30 '25
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Prop. and plant-----	24,909,550	24,468,013	Preferred stock-----	5,802,300	6,106,200
Pats., goodwill, &c-----	1,593,820	1,597,127	Common stock, x20,082,065-----	20,082,065	20,082,065
Investments-----	263,558	126,328	Mortgage bonds-----	308,000	308,000
Cash-----	1,343,648	1,113,506	Accts. & notes pay-----	5,415,370	3,460,231
Accts. & notes rec-----	6,625,403	6,504,796	Fed. &c. tax (est.)-----	226,985	869,432
Inventories-----	7,105,283	7,217,234	Res. for depr., &c-----	7,752,238	7,253,137
Prepaid ins., &c-----	211,227	186,148	Surplus-----	3,793,739	3,901,377
Deferred charges-----	1,328,208	767,289			
Total-----	43,380,697	41,980,442	Total-----	43,380,697	41,980,442

x Represented by 1,000,000 no par shares.  
 The earnings statement for the 6 months ended May 31 1926 was published in comparative form in V. 123, p. 217.

**Spear & Co.—Complaint Dismissed.**—The Federal Trade Commission has dismissed its complaints against Spear & Co. and Ludwig Bauman & Co., both of N. Y. City, for the reason that the respondent companies have signed the Trade Practice Agreement. The respondents are dealers in furniture, and in the complaint were charged with misbranding certain furniture by them.—V. 122, p. 1184.

**Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.—No Official Action Taken on Retirement of Pref. Stock.**—Chairman George H. Jones, in commenting upon the published rumors of plans for the retirement of the pref. stock, has issued the following statement:

The report that plans have been practically consummated for the retirement of the pref. stock is entirely premature.

It is true that such stock may, under its terms, be retired at any quarterly dividend date; it is true that the officials of the company have had some doubt of the advisability of allowing the pref. stock to remain out permanently, and that some consideration has been given to the suggestion of calling it, provided a plan could be worked out which would clearly result to the benefit of the common stockholders.

It is entirely untrue, however, that the matter has been the subject of official action or of official announcement, or that any plan has received even an official decision.  
 The report current in Wall Street had it that two plans of retirement are under consideration. One calls for the offering of new common shares to present common stockholders in the ratio of one new share for three now held and which would give "rights" to present holders valued at about \$3 50 each. The second involves the sale of an amount of convertible bonds equal in size to the preferred issue, giving holders of these bonds an opportunity of conversion as the common shares increase in market value. The complete readjustment plan is expected to be determined and submitted to stockholders before the end of the current year.—V. 123, p. 94.

**Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.—Earnings.—**

Results for—	—3 Mos. End. June 30—	—6 Mos. End. June 30—
	1926.	1925.
Net earnings, after Fed'l taxes, &c-----	\$1,763,713	\$2,163,000

—V. 122, p. 2962.

**Sweets Co. of America, Inc.—Earnings.**—The company reports for the quarter ending June 30 1926 a net gain of \$7,772, compared with a net loss of \$27,707 for the corresponding period of 1925.—V. 122, p. 2343.

**Telling-Belle Vernon Co., Cleveland.—Report.—**

Income Statement for Calendar Year 1925.	
Net profit, \$874,069; x other income, \$9,689; total-----	\$883,758
Divs. paid pref. "A" stock, \$17,205; pref. "B," \$52,500; common dividends, \$374,302; total-----	444,007
Additional taxes applicable to prior years-----	4,356
Provision for shrinkage in cost value of net assets of Peerless Ice Cream Co-----	34,255
Prem. on pref. stk. retir., \$982; other deductions, \$7,538; total-----	8,520
Balance, surplus-----	\$392,619
Balance Dec. 31 1924-----	675,969
Balance Dec. 31 1925-----	\$1,068,588
x Credit arising from reduction of depreciation on rate on Iceless cabinets to 10% for the calendar years 1923 and 1924.—V. 122, p. 2668.	

**Tennessee Copper & Chemical Corporation.—To Create an Issue of \$3,000,000 6% Debenture Bonds.**—The stockholders will vote Aug. 18 on authorizing an issue of 15-year 6% convertible debenture gold bonds.

The stockholders of record Aug. 25 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Sept. 25 for \$1,600,000 bonds at par and interest in amounts proportioned to their several holdings of stock. These dates are subject to change. The bonds are to be in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100.

The directors recommend that the holders of the bonds be given the privilege at any time before maturity or redemption of converting them into common stock, without par value. The basis of such conversion which the directors contemplate for the initial issue of \$1,600,000 of bonds is as follows: One share of stock for each \$15 of the first \$400,000 of bonds deposited for conversion; one share of stock for each \$15 of the next \$600,000 of bonds deposited for conversion; one share of stock for each \$20 of the next subsequent \$600,000 of bonds deposited for conversion.

The remaining \$1,400,000 of bonds will be issued at the discretion of the directors as required for the purposes of the company, and it is proposed that they shall be convertible on such bases as may be determined by the directors when such additional bonds are issued.

**President Adolph Lewisohn, July 19, says in substance:**

Several new lines of business upon which the company has entered during the past few years have proved to be successful and profitable, and there is a growing demand for the company's products. The earnings for the first six months of 1926 were very much greater than the earnings for the same period last year, and are in excess of half of last year's earnings. The mortgage for \$3,000,000 on the property of Tennessee Copper Co. has been entirely paid and canceled. In addition, during the year 1925 and the first half of 1926, large expenditures have been made for new equipment. The larger items are as follows: (1) Iron flotation, roasting, sintering and other equipment at Copperhill, approximately \$745,000; (2) funds provided for retirement of balance of first mortgage bonds of Tennessee Copper Co. remaining outstanding at maturity, approximately \$400,000; (3) purchase of plant at New Albany, Ind., with inventory, approximately \$650,000; approximate total, \$1,795,000.

All of these items were paid in full out of funds which the company had on hand, and the company has no bank or other floating indebtedness, except for current bills. The only other outstanding indebtedness is an issue of \$449,000 of notes, which are secured by a mortgage on the phosphate properties of the Southern Agricultural Chemical Corp., a subsidiary of this company, which notes it is proposed to retire out of the funds to be raised by the proposed bond issue. While almost all of the business of the company and its subsidiaries is transacted for cash and very little credit is extended, the increase in the volume of business necessitates a larger amount of working capital than was the case a few years ago, and the present issue of bonds will strengthen the company's working capital position and enable it to take advantage of opportunities in the various markets in which it is interested. The directors, therefore, deem it advisable to issue at the present time \$1,600,000 of 15-year 6% convertible debenture gold bonds out of a total issue of \$3,000,000 which it is proposed to authorize. This will replace the former mortgage of \$3,000,000 of the Tennessee Copper Co., which, as previously stated, has matured and been entirely paid off.—V. 122, p. 2814.

**Texas Gulf Sulphur Co., Inc.—Earnings.—**

Period—	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Net earnings	\$1,859,919	\$1,282,285	\$3,790,543	\$2,695,378
Dividends paid	1,587,500	1,428,750	3,175,000	2,540,000
Balance, surplus	\$272,419	def\$146,465	\$615,543	\$155,377

During the second quarter of 1926 the company increased its reserves, including those for depreciation and unpaid Federal taxes (accrued) by \$497,312, making the total \$6,903,363 as of June 30 1926.—V. 122, p. 2343.  
**(John R.) Thompson Co., Chicago.—Earnings.—**

Period—	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$3,849,824	\$3,173,123	\$7,189,277	\$6,361,882
Net income after depreciation, taxes, &c.	387,532	268,640	777,952	605,271

The company recently sold its building and leasehold at the corner of North Michigan Ave. and Ohio St., Chicago. The profit from this sale, however, is not reflected in the income for the first half of the year, inasmuch as this transaction was made on July 1 1926.  
**Comparative Balance Sheet.**

June 30 '26	Dec. 31 '25	June 30 '26	Dec. 31 '25
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Prop. & equip't	5,314,750	Common stock	6,000,000
Good-will, &c.	4,000,000	Preferred stock	847,000
Securities owned	54,854	Funded debt	740,000
Notes, acc'ts, mtg.	141,932	Pur. mon. obliga's	982,500
receivable	161,774	Accounts payable	182,074
Inventories	206,249	Res. for inc. taxes	127,000
Cash	862,768	Res. for divs., &c.	146,270
Cash in deposit with Continental & Commercial Tr. & Savings Bank	1,073,572	Accr. com. divs.	72,000
Deferred assets	76,649	Accr. taxes, int. &c	250,925
		Deferred income	9,359
		Surplus	3,244,210
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,014,340</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,014,340</b>

× After deducting depreciation.—V. 123, p. 217.  
**(August) Thyssen Iron & Steel Works.—To Retire Bonds.**

See United Steel Works Corp. below.—V. 123, p. 217.  
 **Tide Water Associated Oil Co.—Acquisition.—**

The company has acquired the properties of the McKittrick Oil Co. in the McKittrick Field, Calif., consisting of 144 acres having a settled annual production of 200,000 barrels from 17 producing wells. This property adjoins properties of the Associated Oil Co. in the same field.—V. 122, p. 3225.  
**Tower Manufacturing Co., Boston.—New Director.—**

W. F. Bartholomew of Clark, Childs & Co., has been elected a director succeeding V. O. Bruce Wetmore.—V. 123, p. 337.  
**Tung-Sol Lamp Works, Inc.—Earnings.—**

Period—	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.
Net profit from operation	\$233,508	\$169,305	\$497,772	\$322,674
Net income after taxes	178,784	166,422	381,074	293,481

—V. 122, p. 2963.  
**Union Carbide & Carbon Corp. & Subs.—Earnings.—**

Period—	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Earnings, after prov. for inc. & other taxes	\$6,426,785	\$5,347,449	\$14,441,346	\$11,667,071
Int. on fund. debt and divs. on pf. stk. of subs.	304,672	256,701	611,111	513,690
Depr. & oth. chgs. (est.)	1,872,127	1,800,382	3,798,253	3,600,764
Balance	\$4,249,986	\$3,290,366	\$10,031,981	\$7,552,617

—V. 122, p. 2513.  
**United Alloy Steel Corp.—Merger.—**Announcement was made this week, through the office of Otis & Co., of the merger of the Central Steel Co., Massillon, O., and the United Alloy Steel Corp., Canton, O. The new name will be Central Alloy Steel Corp. The merger will be effected through exchange of stock on the basis of 2½ shares of United Alloy common stock for one share of Central.

Officers will be: F. J. Griffiths, Chairman of the board; C. E. Stuart, Pres. and Treas.; B. F. Fairless, Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mgr.; J. H. Schlenker, Vice-Pres. in charge of sales and C. W. Krieg, Sec. The combined assets as shown by balance sheets of Dec. 31 1925 are in excess of \$80,000,000 and combined net earnings after Federal taxes for the year 1925 were over \$6,500,000.—V. 122, p. 2815.  
**United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.—Balance Sheet April 30.—**

[As filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.]

1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Real est., prop., &c.	57,559,978	Capital stock	41,873,662
Merchandise	5,055,554	10-year notes	8,000,000
Notes receivable	111,094	Cash acc'ts. pay.	10,595,785
Accts. receivable	5,246,738	Notes payable	900,000
Cash	1,097,439	Reserve for deprec.	5,465,683
Deferred charges	646,856	Deferred liabilities	181,633
		Miscell. reserves	1,818,141
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,717,650</b>	<b>Surplus</b>	<b>882,746</b>

—V. 123, p. 95.  
**United Steel Works Corp.—Listing.—**

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$10,815,000 of 25-year 6½% s. f. 1st mtg. gold bonds, Series "C," with non-detachable

stock purchase warrants. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in New York at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., in gold coin of the U. S. of America or equal to the present standard of weight and fineness. These bonds are issued under the same indenture as those of Series "A" of this company. The purpose of this issue, however, is to effect the retirement of August Thyssen Iron & Steel Works 5-year s. f. gold bonds due July 1 1930, which bonds also are listed on the Boston Stock Exchange.—V. 123, p. 217.  
**Universal Chain Theatres Corp.—Acquisition.—**

Announcement was made July 21 that the corporation has acquired the Brody chain of eight motion picture theatres in Cleveland, Ohio. Included in the transaction are the Kinsman, Cedar Lee, New Broadway, Detroit and Homestead theatres, suburban houses each seating about 1,200 patrons, and three larger houses under construction at Kinsman Road, Hilliard and Madison Aves., and at East Ninth St. and Superior Ave. Altogether seating capacity of about 10,000 is involved. Acquisition of these houses follows quickly the announcement last week that Universal Theatres had acquired 28 theatres located in Missouri, the Southwest, Oregon and Wisconsin, and is in line with the expansion program of the corporation, which since last December has increased the number of motion picture theatres which it operates from 91 to 198, with an aggregate seating capacity of about 150,000. Universal Chain has 18 additional houses under construction, including a 3,500-seat house in Brooklyn, a 3,000-seat house in Atlanta, and a 2,500-seat house in Racine, Wis.—V. 123, p. 337.  
**Vacuum Oil Co.—Contract With Erie RR.—**

The company has just closed a contract with the Erie RR. to supply its requirements of lubricating oils and greases for a period of 2 years, it is announced. This will make 5 years that Vacuum Oil Co. has furnished the lubricants for the Erie RR.—V. 122, p. 2669.  
**Wagner Malleable Iron Co., Decatur, Ill.—Bonds Offered.—**

N. L. Rogers & Co., Decatur, Ill., are offering at prices to yield from 5¾% to 6½%, according to maturity, \$200,000 1st mtg. 6½% serial gold bonds. Authorized issue \$250,000. Dated April 1 1926; due serially, April 1 1927-1936. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Red. on 60 days' prior notice on any interest date at 102½ to April 1 1927 this premium decreasing ¼% each April 1st thereafter to maturity. Interest payable (A. & O.) without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Principal and int. payable at Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, or at option of holder at Millikin Trust Co., Decatur. Data From Letter of Pres. A. W. Wagner, April 1.

Company.—An Illinois corporation. In December 1922 succeeded by change of name only, the Wagner Castings Co., which company had in 1917 leased and in 1920 purchased the property of the Decatur Foundry Co. Company manufactures malleable castings for railroad equipment, automobile and automobile accessory companies as well as various other lines of industry. Security.—Secured by a first mortgage upon all fixed assets of the company now owned or hereafter acquired. Earnings.—Net earnings after all deductions including depreciation and interest but not including Federal income taxes have averaged \$98,640 annually for the 3½ years ending March 31 1926 or over 7½ times maximum interest requirements on this bond issue. Company has never failed to show net earnings in any year, and has paid an average of 12½% in cash dividends per year since 1920 as well as stock dividends totaling 166 2-3% of original investment. Sinking Fund.—25% of all net earnings in excess of \$60,000 per year will be used to purchase bonds in the open market or to call last maturing bonds then outstanding. Purpose.—To partly reimburse the company for \$151,761 expended by them since Jan. 1 1925 in plant improvements and to provide \$75,000 for further improvements at this time. These further improvements will enlarge the annealing capacity of the plant to equal present melting capacity. Directors.—James D. Johnson, R. E. Persinger, W. K. Wayland (Vice-Pres.), John A. Wagner (Sec'y-Treas.), a representative of the Bankers to be elected and A. W. Wagner (Pres.).

Balance Sheet, April 1 1926 (After Financing).

Assets—	Liabilities—	
Permanent assets	Preferred stock	\$50,000
Cash	Common stock	200,000
Accounts receivable	Accounts payable	41,973
Inventory	Accrued payroll	14,282
Life Insur., invest., personal accounts, &c.	Federal taxes, 1925	7,364
Deferred charges	Accrued taxes	2,255
	Res. for 1926 Fed. taxes	2,025
	1st mtg. 6½ bonds	200,000
	Reserve for pref. div. acc.	1,458
<b>Total (each side)</b>	<b>\$732,489</b>	<b>Surplus</b>

× Authorized issue is \$350,000, par \$100.

**Waldorf System, Inc.—Earnings.—**

Period—	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$3,332,427	\$3,112,988	\$6,653,062	\$6,286,151
Net after taxes & charges	261,901	235,704	544,563	486,283
Preferred dividends	20,978	26,647	45,938	53,474
Common dividends	138,003	138,003	276,006	276,006
Balance, surplus	\$102,920	\$71,054	\$222,619	\$156,803

—V. 122, p. 2344.

**Washington Manor Apartments (University District Development Corp.), Seattle.—Bonds Offered.—**Seattle Title Trust Co., Seattle, Wash., is offering at par and int. \$215,000 1st mtg. 6½% sinking fund serial gold bonds (safeguarded by Seattle Title Trust Co. sinking fund plan). Dated July 1 1926, due 1929-1936. Int. payable J. & J. 1. Denom. \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000. Callable on any int. dates after one year at 101 and int. Federal income tax up to 2% paid by the borrower. Seattle Title Trust Co., trustee. Security.—Secured by a closed 1st mtg. on the land and 8-story building being erected at the S. E. corner of East 43rd St. and Brooklyn Ave., Seattle. Earnings.—The net income is estimated at \$35,454, after allowing for vacancies, operating expenses, taxes and insurance.  
**White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings.—**

Period—	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$5,287,613	\$4,595,050	\$8,508,241	\$7,507,776
Cost and expenses	4,337,984	3,576,413	7,121,089	5,654,770
Operating profit	\$949,629	\$1,018,637	\$1,387,152	\$1,853,006
Income charges (net)	21,852	16,541	42,460	35,057
× Net income	\$927,777	\$1,002,096	\$1,344,692	\$1,818,949
× Before depreciation, depletion and Federal taxes.				\$—

—V. 122, p. 3225.  
**White Sewing Machine Corp.—Definitive Debentures.—**

The Chemical National Bank is prepared to deliver definitive 6% 10-year sinking fund debentures, due 1936, with permanent common stock purchase warrants attached, in exchange for outstanding temporary bonds and warrants. (For offering of debentures see V. 122, p. 363.)—V. 122, p. 2670  
**Williams Tool Corp.—Annual Report.—**

	1925.	1924.	1923.
Operating profit for year	\$71,160	\$65,005	\$61,789
Preferred dividends	23,508	24,000	28,500
Charges against patents, &c.	39,331	27,629	24,059
Surplus	\$8,321	\$13,376	\$9,230

—V. 120, p. 1639.  
**Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co.—Sub. Co. Stock.—**The Yellow Coach Mfg. Co., a subsidiary, has decreased its authorized capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$500,000.—V. 123, p. 337, 218.  
For other Investment News, see page 469.

Reports and Documents.

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GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

EXTRACT FROM REPORT—FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925.

CAPITAL STOCK.

There has been no change during the year in the authorized share capital, same remaining at \$250,000,000, of which there had been issued to December 31 1925 ----- \$249,550,650

There was held in the treasury \$634,100 of this amount, the amount actually outstanding in the hands of the public being \$248,916,550, a decrease of \$560,600 during the year. This decrease is the net result of the return to the treasury of \$633,000 held by the "Great Northern Employees' Investment Company, Limited," and an increase of \$72,400 fully paid up and issued stock, subscribed for at par by residents of the territory to be served by the proposed extension west of Scobey, Montana.

The Interstate Commerce Commission by its order dated August 19 1925, authorized the Company to issue not to exceed \$300,000 of its preferred capital stock, to be sold for cash, at par, to persons interested in securing a line between Scobey, Montana, and Opheim, Montana, now under construction, the proceeds to be applied to the construction of this line. The entire issue was subscribed and underwritten by responsible parties. At the close of the year \$72,400 had been fully paid up and certificates of stock had been issued therefor.

FUNDED DEBT.

The balance sheet, page 19 [pamphlet report], shows amounts of bonds outstanding December 31 1925. The figures compared with those of December 31 1924 follow:

	1925.	1924.	Increase.
Outstanding in hands of the Public	\$318,866,515 16	\$316,082,815 16	\$2,783,700 00
Held in the Company's Treasury	25,005,000 00	25,005,000 00	-----
Held by Mortgage Trustees	51,145,393 93	51,145,393 93	-----
Totals	\$395,016,909 09	\$392,233,209 09	\$2,783,700 00
Increase in amount of bonds outstanding in hands of the Public was due to the issue of 4½% Trust Certificates—Great Northern Railway Equipment Trust, Series "D," dated January 1 1925	-----	-----	\$4,250,000
Less—The St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. Consolidated Mortgage bonds redeemed through the operation of the Sinking Fund, as per statement on page 23 pamphlet report	-----	\$22,000	-----
Notes maturing and paid during 1925, under the various equipment trust agreements	-----	1,444,300	1,466,300
Net increase	-----	-----	\$2,783,700

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY EQUIPMENT TRUST, SERIES "D."

This trust was created by agreement dated January 1 1925, to which the Great Northern Equipment Company, The First National Bank of the City of New York, Trustee, and the Great Northern Railway Company are parties. Under the Trust \$4,250,000 of 4½% equipment trust certificates maturing in annual installments over a period of fifteen years have been issued, representing approximately 75% of the cost of equipment leased by the Trustee to the railway company. The equipment under the trust consists of four locomotives, two thousand six hundred and twenty-five freight cars of various types, twenty oil tank cars, forty steel air dump cars, one steel spreader, and one 30-ton crane and ditcher. These certificates were sold for cash at 96.89% and accrued interest.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Directors:

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30 1926.

On January 26 1926 a brief report was sent to each shareholder giving income statistics for the year 1925 and facts concerning the year's operation. Similar statistics for the first six months of 1926, 1925 and five-year average, 1921-1925, will show approximately the following:

	1926. (June Est.)	1925.	1921-1925. 5-Year Ave.
Revenue from freight transportation	\$36,485,000	\$35,734,558	\$34,279,355
Revenue from passenger transportation	5,895,000	6,279,453	6,868,514
Revenue from mail, express and other sources	4,695,000	4,826,295	4,791,261
Total railway operating revenues	\$47,075,000	\$46,840,306	\$45,939,130
Railway operating expenses	35,905,000	35,683,864	38,401,006
Net revenue from railway operations	\$11,170,000	\$11,156,442	\$7,538,124
Taxes	4,460,000	4,528,495	4,283,137
Equipment and joint facility rents (credit)	310,000	216,619	619,884
Net railway operating income	\$7,020,000	\$6,844,566	\$3,874,871
Other income	\$5,900,000	\$5,389,263	5,489,146
Total income	\$12,920,000	\$12,233,829	\$9,364,017
Interest and other deductions	\$9,120,000	\$9,182,473	8,552,088
Balance available for dividends	\$3,800,000	\$3,051,356	\$811,929
Net railway operating income for twelve months	-----	\$28,276,183	\$21,470,494

\* Includes \$4,150,900 dividend from C. B. & Q. stock. a Includes \$4,025,000 interest on bonds issued for purchase of C. B. & Q. stock.

Present indications are that the earnings for the year 1926 will be somewhat better than they were for 1925.

SUMMARY OF OPERATING INCOME FOR THE YEARS 1923, 1924 AND 1925.

Item—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Average mileage of road operated	8,242.09	8,251.44	8,254.21
Transportation revenue	110,963,697	107,486,902	116,965,370
Incidental operating revenues	3,961,263	2,756,202	3,112,401
Total railway operating revenues	114,924,960	110,243,104	120,077,771
Railway operating expenses	75,827,288	75,212,059	86,750,523
Net operating revenue	39,097,672	35,031,045	33,327,248
Railway tax accruals	9,801,946	10,257,741	9,113,226
Uncollectible railway revenues	7,844	12,267	20,982
Railway operating income	29,287,882	24,761,037	24,193,040
Equipment rents—net	Dr. 726,135	Dr. 304,269	Cr. 806,631
Joint facility rents—net	Dr. 285,564	Dr. 255,481	Dr. 267,679
Net railway operating income	28,276,183	24,201,287	24,731,992
Ratio of expenses to revenues (%)	66.0	68.2	72.2

There was no shortage or deficiency in car supply or service at any time during the year, and at all times the Company could have handled a much larger traffic without congestion or car shortage.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC.

A synopsis of the tons of freight moved and revenue received for the years 1925 and 1924 is given below:

Commodity.	1925.		1924.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
	Tons.	Gross Revenue.	Tons.	Gross Revenue.	Tons.	Gross Revenue.
Products of agriculture	5,863,719	\$25,443,220	6,610,351	\$28,621,715	—746,632	—\$3,178,495
Animals and products	601,555	4,539,880	526,012	3,851,517	+75,543	+688,363
Products of mines	19,344,117	18,986,609	17,803,622	18,217,017	+1,540,495	+769,592
Products of forests	4,028,387	15,545,354	3,500,672	13,624,004	+524,715	+1,921,350
Manufact's and misc.	3,656,842	25,583,700	3,229,093	21,830,418	+427,749	+3,753,282
Total	33,494,620	\$90,098,763	31,669,750	\$86,144,671	+1,824,870	+\$3,954,092

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

The increased patronage of the long distance trains, particularly the Oriental Limited, has more than offset the loss in local passenger traffic. The large mountain type locomotives, which haul the heavy trans-continental trains, are able to start and stop them with perfect ease, and to maintain a uniform speed. This, together with the smooth roadbed and the cleanliness resulting from the use of oil instead of coal for fuel for more than twelve hundred miles west of Williston, North Dakota, makes the journey on these trains unusually attractive. Specially built and specially decorated coaches, in conformity with the furnishings of the Oriental Limited dining cars, sleeping cars and observation cars, have recently been put into service. These coaches are believed to be superior to any others now in service, and will still further increase the comfort and attractiveness of the train. Attention is called to illustration on page 13 [pamphlet report].

The use of automobiles in recent years has seriously reduced local railway passenger business in Great Northern territory, and especially in the State of Minnesota. The passengers carried and the passenger train miles run by the railways in that State each year, 1920 to 1925, have been as follows:

	Passengers Carried.	Passenger Train Miles.
1920	18,360,678	14,667,330
1921	13,372,072	14,588,131
1922	11,148,295	14,139,612
1923	10,434,122	14,460,723
1924	7,981,450	14,182,873
1925	7,130,571	13,835,789

As the Great Northern has 2,100 miles of line in Minnesota, or nearly twice that of the next railway—the C. M. & St. P.—and nearly one-fourth the total in the State, its local passenger earnings have been more affected than those of any other carrier.

The Company is making extensive use of rail motor cars, a total of 22 having been put into service or purchased for local passenger runs. While the private automobile is mostly responsible for the decline in railway passenger travel, the highway bus has come into general use, and has been handling a large number of people. In some cases the patronage of the buses indicates a decided preference for that form of transportation; in other cases the traffic does not seem to justify so much duplication of service, especially considering the essential character of the railway passenger train. In order to meet the Company's obligation to give the public adequate service, and also to protect the Company's rail operations, the Great Northern purchased several bus lines, and consolidated them into the Northland Transportation Company. This company now owns 140



buses. The law enacted in Minnesota in 1925 gives the State Railroad and Warehouse Commission authority over use of highways by commercial vehicles and makes it practicable for the first time in this State to provide a complete transportation system correlating the use of the railways with that of the highways. With proper attention and co-operation it is believed that a decided improvement and economy may be effected over the unregulated highway competition which previously existed.

OIL DEVELOPMENT IN MONTANA.

There is a marked increase in this industry. The Kevin-Sunburst field, located on the Company's lines, now has 396 producing wells with a weekly average of 54,000 barrels. Refineries located in Great Northern territory have an aggregate capacity of 18,000 barrels per day. Oil from this field is used for locomotive fuel on the line from the western part of North Dakota to the Columbia Basin, the oil used between the Columbia Basin and Puget Sound being obtained from California fields.

IMMIGRATION AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

An intensive immigration and colonization campaign is being conducted by means of exhibits, farm journals, newspapers and traveling representatives. With the aid and co-operation of experienced farmers, business men's clubs and agricultural colleges, the development of diversified farming has been stimulated. There is a substantial increase in the number of pure-bred dairy cattle, sheep and other livestock on farms in Great Northern territory.

The new beet sugar factories, at Sydney and Chinook, Montana, and Bellingham, Washington, manufactured 13,500 tons. The construction of a factory at East Grand Forks, Minnesota, will be completed in time for the 1926 crop. This industry is expanding and experienced beet sugar growers are settling in Great Northern territory.

The constant increase in the production of livestock, dairy products, poultry and eggs is reflected in the greater revenue received for the transportation of these commodities.

MAINTENANCE OF TRACK, STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.

The track and structures are in first class condition, the highest modern standards being followed. On account of the abundance of timber especially suited for ties, along the Great Northern line, preservative treatment of ties was not followed very extensively until recent years. Cost of ties, as well as cost of placing them, has increased so much that the practice is now justified. Accordingly, for the past three years treated ties have averaged 69% of total ties placed. This increases the maintenance cost for the time being, but is an economy in the long run.

The maintenance of the property is carried out on a budget plan by which the forces are stabilized as much as possible. A distinctive feature of this plan, as applied to maintenance of equipment, is that improvements and betterments are made only as the locomotive, passenger cars or freight cars come to the shops for general repairs or overhauling. A list of the improvements made in 1925, as well as the proposed work in 1926, is shown below [in pamphlet report]. The road is adequately equipped in all respects; type of equipment owned is well adapted to the efficient and economical handling of the traffic and the physical condition of the equipment is excellent.

CHANGE OF LINE AND ELECTRIFICATION IN CASCADE MOUNTAINS.

In order to eliminate heavy maintenance expense and reduce the cost of operating trains over the Cascade Mountains, it was decided to construct a new line between Scenic and Berne, Washington, involving a single track tunnel 7.77 miles in length, on a 1.57% maximum grade. This line change was authorized by the Board of Directors on November 19 1925. The work is now fully organized and excellent progress is being made, 6,196 lineal feet of tunnel having been driven up to June 1926. It is expected that the new line will be in operation by the end of 1928. See map and profile, page 14 [pamphlet report].

The physical features of the old and new lines are as follows:

	Old Line.	New Line.	Favorable to New Line.
Length	17.65 Miles	9.99 Miles	7.66 Miles
Total curvature	2147 deg.	190 deg.	1957 deg.
Maximum curvature	7.600 Ft. of 10deg.C.	973 Ft. of 6 deg. C.	10 curves, total length 6.627 Ft.
Total Maximum Grade (2.2%)	14.10 Miles	0.77 Miles	13.33 Miles
Summit elevation	3,383 Ft.	2,882 Ft.	501 Ft.
Total rise westward	546 Ft.	45 Ft.	501 Ft.
Total fall westward	1,325 Ft.	824 Ft.	501 Ft.
Snow sheds, total length	6.04 Miles	0.00 Miles	6.04 Miles
Tunnels, total length	3.66 Miles	7.77 Miles	*4.11 Miles
Total snow sheds and tunnels	9.70 Miles	7.77 Miles	1.93 Miles
Bridges, total length	0.23 Miles	0.04 Miles	0.19 Miles

Since 1910 eastbound freight and passenger trains have been handled through Cascade Tunnel by means of electric locomotives, which have pulled the steam engine and train intact through the tunnel. In addition, steam helper service has been required. In order to eliminate such helper service, the line between Skykomish and Cascade Tunnel, a distance of 24 miles, will be electrified. Contract has been made with the Puget Sound Power and Light Company for the necessary electrical energy to operate the line.

\*For Comparative Balance Sheet, &c., see under "Annual Reports" on a preceding page.

(Wm.) Wrigley Jr. Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. June 30—	1925.	1926.	6 Mos. to June 30—	1925.	1926.
Net profit	\$4,586,887	\$4,832,612	\$9,117,775	\$9,275,101		
Expenses	1,680,897	2,005,508	3,289,267	3,576,738		
Depreciation	139,720	466,782	280,630	257,841		
Federal taxes	373,446		748,963	680,065		
Net income	\$2,392,823	\$2,360,322	\$4,798,914	\$4,760,456		

—V. 122, p. 2344.  
**Wyman-Gordon Co., Boston.—Capital Readjustment.**  
 The company has cancelled \$2,150,000 preferred stock called and held in the treasury, reducing its capital to 21,500 shares of common stock, par \$100, which has been changed to 107,500 shares of no par value stock by the exchange of 5 new shares for 1 old.—V. 119, p. 2190.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Earnings.—

Results for—	3 Mos. End. June 30—	1926.	6 Mos. End. June 30—	1925.	1926.
Net earnings	\$8,427,893	\$6,954,168	\$15,876,309	\$14,377,708	
Add—Other income	1,304,772	831,185	2,033,884	1,283,535	
Gross income	\$9,732,665	\$7,785,353	\$17,910,193	\$15,661,243	
Deduct—Miscell. charges	1,459,579	605,106	1,868,829	945,166	
Net income	\$8,273,086	\$7,180,246	\$16,041,364	\$14,716,076	
Prov. for depr. of plants, bldgs., mach. & oth. eq.	2,065,409	2,016,949	4,115,832	4,025,615	
Prov. for depl. of minerals	239,158	251,988	498,000	511,434	
Interest	1,064,723	1,067,475	2,128,898	2,144,568	
Prov. for Fed. tax. (est.)	722,000	419,000	1,312,000	914,000	
Preferred dividends	249,220	249,219	498,440	498,437	
Common dividends	987,606	987,606	1,975,212	1,975,212	

Surplus, balance \$2,944,970 \$2,188,010 \$5,512,981 \$4,646,811  
 x From operations after deducting all expenses of the business and after deducting charges for repairs and maintenance of plants.—V. 122, p. 2344.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Dillon, Read & Co. have prepared a special analysis of the Seaboard Air Line Ry., which shows that the first and consolidated mortgage bonds are substantially equal to the refunding mortgage bonds and rank close to the first mortgage bonds in investment value. The \$64,139,000 of authenticated consolidated mortgage bonds are secured by \$53,921,000 refunding mortgage bonds, and in addition by direct first mortgage lien on 442 miles of railroad. The analysis also shows that the road ranks first among all large railway systems excepting in New England in percentage of manufactures and miscellaneous freight to total traffic, drawing traffic from the tobacco and cotton manufacturing regions of North Carolina, the iron and coal district of Alabama, and the agricultural regions of Georgia and Florida.

—Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee, paying agent and registrar under the indenture of the General Power & Light Co. dated July 1 1926, securing an authorized issue of \$1,500,000 par value one-year gold notes dated July 1 1926 and due July 1 1927; and has also been named transfer agent for the stock of the Joseph Bancroft & Sons Co.

—Compilations by S. W. Straus & Co. show a total of \$419,990,000 real estate bond issues underwritten in the United States during the first half of the present year, the distribution by months being as follows: January, \$83,082,000; February, \$50,946,500; March, \$66,442,500; April, \$59,831,500; May, \$65,087,500; June, \$94,600,000. The number of issues was 485, which were brought out by months as follows: January, 91; February, 50; March, 92; April, 84; May, 79; June, 89.

—Lucius B. Manning, for four years with Seaverns & Co., announces the organization of Manning & Co., Inc., underwriters of stocks and bonds, and the opening of Chicago offices at 208 South La Salle St. Mr. Manning is also Treasurer and a director of the Auburn Automobile Co., manufacturers of the Auburn automobile, at Auburn, Ind.

—Borton & Borton, Hanna Bldg., Cleveland, are distributing the thirteenth annual edition of their "Manual of Cleveland Securities," which briefly describes corporations whose securities are bought and sold in the Cleveland market. Copies will be sent by Borton & Borton to those interested on request.

—Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed fiscal agent with respect to the payment of semi-annual interest and the payment of principal under bond redemption and at final maturity, of \$1,500,000 Bay Biscayne Bridge Co. first mortgage sinking fund 6 1/4% gold bonds, due July 1 1941.

—H. C. Speer & Sons Co., Chicago, announce the election of Richard B. Walsh and Bert M. Kohler as Vice-Presidents. Mr. Walsh was formerly manager of the bond department of American Trust Co., South Bend, Ind., and Mr. Kohler has been a member of the H. C. Speer organization for the past ten years.

—George Pesle, formerly with Morgan, Harjes & Co., Paris, and the Bankers Trust Co., Paris branch, and more recently with the foreign department of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, has become associated with Eastman, Dillon & Co. in their Chicago office.

—George W. Treat has been elected President of E. H. Rollins & Sons, to succeed the late Walter H. Seavey. Mr. Treat has been connected with the Rollins organization for 25 years and has been a member of the board of directors since 1915.

—Prescott, Wright, Snider Co., investment bankers, Kansas City, Mo., have opened an office in the Fourth National Bank Building, Wichita, Kan., under the management of C. A. Jones, to handle general market and municipal bonds.

—Lester B. Platt has joined the Guardian Securities Co. (Newark), and will represent that organization in Northeastern New Jersey. Previously Mr. Platt was affiliated with Hambleton & Co., of New York and Baltimore.

—Shields & Co. of New York announce that Howell Archard, formerly with Edward B. Smith & Co., and the Royal Securities Corporation, has become associated with them in their trading department.

—Wilder, McAllister & Brady, Inc., announce the opening of their third out-of-town office in the Southern Building, Washington, D. C., under the management of John Henry Burgess.

—Heilner, King & Goldman, members New York Stock Exchange, New York City, announce that Howard W. Birnbaum is associated with them as Manager of their Stock Department.

—H. M. Brooks, formerly with A. B. Leach & Co., has joined the investment department of Reinhart & Bennett, members of the New York Stock Exchange, New York City.

—Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed as coupon paying agent for St. Paul Centralized High School District of Charleston County, South Carolina, 5% bonds.

—Pending completion of permanent quarters, P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., announce the removal of their Chicago offices to 170 West Monroe St. Telephone Franklin 6001.

# 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, July 23 1926.

**COFFEE** on the spot was slow with Santos 4s quoted at 22½ to 22¾c.; and Rio 7s at 19¾ to 19¾c. Fair to good Cucuta, 24½ to 25c.; Laguayra washed Caracas, good, 27¾ to 28¾c.; Porto Cabello, washed, 26½ to 27¼c.; Colombian Ocaña, 24¼ to 24¾c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 26¼ to 26¾c.; washed, 28½ to 29c.; Honda, 28¼ to 28¾c. Mild coffee was quoted ½c. higher with few offers from Colombia and these very high. Venezuela quoted high prices and reported a scarcity of coffee. Drought may be telling. Mild coffee was in better demand here. Roasters, it is said, are not very well supplied with coffee. Prompt shipments are quiet, as offers for future shipment are at considerable discounts. Offers included prompt shipment Bourbon Santos 2-4s at 22½c.; 2-5s at 21.60 to 22¼c.; 3-5s at 21½ to 22c.; 4-5s at 21.10c.; 5-6s at 20½ to 21.05c.; 6s at 20¾c.; Bourbon grinders 5-6s at 21c.; 6-7s at 20.20c.; 7-8s at 19 to 20.40c.; part Bourbon 3s at 21.90 to 22½c.; 3-5s at 21.35 to 22.10c.; 5s at 21.40c.; 5-6s at 20¾ to 21¼c.; Rio 4-6s at 19.80c.; 7s at 18.55 to 18.90c.; 7-8s at 18.30 to 18½c. Victoria 7-8s at 18.15c.; future shipment Santos 4-5s at 21.05c. August; August-September 4s at 21¼c.; October-December 4s, part Bourbon, at 20¾c.; January-March Bourbon 3-5s at 19.30 to 19¾c.

Cost and freight offers were again lower. Sales of Rio 7s were made on bids for prompt shipment at 18 to 18¼c. and Victoria 3-8s at 17¾c. Prompt shipment tenders included Santos 3-4s at 21½c.; 3-5s at 20¾ to 21c.; 4-5s at 20.60 to 21c.; Bourbon grinders 7-8s at 18.60 to 19.65c.; part Bourbon flat bean 2-3s at 22¾c.; 3s at 23¾c.; 3-5s at 20¾ to 21.10c.; 4-5s at 20.60 to 20.75c.; 6-7s at 19.65c.; 7-8s grinders at 18.35c.; Santos peaberry 4s at 30.65c.; 4-5s at 20¾c.; Rio 7s at 18.15 to 18.25c.; 7-8s at 17.95c. Future shipment Santos August 3-5s part Bourbon at 20½c.; Aug.-Nov. 20½c.; Aug.-Dec. at 20¼c.; Oct.-Dec. Bourbon 3-5s at 20.35c.; part Bourbon 20.05c.; Jan.-March 3-5s part Bourbon at 18.90 to 19¼c. On the 22nd inst. cost and freight offers included prompt shipment Bourbon Santos 3s at 21¾ to 22¾c.; 3-4s at 21.40c.; 3-5s at 21 to 21½c.; 4-5s at 20¾c.; 5-6s at 20.40c.; 7s at 19½c.; Bourbon grinders 6-7s at 19½c.; 7-8s at 18.30 to 18.55c.

To-day the spot market was dull with Santos 4s quoted 22½ to 23c and Rio 7s, 19¾ to 19¾c. Rio futures were unchanged to 50 reis lower. Rio exchange 7 23-32d. and dollars reis off to 6\$360. Santos was unchanged to 75 reis higher with exchange 7 23-32d. and dollars 10 reis lower at 6\$390. Futures rallied at one time on rising Brazilian prices. A cable reported slight frost, but no damage. Other cables asserted some damage had been done to the early flowering. Cost and freight offers on the 19th inst. were higher. Foreign buying and local covering here imported a firmer tone. Futures on the 21st inst were 16 to 23 points lower with sales of 50,000 bags. Frost talk died out. Brazilian prices fell. The trade here sold. Santos term prices dropped 325 to 550 reis with the exchange rate down 7-64d. and the dollar rate 100 reis net higher. Rio was 100 reis lower to 775 reis higher with exchange off to 7 19-32d. and the dollar rate 80 reis net higher. Rio de Janeiro cabled that the Permanent Institute of Coffee reported coffee stocks in Sao Paulo interior warehouses and railways 2,811,000 bags on July 15 against 2,833,000 bags on June 30, the latter including Minas Geraes.

Two districts in the State of Sao Paulo at one time reported frost with temperatures in all districts low. But declines in both Rio and Santos exchange rates seemed to intimate that no damage had been done. Futures here dropped on the 20th inst. Foreign interests sold. Some call it a waiting affair with Brazil and local trade interests doing little. Shippers have offered costs and freights at lower prices without the local trade responding readily. Lack of July notices due to inability to make deliveries profitably maintained the spot month, although owing to their discounts any adverse crop conditions could easily cause an advance in later months. Futures advanced 22 to 27 points later on foreign buying and covering partly on stop orders with costs and freights higher. Today futures advanced 2 to 8 points on the general list, though July ran up 20 points to 18.90c. Afterwards there was a reaction, ending 5 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 69,000 bags. Final prices show a rise for the week of 37 points on July and 16 points on September with December 4 points lower.

Spot unofficial... 19¾ | September... 17.73a | March... 16.23a trad  
 July... a | December... 16.76a trad | May... 15.85a trad

**SUGAR.**—Cuban raws were distinctly firmer. Sales early in the week included 60,000 bags of Cuba prompt at 2¾c.;

4,100 tons of prompt Porto Rico at 4.14c. Far Eastern buyers took 7,000 tons of Cuba, August loading at 2.25c. f. o. b., other sales it seemed only awaiting tonnage. On the 20th inst. 150,000 bags or more sold at 2¾c. Later a smaller business was done also at 2¾c. Refined was 5.50 to 5.70c. with rather large withdrawals but a disappointing new business. On the 22nd inst. offerings in the cost and freight market were scarce. Sales were 53,000 bags of Cuba prompt shipment to refiners at 2¾c.; 1,100 tons of Philippines afloat and not far off to a refiner at 4.14c. together with 3,000 tons of Cuba at 2¾c. Receipts for the week were 25,356 tons against 48,276 in the previous week, 35,702 in the same week last year and 42,653 two years ago; exports 55,360 tons against 84,418 in the previous week, 76,187 in the same week last year, and 96,132 two years ago; stock 1,261,446 against 1,291,450 in the previous week, 1,037,631 last year and 638,775 two years ago; centrals grinding 1, against the same last week, 10 last year and 2 two years ago. September liquidation is imminent. That is a damper. When September liquidation is over the tone is expected to improve. Buying for Europe is expected later on to give the price a fillip.

According to one computation Cuban statistics were as follows: Arrivals 42,135 tons; exports 68,633 tons and stock 1,249,634. One central was grinding. Of the exports 5,571 tons for New York, 7,514 for Philadelphia, 11,084 for Boston, 3,805 Baltimore, 9,856 New Orleans, 3,736 Savannah, 8,786 Galveston, 57 interior of United States, 1,744 United Kingdom and 780 for France. In the cost and freight market offerings were larger at one time at 2 13-32c. in prompt and first half August and 2 7-16c. later deliveries. Cuba bought futures on the 20th inst. and when its buying stopped prices fell on September liquidation and selling against purchases of cost and freight sugar. In Germany there has been considerable rain. In Czechoslovakia it has been cooler with scattered rains. European cables said: "Continental weather improved, but some damage done especially in Bohemia reported irreparable." Further cables said there were sellers of Cuba for August shipment at 11s. 6d., with buyers at 11s. 4½d. c.i.f.

Some contend that the technical position of the futures market is much improved by the elimination of the weak holdings, especially since there exists a very large short interest hedged against production which remains to be covered as the actual sugar is sold. Some pointed out that the price has reached a low level for the year on heavy September liquidation which extended to the rest of the list. Hedge selling by producing interests contributed to the unsettlement. Cuba sold down recently, as everybody knows, to 2 5-16c. Refiners were firm, however, at 5.50 to 5.70c. Distribution of refined is good, though the trade are not anticipating forward requirements, owing to the setback in futures recently. A cable from London to the "Federal Reporter" said: "Lyle reduced price of preference granulated 12 pence." To-day prices were 1 to 3 points higher on futures with sales of 75,700 tons. Prompt raws were quiet at 2¾c. with some further sales at that price. London was quiet and steady at 2.24c. Refined was in better demand. Final prices show a decline for the week of some 3 points on most months, with prompt raws 1-32c. higher at 2¾c.

Spot unofficial	2¾	September	2.41a	March	2.66a	2.67
July	a	December	2.59a	2.60	May	2.76a

**LARD** on the spot was in small demand. Prime Western, 16.30 to 16.40c.; Middle Western, 16.15 to 16.25c.; city, in tierces, 16c.; city, in tubs, 16¼c. Compound carlots in tierces, 16¼ to 16½c.; refined, Continent, 16¾c.; South America, 17¾c.; Brazil, in kegs, 18¾c. To-day prices were steady but quiet. Prime Western, 16.30c. Futures fell at the start on the 21st inst. with larger hog receipts, a break in hog prices of 25 to 50c. and cash lard dull. But later came a quick rally on covering on a better technical position after the recent thoroughgoing liquidation. To-day prices closed 7 to 10 points higher on lard and 8 to 17 points higher on cottonseed oil. Hog products were in general firmer. Buying was rather more popular. Covering was noticed. Hogs closed 15c. higher with receipts smaller. The West got 61,000, against 72,000 last year. Chicago expects 4,000 to-morrow. The futures market on the whole was not a broad affair though sentiment inclined to the buying side. Final prices show a decline for the week of 22 to 27 points.

### DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	cts. 15.80	15.77	15.55	15.60	15.50	15.60
September delivery	16.00	15.95	15.70	15.80	15.72	15.80
October delivery	16.02	15.97	15.70	15.82	15.72	15.80

PORK quiet; mess, \$40 50; family, \$43 to \$45; fatback pork, \$32 to \$34. Ribs declined; cash, 16.75c.; basis 40 to 60 lbs. average. Beef quiet; mess, \$18 to \$20; packet, \$18 to \$20; family, \$22 to \$23; extra India mess, \$35 to \$40; No. 1

canned corned beef, \$3; No. 2, \$8 25; 6 lbs., \$18 50; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$60 nominal. Meats steady but slow of sale; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 27 3/4 to 29 1/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 26 1/2 to 27c.; bellies, clear dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 20 3/4c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 21 1/2c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring, 34 to 42c. Cheese, 21 1/2 to 24c. Eggs, medium to extras, 28 to 33 1/2c.

**OILS.**—Linseed has been in good demand and firm at 12.1c. for spot carlots, 11.3c. raw tanks, 11.5c. for boiled tanks, and 12.1c. for July-August. Coconut oil, Ceylon f.o.b. coast, tanks, 9 1/4c.; Manila coast, tanks, 9 1/4c.; spot, tanks, 9 3/4c.; Cochin barrels, spot, 12 1/4c. China wood, spot, N. Y. barrels, 15 1/2c. Corn, crude, tanks, plant, 12 1/2c. Olive, Den., \$1 20. Soya bean, coast, tanks, 10 3/4c.; blown barrels, 14 3/4c. Lard, prime, 18 1/4c.; extra strained, winter, N. Y., 14 3/4c. Cod, domestic, 58 to 60c.; Newfoundland, 60 to 62c. Turpentine, 88 to 93 1/2c. Rosin, \$14 45 to \$16 40. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switchers, 11,100 bbls. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	14.75a	September	14.00a	14.05	December	10.95a	10.99
July	15.06a	15.23	October	12.76a	12.80	January	10.92a
August	14.80a	14.99	November	11.35a	11.28	February	10.89a

**PETROLEUM.**—Gasoline has been in brisk demand owing to the warmer weather. United States motor was 13 to 13 1/4c.; in tank cars delivered to trade, 14 to 14 1/4c. In the Gulf, U. S. motor was 12c. and 64-66 gravity 375 end point 14 3/8c. Cased gasoline was steady but quiet. Kerosene has been featureless. Most of the buying is for immediate needs. Water white was quoted at 9 1/2c. in tank cars at refineries and 10 1/2c. in tank cars delivered to the trade. Prime white was 1/2c. under water white. Bunker oil steady at \$1 75 for grade C at New York Harbor refineries, and \$1 81 1/2 f.a.s. New York Harbor. Diesel oil steady at \$2 50. Gas oil firmer; 36-40, 6 1/2c.; 28-34, 6c. Gasoline consumption in 32 States as indicated by reports of wholesalers and dealers in various States under provisions of gasoline tax laws or gasoline inspection laws, for five months ended May 1926, totaled 1,571,227,000 gallons, against 1,337,498,000 gallons in corresponding period of 1925, an increase of 233,729,000 gallons or 17.4%, according to the American Petroleum Institute. Gasoline consumption in the same 32 States in May 1926, totaled 373,434,000 gallons, against 328,804,000 in May 1925, an increase of 44,630,000 gallons, or 13.6%. Gasoline later was more active on jobbers' buying. At New York Harbor refineries, U. S. motor was 13 to 13 1/4c.; tank cars delivered to the trade, 14 to 14 1/2c. In the Gulf section, U. S. motor, 12c.; 64-66 gravity, 375 end point, 14 3/8 to 14 1/2c. Cased gasoline steady but slow. Kerosene very quiet. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cargo lots, U. S. motor specifications, deodorized, 28.90c.; bulk, refinery, 13 1/4c.; kerosene, cargo lots, cases, 18.90c.; W. W. 150 degrees, 20.15c.; petroleum, refined, tanks, wagon to store, 17c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 21c.; up-State, 21c.; single tank cars delivered New York, 14c.; naphtha, V.M.P., deodorized, in steel bbls., 21c.

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas—	Elk Basin	\$2.40
28-28.9	Big Muddy	2.25
32-32.9	Lance Creek	2.40
52 and above	Homer 35 and above	2.20
Louisiana and Arkansas—	Caddo	2.20
32-34.9	Below 32 deg	2.10
35-37.9	32-34.9	2.25
38 and above	38 and above	2.45
Pennsylvania	Buckeye	\$3.05
28-28.9	Bradford	3.40
32-32.9	Liga	2.48
52 and above	Indiana	2.25
Louisiana and Arkansas—	Princeton	2.37
32-34.9	Canadian	2.58
35-37.9	Corsican heavy	1.15
38 and above	De Soto	2.30
Pennsylvania	Eureka	\$3.25
28-28.9	Illinois	2.37
32-32.9	Orlinton	2.10
52 and above	Plymouth	1.90
Louisiana and Arkansas—	Haynesville	33deg. 2.10
32-34.9	Gulf Coastal "A"	1.60
35-37.9		
38 and above		

**RUBBER** on the 21st inst. was steady but quiet. London is divided as to whether restriction will be imposed at the end of the present quarter. It is pointed out that it would not reduce shipments below their present level until six months after reimposition. American manufacturers seem to be gradually increasing their stocks against that eventuality. If restriction is not imposed prices which are now 80 cents lower than a year ago are expected to decline further. As the surplus of rubber here and abroad will increase and receipts will exceed consumption by fully 5,000 tons a month up to the end of this year. July was 40.60c.; Sept., 41.60. Old July, 40.50c.; outside prices were as follows: Plantations: First latex crepe spot, 42c.; July, 41 1/2c.; Aug.-Sept., 42c.; Oct.-Dec., 42 1/2c. Ribbed smoked sheets spot, 41 1/2c.; July, 41 1/4c.; Aug.-Sept., 41 1/2c.; Oct.-Dec., 42c. Brown crepe, thin, clean, 38c.; specky, 33c.; No. 1 rolled, 34c.; amber No. 2, 38c.; No. 3, 37c.; No. 4, 36 1/2c. London on July 21 was dull and about unchanged; spot average rubber price was officially fixed at 21.098d. for the quarter, a decline of 23 points further from Wednesday. Spot, 20 3/8 to 20 1/2d.; August, 20 1/2 to 20 3/4d.; Sept., 20 3/4 to 21d.; Oct.-Dec., 21 to 21 1/4d.; Jan.-March, 21 1/2 to 21 3/4d. Singapore, spot, 19 5/8d.; August-Sept., 19 3/4d.; Oct.-Dec., 19 1/2d.; ex go down Singapore. London stock, 26,732 tons against 26,063 last week, 25,063 on July 5, 23,800 on June 28, 22,664 on June 21 and 4,050 last year. Imports for the week were 1,511 tons.

Prices had advanced 10 to 50 points on the 17th inst., with the pressure to sell. Old July sold at 40.70 and old August at 41.60c. In London on the 17th prices were 1/8 to 1/4d. higher, with spot at 20 3/8d. Saturday is not counted in on the average for the quarter, but this was not expected to have any bearing on probable decisions on the exports unless the market is maintained on Monday. Uudson,

Mass., wired that 1,600 employees of the Firestone-Apsley Rubber Co. who have been on strike would return to work Wednesday Gorning. According to the Rubber Association, from Jan. 1 to May 31 the tire trade used 67,854,832 pounds of cotton fabric, of which 13,278,827 were used during May. On the 20th inst. London closed quiet and unchanged to 1/8d. higher. Spots were quoted at 20 3/8d. and the average price in London for the quarter up to the 19th inst. was 21.121. Private cables stated that it was the opinion in London that the average price will not reach the point designated to check the export movement from the British Far East. American manufacturers seem indifferent to the proposed 20% restriction of rubber exports by the British Government, buying being largely confined to spot and nearby months. Indications point to hand-to-mouth buying among manufactures, with futures neglected. An increasing demand is reported for future deliveries of reclaimed rubber from rubber products manufacturers. Tire producers are said to be buying it more freely.

On the 22nd inst. trade was slow at an early decline of 20 to 60 points; 36 new and 6 contracts sold; Sept. new 41.50c.; July 40.50c.; Oct. 41.70c.; Nov. 4.90c.; July old 40.40c.; Aug. 41c. Outside prices: first latex crepe spot 42c.; July 41 1/2c.; Aug.-Sept. 42c.; Oct.-Dec. 42 1/2c.; Ribbed smoked sheets spot and July 41c.; Aug.-Sept. 41 1/2c.; Oct.-Dec. 42c.; Brown crepe thin clean 38c.; specky 33c.; No. 1 rolled 34c. London cabled a spot quotation of 20 1/4d. with the usual premiums for the fall and over the year positions. Since May 1st the average spot quotation at London has been 21.108d. and unless the spot quotation at London for the next eight days drops to 20 1/4d. to many here it seems doubtful whether any new move towards another 20% restriction in exports will be made. Hudson, Mass. 1,600 employes of the Firestone-Apsley Rubber Co. went back to work after a month's strike which involved all but 400 of the operatives. The strike was caused by the walkout of 200 gaiter makers when the company refused to grant their demand for a flat rate of 70c. an hour in lieu of \$5.50 a day. Under the present temporary agreement the gaiter makers will receive 62c. an hour pending an investigation of their work and wages. Some revision of the wage scale may be made later if the investigation reveals the necessity for it, according to company officials.

London on July 22 declined again, encouraging hopes of a reduction in the exportable allowance for the quarter beginning Aug. 1. The spot price must go below 20.176d. for the remainder of the present quarter to make this possible. Spot, 20 1/4 to 20 1/2d.; August, 20 3/8 to 20 1/2d.; September, 20 1/2 to 20 3/4d.; October-December, 20 3/4d. to 21d.; January-March, 21 1/4 to 21 1/2d. Singapore on July 22 was quiet and steady on light offerings; spot, 19 5/8d.; August, 19 1/2d.; October-December, 20d.; ex go down Singapore. To-day the market was quiet but steady here. January, 42.70c.; March, 42.90c.; July and October, 41.20c. London was quiet and 1/8d. lower. Singapore was rather weaker.

**HIDES** have been in only fair demand but steady. Frigorifico have been neglected. Orinoco, 19 3/4c.; Savanilla, 20c.; native steers, 14 1/2c.; butt brands, 13c.; Colorados, 12c. Of River Plate frigorifico cows offerings amounted at one time to only 1,000. Stocks are light. Texas, 45 to 47c.; New York City calfskins, 5-7s, 1.65 to 1.70c.; 7-9s, 1.95c. 9-12s, 2.55 to 2.60c.

**OCEAN FREIGHTS.**—Grain rates seem to be tending downward. Otherwise rates were reported steady.

**CHARTERS** included grain from North Pacific to United Kingdom-Continent, 30s. to 31s. 6d. September, October and November; from Montreal to Rotterdam, 16c. July; from North Pacific to United Kingdom-Continent, 30s. Aug. 10-31 canceling; 35,000 qrs. from Gulf to United Kingdom, 4s. 3d.; Mediterranean, 4s. 9d.; Aug. 16 canceling; coal from Hampton Roads to Ibley, 18s. 6d. August; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 14s. 6d. second half August; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 17s. July-August; from Atlantic range to Rio de Janeiro, \$4 30 August; from Hampton Roads to River Plate, \$4 50 August; from Hampton Roads to West Italy, part cargo, \$4 25 August; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, \$4 August; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 15s. August; sugar from Cuba to Japan, 31s. August; from Cuba to Japan and (or) Shanghai, \$7 50 September; lumber, 1,000 standards from Miramichi to West Britain-East Ireland, 62s. 6d. one port September; time charters 1,588 net; six months in West Indies trade, \$1 35 prompt; coal from Hampton Roads to Rio de Janeiro, \$4 50 August; from Hampton Roads to Oran, Gibraltar or Marseilles, \$4 prompt; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, \$4 August; from Hampton Roads to Rio de Janeiro, 18s. Aug. 10-20 canceling; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 15s. 3d.; July 25-Aug. 10 canceling; from Hampton Roads to Belfast, \$4 10 prompt; from Hampton Roads to Las Palmas or Tenerife, \$4 25 July-August; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 16s. 6d. July 31 canceling; time charter round trip, 1,226-net steamer, West Indies trade, \$1 85 prompt; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 23s. 9d. August.

**COAL** has been quiet but firm. As usual New York is quiet at this season of the year. But export demand is sharp. That brightens the situation. Those who get the British orders are calling for increasing amounts daily from other producers in the same section in order to fill the demand. Anthracite output keeps up well if indeed it does not increase somewhat. The National Coal Association says that the total tonnage of bituminous coal mined in the United States during the week ended July 17th reached a total of about 10,000,000 tons. This represents a large increase over the tonnage for the previous week when operation was curtailed by the holiday. Last week's total was also nearly 500,000 tons in excess of that for the week ended July 3. Prices continue to be unsatisfactory, says the "Coal Age," responding more readily to adverse than to favorable influences.

**TOBACCO.**—There has been a fair demand and the feeling in the trade is rather confident. The offerings of new Porto Rico crop have been pretty well absorbed by manufacturers

and packers. There was no snap in the trading in Pennsylvania tobacco, nor for that matter was there any real activity in any description. More rain is needed in the growing districts, though, on the whole, the weather is said to have been not unfavorable. Prices are fairly steady and without quotable change.

COPPER has been in good demand and firm at 14.25c. for electrolytic delivered Connecticut Valley. There was a big inquiry for August metal, which is rather scarce. Export prices were 14.05 to 14.10c. f.a.s. New York Harbor. Refinery positions, though firmer, were quiet; electrolytic, 14.17c. f.o.b. refinery, prompt. Casting copper was steady at 13.625c. f.o.b. refinery. Lake copper was in better demand. Some companies report bookings which will take their July production and part of August. The world's production of copper in June was 129,600 tons, against 142,200 tons in May and 140,700 tons in April, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. In the first 6 months of 1926 production of reporting countries was 790,723 tons or 131,787 per month, compared with an average of 128,406 tons monthly in 1925 and 121,623 tons in 1924. Allowing for estimated non-reporting countries' output, in the six months ended June 30 last is placed at 814,600 tons. London on the 21st inst. declined 2s. 6d. to £57 15s. for spot standard and £58 10s. for futures; electrolytic spot advanced 10s. to £68 10s., and futures rose 5s. to £66 5s. Later the market was fairly active and firm at 14 1/4c. for electrolytic. Export copper, 14.15c. f.a.s. New York. Refinery firm with electrolytic at 14c. f.o.b. refinery for prompt and July shipments, 14.05 to 14.10c. for August, and 14.10c. to 14.15c. for September. Casting copper, 13.62c. f.o.b. refinery; Lake, 14.25c. delivered. London was active and firm; standard spot closed at £58 5s. and futures at £59, a net gain for both of 10s.; electrolytic spot £65 and futures £66 10s. London to-day, standard spot, £58 7s. 6d.; futures, £59 2s. 6d.; electrolytic, spot, £66.

TIN of late has been quiet and easier. On the 21st inst. prices declined about 1/8c. with prompt at 63.60; July, 63.375 to 63.50c.; August, 63.375c.; Sept.-Oct., 63c. and later deliveries, 62.867c. London on the 21st advanced 2s 6d. to £285 2s. 6d. for spot standard. Futures declined 5s to £282 10s.; Ztraits advanced 2s. 6d. to £294 2s. 6d. Of late tin has been dull and weaker. Spot and July sold at 63.37 to 63.75c.; August, 63.37 to 63.50c.; Sept., 63.25c. and Oct. and beyond, 63c. London advanced sharply on manipulation apparently. Standard spot rose on the 22nd inst. £1 12s. and futures, 10s. and Straits, £2 12s. 6d. At Singapore 200 tons sold at £290 10s. c.i.f. London, a gain of £1 10s. or 63.25c. delivered at New York. London standard spot, £286 15s.; futures, £283; Straits, £296. London spot to-day, £287 12s. 6d.; futures, £283 2s. 6d.

LEAD was in good demand and firm at 8.50 to 8.60c. New York, and 8.35 to 8.50c. East St. Louis. The leading producer was quoting 8.50c. New York. London on the 21st inst. was rather active but easier; spot, £32 5s.; futures, £31 17s. 6d., a decline on both of 3s. 9d. each. Later the demand was fair and the tone steady at 8.50c. to 8.60c. New York, and 8.35 to 8.45c. St. Louis. London on the 22d inst. was 2s. 6d. lower for spot and 1s. 3d. off on future spot, £32 2s. 6d.; futures, £31 16s. 3d. The American company advanced the price to 8.65c. London spot, £32 2s. 6d.; futures, £32.

ZINC declined \$1 a ton on the 21st inst. with trade quiet. London was also dull and easier. At East St. Louis prime Western metal was 7.45c. and at New York 7.85c. World stocks of zinc as of July 1 1926 were estimated by A. J. M. Sharp as follows: United States 23,400 tons, Canada 2,100 tons, Australia 2,200 tons, Germany and Poland 6,500 tons, Belgium 1,800 tons, France 1,200 tons, Great Britain 1,200 tons, Scandinavia 200 tons, Far East 500 tons, and elsewhere 1,500 tons, making a grand total of 40,600 metric tons. London on the 21st inst. declined 1s. 3d. to £33 18s. 9d. for spot and futures fell 2s. 6d. to £34 6s. 3d. Later zinc was firm but quiet. Western zinc was quoted 5 points higher, a rise of \$1 a ton at 7.45 to 7.50c. St. Louis and 7.80 to 7.85c. New York. London on the 22d inst. was more active and higher; spot, £34, a gain of 1s. 3d.; futures, £34 8s. 9d., a net rise of 2s. 6d. London spot to-day £34 2s. 6d.

STEEL has been firm with an unexpectedly good business for July, so much so that output tends to increase. The U. S. Steel Corporation is running at about 87% of ingot capacity and independents at 78 to 79. The usual mid-summer dullness is not here. The late advances of bar mill products and structurals emphasize the augmented trade in these items. There is not so much activity in steel plates as in the descriptions just mentioned, though sales have increased. They are some \$2 under bars and shapes. Gary, Ind., advices were to the effect that the Illinois Steel Co. received last week more new orders for immediate delivery than ever before in the same period. A new record in orders, it is asserted, was made. There is a high operating schedule of the company plants in Gary, South Chicago and Joliet, with 19 of the Illinois Steel Co.'s 24 blast furnaces in operation. This is a large sized straw. Tin plate has been firm at \$5 50 and export prices tend upward. The heavier steel products are fairly steady, but the output of wire products, strip steel and sheets outruns the demand. Pittsburgh wired that in general steel prices were quite

steady with demand not increasing fast enough to advance prices. Youngstown reports a good demand, especially for pipe, the output of which is increasing. Both steel and wrought pipe makers there are working at about 90% of capacity. Sheet specifications are good. Hot weather seriously interferes with sheet production and prices are steadied accordingly. Black sheets were firmer at 3.15c. Full finished, 4.20 for 22-gauge auto stock.

PIG IRON was in fair demand but less active after the recent spurt in business. Eastern Pennsylvania has been quoted at \$21, and Buffalo at \$19 for No. 2 foundry. The demand, on the whole, is still very good for July, even if the amount of business is not quite so striking as recently. Birmingham reported that sales in small lots were being made to stove foundries and others in that class. Foundry iron shipments are still in excess of output and the price is firm at \$21 per ton, No. 2 foundry, with nothing to suggest that there will be any easing of prices for the fourth quarter. Production continues good in that district regardless of the heat, and July's output is expected to show an increase over that for June. Youngstown reports a very fair demand, but prices are not improved. Generally the No. 2 foundry market is \$18 valley, but prices in some quarters are shaded to \$17 75 and even to \$17 50.

WOOL has been dull with London auctions at lower prices than had been expected. Prices have been steady, but trade has fallen off. The tone is hesitant and uncertain. Merinos in London were firm compared with the last sales and Capes about 5% dearer though to be sure crossbreds were unchanged to 5% lower owing to the British coal strike. In the West prices were firm, and the new clip for the country as a whole is said to be 85% sold either by actual sale or consignment. New York prices:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine, 44 to 45c.; 1/2 blood, 44c.; 3/4 blood, 43 to 44c.; 1/4 blood, 42 to 43c. Territory, clean basis fine staple, \$1 12 to \$1 15; fine medium, French combing, \$1 02 to \$1 05; medium clothing, 96 to 98c.; 1/2 blood staple, 98c. to \$1; 3/4 blood, 88 to 90c.; 1/4 blood, 75 to 80c. Texas clean basis, fine 12 months, \$1 10 to \$1 13; 8 months, 87 to 90c.; fall, 78 to 82c. Pulled scoured basis A super, 95c.; B, 80 to 85c.; C, super, 70 to 75c. Domestic mohair, best combing, 65 to 70c.

In London on July 19, 8,990 bales sold. Demand light; prices unchanged. The Continent bought less. Supply large. Details:

New South Wales, 459 bales scoured merinos, no sales; crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, 16 to 25 1/2d.; crossbreds, no sales. Queensland, 1,494 bales scoured merinos, 35 to 44d.; crossbreds, 30 to 39d.; greasy merinos, 18 to 23 1/2d.; crossbreds, 15 to 21d. Victoria, 114 bales scoured merinos, 24 1/2 to 37d.; crossbreds, 17 to 34 1/2d.; greasy merinos, 15 to 27d.; crossbreds, no sales. South Australia, 281 bales scoured merinos, 17 1/2 to 40d.; crossbreds, 15 1/2 to 32d.; greasy merinos, no sales; crossbreds, no sales. West Australia, 450 bales scoured merinos, no sales; crossbreds, 20 to 30d.; greasy merinos, 17 to 27d.; crossbreds, 12 1/2 to 19 1/2d. New Zealand, 1,442 bales scoured merinos, 30 to 42d.; crossbreds, 20 to 33 1/2d.; greasy merinos, 14 to 24 1/2d.; crossbreds, 8 to 20d. Cape Colony 416 bales scoured merinos, 29 to 36 1/2d.; crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, 15 to 21 1/2d.; crossbreds, no sales. Punta Arenas, 4,275 bales scoured merinos, no sales; crossbreds, no sales. Falkland Islands, 29 bales scoured merinos, no sales; crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, no sales; crossbreds, 13 1/2 to 14 1/2d.

In London on July 20, 13,132 bales sold. Quality attractive; demand good for better sorts; lower grades neglected. Prices generally unchanged. Details:

New South Wales, 1,533 bales scoured merinos, 24 to 40d.; crossbreds, 16 to 34 1/2d.; greasy merinos, 15 to 31d.; crossbreds, 10 to 18 1/2d. Queensland, 4,207 bales scoured merinos, 29 to 45 1/2d.; crossbreds, 15 to 41d.; greasy merinos, 18 to 29d.; crossbreds, 14 to 26d. Victoria, 1,380 bales scoured merinos, 26 to 39 1/2d.; crossbreds, 14 to 34d.; greasy merinos, 14 1/2 to 31d.; crossbreds, no sales. South Australia, 1,217 bales scoured merinos, 24 1/2 to 44 1/2d.; crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, 14 to 27d.; crossbreds, 10 1/2 to 15 1/2d. West Australia, 1,004 bales scoured merinos, 28 to 39 1/2d.; crossbreds, 17 1/2 to 34d.; greasy merinos, 15 to 26 1/2d.; crossbreds, 9 to 22 1/2d. New Zealand, 452 bales scoured merinos, no sales; crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, 20 to 32d.; crossbreds, 8 to 25 1/2d. Cape Colony, 2,908 bales scoured merinos, 24 to 34d.; crossbreds, 13 to 28d.; greasy merinos, 12 1/2 to 22d.; crossbreds, 7 to 18 1/2d. Punta Arenas, 18 bales scoured merinos, 28 to 38d.; crossbreds, 9 to 33d.; greasy merinos, 15 1/2 to 21 1/2d.; crossbreds, no sales. River Plate, 247 bales scoured merinos, no sales; crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, 16 to 23 1/2d.; crossbreds, no sales.

In London on July 21, 12,373 bales were offered. Attendance good; demand sluggish; many withdrawals; prices unchanged. Details:

New South Wales, 3,749 bales scoured merinos, 20 to 24d.; crossbreds, 16 to 38 1/2d.; greasy merinos, 14 to 32d.; crossbreds, 6 to 20d. Queensland, 1,753 bales scoured merinos, 29 to 45 1/2d.; crossbreds, 19 to 39d.; greasy merinos, 17 1/2 to 28d.; crossbreds, 12 1/2 to 21d. Victoria, 1,168 bales scoured merinos, 31 to 41d.; crossbreds, 9 to 33d.; greasy merinos, 12 to 31d.; crossbreds, 11 to 19 1/2d. South Australia, 175 bales scoured merinos, no sales; crossbreds, 17 to 20d.; greasy merinos, 15 to 16 1/2d.; crossbreds, no sales. West Australia, 219 bales scoured merinos, no sales; crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, 17 to 21d.; crossbreds, 9 to 18 1/2d. New Zealand, 1,004 bales scoured merinos, 20 to 39d.; crossbreds, 18 to 35 1/2d.; greasy merinos, 13 to 25d.; crossbreds, 8 1/2 to 19 1/2d. Cape Colony, 589 bales scoured merinos, 26 to 36d.; crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, 13 to 19d.; crossbreds, no sales. Punta Arenas, 3,309 bales scoured merinos, no sales; crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, 10 to 18d.; crossbreds, 6 to 17d. South America, 318 bales scoured merinos, no sales; crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, no sales; crossbreds, 12 1/2 to 22d. English, 89 bales greasy crossbreds, 12 to 15d.

In London to-day offerings were 10,445 bales; demand good for good greasy and scoured merinos, and prices firm. Chief buyers were England and Germany. Prices for lower grades were irregular.

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces in Boston, Delaine unwashed, 45 to 46c.; 1/2 blood combing, 44c.; 3/4 blood combing, 44 to 45c.; 1/4 blood combing, 43 to 44c.; fine unwashed, 40 to 41c. Michigan and New York fleeces, Delaine unwashed, 43 to 44c.; 1/2 blood combing, 42 to 43c.; 3/4 blood combing, 43 to 44c.; 1/4 blood combing, 43c.; fine unwashed, 37 to 38c. Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England, 1/2 blood, 40 to 42c.; 3/4 blood, 42 to 43c.; 1/4 blood, 41 to 42c. Scoured basis, Texas fine 12 months (selected), \$1 10 to \$1 12; fine eight months, 85 to 90c. California Northern, \$1 05 to \$1 07; Middle County, 95 to 97c.; Southern, 75 to 80c.

The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 to July 15 inclusive were 102,462,000 lbs., against 86,902,000 lbs. for the same period last year; receipts from Jan. 1 to July 15 inclusive were 224,279,157 lbs., against 179,280,600 lbs. for the same period last year. Melbourne cabled that the total exports of wool for the fiscal year ended June 30 as 2,665,000 bales from Australia and 617,000

bales from New Zealand, against 1,700,000 and 566,000 bales, respectively, last year, showing a total increase of 1,016,000 bales for the wool year just ended. In Liverpool East India sales opened on the 21st inst. Offerings included none of the wools usually bought for America for clothing purposes. Carpet sorts generally 5% higher. Best clothing higher than the preceding sale. Best white vicanes up to 24d., an advance of nearly 2d.; best white Jorians up to 22 3/4d., against about 21 1/2d. at the preceding series. On July 22 the Liverpool East India wool auctions closed with prices firm at about 7% above the limits prevailing at the close of the previous series. Demand good. Americans bought. Carpet and better wools paid up to 24 1/2d. for the best white vicanes.

COTTON.

Friday Night, July 23 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 37,161 bales, against 36,882 bales last week and 37,067 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1925, 9,587,570 bales, against 9,153,776 bales for the same period of 1924-25, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1925 of 433,794 bales.

Table with 8 columns: Receipts at—, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Rows include Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Boston, Baltimore, and Totals this week.

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1925 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Table with 7 columns: Receipts to July 23, 1925-26 (This Week, Since Aug 1 1925), 1924-25 (This Week, Since Aug 1 1924), Stock (1926, 1925). Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Houston, Port Arthur, etc., New Orleans, Gulfport, Mobile, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Georgetown, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port News, &c., New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Totals.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with 7 columns: Receipts at—, 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24, 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21. Rows include Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port N., &c., All others, and Totals.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 57,121 bales, of which 8,857 were to Great Britain, 6,936 to France, 11,204 to Germany, 4,585 to Italy, to Russia, 19,946 to Japan and China, and 5,593 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 41,847 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 7,822,207 bales, against 7,997,048 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Table with 9 columns: Week Ended July 23 1926, Exports from—, 1924-25 (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other), Total. Rows include Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, New York, Baltimore, and Totals.

Table with 9 columns: From Aug. 1 1925 to July 23 1926, Exports from—, Exported to— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other), Total. Rows include Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, and Totals.

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above tables reports 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 June the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 14,756 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 9,263 bales. For the eleven months ended June 30 1926, there were 242,772 bales exported, as against 193,095 bales for the corresponding ten 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:

Table with 7 columns: On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—, July 23 at—, Great Britain, France, Germany, Other Foreign, Coastwise, Total, Leaving Stock. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, Other ports, and Totals.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on only a moderate scale during the week at irregular prices, but in the end higher prices. Of course the great event of the week was the Government report to-day. It stated the condition at 70.7%, against 75.4 on June 25, 75.9 on the same date last year and 70.4 on July 16 last year and 68.5 on the same date in 1924. The crop is estimated at 15,368,000 bales, against 15,635,000 bales on July 2, 16,086,000 the final last year, 13,588,000 the Government's estimate a year ago, 13,628,000 the final crop of 1924 and 10,139,000 in 1923. The effect of this report was to cause a decline for a time, but later on there was a rally, and a net advance for the day of 10 to 15 points. The average estimate on the condition had been 71.9 and on the crop 15,153,000. Some people professed themselves mystified by a crop estimate of 15,368,000 bales on a condition of 70.7. In any case, many were inclined to believe that the crop has retrograded since the 16th inst., the real date of the report. The yield per acre is given as 155.8 lbs., but this is regarded as purely tentative. It could hardly be otherwise on July 16. A year ago it was given as 140. It turned out to be, in the end, 167.2. What rallied cotton to-day was news of continued rains in Texas, reports of a coming tropical storm headed in the general direction, as it appeared, of the Gulf, and possibly Texas, strong cables and an imperative trade demand. Also, there was considerable covering of shorts and other buying by local traders. What is more, Wall Street was a rather heavy buyer in the afternoon. New Orleans and Liverpool were evidently alarmed by the rains in the Southwest and the talk about a coming tropical storm. The forecast for eastern Texas was for further showers. There was a low barometer west of Texas. It seems to be chronic in that position this season. Almost invariably it has brought rain to Texas. There were continued reports of widespread weevil infestation, though the farmer seems to fear the hopper more than the weevil at the moment. The weevil has thus far done little or no damage. But the bottom crop is said to be poor over a wide stretch of territory. Earlier in the week prices advanced on rains in the Southwest, notably in Texas. At nearly 50 stations, according to the report on Thursday, there were rains running up to 2.60 inches. At a number of stations they were 1 to 2 inches or more. What Texas and most of the belt wants is dry, hot weather. There have been a good many reports of the presence of hopper, weevil and other insects over most of the belt. It is believed that high temperatures and fair weather are necessary in order to rid the belt of these pests. There has been a good deal of talk of cold nights, poor fruiting, backward growth, large weed and few squares, blooms or bolls. The crop is said to be anywhere from two to three weeks late. That is supposed to increase the danger from killing frost at the other end of the season. It is a singular fact that even in States where the maximum temperatures have run well up into the 100's the nights have continued to be in many cases abnormally cool. Cool, wet conditions have tended to propagate the weevil. No serious

damage has yet been done by the pest. The point is that it is there and it is feared that unless the conditions are favorable for making an end of it, it will yet do a good deal of harm. Weevil and the hopper are reported in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, not to mention the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. This explains the anxiety of many of the trade in regard to the future weather. So far as trade is concerned, dry goods have met with a better demand. That has attracted attention. In ten days recently it was said that the sales of print cloths and sheetings here amounted to 1,000,000 pieces. In the last three weeks sales of print cloths at Fall River are said to have reached 450,000 pieces. Manchester has reported a better inquiry for cloths. Reverting to the raw cotton market, its friends think it has shown good powers of resistance, against pre-Bureau liquidation, the report itself, the continuance of the now protracted British coal strike and the abnormal depression in the French franc, as well as the very disturbed state of French politics, which seemed to augur ill for a time for any early improvement in the state of trade and finance in France. The trade here has been a steady buyer. Some uptown interests and Wall Street have been buying. The spot markets have been more active at some advance in prices. New York has sold the actual staple more readily, it seems, at 140 points "on" October. Memphis has reported greater interest. So has New Orleans. It is said that there has been recently a larger demand for the low grades on which hedges are seldom or never sold. That is, there has been a good business at around 10c. The low grades are said to be wanted to mix with the higher grades by New England and other Eastern spinners. Not much cotton has been bought ahead. Spinners have been told that the crop was 16,000,000 bales and that the price was going to 15c. or lower. Naturally, they held aloof. Dealers at the South had a rough experience last year in selling cotton ahead. They are more wary this year. But all this seems to not a few to spell a larger business later in the year. If any serious damage should happen to the crop there would probably be, it is inferred, a scramble among the spinners and dealers for cotton, which could easily have a very stimulating effect on prices.

On the other hand, there is the acreage of 48,898,000 acres, an even larger area than the revised total planted last year of 48,090,000. With average conditions this vast field could produce a good-sized crop. The carry-over is very generally estimated at around 6,000,000 bales. A lot of it may be low grade. Much of it probably will not go on contract. But it is all, or pretty much all, spinnable with the aid of modern machinery. Nothing is wasted nowadays. It is the mechanical age. The tendency, indeed, for 150 years since the opening of the industrial epoch has been to substitute machine for hand labor. And it is telling in the cotton manufacturing trade. Cotton that would once have been ignored as not serviceable is now seen to be just what it is, namely, cotton which can be utilized even if it has to be mixed with the higher grades. The staple may be good, and probably is. The South has continued to sell here. So has Liverpool. On Thursday Wall Street interests are supposed to have sold out remaining lines of long cotton. This was understood to have been done by prominent interests there. Liverpool cables, it is true, were stronger than due. That has been the case for several days. But an early rise was soon succeeded by a decline. It has been weevil killing weather over considerable tracts of the belt. Georgia has had as high as 108 degrees, the Carolinas 107 and Texas, Arkansas, Alabama and Mississippi 104. It is well known that extremes of heat and cold are alike fatal to this pest. The only trouble now is that the Southwestern country is wet. There is a good "season" in the ground, however. There has seldom, if ever, been a better one. And if there is a period of a few weeks of dry, hot weather the effect in the belt could be a very marked improvement. To-day the ending was steady, with final prices 17 to 24 points higher than a week ago. Spot cotton ended at 18.80c., a rise for the week of 25 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the July 22 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on July 29:

Middling fair.....1.05 on | \*Middling "yellow" stained.....3.72 off  
 Strict good middling......84 on | \*Good middling "blue" stained.....2.28 off  
 Good middling......62 on | \*Strict middling "blue" stained.....3.06 off  
 Strict middling......43 on | \*Middling "blue" stained.....4.05 off  
 Middling......Basis | Good middling spotted......03 off  
 Strict low middling.....1.28 off | \*Strict low middling spotted......31 off  
 Low middling.....3.38 off | Middling spotted.....1.17 off  
 \*Strict good ordinary.....5.48 off | \*Strict low middling spotted.....2.53 off  
 \*Good ordinary.....6.93 off | \*Low middling spotted.....4.75 off  
 Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....0.16 off | Good mid. light yellow stained.....1.46 off  
 Good middling "yellow" tinged......75 off | \*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....2.01 off  
 Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....1.22 off | \*Middling light yellow stained.....3.20 off  
 \*Middling "yellow" tinged.....2.75 off | Good middling "gray"......91 off  
 \*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....4.50 off | \*Strict middling "gray".....1.43 off  
 \*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....6.20 off | \*Middling "gray".....2.15 off  
 Good middling "yellow" stained.....2.31 off  
 \*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....2.88 off

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

July 17 to July 23—	Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.
Middling upland.....	18.55 18.40 18.50 18.80 18.70 18.85

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.  
 The quotations for middling upland at New York on July 23 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1926	18.85c.	1918	31.10c.	1910	15.80c.	1902	9.25c.
1925	25.35c.	1917	25.70c.	1909	12.35c.	1901	8.25c.
1924	35.30c.	1916	13.00c.	1908	10.80c.	1900	10.00c.
1923	25.40c.	1915	9.25c.	1907	13.10c.	1899	6.06c.
1922	21.95c.	1914	13.25c.	1906	10.90c.	1898	7.94c.
1921	12.65c.	1913	12.40c.	1905	11.00c.	1897	7.19c.
1920	43.75c.	1912	12.80c.	1904	10.90c.	1896	7.92c.
1919	36.20c.	1911	13.55c.	1903	13.50c.	1895	7.00c.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, July 17.	Monday, July 19.	Tuesday, July 20.	Wednesday, July 21.	Thursday, July 22.	Friday, July 23.
July—						
Range.....						
Closing.....						
August—					18.06-18.06	
Range.....	17.80	17.67	17.75	17.96	17.87	17.98
Closing.....						
Sept.—						17.50-17.50
Range.....	17.45	17.32	17.40	17.61	17.52	17.60
Closing.....						
October—						17.24-17.57
Range.....	17.25-17.36	17.08-17.26	17.09-17.29	17.27-17.49	17.37-17.60	17.24-17.57
Closing.....	17.30-17.34	17.17-17.19	17.25-17.27	17.46-17.47	17.37-17.39	17.48-17.51
Nov.—						
Range.....				17.40	17.31	17.44
Closing.....	17.29	17.17	17.25			
Dec.—						17.15-17.46
Range.....	17.21-17.35	17.06-17.24	17.09-17.27	17.24-17.42	17.26-17.49	17.15-17.46
Closing.....	17.29-17.30	17.17-17.19	17.25-17.26	17.35-17.36	17.26-17.28	17.40-17.41
Jan.—						17.19-17.52
Range.....	17.28-17.36	17.11-17.28	17.14-17.36	17.27-17.44	17.31-17.51	17.19-17.52
Closing.....	17.31-17.32	17.22-17.23	17.27	17.40	17.31	17.46-17.47
Feb.—						
Range.....		17.30	17.36	17.49	17.42	17.54
Closing.....	17.40					
March—						17.40-17.74
Range.....	17.45-17.55	17.29-17.43	17.30-17.50	17.45-17.62	17.52-17.68	17.40-17.74
Closing.....	17.49-17.50	17.38-17.40	17.46-17.47	17.59-17.60	17.53-17.54	17.63-17.64
April—						
Range.....		17.48	17.55	17.67	17.61	17.72
Closing.....	17.57					
May—						17.55-17.87
Range.....	17.56-17.68	17.44-17.60	17.46-17.69	17.63-17.79	17.68-17.87	17.55-17.87
Closing.....	17.65	17.58-17.60	17.65-17.66	17.76-17.77	17.69-17.70	17.82
June—						
Range.....						
Closing.....						

Range of future prices at New York for week ending July 23 1926 and since trading began on each option:

Option for	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
July 1926.....		17.45 June 14 1926 24.72 Aug. 17 1925
Aug. 1926.....	18.06 July 22	16.58 June 12 1926 22.00 Oct. 8 1925
Sept. 1926.....	17.50 July 23	16.20 June 15 1926 20.97 Oct. 14 1925
Oct. 1926.....	17.08 July 19	16.02 July 6 1926 19.70 Nov. 6 1925
Nov. 1926.....		16.38 June 19 1926 18.20 Feb. 5 1926
Dec. 1926.....	17.06 July 19	16.00 July 2 1926 18.50 Jan. 4 1926
Jan. 1927.....	17.11 July 19	15.90 July 2 1926 17.94 Feb. 5 1926
Feb. 1927.....		16.85 Apr. 22 1926 17.58 July 16 1926
Mar. 1927.....	17.29 July 19	16.08 July 2 1926 17.91 May 10 1926
April 1927.....		16.10 July 6 1926 16.10 July 6 1926
May 1927.....	17.44 July 19	16.25 July 2 1926 17.90 June 16 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 it in the exports of Friday only.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Stock at Liverpool.....bales.	860,000	609,000	423,000	408,000
Stock at London.....		4,000		2,000
Stock at Manchester.....	86,000	74,000	51,000	46,000
Total Great Britain.....	946,000	687,000	474,000	456,000
Stock at Hamburg.....		150,000	109,000	47,000
Stock at Bremen.....	130,000	112,000	80,000	47,000
Stock at Havre.....	122,000	112,000	80,000	47,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	1,000	5,000	14,000	4,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	77,000	73,000	81,000	72,000
Stock at Genoa.....	24,000	14,000	15,000	7,000
Stock at Ghent.....		23,000	4,000	15,000
Stock at Antwerp.....		25,000	1,000	3,000
Total Continental stocks.....	354,000	402,000	319,000	214,000
Total European stocks.....	1,300,000	1,089,000	793,000	670,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	69,000	98,000	83,000	119,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	177,000	111,000	128,000	90,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....	141,000	148,000	98,000	55,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	213,000	61,000	55,000	147,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	567,000	626,000	679,000	522,000
Stock in U. S. Ports.....	539,145	266,091	207,715	216,001
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	884,912	170,236	206,000	278,391
U. S. exports to-day.....				
Total visible supply.....	3,891,057	2,569,327	2,249,715	2,097,392

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

<b>American—</b>				
Liverpool stock.....bales.	483,000	350,000	153,000	136,000
Manchester stock.....	77,000	64,000	35,000	24,000
Continental stock.....	279,000	288,000	219,000	121,000
American afloat for Europe.....	177,000	111,000	128,000	90,000
U. S. port stocks.....	539,145	266,091	207,715	216,001
U. S. interior stocks.....	884,912	170,236	206,000	278,391
U. S. exports to-day.....				
Total American.....	2,440,057	1,249,327	948,715	865,392
<b>East India, Brazil, &amp;c.—</b>				
Liverpool stock.....	377,000	259,000	270,000	272,000
London stock.....		4,000		2,000
Manchester stock.....	9,000	10,000	16,000	22,000
Continental stock.....	75,000	114,000	100,000	93,000
Indian afloat for Europe.....	69,000	98,000	83,000	119,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	141,000	148,000	98,000	55,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	213,000	61,000	55,000	147,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	567,000	626,000	679,000	522,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,451,000	1,320,000	1,301,000	1,232,000
Total American.....	2,440,057	1,249,327	948,715	865,392

Total visible supply.....	3,891,057	2,569,327	2,249,715	2,097,392
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	9.93c.	14.08c.	17.74c.	14.42c.
Middling uplands, New York.....	18.85c.	25.30c.	35.25c.	22.80c.
Egypt, rough Saker, Liverpool.....	17.50c.	35.55c.	26.15c.	16.70c.
Peruvian, good good, Liverpool.....	16.00c.	23.75c.	23.50c.	18.50c.
Broach, fine, Liverpool.....	8.70c.	12.20c.	13.05c.	12.40c.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	9.25c.	12.60c.	15.10c.	13.35c.

Continental imports for past week have been 59,000 bales. The above figures for 1926 show a decrease from last week of 125,584 bales, a gain of 1,321,730 over 1925, an

increase of 1,641,342 bales over 1924, and an increase of 1,793,665 bales over 1923.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stock to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Table with columns for Towns, Movement to July 23 1926, and Movement to July 24 1925. It includes sub-columns for Receipts, Shipments, and Stocks for both years.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 33,080 bales and are to-night 714,676 bales more than at the same time last year.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

Table showing market status (Steady, Quiet) and sales figures (Spot, Contract, Total) for various days of the week.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night.

Table comparing overland movement for 1925-26 and 1924-25, categorized by shipped and deducted shipments.

\* Including movement by rail to Canada. k We withhold hold totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow of proper adjustments at end of crop year.

Table for 'In Sight and Spinners' Takings' comparing 1925-26 and 1924-25 across various receipt categories.

\* Decrease. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow of proper adjustments at end of crop year.

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:

Table titled 'Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on-' showing prices for various days of the week from Galveston to Fort Worth.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing New Orleans contract market prices for various dates from July 17 to July 23.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT ON COTTON ACREAGE AND CONDITION.—The Agricultural Department at Washington on Friday of this week (July 23) issued its report on cotton acreage and condition as of July 16, and the following is the complete official text of the report:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Bureau of Agricultural Economics Washington, D. C., July 23 1926, 11 a. m. (E. T.). COTTON REPORT AS OF JULY 16 1926.

A United States cotton crop of 15,368,000 bales (500 pounds gross weight) in 1926 is indicated by the condition of 70.7% of normal upon the 43,898,000 acres in cultivation on June 25, as estimated by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Table showing cotton area in cultivation and condition percentages for various states from Virginia to California.

a Interpolated from June 25 and July 25 reports. b Not included in California figures, nor in United States total.

COMMENTS CONCERNING COTTON REPORT.—The United States Department of Agriculture in giving out its cotton report on July 23, also added the following comments:

The condition of the cotton crop of July 15, was reported by crop correspondents at 70.7%, indicating a crop of about 15,368,000 bales. This represents a decline of 267,000 bales from the forecast based on condition on June 25.

Arkansas. The hopper has become a real menace to the cotton crop this year throughout all but the northern edge of the belt. It is chiefly responsible for the reduction of the average condition of the crop in the Gulf States. In Texas, hopper damage has extended over 90% of the cotton growing area but this insect is now reported to be disappearing from many localities in the southern, central and eastern districts and young plants there are beginning to bloom freely.

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTONSEED OIL PRODUCTION DURING JUNE.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON SPINNING INDUSTRY FOR JUNE.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather throughout the cotton belt, during the week, has been favorable, except in some localities that complain of too much moisture. Rainfall has fallen in most parts of the belt and precipitation in many places has been heavy. Cotton has made fair to very good progress. Insects are reported less active and damage small.

Texas.—The heavy rains the last few days have been beneficial to most parts of this State and the cotton crop is in very good condition. Some damage by fleas but they are less active. Other insect damage is small.

Mobile, Ala.—The weather has been more favorable. There has been very little rain in the interior and cotton has made good progress. Condition has improved. There is not much complaint of insect damage.

Table with 5 columns: Location, Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer. Lists weather data for various locations including Galveston, Texas, Abilene, Brenham, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Dallas, etc.

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:

Table with 4 columns: Location, Date, Feet, Feet. Shows river heights for New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, Vicksburg.

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.

Table with 4 main columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, Receipts from Plantations. Rows for April, May, June, July.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1925 are 10,320,105 bales; in 1924 were 9,157,023 bales, and in 1923 were 6,572,302

bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 37,161 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 4,081 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 33,080 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 8,454 bales and for 1924 they were 20,709 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.

Table with 4 columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1925-26 (Week, Season), 1924-25 (Week, Season). Includes data for Visible supply, American in sight, Bombay receipts, etc.

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c b Estimated. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow of proper adjustments at the end of the crop year.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table with 6 columns: Receipts from (July 22), 1925-26 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1924-25 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1923-24 (Week, Since Aug. 1). Includes sub-table for Exports from Bombay and Other India.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 16,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 3,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 244,000 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.

Table with 4 columns: Alexandria, Egypt, July 21, 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24. Shows Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales).

Table with 6 columns: Exports (bales), This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1. Shows To Liverpool, To Manchester, To Continent and India, To America.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending July 21 were 14,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 9,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is steady and in cloths is quiet. Merchants are not willing to pay present prices. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Table with 4 main columns: 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. Rows for April, May, June, July. Columns include 32s Cop Twists, 8 1/2 Lbs. Shirts to Finest, Cotton Middl'g Up's.



SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 57,121 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Bales.
NEW YORK—To Havre—July 15—McKeesport, 159.....	159
To Stockholm—July 15—Hjelmaren, 50.....	50
To Liverpool—July 16—Cripple Creek, 115.....	115
To Genoa—July 12—Timaro, 45..... July 17—Dante Alighieri, 600.....	645
To Barcelona—July 15—Cabo Tortosa, 750.....	750
To Manchester—July 21—Bannock, 50.....	50
To Piraeus—July 20—Edison, 25.....	25
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—July 15—Dakarian, 2,611.....	2,611
July 17—Duquesne, 1,867.....	4,478
To Japan—July 15—Skramstad, 7,705..... July 21—Hawaii Maru, 3,600.....	11,305
To Rotterdam—July 15—Bayou Onico, 50.....	50
To Bremen—July 15—West Moreland, 4,134.....	4,134
To Hamburg—July 15—West Moreland, 948.....	948
To Port Barrios—July 17—Suriname, 100.....	100
To Cartagena—July 17—Parismina, 100.....	100
To Oporto—July 17—Cardonia, 75.....	75
To Manchester—July 17—Duquesne, 328.....	328
To Bordeaux—July 19—Hildegard, 171.....	171
To China—July 21—Hawaii Maru, 882.....	882
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—July 15—Cripple Creek, 893.....	893
July 20—Wayfarer, 436.....	1,329
To Manchester—July 15—Cripple Creek, 343.....	343
To Havre—July 15—Emergency Aid, 3,057..... July 16—Skipton Castle, 1,032.....	4,089
To Antwerp—July 16—Skipton Castle, 230; Emergency Aid, 100.....	330
To Ghent—July 16—Skipton Castle, 1,740; Emergency Aid, 100.....	1,840
To Bremen—July 16—West Camak, 2,461; Rio Bravo, 45.....	2,506
To Genoa—July 14—Scantic, 1,295..... July 16—Crispi, 625..... July 17—Monstella, 100.....	2,020
To Venice—July 14—Scantic, 360.....	360
To Trieste—July 14—Scantic, 50.....	50
To Rotterdam—July 16—Gaasterdijk, 200.....	200
To Gothenburg—July 16—America, 550.....	550
To Japan—July 17—Tofuku Maru, 2,009.....	2,009
SAVANNAH—To Genoa—July 22—Scantic, 300.....	300
To Venice—July 22—Scantic, 100.....	400
NORFOLK—To Bremen—July 20—Kypchissia, 2,482.....	2,482
To Japan—July 22—Chinese Prince, 3,600.....	3,600
To China—July 22—Chinese Prince, 900.....	900
CHARLESTON—To Antwerp—July 21—Fiume, 1,082.....	1,082
To Ghent—July 21—Fiume, 266.....	266
To Hamburg—July 21—Fiume, 1,134.....	1,134
MOBILE—To Havre—July 14—Michigan, 19.....	19
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—July 16—Cripple Creek, 640.....	640
To Manchester—July 16—Cripple Creek, 374.....	374
To Havre—July 16—Cliffwood, 12; Emergency Aid, 2,186.....	2,198
To Ghent—July 16—Emergency Aid, 175.....	175
To Japan—July 17—Tofuku Maru, 1,250.....	1,250
BALTIMORE—To Havre—July 11—McKeesport, 300.....	300
To Genoa—July 13—Carson, 1,110.....	1,110
PENSACOLA—To Liverpool—July 22—Afoundria, 1,200.....	1,200
Total.....	57,121

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand. ard.		High Density.	Stand. ard.		High Density.	Stand. ard.
Liverpool.....	.30c.	.45c.	Oslo.....	.50c.	.65c.	Shanghai.....	.55c.	.80c.
Manchester.....	.30c.	.45c.	Stockholm.....	.50c.	.65c.	Bombay.....	.55c.	.70c.
Antwerp.....	.35c.	.50c.	Trieste.....	.50c.	.65c.	Bremen.....	.40c.	.55c.
Ghent.....	.42½c.	.57½c.	Flume.....	.50c.	.65c.	Hamburg.....	.35c.	.50c.
Havre.....	.35c.	.50c.	Lisbon.....	.40c.	.55c.	Piraeus.....	.75c.	.90c.
Rotterdam.....	.45c.	.60c.	Oporto.....	.60c.	.75c.	Salonica.....	.75c.	.90c.
Genoa.....	.40c.	.55c.	Barcelona.....	.30c.	.45c.	Venice.....	.50c.	.65c.
			Japan.....	.62½c.	.77½c.			

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	July 2.	July 9.	July 16.	July 23.
Sales of the week.....	25,000	22,000	22,000	20,000
Of which American.....	15,000	13,000	13,000	12,000
Actual exports.....	4,000	1,000	5,000	1,000
Forwarded.....	38,000	44,000	40,000	39,000
Total stocks.....	834,000	852,000	857,000	860,000
Of which American.....	489,000	498,000	490,000	483,000
Total imports.....	33,000	55,000	52,000	45,000
Of which American.....	14,000	33,000	17,000	23,000
Amount afloat.....	194,000	164,000	150,000	138,000
Of which American.....	71,000	49,000	35,000	124,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Dull.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Dull.	Quiet.	Dull.
Mid. Upl'ds	9.90	9.81	9.77	9.93	10.06	9.93
Sales.....	2,000	4,000	4,000	3,000	4,000	3,000
Futures. Market & opened	Quiet. 9 to 12 pts. decline.	Quiet. 9 to 10 pts. decline.	Quiet. 7 to 10 pts. decline.	Steady. 5 to 9 pts. advance.	Steady. 8 to 12 pts. advance.	Quiet. 6 to 7 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.	Q't but st'y 8 to 9 pts. decline.	Q't but st'y 6 to 7 pts. decline.	St'dy unch. to 3 pts. decline.	Q't but st'y 8 to 11 pts. advance.	Quiet. 3 to 6 pts. advance.	Quiet. 13 to 16 pts. decline.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July 17 to July 23.	12¼ p.m. 12¼ p.m.	12¼ p.m. 4:00 p.m.	12¼ p.m. 4:00 p.m.	12¼ p.m. 4:00 p.m.	12¼ p.m. 4:00 p.m.	12¼ p.m. 4:00 p.m.
July.....	d. 9.51	d. 9.41	d. 9.37	d. 9.44	d. 9.54	d. 9.60
August.....	9.36	9.27	9.30	9.22	9.29	9.38
September.....	9.25	9.16	9.19	9.11	9.18	9.27
October.....	9.17	9.08	9.11	9.03	9.10	9.18
November.....	9.09	9.00	9.02	8.94	9.01	9.08
December.....	9.10	9.01	9.03	8.95	9.02	9.08
January.....	9.10	9.01	9.03	8.95	9.01	9.08
February.....	9.10	9.01	9.03	8.95	9.01	9.08
March.....	9.15	9.06	9.09	9.00	9.07	9.13
April.....	9.15	9.06	9.09	9.00	9.07	9.13
May.....	9.18	9.09	9.12	9.03	9.10	9.16
June.....	9.16	9.07	9.10	9.00	9.07	9.12

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, July 23 1926.

Flour prices were strengthened by the recent advance in wheat, but there has been little if any increase in business. The rank and file of buyers held aloof perhaps too long. That remains to be seen; they are believed to have overplayed the hand-to-mouth policy. Still, they stick to it through thick and thin. They buy only as they want supplies with a cool disregard of fluctuations. New high levels for wheat impress them not at all. They proceed along the old groove of buying a little just so often rather than stock up after the manner of former years. Export trade has been fair with Greece and China, but it is questioned whether much business has been done with South America, especially with Brazil. Greece, it was said, bought 6,000 bbls. of new Kansas patents at \$6 90 alongside steamer at New Orleans for prompt shipment, a rather unusual transaction. In Belgium new regulations prohibiting the production and sale of white flour were officially issued and will go into effect on July 26.

Wheat advanced 2¼ to 2¾c. early in the week on hot, dry weather and reached a new high on December. The spring wheat belt sent many unfavorable reports. Drought is the chief trouble. Only realizing and reports of impending July deliveries reined in the rise on the 19th inst. Also, the United States visible supply increased last week 2,210,000 bushels, in contrast with a decrease of 643,000. The total is now 16,372,000 bushels, against 25,233,000 a year ago. Damage was reported in Canada as well as at the American Northwest. On the 20th inst. came a decline of 2¼ to 3½c. net, owing to rains and cooler weather at the Northwest. Also, there was some talk to the effect that the Canadian crop would be a normal one. Cash markets fell. Premiums were lower. Liverpool dropped ½ to 1¼d.

The carry-over of old wheat in country mills and elevators on July 1 was estimated by the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture as approximately 22,980,000 bushels, against 25,287,000 a year ago. Combining with mill and elevator stocks and commercial visible stocks, a total carry-over of 60,205,000 bushels is shown, contrasted with 83,920,000 a year ago and 105,924,000 two years ago. Chicago wired that the heat wave in western Minnesota and east North Dakota was broken on the 20th inst. by the heaviest rainfall of the season. At one time the American Northwest was intensely hot, temperatures reaching high records for all time. It is still a weather market, with much already discounted in the price and the market not in good technical position if the Northwest weather turns favorable. It is long. To-day prices at one time were ¾ to 1½c. higher, but later on came realizing and the ending for the day was ¼ to 1c. lower at Chicago. Minneapolis was down 2 to 2¾c.; Winnipeg ¾ to ¾c., and Kansas City ½ to ¾c. The Northwest needs rain. But towards the close rains were reported there. Liverpool was firm, but on the other hand, export demand was poor. The sales were only 200,000 to 300,000 bushels, mostly winter. The foreign demand, in other words, was disappointing. Moreover, the Southwestern receipts were large. Kansas City received 1,000 cars to-day. Some of the crop reports from the spring wheat belt were not altogether bad, though others were. London cabled that Russia would begin to sell grain next week. That had some effect. So did a Kansas City dispatch to the effect that there were over 7,000,000 bushels of wheat in Kansas City yards. The weakness at Minneapolis coincident with reports of Northwestern rains had a perceptible effect. New York has been buying of late, but did not follow the early advance to-day. Cash premiums were rather weak. It is said that there was some re-selling abroad at somewhat lower prices than first hand offerings from this side. The indicated world shipments this week are 11,000,000 to 12,000,000 bushels, including 9,000,000 from North America. Final prices show a decline after recent reactions of 4 to 5c. for the week. It was a natural recoil. Memberships in the New York Produce Exchange are now quoted around \$3,100, a transfer recently having been made at that figure. With the beginning of futures trading in wheat, which is expected to take place about Aug. 1, many members expect to see the price of seats advance to around \$5,000.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red.....	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	160¼	161¼	159¾	158¾	156¼	153

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator.....	cts. 146	146¼	142½	141¾	139¾	139¾
September delivery in elevator.....	145	146	143¼	142½	140¾	139¾
December delivery in elevator.....	148½	149¾	147¾	146¾	145¼	144¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator.....	cts. 162¾	162¾	159	157	155	155¾
October delivery in elevator.....	145¼	146¾	143¾	143¾	142	141¾
December delivery in elevator.....	143	144¼	141¾	141¼	139¾	139¼

Indian corn on bad crop reports advanced on the 19th inst. 2¼ to 3c. It was the feature of the grain market. The visible supply decreased 1,371,000 bushels and is now 27,149,000 bushels, against 8,682,000 a year ago. Speculation was large. Many are bullish. They call corn cheap. No. 2 yellow is 36c. lower than a year ago. The crop was said to be firing in parts of South Dakota and Nebraska and drought was declared to have injured the crop in Iowa. The

Southwest practiced what it preached. It bought heavily early in the week. Not for a long period have the transactions been so large. December reached a new high for the season on the 20th inst. in defiance of the decline in other grain. Corn advanced, ending 1 to 1½c. higher on temperatures of 100 degrees and a lack of rain at the West. Buying was still active. Prices on the 20th inst. moved up ¾ to 1c. on hot weather reports and covering of shorts. Liverpool cabled that there was a better general inquiry for corn in Europe, although Germany has withdrawn from the market. Freight rates from the Argentine and the Black Sea rule very firm and are a hindrance to export business. Some think the underlying influences bullish and look to see the market meet with good support on all recessions. Sentiment in corn has become more bullish and there was at times a good class of buying. Farmers set \$1 42 as corn cost for figuring profits. To-day prices closed ¼c. higher. Rains are needed. Dry weather was still complained of. Commission houses did more business on the buying side. Covering was a feature. Later on, however, prices which had been ¼ to 1¼c. higher, reacted on realizing. Also, there were reports of rains at the Northwest. Shorts put some pressure on the market. A decline in wheat had some effect. After all, crop advices were somewhat mixed. Not in every case were they unfavorable. Still, receipts were small, if the cash demand was nothing great. It is a weather market. Nothing but the weather matters. But liquidation was not on a large scale. The market during the week has on the whole shown a good deal of strength. It is true that July shows a decline for the week of 1c., but other months made a net advance in spite of considerable profit taking of ½ to 1¼c.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow-----cts.	96¾	99¼	100¼	98¾	96¾	96¾

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator-----cts.	77¼	80¼	81	76¾	75¼	75¼
September delivery in elevator---	82¼	85¼	86¾	84¼	82¼	82¼
December delivery in elevator-----	84	86¼	88	86¾	85¼	86¾

Oats advanced on the 19th inst. on much larger trading than for a long time. Bad crop reports from the Northwest spurred demand and prices. The United States visible supply decreased last week 1,401,000 bushels. It is now 34,802,000 bushels, against 27,562,000 a year ago. A decline came on the 20th inst. with that in most other grain. Prices advanced ⅛ to ½c. on the 20th inst. on bullish crop talk, but lost most of the rise later. Oats look cheap according to some. Some are bullish. To-day prices closed ½c. higher. The market showed individual strength to a degree that attracted attention. Offerings were smaller. Speculation was rather more active. Threshing returns were poor. So was the general crop news. Such things made the oats market independent. It cut a channel for itself. Cash demand was moderate, but cash prices were firm, with receipts light. Where there was profit taking in the speculative branch of the market it was absorbed without difficulty. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1½ to 1¾c.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white-----cts.	51¾	52¼	52¼	52¼	52¼	52¼

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator-----cts.	39¼	40¾	40¾	40	40	40¼
September delivery in elevator---	41¾	42¾	42¾	42¼	42¼	42¾
December delivery in elevator-----	44¾	45¾	45¾	45¾	44¾	45¾

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNEPEG.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator-----cts.	48	48¾	48¾	48¾	48¾	48¾
October delivery in elevator-----	46¾	47¾	47¾	47¾	47¾	48
December delivery in elevator-----	45¾	46¾	46¾	46¾	46¾	47¾

Rye advanced 1c. early in the week in response to a rise in wheat, hot, dry weather and bad crop reports from the Northwest. The United States visible supply decreased last week 947,000 bushels, making it 8,971,000 bushels, against 5,085,000 a year ago. On the 20th inst. prices fell 1 to 2c. in sympathy with a drop in wheat and showers and cooler temperatures at the Northwest. Prices fell 1 to 1¼c. on the 20th inst. in sympathy with a decline in wheat and reports of Northwestern rains. Duesseldorf cabled: "German wheat quantity and quality will be as big and good as last year. Rye crop a little smaller. Rye harvesting now on and wheat harvest starting in fortnight. Weather very favorable." Some are bullish. To-day prices closed 2½c. lower after a pretty steady opening. Liquidation was the order of the day, however, on reports of rains at the Northwest. Still, crop advices are in some respects unfavorable. On the other hand there was no export demand. That was plainly a damper. What is worse, London cabled that Russia will begin selling grain next week. That had an effect in Chicago. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2½ to 3c.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator-----cts.	105¾	107	106¾	106¼	104¼	102
September delivery in elevator---	108¾	109¾	108	108¼	106¼	104
December delivery in elevator-----	113¾	114¾	112¼	112¼	110¾	108¾

Closing quotations were as follows:

**GRAIN.**

Wheat, New York—		Oats, New York—	
No. 2 red f.o.b. new-----1.53		No. 2 white-----52¾	
No. 1 Northern-----None		No. 3 white-----51¾	
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.-----1.57		Rye, New York—	
Corn, New York—		No. 2, f.o.b.-----115	
No. 2 yellow (new) N. Y.-----96¼		Barley, New York—	
No. 3 yellow (new)-----94¼		Maltng-----88@90¼	

**FLOUR.**

Spring patents-----\$8 75@9 25	Rye flour, patents-----\$6 75@7 25
Oats first spring-----7 75@8 00	Semolina No. 2, lb-----5¾c
Soft winter straights----7 00@7 35	Oats goods-----2 70@2 86
Hard winter patents-----7 50@8 08	Corn flour-----2 60@2 65
Hard winter patents-----8 00@8 50	Barley goods-----
Hard winter clears-----7 00@7 50	Nos. 2, 3 and 4-----4 25
Fancy Minn. patents-----10 00@10 75	Fancy pearl Nos. 2, 3 and 4-----7 25
City mills-----10 15@10 75	

For other tables usually given here, see page 423.

**NORTHERN HEMISPHERE WHEAT CROP EXPECTED TO BE LARGER THAN LAST YEAR'S.—** Revised forecasts of wheat production received by the Department of Agriculture have changed the prospective crop in 12 countries in the Northern Hemisphere to 1,897,000,000 bushels compared with 1,880,000,000 bushels last year according to the Departments report issued on July 15.

The crop in European countries is expected to be somewhat less than last year's, but the decrease in indicated production is more than offset by the prospective increases in the United States.

The 12 countries include the United States, Canada, Spain, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, India, Netherlands, and Chosen. They produced 63.5% of the total crop in the Northern Hemisphere last year, exclusive of Russia and China, and 56.4% of the total world crop.

Rumanian wheat production is forecast at 112,876,000 bushels, or 8,136,000 more than last year's crop. The exportable surplus is estimated to be about 35,000,000 bushels. No estimate is available for exports for last year. Average disappearance within the country for the four years 1921 to 1924 is estimated at about 81,000,000 bushels. Actual exports will be determined by the size of the crop and by economic conditions and policy of the Government and the people with reference to exports.

The wheat crop of Hungary is forecast at 64,668,000 bushels, which is a reduction of 3,528,000 bushels from the first estimate of 68,196,000 bushels. The present estimate is below last year's crop of 71,674,000 bushels, but is well above the average for the past six years.

The second forecast of the wheat harvest in Morocco is 23,332,000 bushels, a slight reduction from the previous forecast of 23,810,000 bushels and a reduction from last year's crop which was 23,883,000 bushels. The first production forecast for the Netherlands indicates a decrease from 5,743,000 bushels harvested in 1925 to 5,475,000 bushels.

The indicated production for the three north African countries for this year is nearly equal to that of last year. The forecast for five European countries is 3% less than last year. Since yields are expected to be lower than last year in Italy, France, and Germany, the indications are that European crops will be somewhat less than last year's.

The Canadian crop is forecast on the basis of conditions existing on July 1, at 348,626,000 bushels. This is considerably below last year's high production estimated at 411,376,000 bushels but above the average for the past 10 years. For the past six year's the forecast based on conditions up to July 1 has averaged 6% below the final figure, although in three years out of the six it has been above the final figure.

Other Canadian grains also show decreases from last year's estimates. Rye production is forecast at 11,762,000 bushels compared with 13,689,000 bushels produced last year; barley 100,624,000 compared with 112,668,000, and oats 458,840,000 compared with 513,384,000.

Canadian acreage estimates show increases for wheat, barley and oats while rye is less than last year's. Winter wheat area this year is estimated at 753,000 acres compared with 704,000 acres harvested last year, spring wheat 21,739,000 acres compared with 21,164,000 acres last year, rye 795,000 acres for 1926 compared with 852,000 last year, barley 4,107,000 compared with 4,076,000 and oats 14,706,000 against 14,672,000 in 1925.

**Hungary Rye Forecast Reduced.**—The second forecast of rye production in Hungary is 29,329,000 bushels, which is below the estimated production of 32,525,000 bushels in 1925, but above the average for the four years 1922-1925 which amounts to 27,800,000 bushels.

The first rye forecast for the Netherlands is 12,913,000 bushels compared with the 1925 estimated crop of 16,231,000 bushels.

Adding the figures for Hungary and the Netherlands to reports received to date from other countries, the indicated rye crop in six countries is 128,378,000 bushels compared with 149,827,000 reported for the same countries in 1925 and an average of 168,800,000 bushels in the four years 1922 to 1925. The countries included are the United States, Canada, Spain, Hungary, Netherlands and Bulgaria. Last year the total crop of these countries amounted to only 13% of the world total exclusive of Russia.

Acreage figures are available for 16 countries which last year accounted for 63% of the world total exclusive of Russia. Estimates for these countries are 4% less than last year. In the absence of estimates from Germany and Poland it is impossible to make any prediction as to the probable European crop exclusive of Russia, or the world crop. The rye condition in Germany on July 1 was slightly above average, and shows an improvement over the June 1 condition but poorer than last year. No estimate is available on acreage. In Poland the acreage is slightly less than in 1925. The condition on July 1 was below average and not as good as a month ago or as good as last year.

**WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED**

**JULY 20.**—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended July 20 follows:

During the first part of the week cool weather prevailed quite generally, with temperatures considerably below normal throughout the central and eastern portions of the country. By the 15th it had become warmer in the interior and over the Northwestern States, and thereafter much higher temperatures obtained in practically all parts of the country. The latter part of the week was especially warm in North-Central States from the northern portions of Kansas and Missouri northward, with many places reporting temperatures of 100 degrees or higher on several days in succession, while the 100 degree mark was reached also in the western Plateau area.

Chart I shows that the temperature for the week, as a whole, averaged below normal from the Ohio Valley southward, eastward, and northeastward, and also from the extreme lower Missouri Valley and central Kansas southward. The minus departures from normal in the South and the more eastern States were mostly from 4 degrees to 6 degrees. In the western Lake region the week had about normal warmth, but from the upper Mississippi Valley westward, and also in the far Southwest, the temperature averaged above normal, and decidedly so in the northern Great Plains and in the northern Rocky Mountain districts where the weekly mean temperatures were generally from 6 degrees to 9 degrees above the seasonal average.

There were general, though mostly light, showers in the South and in the Central and Northern States east of the Mississippi River on the 13-14th, and heavy rains along the Atlantic coast from New York to southern Maryland on the 15th. Otherwise the weather, as a rule, was generally fair, with only widely scattered showers occurring. Chart II shows that the total rainfall for the week was heavy in some parts of Florida and was moderate to heavy in most Atlantic coast districts; elsewhere in the South and in other sections east of the Mississippi River the amounts were unevenly distributed, with a few generous rains, but generally light. West of the Mississippi, except locally in the west Gulf area, there was very little rainfall, with most stations reporting inappreciable amounts. There was an abundance of sunshine in nearly all sections of the country.

For the country, as a whole, soil moisture at the close of the week was ample. General crop needs in only a few areas, and good rains were needed in most sections. Soil conditions were rather favorable in the upper Ohio Valley, the middle Atlantic area, the extreme Southeast, and in the Southwest from southern Kansas southward, but in most of the interior Valley States, parts of the South, and in the Northwest more moisture is needed. The latter area is especially dry, and this, with the prevailing high temperatures, was very unfavorable for growing crops, especially for spring-sown grains. Drought is again severe also in the immediate lower Ohio Valley, including principally the southern portions of Indiana and Illinois and parts of western Kentucky, while the soil is again much too dry in some places of the interior Southeast.

In the more western States irrigated vegetation made excellent growth, but the continued warm, dry weather has exacted a heavy toll on irrigation

water, while dry-land crops were very unfavorably affected. Ideal weather for winter wheat harvest were not completed, haying, and threshing prevailed quite generally, with very little interruption by rainfall. The cool weather the first part of the week over the eastern half of the country retarded crop growth, but the warmer conditions during the latter part were very favorable in all sections where there was sufficient moisture.

**SMALL GRAINS.**—The harvest of winter wheat has been about completed in the principal producing sections, with generally favorable weather prevailing throughout the harvest period. Threshing made good advance, with practically no interruption. The week was generally unfavorable for spring wheat because of insufficient moisture, high temperatures, and hot winds over much of the belt. There were some fairly good local showers in parts of the Red River Valley and north-central South Dakota, but elsewhere over the spring wheat area rainfall was mostly negligible and the prevailing temperatures high.

The warm, dry weather in the Central-Northern States was unfavorable for oats. The crop ripened rapidly in the Ohio Valley and Middle Atlantic area, with cutting begun as far north as Ohio, and threshing advancing favorably in the Southwest. Early rice is maturing in the extreme lower Mississippi Valley and the crop made very good progress in Arkansas and Texas, while the warmer weather in the interior of California was beneficial. Flax was still generally in fair condition in Minnesota, but the late crop is needing rain badly in North Dakota and was deteriorating in South Dakota from lack of moisture. Grain sorghums were favorably affected by the weather quite generally in the southern Great Plains.

**CORN.**—In general, the weather of the week was rather unfavorable for corn in the principal producing sections, as much of it was too cool for good growth from the Mississippi Valley eastward, and some areas in the central valleys and Great Plains States were badly in need of moisture. In fact, a good rain is needed quite generally over the Corn Belt. Growth was fair to very good in the upper Ohio Valley and the northern portions of Ohio and Indiana, but it is much too dry in the southern parts of those States. In Iowa advance was fair, except in the northwest where the drought is severe with leaves curling badly, while upland corn needs rain in southern Missouri. Progress of the crop was mostly fair to good in the Southwest and also in extreme eastern and southern Kansas, but elsewhere in that State and in the Plains to the northward most sections were much too dry and warm. The early crop was tasseling as far north as Nebraska, southwestern Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania.

**COTTON.**—Cool nights caused some retardation in the growth of cotton, but warmer weather the latter part of the week was more favorable. There was too much moisture in southern Texas and also in the extreme southeastern portion of the belt, but otherwise very little rain fell, as a rule, and moisture is needed in some interior districts from the Mississippi Valley eastward.

Cotton made very good to excellent growth in North Carolina and fair to very good advance in South Carolina and Georgia, except in some interior sections where moisture is again deficient. There was too much rain in Florida, with considerable complaint of shedding, and further reports of rather unsatisfactory fruiting in the central Gulf States. Progress was fair in Tennessee and fair to excellent in Arkansas, except where plants were damaged by insects.

Much cotton is still small and late in Oklahoma, but fields are well cultivated, with early plants blooming and fruiting freely and making fair growth. In Texas frequent rains delayed picking in the south and caused some deterioration, but elsewhere progress of the crop was fair to excellent; there was still harm by fleas, but they were reported less active, with other insect damage small; the plants were fruiting only fairly well, but with slight improvement, except in the south.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Temperatures moderate; showers copious in central and southeast; very favorable for growing crops. Early corn and tobacco made excellent progress; later plantings improved. Peanuts late. Pastures and meadows good. Berries fine quality and plentiful.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: Progress of cotton very good to excellent, except poor in small areas of central and west; flea-hopper reported locally in south. Corn mostly excellent in east and doing well elsewhere, except local areas, mainly in south, where needing rain. Tobacco varies from poor to good with harvesting under way in east.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: Condition and progress of cotton poor in northwest where drought persists, but elsewhere condition and progress fair and blooming freely; with some complaint of long joints at expense of bolls; weevil comparatively negligible. Old corn good, generally, except in northwest; later plantings west of coast counties need good rains. Minor crops improved, except in northwest.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: Sufficient rains in central and south, but drought severe in northeast where conditions very bad; nights cool beginning of week, but dry, hot weather at close favorable. Many fields cleared of grass and crops mostly laid by. Growth of cotton fair to very good, but generally not fruiting well; infestation of fleas and weevil serious in numerous scattered places. Condition of corn mostly fair, except in northeast where deteriorating rapidly.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of cotton mostly very good, but frequent rains, locally heavy, resulted in much shedding and weevil becoming serious in some districts. Corn fair to good; some late damaged by rain on lowlands in north and central. Harvesting shaded tobacco finished; harvesting bright continued. Peanuts, cane, and sweet potatoes mostly good. Groves good; fruit filling and holding well. More sunshine needed.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Week averaged generally cool; rain quite general and locally heavy first day; remainder dry. Vegetation beginning to need rain in some sections. Corn, sweet potatoes, truck, pastures and minor crops mostly doing well. Growth of cotton plants checked somewhat by cool weather; condition mostly fair to good; complaints continue of rather poor fruiting in many sections; first open bolls reported in extreme southeast; infestation by insects practically unchanged; considerable damage in some sections of west and northeast.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: Mostly local showers; nights somewhat cool. Progress of cotton and corn mostly fair in extreme east, but cotton poor in many localities elsewhere with scanty squares and bloom. Rain needed in many central and western localities for corn. Progress of pastures good in moist localities.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Scattered rains first day; little thereafter; some localities badly needing rain, especially for corn. Progress of cotton fair, although cool nights and insects caused poor progress in some northern sections; fruiting rather poorly; general condition continues fair, though poor in some places. Corn spotted with progress and condition poor to very good. Cane still behind season and condition below normal, but good growth during week. Early rice maturing; late doing well.

**Texas.**—Houston: Light to generous rains in southern half; mostly dry in northern. Progress and condition of pastures, corn, rice and minor crops deterioration in extreme south; elsewhere delayed cotton picking and caused condition fair to very good; cotton flea-hopper progress fair to excellent and conditions insects less active; other insect damage slight; fruiting only fairly well, although slight improvement, except in extreme south.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Cool and dry, with abundant sunshine; need of crop small and late, but well cultivated; early blooming and fruiting freely; weevil activity increasing, but spotted and confined to east portion; flea infestation reported in scattered areas of south. Progress and condition of corn generally fair to excellent, but needing rain in parts of west. Threshing wheat and oats advanced rapidly.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: Progress of cotton excellent in west; fair to very good elsewhere, except where damaged by insects, which considerable in small localities of central, southern and eastern, but slight elsewhere; weevil checked by drought; crop condition fair to very good. Progress of corn very good in west, south and northeast; poor in most other portions. Rice very good.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Notwithstanding cool weather and dryness, condition of corn excellent, while progress very good. Same weather caused poor fruiting of cotton in west and responsible for restricting weekly advance, but hindrance negligible generally; hoppers reported in south. Wheat is still being threshed. Winter oats are fair to good on average, while spring oats short length and not so good. Tobacco, while a little late, is healthy and growing rapidly, but rain needed.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: Cool, except last two days; scattered showers. Growth satisfactory in east where condition and progress of tobacco and corn very good, but corn poor to fair and very uneven in west where crops suffering on uplands generally; pastures badly dried. Early corn tasseling, and some prematurely in west. Urgent need of rain in west, where drought spotted, but tending to spread to central. Progress of threshing, haying and oat harvest excellent.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, July 23 1926.

Although markets for textiles continued to improve, some irregular tendencies were still noticeable during the past week. Sustained hot weather throughout most sections of the country succeeded in stimulating sales of certain seasonal merchandise, and while the demand was not large enough to warrant an advance in prices, it helped to prevent further declines. Sales of silk goods, especially the better grades, were noticeably larger, although manufacturers claimed that business was substantially lower than that for the corresponding period last year. Buyers, however, continued to confine their purchases to small lots, apparently lacking confidence in higher prices as long as other textiles are cheaper. Stocks in second hands have been materially reduced, through offerings at low prices. Reports from retail channels indicated that dresses and other seasonal fabrics have been pretty well cleaned up by the same method. In regard to rayons, producers of late have been reporting a better business, which they attribute to the new prices. Taking into consideration that July and August are normally dull months, the general increase in orders has been such that prices are expected to remain firm at the new levels for some time to come. As to the floor covering division, sales have been somewhat larger and indications are that they will increase. Producers claim that the volume of business booked so far this year approximated the total for the same period of 1925 and in some cases slightly exceeded it. Prices are believed to be more attractive to consumers than for some time past. In the woolen division, excessive heat has brought a much better retail business in light weight tropicals.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS:** While less activity prevailed in domestic cotton goods markets during the week, prices remained firm. Interest among buyers appeared to be broadening and embraced a larger variety of items. The market, however, still favored buyers, as many mills were inclined to accept close bids in order to maintain operations or re-start machinery which had been stopped owing to curtailment. Cotton spinning activity during June, as reported by the Census Bureau, showed a slight increase over May of this year. Spindles in place on June 30 totaled 37,694,680, of which 31,770,900 were operated some time during the month. This compares with 37,700,136 and 32,267,410, respectively, for May of this year and 37,858,211 and 32,309,896 for June last year. Undoubtedly the most important development of the week was the fact that at last the much-discussed Cotton Textile Institute had become a reality. On Wednesday both Northern and Southern manufacturers met in this city and joined forces for the first time, and formally organized the Institute which will work for the progress and development of the industry. The duties of the organization will be economic in character and will include trade research and commercial problems, though their true aim will be for the lawful stabilization of prices and production that will benefit both consumer and producer. Legislative and political questions will be excluded from its activities. At this meeting temporary committees were appointed to work out plans for the final organization of the Institute, which will take place Oct. 20. Fifty-four mill executives of national prominence were appointed as the board of directors of the new organization. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 5½c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 5c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 8¾c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 9¾c.

**WOOLEN GOODS:** Markets for woollens and worsteds presented a more active appearance, and sentiment was of a more encouraging nature. The strike among garment workers has been having less effect than was generally expected, and a good volume of business was reported to have been received by the American Woolen Co. on their men's wear lines recently opened. The prices named by the company were so close that many competitors have found it necessary to revise their levels to meet those of the big factor. The best progress has been noted in the men's wear division, the women's section continuing more or less quiet. The publicity committee of the woolen and worsted trades is preparing a report for the proposed \$1,500,000 publicity campaign to extend over the next three years. The plan will be presented shortly, when the Wool Council of America will be formed to help the industry out of depression.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS:** Business in the markets for linens continued of satisfactory proportions, with profit margins reported to have improved. The latter was principally attributed to the hot weather throughout the week, which succeeded in stimulating a more active demand for outdoor requisites, such as knicker linens, dress linens, etc. Handkerchiefs, likewise, maintained their recent activity, especially those in printed effects. Sentiment was better and buyers were inclined to operate a bit more freely on nearby contracts, but continued apathetic toward the question of future deliveries in any quantity. Reports from primary markets were somewhat more encouraging, stating that there had been more inquiries noticeable. Burlaps again lapsed into inactivity with an easing tendency noted in primary markets. Light weights are quoted at 7.00c., and heavies at 8.85c.



CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. St. Johns), Mich.—BOND SALE.—Howe, Snow & Bertles of Detroit have purchased an issue of \$25,000 4 3/4% road assessment district No. 20 bonds at 100.39.

COAL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shamokin), Northumberland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 2 the \$150,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on that date—V. 123, p. 106—were awarded to M. J. Couneville of Shenandoah at par. Date July 15 1926. Due \$10,000 1927 to 1941 inclusive.

COCKE COUNTY (P. O. Newport), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Memphis have purchased an issue of \$36,000 4 1/2% road bonds at a premium of \$1,800, equal to 105.

COLEMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Coleman), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds registered on July 8—V. 123, p. 362, see "Texas"—were awarded to the State Board of Education: \$2,700 School District No. 54 bonds. \$2,000 School District No. 38 bonds. Due in 10 to 20 years.

COLLINS, Covington County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Mississippi Bond & Securities Co. of Jackson has purchased an issue of \$14,000 6% refunding bonds.

COLLINGSWORTH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Wellington), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5 1/2% school bonds registered on July 8—V. 123, p. 362—were awarded to the State Board of Education: \$2,800 School District No. 25 bonds. \$2,000 School District No. 9 bonds.

COLUMBUS, Lowndes County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 public improvement bonds offered on July 15 (V. 123, p. 234) were awarded to the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Memphis as is at a premium of \$990, equal to 101.15. Date Sept. 1 1926. Registered bonds in denom. of \$1,000 and \$500. Due in 25 years. Interest payable M. & S.

CRAIG COUNTY (P. O. New Castle), Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5% school bonds offered on July 15—V. 122, p. 3632—were awarded to the Drake-Jones Co. of Minneapolis at a premium of \$716, equal to 102.04.

CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. Prairie de Chien), Wis.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$93,000 5% highway bonds purchased by the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago—V. 123, p. 230—was a premium of \$3,568 80, equal to 103.83, a basis of about 4.02%. Date May 1 1926. Due \$63,000 May 1 1930 and \$30,000 in 1931.

CRESCENTA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% school bonds offered on July 12—V. 123, p. 106—were awarded to Security Co. of Los Angeles at a premium of \$2,435, equal to 104.058, a basis of about 4.60%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$2,000 July 1 1927 to 1956, incl. Other bidders were:

Table with columns Bidder and Premium. William R. Staats Co. \$1,931. Bank of Italy \$1,648. R. H. Moulton & Co. 1,827. Aronson & Co. 1,653. Anglo London Paris Co. 1,818.

CROWN POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Crown Point), Essex County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$92,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds offered on July 15—V. 123, p. 230—were awarded to Redmond & Co. of Albany at 105.076, a basis of about 4.57%. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1938 incl.; \$3,000, 1939 to 1944 incl.; \$4,000, 1945 to 1947 incl.; \$5,000, 1948 to 1951 incl. and \$6,000, 1952 to 1954 incl.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68 (P. O. Greenvale), Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Channer Securities Co. of Chicago has purchased an issue of \$19,500 5 1/4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date May 1 1926. Prin. and ann. int. (Aug. 1) payable at the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$1,500, 1932 to 1938 incl., and \$2,000, 1939 to 1941 incl. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker of Chicago.

DADE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Miami), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles M. Fisher, Secretary Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 1.30 p. m. Aug. 2 for the following 6% school bonds, aggregating \$1,077,000:

\$837,000 Special Tax School District No. 3 bonds. Due \$31,000 May 1 1929 to 1955 incl. A certified check for \$16,740, required. 240,000 Special Tax School District No. 4 bonds. Due \$10,000 May 1 1929 to 1952 incl. A certified check for \$4,800, required. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

DANVILLE, Montour County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 4 1/4% street improvement bonds offered on July 16—V. 123, p. 355—were awarded to the Danville National Bank at a premium of \$80, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.19%. Due \$1,000 Aug. 1 1928 to 1943 incl.

DEEPWATER, Henry County, Mo.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$40,000 water system bonds purchased by the Prescott, Wright, Snider Co. of Kansas City—V. 122, p. 3632—was a premium of \$126, equal to 100.31, a basis of about 5.46%, for 5 1/2% bonds. Due \$4,000 in 1931 to 1940 inclusive.

DEFIANCE, Defiance County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—W. A. Hall, City Auditor, received sealed bids until 12 m. July 23 for \$5,110 5 1/2% street bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$1,110. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,110 in 1928 and \$1,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.

DELAWARE, Delaware County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On July 20 the \$215,000 5% sewage treatment works bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 3488) were awarded to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus at a premium of \$4,550, equal to 102.11, a basis of about 4.53%. Dated Aug. 2 1926. Due \$21,500 March 1 1927 to 1936 incl.

DEL RIO, Val Verde County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$143,500 6% refunding bonds. Date June 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due June 10 as follows: \$1,500 in 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1940 incl.; \$2,000, 1941 to 1944 incl.; \$3,000, 1945 to 1947 incl.; \$4,000, 1948 to 1953 incl.; \$5,000, 1954 to 1956 incl.; \$7,000, 1957 to 1960 incl.; \$8,000, 1961 to 1963 incl.; \$10,000, in 1964 and \$11,000 in 1965. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York City. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, Attorneys of New York City.

DES MOINES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Polk County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—George L. Garton, Secretary Board of Directors will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Aug. 2 for \$865,000 4, 4 1/4 or 4 1/2% school bonds. To be dated as issued. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 20 years Prin. and int. payable at the District Treasurer's Office. Bidders may also bid for less than the total amount of the bonds, provided the amount bid for is not less than \$100,000. Purchaser to furnish and print the bonds and pay for legal opinion. A certified check for 1% of the bid required.

DONIPHAN, Ripley County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The State Bank of Poplar Bluff has purchased an issue of \$10,000 city hall bonds.

EAGLE CREEK SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Crown Point), Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Winfred A. Bryant, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (standard time) Aug. 7 for \$30,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 15 1926. Due \$1,000 July 15 1927 to 1941 incl. Prin. and semi. annual int., payable at the First National Bank, Crown Point. Legality approved by Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord of Indianapolis.

EAST BRADY, Clarion County, Pa.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$20,000 4 1/2% coupon street imp. bonds awarded to S. M. Voehl & Co. of Pittsburgh at 101.28 (V. 123, p. 356) a basis of about 4.38%, are defined as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Peoples National Bank, East Brady. Due on July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946 and 1951. Legality approved by Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin of Pittsburgh.

Financial Statement. True value (estimated) \$1,291,755. Assessed valuation for 1926 430,585. Total bonded debt (including this issue) 27,000. Population, U. S. Census, 1920, 1,531; present estimate, 1,600.

EAST FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kittanning R. D. No. 3), Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. (to be opened at 8 p. m.) Aug. 4

by E. S. Armstrong, Secretary Board of Directors, for \$35,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Aug. 2 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Armstrong County Trust Co., Kittanning. Due Aug. 1 1946, optional in 1928. Certified check for \$500 required.

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lawrence County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Robert Rowe, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Central standard time) July 29 for \$2,590 80 6% notes. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$250 08. Due \$259 08 each six months from March 1 1927 to Sept. 1 1931 incl. A certified check for 2% of the notes bid upon, payable to the Board of Education is required.

EL MONTE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$75,000 5% school bonds awarded on June 28 to the William R. Staats Co.—V. 123, p. 231—was a premium of \$2,653, equal to 103.53, a basis of about 4.61%. Date June 1 1926. Due \$3,000 June 1 1927 to 1951 incl.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On July 20 the Cape Ann National Bank of Gloucester purchased the \$200,000 temporary loan offered on that date (V. 123, p. 356) on a 3.07% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1. Dated Jan. 15 1926. Due Nov. 15 1927.

EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—George A. Gilmore, City Recorder, will receive sealed bids until Aug. 9 for \$30,000 net exceeding 6% water extension bonds. Date Aug. 15 1926. Due Aug. 15 1956.

EVANSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 75 (P. O. Evanston), Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The State Bank & Trust Co. of Evanston has purchased an issue of \$375,000 4 1/2% school bonds at 103.70.

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following 4% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$212,000 offered on July 16—V. 123, p. 356—were awarded to F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston at 100.54, a basis of about 3.91.

\$86,000 sewer bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1952 incl. and \$2,000, 1953 to 1956 incl. 126,000 sidewalk bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$26,000 in 1927 and \$25,000, 1928 to 1931 incl. Date July 1 1926.

FLICKINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Morrill), Brown County, Kan.—BID REJECTED.—The only bid received for the \$3,500 4 3/4% school bonds offered on July 1—V. 122, p. 3633—was submitted by the Citizens State Bank of Morrill, and was rejected.

FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Floydada), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education has purchased an issue of \$8,200 school bonds.

FOREST CITY, Susquehanna County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Arthur D. Kehren, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. July 26 for \$22,000 5% borough bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000, July 1 1927 to 1948 incl. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

FORT BEND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Richmond), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education has purchased an issue of \$12,000 school bonds.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Broward County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Glenn E. Turner, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Aug. 10 for \$1,840,000 6% public imp. coupon bonds. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 1946. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hazard National Bank, New York City. These bonds are the balance of an authorized issue of \$3,340,000 and will be used for water extension, sewage disposal plant, incinerator, street imp., dock, fire protection, park and bridge.

Financial Statement, as Officially Reported. Estimated tax roll, 1926 \$100,000,000 00. 15% bonding power allowed by State statute 15,000,000 00. Total outstanding bonds, including this issue 4,614,000 00. Deductions permissible: Bonds for water works \$2,063 500 00. Cash in sinking fund 33,715 67. Appropriated this year for sinking fund 50,000 00. 2,147,215 67.

Net bonded debt \$2,466,784 33. Population, 16,113 (actual count November 1925); population, 20,000 (estimated annexation of additional territory since actual count). Area of city, approximately 42.5 sq. miles. Tax rate per \$1,000, \$12. Assessed valuation 1925 equalized, \$51,012,886.

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Tex.—NO BIDS.—There were no bids received for the \$1,170,000 4 1/2% city bonds offered on July 20—V. 123, p. 231.

FOUNTAIN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenville), Pitt County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—S. T. White, Chairman Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 2 for \$15,000 6% school bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

FULTON, Whiteside County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On July 16 the \$25,000 5% coupon water works bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 356) were awarded to A. C. Allyn & Co. of Chicago for \$26,047 50, equal to 104.19, a basis of about 4.44%. Date July 1 1926. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 and 1928; \$1,500, 1929 to 1935 incl.; \$2,000, 1936 to 1940 incl. and \$2,500, 1941.

GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Princeton), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On July 19 the \$29,400 4 1/2% Patoka Township road bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 356) were awarded to the Peoples American National Bank of Princeton at a premium of \$441, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 4.19%. Dated July 15 1926. Due \$1,470 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936 incl.

GIBSONVILLE, Guilford County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—M. O. Wyrick, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Aug. 2 for \$10,000 6% water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

GLASSPORT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 19 the \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon borough bonds offered on that date (V. 123, p. 356) were awarded to Prescott, Lyon & Co. of Pittsburgh at a premium of \$3,975, equal to 102.65, a basis of about 4.33%. Dated Aug. 1 1926. Due \$75,000, Aug. 1 1936, 1946 and 1955.

GLENHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12, Walworth County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of Education until 10 a. m. Aug. 3 for \$40,000 net exceeding 5 1/2% school bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, July 1 1927 to 1946 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at a place to be designated by the purchaser. A certified check for 5% of the bid required. Legality to be approved by Lancaster, Simpson, Junell & Dorsey of Minneapolis. The county will furnish the blank bonds.

GRAYSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (P. O. Sherman), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education has purchased an issue of \$1,500 5 1/2% school bonds.

GREATER GREENSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Guilford County, (P. O. Greensboro), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—F. Archer, Superintendent of Schools, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Aug. 3 for \$1,300,000 4 or 4 1/4% school bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1929 to 1934 incl.; \$35,000, 1935 to 1940 incl.; \$45,000, 1941 to 1946 incl.; \$55,000, 1947 to 1950 incl.; \$65,000, 1951 to 1953 incl., and \$75,000, 1954 to 1956 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in gold in N. Y. City. Preparation and certification of bonds by the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. A certified check for \$26,000, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Legality to be approved by Chester B. Masslich of N. Y. City. These are the bonds mentioned in V. 123, p. 363.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation 1925 (includes \$74,510,086 within city of Greensboro and \$10,500,000 outside of city) \$85,010,086. Estimated actual value 113,346,780. Total debt, this issue only 1,300,000. Population, estimated (includes 37,000 within city of Greensboro and 8,000 outside of city; a special Federal Census taken in 1923 gave the population of the city of Greensboro as 43,525) 45,000.

**GROVELAND, Lake County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sherman Drawdy, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 30 for \$68,000 6% refunding special assessment bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$6,000 1927 to 1935 inclusive, and \$14,000 1936. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the National City Bank, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the above-named official, required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on June 22—V. 122, p. 3370.

**HAGUE AND TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hague), Warren County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. (standard time) Aug. 4 by Sara H. Scott, District Clerk, for \$50,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Ticonderoga National Bank, Ticonderoga. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1936 incl., and \$2,000, 1937 to 1956 incl. Certified check for 2% of the amount of the bid required.

**HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 31 by G. R. Morehart, County Auditor, for \$29,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1933 incl., and \$4,000, 1934 and 1935. Certified check for \$200 required. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

**HARRISBURG, Saline County, Ill.—BOND SALE.**—The \$80,000 5% city hall bonds offered on July 10—V. 123, p. 231—were awarded on July 17 to Seipp, Princell & Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$3,664, equal to 104.58, a basis of about 4.43%. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due \$4,000 Aug. 1 1927 to 1946 incl. In V. 123, p. 357—we gave a list of the bids received for the bonds.

**HARROD, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—K. L. Vogt, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 27 for \$15,888 38 6% paving bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$500 except one for \$388 38. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1930 incl., and \$3,888 38 in 1931. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Village Clerk's office. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the Village Clerk, is required. Delivery of bonds outside of Allen County to be at the expense of purchaser.

**HARTMAN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 (P. O. Hartman), Johnson County, Ark.—BOND SALE.**—The Channer Securities Co. of Chicago has purchased an issue of \$25,000 5% school bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$1,000 1929 to 1940 incl.; \$2,000 1941 to 1945 incl., and \$3,000 in 1946. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Bankers' Trust Co., Little Rock. Legality approved by James B. McDonough, Fort Smith.

**HATBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hatboro), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—On July 19 the \$110,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 123, p. 231) were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York at 100.16, a basis of about 4.24%. Dated July 1 1926. Due on July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1929, and \$4,000, 1930 to 1954 incl.

**HATHAWAY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Jennings), Jefferson Davis Parish, La.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 road bonds offered on July 15—V. 122, p. 3634—were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville as 6s at par. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1929 incl.; \$1,500, 1930 to 1933 incl.; \$2,000, 1934 to 1937 incl.; \$2,500, 1938 to 1940 incl.; \$3,000, 1941 to 1943 incl.; \$3,500, 1944 and 1945; \$4,000, 1946 and 1947; \$4,500, 1948 and 1949; \$5,000, 1950 and 1951; \$5,500, 1952; \$6,000, 1953; \$6,500, 1954; \$7,000, 1955, and \$7,500, 1956.

**HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Baldwin), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On July 20 the following two issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$75,000, offered on that date (V. 123, p. 231), were awarded to Pulley & Co. of New York at 100.87, a basis of about 4.39%.

\$50,000 school bonds. Due \$2,000 April 1 1927 to 1951, inclusive.  
25,000 school bonds. Due on April 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927, and \$2,000, 1928 to 1939 inclusive.  
Dated April 1 1926.

**HENDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (P. O. Athens), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The State Board of Education has purchased an issue of \$500 school bonds.

**HENDERSONVILLE, Hendersonville County, No. Caro.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$50,000 5 1/2% incinerator bonds purchased by the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago—V. 123, p. 357—was a premium of \$250, equal to 100.45, a basis of about 5.20%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$2,000 July 1 1929 to 1932 incl., and \$3,000, July 1 1933 to 1946 incl.

**HENDRY COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. La Belle), Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 6% coupon school bonds offered on July 17—V. 123, p. 231—were awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo at 98.13, a basis of about 6.21%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$2,000, July 1 1929 to 1953 incl. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Price Bid
M. W. Elkins & Co., Little Rock	93.10
Brown, Crummer Co., Wichita	93.21
Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Inc., Cincinnati	96.13
Hanchett Bond Co., Chicago	92.06
Walter Woody & Heimerdinger, Cincinnati	90.50
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo	96.62

**HOWARD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 (P. O. Big Spring), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The State Board of Education has purchased an issue of \$3,000 school bonds.

**HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The \$15,000 5% school bonds offered on May 10—V. 122, p. 2692—awarded to R. E. Campbell & Co. of Los Angeles. Date May 1 1926. Due \$1,000, May 1 1937 to 1951 incl. Legality approved by O'Melveny, Milliken, Tuller & MacNeil of Los Angeles.

**HURON COUNTY (P. O. Bad Axe), Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The \$225,000 5% coupon road bonds offered on July 15—V. 123, p. 231—were awarded to Bumpus & Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$629, equal to 100.27, a basis of about 4.95%. Date May 1 1926. Due \$22,500, 1927 to 1936 inclusive. Int. payable M. & N.

**JACKSON, Hinds County, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—The Mississippi Bond & Securities Co. of Jackson has purchased an issue of \$40,468 5 1/2% sidewalk bonds.

**JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Pascagoula), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—Fred Taylor, Chancery Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 2 for \$275,000 4 1/4 or 5% bridge bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$15,000 in 1927, \$20,000, 1928 to 1930 incl.; \$25,000, 1931 to 1935 incl., and \$75,000 in 1936. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. Purchaser to furnish the bonds. Delivery not later than 30 days after date of sale. A certified check for 5% of the bid required. Legality to be approved by Thompson, Wood & Hoffman of N. Y. City.

*Financial Statement.*

Assessed valuation, 1925	\$9,104,031
Actual value (estimated)	15,000,000
Total debt (including this issue)	340,000
Sinking fund	23,000
Population, 1920, 19,208; estimated, 22,000.	

These are the bonds originally offered for sale on July 5—V. 122, p. 3634.

**JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Gainesboro), Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—The following 5% bonds aggregating \$104,000, offered on July 5—V. 122, p. 3634—were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at a premium of \$575, equal to 100.57, a basis of about 4.95%:  
\$4,000 road bonds. Date April 1 1926. Int. payable A. & O.  
40,000 Central High School bonds. Date July 1 1926. Int. pay. J. & J.  
Due in 30 years; optional after 20 years.

**JAMESTOWN, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$102,408 86 grade crossing elimination registered bonds, offered on July 16—V. 123, p. 357—were awarded to Pulley & Co. and F. B. Keech & Co., both of New York, as 4.20s at 100.14, a basis of about 4.18%. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,408 86 in 1927, and \$11,000, 1928 to 1936 inclusive.

**JAY COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$31,000, offered on July 1—V. 122, p. 3634—were awarded as follows:

To the Merchants National Bank of Muncie:  
\$13,000 road bonds at a premium of \$189, equal to 101.45.  
To the Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis:  
\$18,000 road bonds at a premium of \$263, equal to 101.46.

Due each six months in 1 to 10 years.  
**BOND OFFERING.**—Myrtle Neare, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 2 for the following two issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$29,000:

\$24,000 Richland Township road bonds. Denom. \$1,200. Due \$1,200 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936 incl.  
5,006 Piep Township road bonds. Denom. \$250 30. Due \$250 30 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936 incl.

Date Aug. 2 1926. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Fairfield), Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received by the County Clerk until July 22 for \$266,000 road bonds.

**JERSEY TOWNSHIP, Licking County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.**—Geo. H. Berger, Clerk Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 7 for \$3,227 31 6% net deficiency notes. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$800 except one for \$827 31. Due \$827 31 March 1 1927, \$800 Sept. 1 1927 and \$800 March 1 and Sept. 1 1928. A certified check for 5% of the notes bid for, payable to the Township Trustees, is required.

**JOHNSON CITY, Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo purchased on July 6 an issue of \$35,000 sewer bonds as 4.40s at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.28.

**KENT, Portage County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$6,360 6% coupon or registered cemetery bonds offered on July 15—V. 122, p. 3490—were awarded to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus at a premium of \$267 12, equal to 104.19, a basis of about 4.84%. Date April 1 1926. Due \$860 Oct. 1 1927 and \$500 April and Oct. 1 1928 to April 1 1933 incl.

**KLAMATH FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Klamath Falls), Klamath County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—The First National Bank of Klamath Falls has purchased an issue of \$27,000 5 1/2% school bonds at a premium of \$214, equal to 100.79, a basis of about 5.40% to optional date and a basis of about 5.44% if allowed to run full term of years. Due in 20 years; optional after 10 years.

**KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 (P. O. Benjamin), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$4,000 6% school bonds has been purchased by the State Board of Education.

**KNOX TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lucinda), Clarion County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$14,475 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on June 14—V. 122, p. 3244—were awarded to J. W. Hoover and William J. Geary of Snyderburg at par. Due serially 1927 to 1936 incl. Int. payable J. & D. Denom. \$500, except one for \$475.

**LAKE WORTH, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—Brandon, Gordon & Waddell of New York City have purchased an issue of \$161,000 6% street impt. bonds at 95. Due serially in 10 years.

**LA SALLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Cotulla), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$22,000 5% school bonds registered on July 8—V. 123, p. 358—were awarded to the State Board of Education. These are the bonds voted at the election held on April 24—V. 122, p. 2533.

**LE BLANC DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Detroit) Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—Howe, Snow & Bertles of Detroit have purchased an issue of \$1,560,000 6% sanitary and storm sewer bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$90,000 in 1928; \$100,000 in 1929; \$110,000, 1930 to 1936 incl.; \$120,000, 1937 to 1941 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, Detroit.

**LEHI, Utah County, Utah.—BOND SALE.**—The Central Trust Co. of Salt Lake City was awarded on June 22 the \$18,500 power plant bonds as 4 3/4 at 100.085. These are the bonds scheduled to have been sold on July 16—V. 123, p. 108.

**LEHIGHTON, Carbon County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. J. Snyder, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until Aug. 2 for \$125,000 4 1/2% borough bonds.

**LIBERTY, Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On July 19 the following two issues of 4 1/2% registered bonds aggregating \$9,500 offered on that date (V. 123, p. 358) were awarded to the National Bank of Liberty: \$6,000 corporation building repair bonds. Due \$500, July 29 1927 to 1933 inclusive.  
3,500 sewer extension bonds. Due \$500, July 29 1927 to 1933 incl.  
Dated July 29 1926.

**LINCOLN PARK (P. O. Dearborn R. F. D. No. 2), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Floyd W. Harrison, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (eastern standard time) July 29 for the following bonds, aggregating \$735,000:

\$235,000 (special assessment) paving bonds. A certified check for \$3,000 payable to the City Treasurer is required.

345,000 water bonds. A certified check for \$3,000 payable to the City Treasurer is required.

155,000 storm and sanitary sewer bonds. A certified check for \$1,000 payable to the City Treasurer is required.

**LITTLE ROCK SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pulaski County, Ark.—BOND SALE.**—The \$1,200,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on July 19—V. 123, p. 109—were awarded to a syndicate composed of M. W. Elkins & Co. and the American Southern Trust Co., both of Little Rock, the Federal Commerce Trust Co. of St. Louis, Ames, Emerich & Co. of Chicago, the William R. Compton Co. of St. Louis and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago at a discount of \$14,400, equal to 98.80, a basis of about 4.59%. Date July 20 1926. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1935 incl.; \$6,000, 1936; \$8,000, 1937; \$20,000, 1938 and 1939; \$32,000, 1940; \$33,000, 1941; \$35,000, 1942; \$36,000, 1943; \$56,000, 1944; \$58,000, 1945; \$60,000, 1946; \$77,000, 1947; \$81,000, 1948; \$84,000, 1949; \$88,000, 1950; \$92,000, 1951; \$96,000, 1952; \$100,000, 1953; \$105,000, 1954, and \$109,000 in 1955.

**LIVE OAK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. George West), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$3,000 6% school bonds registered on July 8—V. 123, p. 362—were taken by the State Board of Education.

**LOCKPORT, Niagara County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.**—The Niagara County National Bank of Lockport was awarded on July 14 an issue of \$39,206 80 5% certificates of indebtedness at 100.57, a basis of about 4.12%. Due in 8 months.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 2 for the following school bonds aggregating \$160,000:

\$150,000 5% Monrovia City School District bonds. Due Aug. 1 as follows:  
\$2,000, 1929 to 1947 incl.; \$4,000, 1948 to 1954 incl. and \$7,000, 1955 to 1966 incl.  
10,000 5 1/2% El Segundo School District bonds. Due \$1,000, Aug. 1 1929 to 1938 incl.

Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasury. A certified check for 3% of the bid required.

**LYNDONVILLE, Orleans County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Donald M. Fraser, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 27 for \$46,000 sewer bonds.

**McALEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hidalgo County, Texas.—BOND SALE.**—The \$325,000 school bonds offered on July 19—V. 123, p. 232—were awarded to A. C. Allyn & Co. of Chicago as 6s at 101.19.

**McCLELLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$12,000 school bonds offered on July 7—V. 123, p. 232—were awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport as 4 3/4s at a premium of \$137, equal to 101.14. Date May 1 1926. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500. Due serially to Nov. 1 1943. Int. payable M. & N.

**MACKINAW AND WAWATAM TOWNSHIPS FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Mackinaw) Cheboygan County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—Whittlesey, McLean & Co. of Detroit were awarded on July 15 an issue of \$50,000 school bonds as 4 3/4s at a premium of \$370, equal to 100.74.

MACOMB COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Clemens), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 coupon road assessment district No. 108 bonds offered on July 9—

MADISON, Dane County, Wis.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by W. R. Winckler, City Clerk, until July 23 for the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds, aggregating \$223,000:

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—D. F. Burnett, Jr., Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until Aug. 9 for \$241,000 5% coupon County bonds.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$56,500 4 1/2% road bonds offered on July 17—

MAHASKA COUNTY (P. O. Oskaloosa), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 4 1/2% primary road bonds offered on July 21—

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,750 5% (city's share) coupon street impt. bonds offered on July 16—

MARBLE FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Burnet County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education has purchased an issue of \$8,500 school bonds.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—E. A. Ramsay, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 4 for \$76,000 4 1/2% gravel road bonds.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On July 15 the following three issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$101,417 were awarded as follows: To the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus: \$50,225 "Marion-Mt. Gilhead" I. C. H. No. 111 bonds...

MARION COUNTY UNION ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Fairmont), W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The State of West Virginia has purchased an issue of \$100,000 road bonds at par.

MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Stanton), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education has purchased an issue of \$4,000 school bonds.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of)—NOTE SALE.—The Shawmut Corp. of Boston purchased on July 20 \$2,000,000 Metropolitan District notes on a 3.26% discount basis...

MAUCH CHUNK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mauch Chunk), Carbon County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Nesquehoning has purchased an issue of \$45,000 school bonds at par.

MAUMEE, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,500 5 1/2% (special assessment) Askin Ave. paving bonds offered on July 12—

MEDINA, Medina County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5 1/2% assessment street improvement bonds, aggregating \$20,000 offered on July 3—

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 4 by Arthur C. Baldwin, County Treasurer, for \$12,200 4 1/2% Richland Township road bonds.

MILFORD, Iroquois County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased an issue of \$3,500 water works bonds.

MONMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Freehold), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Aug. 4 by C. Asa Francis, County Treasurer, for the following two issues of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$903,000:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on July 13—

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. (central standard time) Aug. 9 by E. A. Kilmer, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$32,500 5% Law View Plot Sanitary Sewer bonds.

D. W. and A. S. Iddings, of Dayton, and Peck, Shaffer & Williams, of Cincinnati.

MORGANTOWN, Mongolia County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 5% coupon city bonds offered on July 20—

MORROW COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Gilead), Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—M. L. Rule, Clerk Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 2 for \$20,723 54 5 1/2% net deficiency notes.

BOND OFFERING.—M. L. Rule, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 31 for the following 5 1/2% coupon bonds, aggregating \$10,734 50:

5,103 75 (Township portion) Garverick road bonds. Denom. \$520, except one for \$423 75. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$423 75, Sept. 1 1927 and \$520, 1928 to 1936 incl.

Date Aug. 1 1926. Int. payable M. & S. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to the County Treasurer is required.

Financial Statement. Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes: Estimated value of taxable property (\$28,000,000 00), Last assessed valuation for taxation (27,388,120 00), Total bonded debt (900,145 38), Total floating debt (122,250 00), Total sinking fund (32,445 16), Tax rate (5 mills), Population (1926) (15,570).

MORROW COUNTY (P. O. Heppner), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The A. D. Wakeman Co. of Portland and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, jointly, purchased on July 7 the \$120,000 road bonds as 5s at 102.03.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Titus County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5 1/2% water bonds registered on June 28 (V. 123, p. 232) were awarded on July 6 to J. E. Jarrett & Co. of Dallas at a premium of \$77, equal to 100.15—a basis of about 5.49%.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 road bonds offered on July 19—

NASH COUNTY (P. O. Nashville), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. B. Boddie, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. July 27 for the following 6% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$500,000:

\$325,000 road bonds. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1936 incl. \$7,000, 1937 to 1941 incl.; \$6,000, 1942 to 1946 incl.; \$11,000, 1947 to 1956 incl. and \$12,000, 1957 to 1966 incl.

Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all bonds.

NASHVILLE, Davidson County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$250,000 offered on July 16—

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On July 21 the following two issues of 4% coupon bonds offered on that date (V. 123, p. 359) were awarded to the National City Co. of Boston at 100.531, a basis of about 3.93%.

NEW PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Providence), Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On July 20 the \$45,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 359) were awarded to Lawrence J. McGregor of New York at 101.96, a basis of about 4.74%.

NEWTON, Harvey County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Branch-Middlekauff & Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$25,900 4 1/2% city impt. bonds at 100.40. Due serially in 10 years.

NORTH TONAWANDA, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On July 6 Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc. of New York purchased an issue of \$25,000 4 1/2% storm sewer bonds at 100.39, a basis of about 4.43%.

NORWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Havana), Huron County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—B. G. Robinson, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Aug. 6 for \$3,680 44 6% net deficiency notes. Date May 15 1926; Denom. \$368 04.

OCALA, Marion County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—H. C. Sistrunk, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 9 for the following 6% bonds aggregating \$205,000:

\$60,000 sewerage system extension bonds, 50,000 water works extension bonds, 35,000 city hall bonds, 25,000 electric light impt. bonds, 20,000 incinerator bonds, 15,000 street and park bonds.

BOND OFFERING.—H. C. Sistrunk, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 9 for \$43,000 6% street impt. bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in 10 years.

BOND OFFERING.—H. C. Sistrunk, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 9 for \$102,000 6% impt. bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in 10 years.

OCEANSIDE, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The William R. Staats Co. of Los Angeles has purchased an issue of \$100,000 pier and beach improvement bonds at a premium of \$1,633, equal to 101.633.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported). Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes: Assessed valuation 1925-26 (\$2,100,000), Bonded debt (224,000), Water debt (119,000), Net debt (105,000).

**OCONEE COUNTY (P. O. Walhalla), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago have purchased an issue of \$255,000 5% road bonds.

**ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Orlando), Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$1,240,000 5% road bonds offered on July 20—V. 122, p. 3636—were awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, and the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville, jointly, at a premium of \$35,089, equal to 96.17, a basis of about 5.93%. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$235,000, 1936; \$45,000, 1937; \$65,000, 1938; \$85,000, 1939; \$110,000, 1940; \$135,000, 1941; \$160,000, 1942; \$190,000, 1943, and \$215,000 in 1944.

**OREGON, Dane County, Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The \$5,000 5% village bonds offered on July 1—V. 122, p. 3491—were awarded to J. P. Connor of Oregon at a premium of 57.50, equal to 101.15, a basis of about 4.75%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$500 July 1 1927 to 1936 inclusive.

**ORLANDO, Orange County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The following 5% bonds, aggregating \$230,000, offered on July 21—V. 123, p. 233—were awarded to Wright, Warlow & Co. of Orlando at a discount of \$4,071, equal to 98.23, a basis of about 5.39%:

- \$170,000 paving bonds. Due \$17,000 Aug. 1 1927 to 1936.
- 60,000 sewer bonds. Due \$6,000 Aug. 1 1927 to 1936.

Date Aug. 1 1926.

**ORLEANS COUNTY (P. O. Albion), N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On July 20 the \$25,000 5% coupon or registered highway bonds offered on that date (V. 123, p. 360) were awarded to Pulley & Co. of New York for \$26,093, equal to 104.37, a basis of about 4.27%. Dated July 1 1926. Due July 1 1933.

**OSCEOLA COUNTY (P. O. Kissimmee), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. L. Overstreet, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until July 24 (to-day) for \$2,000,000 6% county bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due \$100,000 May 1 1936 to 1955 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid required. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, N. Y. City. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on July 23—V. 123, p. 111.

**OYSTER BAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 (P. O. Sea Cliff), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On July 21 the \$200,000 4 3/4% coupon or registered school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 360) were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York at 101.539, a basis of about 4.36%. Date July 1 1926. Due on July 1 as follows: \$6,000 1929 to 1933, incl.; \$8,000 1934 to 1938, incl.; and \$10,000 1939 to 1951, incl.

**PEABODY, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—On July 21 the \$21,000 4% coupon school loan of 1926 bonds offered on that date (V. 123, p. 360) were awarded to Geo. A. Fernald & Co. at 100.553, a basis of about 3.92%. Date July 1 1926. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1931 incl. and \$1,000, 1932 to 1942 incl.

**PELHAM, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On July 20 the \$34,000 4 1/4% registered street impt. bonds offered on that date (V. 123, p. 233) were awarded to Percy Stewart of New York for \$34,445.74, equal to 101.31, a basis of about 4.24%. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Due \$3,000 yearly from Sept. 1 1927 to 1937 incl.

**PEND OREILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (P. O. Newport), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.**—S. M. McGee, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 12 for \$25,000 not exceeding 6% school bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926.

**PERRY, Wyoming County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 10 by Charles C. Blythe, Village Clerk, for \$30,000 4 3/4% coupon or registered water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in gold at the First National Bank, Perry, in New York exchange. Due \$2,000 Sept. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to J. D. Rudgers, Village Treasurer, required. Legality will be approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

**PERRYVILLE, Ashland County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 2 by G. B. Darling, Village Clerk, for \$2,424.37 6% net deficiency notes. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$300, except one for \$324.37. Due each six months as follows: \$300, Oct. 1 1927; \$300, April and Oct. 1 1928 to Oct. 1 1930 incl. and \$324.37, April 1 1931. A certified check for 3% of the notes bid for payable to the Village Clerk is required.

**PIKE COUNTY (P. O. St. Petersburg), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis purchased on June 25 an issue of \$23,200 4 3/4% coupon road bonds at 102.335. Date June 25 1926. Due serially Nov. 15 1927 to 1946 incl. Int. payable M. & N. 15. The above supersedes the report given in V. 123, p. 111.

**PINAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Casa Grande), Ariz.—BOND SALE.**—The \$35,000 school bonds offered on July 6—V. 123, p. 111—were awarded to Geo. W. Valley & Co. of Denver as 5s at 101.268, a basis of about 4.84% to optional date, and a basis of about 4.90% if allowed to run full term of years. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 1946, optional July 1 1936.

**PITTSBURGH, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—On July 22 the following 21 issues of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$8,768,000, offered on that date (V. 123, p. 233), were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, Redmond & Co., Blair & Co., Inc., Eldredge & Co., all of New York; Biddle & Henry and Edward B. Smith & Co., both of Philadelphia, and Remick, Hodges & Co. of New York, at 101.4335, a basis of about 4.11%:

- \$840,000 funding "A" bonds. Due \$28,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 690,000 funding "B" bonds. Due \$23,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 30,000 East Street bridge bonds. Due \$1,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 1,500,000 water bonds. Due \$50,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 990,000 bridge bonds. Due \$33,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 600,000 sewer bonds. Due \$20,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 600,000 street impt. bonds. Due \$30,000 June 1 1927 to 1946 incl.
- 120,000 Grant Street impt. bonds. Due \$4,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 120,000 Boulevard of the Allies impt. bonds. Due \$4,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 150,000 Baum Boulevard impt. bonds. Due \$5,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 30,000 Irwin Ave. impt. bonds. Due \$1,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 30,000 Chartiers Ave. impt. bonds. Due \$1,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 132,000 North Ave. impt. bonds. Due \$4,400 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 200,000 Lincoln Ave. impt. bonds. Due \$10,000 June 1 1927 to 1946 incl.
- 1,500,000 City Home and Hospitals bonds. Due \$50,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 249,000 hospital bonds. Due \$83,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 300,000 playgrounds bonds. Due \$10,000 June 1 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 400,000 public safety bonds. Due \$20,000 June 1 1927 to 1946 incl.
- 30,000 Second Ave. impt. bonds. Due \$1,000 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 210,000 Mt. Washington Roadway impt. bonds. Due \$7,000 1927 to 1956 incl.
- 45,000 North and Irwin Ave. bridge bonds. Due \$1,500 1927 to 1956 incl.

Dated July 1 1926. The bonds are being re-offered by the bankers at prices to yield from 3.75 to 4.025%, according to maturity.

Financial Statement June 30 1926.

The actual indebtedness of the City of Pittsburgh is as follows:

(1) Gross amount of indebtedness.....	\$71,278,494.40
(a) Bonded debt.....	\$67,495,300.00 (1)
(b) Floating debt.....	3,783,194.40 (2)
(2) Credits to be deducted from said gross indebtedness:	
(a) Bonds of said city included in said gross bonded debt, which have been purchased by the Sinking Fund Commission and are held in the several sinking funds.....	\$1,298,200.00
(b) Cash held in the several sinking funds for the redemption of the bonded debt of said city last mentioned.....	1,127,015.07
	2,425,215.07
(3) Net debt.....	\$68,853,279.33

(1) Including \$26,464,000 authorized by electoral vote, and \$1,724,000 authorized by ordinances of Council, but not yet issued, of which \$7,236,000 of the amount authorized by electoral vote and \$1,530,000 of the amount

authorized by ordinances of Council, and described in this notice of sale, are a portion.

(2) Floating debt, \$5,313,194.40, less \$1,530,000, being the amount of said floating debt to be discharged from the proceeds of sale of funding bonds in that amount, included in this notice of sale.

Water bonds outstanding.....	\$7,495,700.00
Water bond sinking funds.....	639,734.00

Net water debt.....	\$6,855,966.00
School bonded debt.....	\$18,938,500.00
Sinking fund.....	1,610,254.00
Net school debt.....	\$17,328,246.00

Last assessed valuation of taxable property in the city of Pittsburgh, about 85% of real valuation:

Valuation of land.....	\$548,219,170
Valuation of buildings.....	465,897,650
	\$1,014,116,820

Population (U. S. Census, 1920), 594,277; estimated population, 1926, 650,000.

**POLK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Polk County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The Polk City Mortgage & Finance Co. of Polk City has purchased an issue of \$40,000 school bonds.

**PORTAGE COUNTY (P. O. Ravenna), Ohio.—NOTE SALE.**—On May 31 the \$27,000 5 1/2% net deficiency notes offered on that date (V. 122, p. 3114) were awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati at a premium of \$518.40, equal to 101.92, a basis of about 4.86%. Dated May 1 1926. Due \$3,000 Oct. 1 1927 and April and Oct. 1 1928 to 1931 incl.

**PORTLAND, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The Shawmut Corp. of Boston was awarded the \$300,000 temporary loan offered on July 16—V. 123, p. 360—on a 3.36% discount basis. Date July 20 1926. Due Oct. 4 1926.

**PRINCETON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Princeton), Mercer County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—On July 16 the 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on that date—V. 123, p. 360—were awarded to Outwater & Wells of Jersey City, taking \$42,500 (\$43,000 offered) paying \$43,118.18, equal to 101.45, a basis of about 4.39%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1955 incl.; \$1,500, 1956 to 1964 incl., and \$1,000, 1965.

**QUINCY, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston purchased the following two issues of 4% bonds, aggregating \$525,000, at 100.873, a basis of about 3.87%:

- \$275,000 school bonds. Due \$5,000 July 1 1927 to 1941 incl.
- 450,000 high school bonds. Due \$30,000 July 1 1927 to 1941 incl.

Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Legality approved by Storey, Thorn-dike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

**RAMAPO COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Tallman), Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—R. F. De Vos & Co. of New York were awarded on July 20 an issue of \$100,000 school bonds as 4 1/2s at 100.379.

**RADE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Glasgow), Cambria County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. J. Delozier, Township Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 31 for \$35,000 5% coupon road bonds. Date Aug. 2 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 2 as follows: \$5,000 in 1931, \$6,000 in 1936, \$7,000 in 1941, \$9,000 in 1946, and \$8,000 in 1950. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the First National Bank, Coalport. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Township Treasurer, is required.

**RINGGOLD COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Ayr) Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received by Clarence Palmer, County Auditor until July 23 for \$150,000 court house bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$21,000 in 1931; \$5,000 in 1932; \$6,000, 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$7,000, 1936 to 1938 incl.; \$13,000 in 1939; \$14,000 in 1940; \$15,000, 1941 to 1943 incl. and \$13,000 in 1944. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Bonds and attorney's opinion will be furnished by the County. Legality approved by Cutler, Chapman & Parker, Chicago.

**RIVERSIDE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Riverside), Riverside County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The Anglo London Paris Co. of Los Angeles purchased on July 19 an issue of \$250,000 4 3/4% school bonds at a premium of \$7,865, equal to 103.14, a basis of about 4.51%. Date July 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 15 as follows: \$12,000, 1936 to 1955 incl., and \$10,000 in 1956. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 15) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Riverside), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk, until 10 a. m. July 26 for the following 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$1,050,000:

- \$850,000 City high school district bonds. Due \$25,000 Aug. 1 1931 to 1964 inclusive.
- 200,000 City Junior College District bonds. Due \$10,000 Aug. 1 1936 to 1955 inclusive.

Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% of the bid required.

**RIVERVIEW (P. O. Chattanooga), Hamilton County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—The Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga has purchased an issue of \$30,000 improvement bonds.

**ROCHESTER, Haskell County, Texas.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received by I. B. Loe, Mayor, until July 20 for \$38,000 6% water works bonds.

**ROCKWELL CITY, Calhoun County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received by D. E. Leonard, City Clerk, until July 20 for \$10,000 water works bonds. Purchaser to furnish the bonds and legal opinion.

**ROSCOE, Washington County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$20,000 4 3/4% paving bonds offered on July 13—V. 123, p. 111—were awarded to the First National Bank of Roscoe at a premium of \$125, equal to 100.62, a basis of about 4.67%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$1,000 July 1 1927 to 1946 incl.

**ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Royal Oak), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—On June 28 the \$60,000 school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 3637) were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, as 4 1/2s at a premium of \$252, equal to 100.42, a basis of about 4.47%. Due on June 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1935 incl.; \$4,000, 1939 to 1943 incl., and \$5,000, 1944 to 1947 incl.

**RUSTON, Lincoln Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. S. Moore, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 17 for \$150,000 5% impt. bonds. Due serially Aug. 1 1928 to 1951 incl. A certified check for \$1,500 required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

**ST. ANDREWS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Panama City), Bay County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary Board of Public Instruction until Aug. 12 for \$60,000 school bonds.

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. San Diego), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. B. McLees, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 26 for the following two issues of school bonds, aggregating \$12,000:

- \$9,000 5 1/2% Orange Glen School District bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 June 28 1929 to 1937 incl.
- 3,000 5% San Dieguito School District bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 June 28 1931 to 1936 incl.

Date June 28 1926. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 3% of the bid, required. Legality to be approved by Goodfellow, Eells, Moore & Orrick of San Francisco.

**SANDUSKY COUNTY (P. O. Fremont), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—K. R. Richards, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 31 for \$18,000 5% coupon Woodville-Genoa road impt. bonds. Date May 6 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 6 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 and 1928 and \$4,000, 1929 to 1931 incl. Purchaser to pay for approving opinion of Squires, Sander & Dempsey of Cleveland. A certified check for \$2,000 is required.

**SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Scranton) Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Aug. 9 by John D. Hughes, Secretary Board of Directors, for



\$1,000,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due \$40,000 Aug. 1 1932 to 1956 incl. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, required.

**SHAKER HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland) Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—**The \$157,125 4¼% (special assessment) street impmt. coupon bonds offered on July 15—V. 123, p. 112—were awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$1,620, equal to 101.03, a basis of about 4.54%. Date July 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,125 in 1927, \$16,000, 1928 and 1929; \$15,000, 1930; \$16,000, 1931 and 1932; \$15,000, 1933 and \$16,000, 1934 to 1936 incl.

**SHARON HILL, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—**Harry E. Anschutz, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (eastern standard time) Aug. 4 for \$90,000 4½% registered borough bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 1956.

**SHELBY, Toole County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—**The \$45,000 water bonds offered on July 6—V. 122, p. 3115—were awarded to T. G. Evensen of Minneapolis. Date July 1 1926.

**SHERMAN, Grayson County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—**J. A. Henderson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Aug. 16 for \$100,000 5% street impmt. bonds.

**SILLOAM SPRINGS, Benton County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—**The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$98,900 5% Paving District No. 4 bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, Nov. 1 1926 to 1945 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis. Legality approved by Rose, Hemingway, Cantrell & Loughborough of Little Rock.

**SOUTH BELMAR (P. O. Belmar) Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—**Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 2 by Grace B. Hoff, Borough Clerk, for an issue of 5% coupon or registered water system bonds, not to exceed \$75,000 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$75,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in gold at the First National Bank, Belmar. Due \$3,000 Sept. 1 1927 to 1951 incl. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Borough, required.

**SOUTH RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. South River) Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—**Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Aug. 19 by William J. Kern, District Clerk, for an issue of 5% coupon or registered school bonds, not to exceed \$20,000 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$20,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank, South River. Due \$1,000 July 1 1927 to 1946 incl. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Custodian of School Moneys, required. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon, and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York.

**SOUTH SANTA ANITA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, (P. O. Los Angeles) Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—**L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 26 for \$90,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$2,000, 1932 to 1936 incl.; and \$5,000, 1937 to 1951 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasury. A certified check for 3% of the bid, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, required.

**SPICE VALLEY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Williams), Lawrence County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—**Laurin S. Chase, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 5 for \$16,000 5% coupon school bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$500, except two for \$500. Due each six months as follows: \$500 July 1 1927 and \$500 Jan. 1 1928, and \$750 July 1 1928 to Jan. 1 1938 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Bedford National Bank, Bedford.

**SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—**The First National Bank of Boston on July 21 purchased a \$1,000,000 temporary loan on a 3.33% discount basis. Due Jan. 20 1927.

**STARKE COUNTY (P. O. Knox), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—**Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 4 by Elmer Mosher, County Treasurer, for \$5,533 12.6% ditch impmt. bonds.

**STARK COUNTY (P. O. Dickinson), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—**The \$40,000 registered certificates of indebtedness offered on July 10—V. 123, p. 233—were awarded as 5½s at par as follows: \$20,000 certificates of indebtedness to the First Nat. Bank of Dickinson. 20,000 certificates of indebtedness to the First Nat. Bank of Beidfeld. Due on or before Jan. 1 1927.

**STEBEN COUNTY (P. O. Angola), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—**Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 3 by Ella Fisher, County Treasurer, for the following two issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$18,500: \$9,500 road bonds. \$9,000 road bonds. Due semi-annually in 1 to 10 years.

**STURGIS, St. Joseph County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—**The following two issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$42,000, offered on June 30—V. 122, p. 3638—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$27, equal to 100.06, a basis of about 4.49%: \$14,000 water extension bonds. 28,000 general obligation bonds. Due serially, 1932 to 1940 inclusive.

**SUDBURY, Middlesex County, Mass.—BONDS OFFERED.—**Harland H. Rogers, Town Treasurer, received sealed bids until 10:15 a. m. (daylight saving time) July 23 for \$43,000 4% coupon school bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1939 incl., and \$2,000 in 1940 and 1941. Prin. and int. (P. & A.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. The 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. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

**SUNNYVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Jose), Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—**The \$13,500 5% school bonds offered on July 6—V. 123, p. 112—were awarded to Dean Writter & Co. of San Francisco, at a premium of \$369, equal to 102.73, a basis of about 4.59%. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$500 in 1928 and \$1,000, 1929 to 1941 incl.

**SUWANEE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Live Oaks), Fla.—BOND SALE.—**The two issues of 6% school bonds, aggregating \$130,000, offered on July 6—V. 122, p. 3638—were awarded as follows:

\$90,000 Special Tax School District No. 1 bonds to R. P. McMakin & Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$780, equal to 100.86, a basis of about 5.8%. Due \$4,000 July 1 1929 to 1934 incl., and \$3,000, July 1 1935 to 1956 incl.

40,000 Special Tax School District No. 4 bonds to John Nuvenc & Co. of Chicago at a discount of \$1,636, equal to 95.91, a basis of about 6.42%. Due \$1,500 July 1 1929 to 1953 incl., and \$2,500, Date July 1 1926.

**TILLAMOOK COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Nehalem), Ore.—BOND SALE.—**The \$10,000 5% school bonds offered on July 12—V. 123, p. 234—were awarded to Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Brown of Portland at a premium of \$26.50, equal to 100.26, a basis of about 4.94%. Date June 1 1926. Due \$5,000 Dec. 1 1930 and 1931.

**TIPPAH COUNTY SEPARATE ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Ripley), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—**A. M. Young, Clerk of Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Aug. 4 for the following 5½% road bonds, aggregating \$250,000:

\$150,000 Second Supervisors District bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1929 incl.; \$4,000, 1930 and 1931; \$6,000, 1932 to 1934, incl.; \$7,000, 1935 and 1936; \$8,000, 1937 and 1938; \$9,000, 1939 and 1940; \$10,000, 1941 and 1942; \$11,000, 1943, and \$12,000, 1944 to 1946, incl. A certified check for \$3,000, payable to the above named official, required.

100,000 First Supervisors District bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1930, incl.; \$3,000, 1931; \$4,000, 1932 to 1935, incl.; \$5,000, 1936 and 1937; \$6,000, 1938 to 1941, incl.; \$7,000, 1942, and \$8,000, 1943 to 1946, incl. A certified check for \$2,500, payable to the above named official, required.

Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis. Purchaser to print the bonds. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford, St. Louis.

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY (P. O. Lafayette), Ind.—BOND SALE.—**The \$8,200 4½% Perry Township coupon road bonds offered on July 16—V. 123, p. 234—were awarded to John Ensing of Lafayette for \$8,359, equal to 101.93. Date June 12 1926. Denom. \$410. Due semi-annually in 1 to 10 years. Int. payable M. & N.

**TOM GREEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Angelo), Tex.—BOND SALE.—**The following two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$20,000, registered on July 8—V. 123, p. 362—were awarded to the State Board of Education:

\$10,000 School District No. 4 bonds.  
\$10,000 School District No. 8 bonds.  
Due serially in 5 to 40 years.

**TUSCUMBIA, Colbert County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—**Magnus & Co. of Cincinnati has purchased an issue of \$40,000 hospital bonds at 99.

**UNION CITY, Campbell County, Ga.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—**The two issues of 5% improvement bonds, aggregating \$6,000, offered on July 2—V. 122, p. 3493—were not sold.

**UNION (TOWN) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Johnson City), Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—**Pulleyn & Co. of New York were awarded on July 17 an issue of \$90,000 school bonds as 4.35s at 100.11, a basis of about 4.34%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$10,000 Dec. 31 1925 to 1943 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Workers' Trust Co. of Johnson City.

Financial Statement.  
Bonded debt.....\$649,000  
Assessed valuation.....12,104,278  
Population, estimated, 13,000.

**UPPER TOWNSHIP, Lawrence County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—**Edward A. Holtzappe, Clerk Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Central standard time) Aug. 6 for \$3,167.29 6% notes. Date July 1 1926. Due each six months as follows: \$316.72 March 1 1927, \$316.73 Sept. 1 1927, and \$316.73 March 1 and Sept. 1 1928 to Sept. 1 1931 incl. A certified check for 2% of the notes bid for, payable to the Board of Trustees, is required.

**VERMILION, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—**On July 12 the \$24,000 5% coupon water bonds offered on that date (V. 123, p. 362) were awarded to the First-Citizens Corp. of Columbus for \$24,748.80, equal to 103.12, a basis of about 4.65%. Dated April 1 1926. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1950 incl.

**VERNON, Wilbarger County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—**S. H. Hall, City Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 27 for \$80,000 5¼% water works system and street paving bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due serially Aug. 1 1927 to 1966, incl.

**VERO BEACH, St. Lucie County, Fla.—NO BIDS.—**There were no bids received for the \$150,000 6% city bonds offered on July 15—V. 123, p. 113.

**VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—**Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 30 by J. O. Leek, County Treasurer, for \$8,600 4½% Harrison Township road bonds. Denom. \$430. Date July 15 1926. Due \$430 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936, incl.

**VINTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Benton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—**Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport purchased on July 19 an issue of \$100,000 school bonds, taking \$72,000 bonds as 4¼s and \$28,000 bonds as 4½s.

**WABASH COUNTY (P. O. Wabash), Ind.—BOND SALE.—**On July 20 the \$10,000 4½% coupon La Gro Township road bonds, offered on that date (V. 122, p. 362), were awarded to A. P. Harper and the Bank of La Fontaine, at a premium of \$160, equal to 101.60, a basis of about 4.17%. Date July 15 1926. Due \$500 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, inclusive.

**WALBRIDGE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Walbridge), Wood County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—**B. Sherman, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 3 for \$2,568.25 6% deficiency notes. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$320 except one for \$328.25. Due each six months as follows: \$328.25 March 1 1927, \$320 Sept. 1 1927 and \$320 March 1 and Sept. 1 1928 to Sept. 1 1930 incl. A certified check for 5% of the amount of notes bid for, payable to above-named Clerk, is required.

**WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—**Sealed bids will be received until 10:30 a. m. (daylight saving time) July 27 by H. W. Cutter, City Treasurer, for the following five issues of 4% coupon bonds, aggregating \$715,000: \$200,000 sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 Aug. 1 1927 to 1946, incl.  
\$15,000 drainage bonds. Due \$1,000 Aug. 1 1927 to 1941, incl.  
\$130,000 street bonds. Due \$13,000 Aug. 1 1927 to 1936, incl.  
\$150,000 water bonds. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1927, and \$3,000, 1928 to 1941, incl.  
\$500,000 school bonds. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$34,000, 1927 to 1931, incl., and \$33,000, 1932 to 1941, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1926. Prin. and int. payable in Boston. 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 Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

**WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—**Emerson J. Davis, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 26 for \$18,500 4½% Adams Twp. road bonds. Date July 5 1926. Denom. \$925. Due \$925 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the County Treasurer's office.

**WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—**Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 9 by Della B. King, City Auditor, for \$65,000 5% street impmt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Due each six months as follows: \$3,000 March 1 1927 to March 1 1928; \$4,000 Sept. 1 1928; \$3,000 March 1 1929 to March 1 1930 incl.; \$4,000 Sept. 1 1930; \$3,000 March 1 1931 to March 1 1932 incl.; \$4,000 Sept. 1 1932; \$3,000 March 1 1933 to March 1 1934 incl.; \$4,000 Sept. 1 1934; \$3,000 March 1 1935 to March 1 1936 incl., and \$4,000 Sept. 1 1936. A certified check for \$500 payable to the City Treasurer, required.

**WATERFORD, Saratoga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—**Angus Garrett, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) Aug. 2 for \$25,000 4½% highway construction bonds. Date July 15 1926. Denom. \$500. Due \$2,500 Jan. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Bank of Waterford in New York exchange. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, N. Y. City. A certified check for \$1,250, payable to the Town Supervisor, is required.

**WAUWATOSA, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—**The following two issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$50,000, offered on July 20—V. 123, p. 362—were awarded to the First National Bank of Wauwatosa at a premium of \$1,156, equal to 102.31, a basis of about 4.23%: \$25,000 street improvement bonds. Due March 15 as follows: \$1,000 1927 to 1941, inclusive, and \$2,000 1942 to 1946, inclusive.  
25,000 water works bonds. Due March 15 as follows: \$1,000 1927 to 1941, inclusive, and \$2,000 1942 to 1946, inclusive.  
Date June 15 1926.

**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Niles), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—**On July 19 the \$40,000 4½% coupon viaduct bonds offered on that date (V. 123, p. 234) were awarded to the Davies-Bertram Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$640, equal to 101.60, a basis of about 4.55%. Dated July 1 1926. Due \$1,000, April and Oct. 1 1927 to 1946 incl.

**WEBSTER PARISH SUB ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Minden), La.—BOND OFFERING.—**C. R. Davis, Clerk of Parish Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 10, at Minden, for \$100,000 not exceeding 6% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially Aug. 1 1927 to 1936, incl. Int. payable F. & A. A certified check for \$5,000, required.

**WEST MINNEAPOLIS (P. O. Hopkins), Hennepin County, Minn.—WARREN OFFERING.—**E. A. Close, Village Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Aug. 3 for \$1,899 sewer warrants. A certified check for \$180 payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

**WICHITA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Wichita Falls), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The State Board of Education has purchased the following two issues of school bonds aggregating \$50,000: \$40,000 School District No. 6 bonds. \$10,000 School District No. 7 bonds.

**WISEBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$50,000 5% school bonds awarded on June 28 to the Wm. R. Staats Co. of Los Angeles—V. 123, p. 235—was a premium of \$1,631, equal to 103.26, a basis of about 4.75%. Date June 1 1926. Due \$1,000, June 1 1927 to 1950 incl.; \$3,000, June 1 1951 to 1958 incl., and \$2,000, June 1 1959.

**WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. H. Weafer, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) July 29 for the following 4% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$107,200: \$99,000 macadam bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1927 to 1930, incl., and \$19,000 in 1931. 8,200 water mains bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$1,200. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,200 in 1927, \$2,000 in 1928 and 1929 and \$1,000 in 1930 and 1931.

Date Aug. 1 1926. Prin. and int. F. & A., payable in Boston. The bonds will be certified as to genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

**WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—E. E. Cornell, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 9 for \$66,000 5% I. C. H. No. 225 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1926. Due each six months as follows: \$6,000 and \$7,000, March 1 and Sept. 1 1927 to March 1 1930, incl.; \$7,000, Sept. 1 1930, and \$7,000, March 1 and Sept. 1 1931. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$500, drawn on a bank located in Bowling Green, Ohio, is required.

**WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Woodbridge), Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 2 by E. C. Ensign, District Clerk, for the following five issues of 4½% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$255,000:

\$110,000 Iselin New school bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1934, incl., and \$3,000, 1935 to 1966, incl.

115,000 Keasbey school addition bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due on July 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1945, incl., and \$7,000, 1946.

20,000 Barron Ave. high school addition bonds. Date April 1 1926. Due \$1,000 April 1 1928 to 1947, incl.

6,000 Ford Ave. school bonds. Date April 1 1926. Due \$1,000 April 1 1926. Due \$1,000 April 1 1928 to 1933, incl.

4,000 Port Reading school addition bonds. Date April 1 1926. Due \$1,000 April 1 1928 to 1931, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, Woodbridge. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required.

**WYANDOTTE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Edward C. Bryan, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 27 for the following 5% special assessment bonds, aggregating \$128,500:

\$35,350 River Bank Ave. paving Series A bonds. Date June 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$350. Due June 15 as follows: \$7,000, 1927 to 1930, inclusive, and \$7,350 in 1931.

14,590 Second St. North paving Series A bonds. Date June 5 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$590. Due June 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1930, inclusive, and \$2,590 in 1931.

30,490 Kings Highway paving Series A bonds. Date June 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$490. Due June 15 as follows: \$5,490 in 1927; \$6,000, 1928 to 1930, inclusive, and \$7,000 in 1931.

11,630 River Bank Ave. paving Series C bonds. Date July 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$630. Due July 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1929, inclusive; \$3,000 in 1930, and \$2,630 in 1931.

14,940 Alta St. paving Series A bonds. Date July 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$940. Due July 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1930, inclusive, and \$2,940 in 1931.

14,830 Cora St. paving Series A bonds. Date July 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$830. Due July 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1931, inclusive, and \$2,830 in 1931.

6,670 Walnut St. paving Series A bonds. Date July 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$670. Due July 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1929, inclusive; \$2,000, 1930, and \$1,670 in 1931. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Wyandotte Savings Bank, Wyandotte. A certified check for 5% of the amount of the bid, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

**WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BOND SALE.**—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$46,522.89 4½% special improvement bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,522.89 in 1927; \$3,000, 1928 to 1939, inclusive, and \$4,000, 1940 and 1941. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the State Treasurer's office in Topeka.

**YAKIMA, Yakima County, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—Ferris & Hardgrove and John E. Price & Co., both of Seattle, jointly, have purchased an issue of \$1,050,000 5% water revenue bonds at a premium of \$92, equal to 100.008, a basis of about 4.99%. Date June 1 1926. Due June 1 as follows: \$18,000, 1932; \$21,000, 1933; \$24,000, 1934; \$27,000, 1935; \$30,000, 1936; \$34,000, 1937; \$38,000, 1938; \$42,000, 1939; \$46,000, 1940; \$50,000, 1941; \$54,000, 1942; \$58,000, 1943; \$62,000, 1944; \$66,000, 1945; \$70,000, 1946; \$74,000, 1947; \$78,000, 1948; \$82,000, 1949; \$86,000, 1950, and \$90,000 in 1951. In V. 123, p. 235, we reported the purchaser as being William P. Harper & Son of Seattle.

**YATES CENTER, Woodson County, Kan.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received by Max G. Spalding, City Clerk, until July 23 for \$140,000 4½% water works bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due serially July 1 1927 to 1946 incl. Legality to be approved by Bowersock, Fizzel & Rhodes of Kansas City.

**YAVAPAI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Prescott), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. V. Ingraham, Clerk Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 2 for \$20,000 6% school bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 July 1 1927 to 1946, inclusive. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$1,000 required.

**ZAVALLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Batesville), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The State Board of Education was awarded the \$45,000 school bonds registered on July 9—V. 123, p. 363.

**CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**CHIPPAWA, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. G. H. Youngs, Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 24 (to-day) for \$67,500 paving bonds. Due in 20 equal annual installments.

**DUNNVILLE, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—On July 7 the \$45,000 5% 10-installment bonds offered on that date (V. 123, p. 235) were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto at 99.10.

**KENORA, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.**—F. J. Hooper, Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 24 (to-day) for the following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$29,324.42: \$12,687 61 5/8% sinking fund consolidated debt bonds. Date July 1 1925. Due Dec. 31 1953. 16,636 81 5/8% sinking fund consolidated debt bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due Dec. 31 1953.

**MARYSVILLE, N. B.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$70,000 5½% 25-year school bonds has been sold to J. M. Robinson & Sons at 100.54, a basis of about 5.46%.

**MINTO TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were invited up to July 19, for the purchase of \$7,415 5% 15-installment bonds. R. Holtom, Sr., Treasurer, Clifford, Ont.

**PETERBOROUGH, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—H. R. Bain & Co. of Toronto recently purchased the following three issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$49,500 at 100.21, a basis of about 4.98%: \$30,000 impt. 19-year bonds. Due June 30 1945. 15,300 impt. 20-year bonds. Due June 30 1956. 4,200 impt. 30-year bonds. Due June 30 1956.

**SYDNEY, N. S.—BONDS VOTED.**—The ratepayers approved the \$20,000 library by-law.

**WINDSOR, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$200,000 5½% 30-installment bonds of the Roman Catholic School Board has been purchased by Dymont, Anderson & Co.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and City Register of Frederick, Maryland, until 7:30 P.M., August 4, 1926, for the whole or any part of \$25,000 bonds of the Corporation of Frederick, dated August 1, 1926, due \$1,000 yearly on August 1st from 1928 to 1952. Denom. \$1,000 each. Interest 4½% semi-annually, February and August 1st. Tax free. A certified check for 5% of the par value of bonds bid for, payable to the Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick must accompany each bid. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

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