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The Financial Situation.

The security markets during the week have been overshadowed by the great disaster in Florida and other Gulf Coast States, the hurricane having crossed the peninsula and followed the coast of the Gulf of Mexico westward. There has been great loss of life and property, but the bearing on the markets has been not so much through property losses as in the human tragedy close at home and connected with a part of the country which during recent years has attracted attention far and wide on account of its extensive and brilliant development. It is now known that property losses have been extensive, but these have not to any great extent fallen upon corporations with listed securities, nor have the insurance companies been hard hit, as apparently tornado, cyclone and earthquake insurance had not been extensively employed. Apparently, too, the risk has been widely distributed among strong companies, so that it is not likely that the security markets will be called upon to absorb a large volume of sales on account of insurance losses. Furthermore, reconstruction will probably stimulate a number of industries.

Notwithstanding these numerous palliative circumstances, the catastrophe has been a distinct shock to the financial community and the storm running well into the week provided an uncertainty which is sometimes hardest for prices to resist. Notwithstanding this situation and the announcement on Monday that brokers' loans had made another and exceptionally large gain of \$57,353,000 for the week ended Sept. 16, the security markets have shown a steadiness which indicates a degree of strength in the technical position or of those who are

supporting the market, which to say the least is surprising. Railroad prices have strengthened perceptibly during the week under the leadership of a few of the highest price rails, the Dow-Jones average having gained more than two points. Bond prices have remained almost stationary, but with a slight decline. Industrial prices have fluctuated comparatively little, but with a net gain of nearly two points on Friday. United States Steel led a vigorous advance, gaining nearly four points in the day. There was continued strength in a number of specialties, particularly in stocks of reviving industries like textile and sugar. During the week, also, security prices were subjected to some pressure, because the New York call money rate was marked up to 5½% on Monday and not again reduced to 5% until Thursday.

The Government cotton report, issued on Thursday, giving an estimate as of Sept. 16 of 15,810,000 bales, as against the estimate of Sept. 1 of 15,166,000, a gain of 644,000 bales, proved something of a sensation. The price of cotton had been anticipating an increase in estimate, having dropped from a level between 17½ cents and 17¾ cents at the beginning of the month to 15.65 cents for October options on Wednesday night. With the announcement of the Government report the price dropped abruptly an average of about 1.40 cents per pound on the various options, the October option closing on Thursday at 14.45 cents and recovering on Friday only slightly to 14.57 cents. This introduces a decidedly new element into the textile security situation. Losses on inventories must, of course, be absorbed, but with the hand-to-mouth policy in purchasing which has prevailed during recent months, and with many of the mills protecting their positions by hedge sales, these losses are not likely to be menacing. On the other hand, there is now real promise of adequate manufacturing margins. During recent weeks cotton goods prices have actually advanced, as the price for the raw material has fallen. With this new abrupt decline in raw cotton, there will likely be declines in finished products, but there should be the possibility of satisfactory manufacturing profits. There is, therefore, now a decided prospect of rehabilitating this very important industry. The matter has a decidedly constructive aspect in respect to the security markets, as it will tend further to bring about a proper post-war relation between industries and between geographical areas, thus tending to restore normal general business health.

The market's technical position continues to receive much attention, principally on account of the altitude of prices, but also because of the gain in

brokers' loans and the higher call money rates. Many fear a repetition of the break which occurred in February and March. Then again, the possibility of an increase in Federal rediscount rates has been used as a bear argument. However, on Wednesday the directors of the Boston bank and on Thursday the directors of the New York bank met without taking any action looking to an increase. The market is hardly in as dangerous a position as it was in February. Recent market movements have been far more discriminating than they were in the winter, so that there are not as many prices pyramided above values. Furthermore, the conviction which existed then that business was about to go into a decline is absent at present and the indices of general prosperity, such as freight car loadings, continue to give assurance as to fall and winter business. Furthermore, there is no real evidence of scarcity of investment funds. We are now in the period of maximum demand for money, and the $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ call money rate of the past few days has been evidence only of well-known seasonal and temporary conditions, rather than a real tightening in the money situation. Money promises to continue in ample supply for legitimate requirements. Finally improvements in the country's foreign commerce situation, continuing gold imports, promise of better conditions in Europe, and the revival of certain of the backward industries, give assurances which were largely absent in February and March. However, in certain specialties the speculation is just as frenzied as it was then, and if that tendency is not speedily arrested, the movement will soon be as full of menace as it was at that time.

Cotton conditions have improved. The semi-monthly report of the Department of Agriculture issued at Washington on Thursday of this week tells a very satisfactory story. From Sept. 1 to 16, the latter the date of this week's report, the condition of the cotton crop declined only one-tenth of one point. A year ago, covering the corresponding period, the decline was 2.4 points. A crop of 15,810,000 bales is now indicated for the current year. Last year at this time the Government estimate was for a yield of 13,931,000 bales, while the final production for 1925 was 16,104,000 bales, the highest on record. It proved to be larger than the Sept. 16 1925 estimate by 2,173,000 bales. Last year's actual crop at 16,104,000 bales (according to the ginning returns) is only 294,000 bales larger than the Sept. 16 estimate for the current year.

It is significant that "range" forecasts, a novelty of the Government reports for this year up to Sept. 1, have been abandoned for the remainder of the current season. This was in response to trade and Congressional protests against the practice. The preliminary estimate of area remaining for harvest is, as previously stated, 47,207,000 acres, and the yield per acre this year is now estimated at 160 pounds of lint. This figure compares with 153.6 pounds of lint per acre estimate in the Sept. 1 report this year, an increase for the two weeks of September of 6.4 pounds. For 1925 the final production was 167.2 pounds to the acre. An increase of about three pounds to the acre, or an average yield of 163.3 pounds for 1926, will bring the total production of cotton this year above the record yield of 1925.

There was unusually warm weather during the first two weeks of September this year, the latest report says, which favored fruiting. More than a week has elapsed since the date of this report, and the crop in the meantime has made further advance. Declines in prospects during the first half of September were reported for only two States, Missouri and Tennessee. Such further damage as occurred in other sections of the cotton belt, the report says, was from boll weevil and leaf worm, and was more than offset by the increased fruitfulness.

For Texas a condition of 57% of normal in the Sept. 16 report is the same as for Sept. 1, no deterioration in that State having occurred in the interval. At the corresponding date in 1925 the condition in Texas was only 42% of normal. A yield of 5,259,000 bales is now indicated for that State, these figures comparing with 5,000,000 bales, the estimate of two weeks earlier, and a final production for 1925 of 4,165,374 bales. With the enormous area in Texas this year, continued satisfactory progress, and the usual late date for gathering the crop, the above estimate for 1926 may be considerably exceeded. There are eight other States of large production in the cotton belt and four of these eight States show an advance in condition this year for the first half of September, which is quite unusual. The advance is from one to three points—the latter Georgia. Furthermore, the condition is high for the Sept. 16 period. Two of these eight States show no change in condition during the period under review, but for the other two States, Arkansas and Oklahoma, declines of four and one points, respectively, appear. Still, production this year in Oklahoma is now indicated at 1,664,000 bales, against an estimate of 1,561,000 bales two weeks earlier, and a yield of 1,691,000 bales in 1925.

Increases are also promised for Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Louisiana. Outside of the nine States above enumerated, production shows little variation, but the condition is quite high for the current season. The condition has been well up to or above the average practically throughout the whole of the current crop growing year, the Government estimate of Sept. 16 1926 of 59.5% of normal contrasting with 53.8% of normal in 1925, the year of the record yield.

As at the Locarno Conference, perhaps what will prove to be the most important and historic meeting at the recent session of the Council of the League of Nations in Geneva, actually took place quite apart from the meeting hall. On Sept. 17 the Paris representative of the New York "Times," who had been at Geneva for the formal sessions of the Council, cabled that "the Foreign Ministers of France and Germany went across the French frontier to-day and had lunch at the little village of Thoiry, nestling at the foot of the Jura Mountains, and for four hours discussed all pending problems between their two nations." Continuing his account of this highly interesting and significant meeting between the two men, the correspondent said: "They took up step by step the measures to be adopted to bring the Locarno system into effect. When they parted they agreed that they would meet often, for they announced they had undertaken to iron out all differences which might cause friction. This interview, which may well become historic, was in a way a part

of the League of Nations proceedings and in another way entirely separate. The League brought Aristide Briand and Gustav Stresemann to Geneva; but to debate their own problems, to pave the way for closer co-operation between France and Germany, they went on to French territory and away from the representatives of all the other nations. Head to head and heart to heart they started their big and difficult task. When they parted in Geneva this afternoon both were smiling and both said they were extremely happy over a good day's work. They said they would refer their suggestions to their Governments, and if approved they would quickly resume their collaboration. Both promised not to give out subjects of their talks until they had been communicated to their Governments. It is believed that they intend to meet soon in Cologne." Upon his arrival in Paris M. Briand was quoted as saying that "at the meeting of the Cabinet next Tuesday [Sept. 21] he would report on the result."

Stressing the importance of the meeting and agreement between the two Foreign Ministers, the Geneva representative of the New York "Evening Post," said in a dispatch the next day that "the agreement reached by Foreign Ministers Briand of France and Stresemann of Germany virtually amounts to an alliance between their respective nations." He also suggested that "a communique issued here indicates, however, the necessity of the French Parliament ratifying the accord, which provides for working together on political and economic questions concerning both countries. The attitude of the French opposition on the agreement is indefinite." Continuing, the "Post" correspondent said: "This agreement, if ratified eventually by the French Parliament, will be equivalent to an alliance between France and Germany. It would be an exaggeration to say the conversations provide any definite concessions on the part of France, such as certain evacuation of the Rhineland before the date provided by the Versailles Treaty, or changes in the Saar Basin. Rather, they indicate a general agreement marking the culminating point of the Locarno Treaty."

What was understood to have been accomplished was perhaps more definitely indicated in an Associated Press dispatch from Geneva, also on Sept. 18. It said: "That the Franco-German accord planned by Foreign Ministers Briand and Stresemann will be fundamentally of an economic nature was confirmed to-day to the Associated Press by a German spokesman. Both France and Germany, he said, desire to transform the existing system of pledges growing out of the Treaty of Versailles into a friendly partnership whereby they would combine their interests. The spokesman added that continued occupation of German soil by French troops could only prove a continued source of friction, and that the Germans have the same consuming desire to get the French troops out of Germany as the French had to get the Germans out of their territory after the War of 1870."

Foreign Minister Briand presented to the Cabinet on Tuesday a report "of his Thoiry conversations." The New York "Times" representative in Paris cabled that evening that, "for his work at the League Assembly and the results obtained there M. Briand received, on the motion of Premier Poincare, the

congratulations of the Government. But with regard to his conversations with Dr. Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, the official communique records that 'the Government was unanimous as to the interest of these conversations and the utility of their continuance.' Of just what that means M. Briand himself gave the explanation that he had left to the Government its full and entire liberty of decision and it had used that liberty favorably to his projects." The correspondent further observed that "thus the first step has been satisfactorily taken in the long, slow work of getting the French to see that their interests lie in peace and co-operation with Germany. On the other side of the Rhine the same task faces Dr. Stresemann as faces M. Briand here, but for its ultimate accomplishment the outlook is certainly brighter to-day than it has ever been. M. Briand's presentation of his case to-day was, it is reported even by his opponents, a masterpiece of diplomatic argument. To M. Poincare in the midst of his concern for the financial situation he offered something of an almost immediate measure of relief with the plan for commercialization of the German debt through the sale of German Railways Co. bonds. That in itself is at the present moment a strong inducement to consent to a reduction of the army of occupation."

Still other phases of the situation were presented in the account of the Cabinet meeting by the representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" in Paris. He cabled, also Tuesday evening, that "the Poincare Cabinet to-day decided to continue negotiations with Germany looking toward a general understanding between the two nations. Fear that the Cabinet, composed of men of totally different ideas and backgrounds regarding relations with the former enemy, would split widely on the delicate question of Foreign Minister Briand's rapprochement policy appeared to be dissipated after to-day's meeting. The negotiations between Paris and Berlin will continue through diplomatic channels and another important meeting between M. Briand and Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany may be envisaged possibly within the next four or five weeks. The Cabinet's decision, which is of extreme importance, not only from the point of view of French politics, but of the European situation as well, came after M. Briand assured his colleagues that his four-hour conversation with Dr. Stresemann near Geneva last week pledged neither Government in any way nor arrived at any precise decisions as to what an eventual agreement might contain."

Keen interest was manifested in the announcement from Berlin the same evening that a meeting of the Cabinet had been called for Friday (yesterday) morning. The New York "Herald Tribune" representative at that centre said that "a meeting of the German Cabinet has been called for Friday morning to hear Foreign Minister Stresemann's report on his conversations with Foreign Minister Briand of France at Thoiry last week. This unexpected announcement is significant, following closely dispatches from Paris saying the French Cabinet to-day approved in principle the Thoiry discussions. Dr. Stresemann had not been expected here before Saturday, and it was thought the Cabinet would not meet before Monday of next week at the earliest. But now it is given out that the Foreign Minister

will arrive here on Thursday and that on the following morning he will present to his colleagues a detailed report of his interview with M. Briand. The Cabinet then will be called upon to decide whether to approve of Dr. Stresemann's negotiations, but as to this there can be little doubt."

Word came from Berlin last evening that "the German Cabinet to-day unanimously approved in principle Foreign Minister Stresemann's report on his recent discussions with Foreign Minister Briand of France for an entente cordiale between the two countries. The Cabinet also appointed a committee consisting of representatives of the various Ministries to deal further with Franco-German discussions. At the same time the Cabinet approved the Foreign Minister's report on the work of the German delegation to the meetings of the League of Nations." According to the dispatch also, "Foreign Minister Stresemann reported at the Cabinet meeting that contrary to international press reports he and M. Briand had merely discussed the outline of a political program for a proposed eventual German-French agreement. He said that the German Government, just as the French Cabinet, was left entirely free to arrive at an independent decision."

It has been evident from Berlin and Paris cable advices that the German Government is determined to end Allied occupation of the principal industrial areas and to get back the great enterprises that have been under foreign control since the war. In a special wireless message from Berlin to the New York "Times" on Sept. 19 it was stated that, "for the sake of national liberation from Allied military pressure and the recovery of the Saare Valley and Eupen and Malmedy, Germany is prepared to place 500,000,000 marks (\$125,000,000) in preferred shares of the German Railways Co. at the disposal of her financially embarrassed creditors." The plan was further outlined as follows: "The German Government in addition will agree to the marketing of as much more railway stock, the total issue of which under the Dawes plan amounts to 11,000,000,000 marks (\$2,750,000,000) as may be deemed necessary for the stabilization of the French and Belgian currencies. This offer by Dr. Stresemann for Allied evacuation of the Rhineland, the cessation of military control and the restoration to the Reich of the German provinces now held by France and Belgium has been approved in principle by both President von Hindenburg and Chancellor Marx. Its acceptance by the German Cabinet as a whole is a mere formality. Provided, of course, that Premier Poincare and his associates endorse the pledges made by M. Briand, the series of complicated technical arrangements will be undertaken next month, when M. Loucheur is expected to come to Berlin for that purpose. The French financial envoy will confer with Finance Minister Reinhold and Dr. Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, as well as with S. Parker Gilbert and other administrators of the Dawes plan. It is admitted at Wilhelmstrasse that the ultimate success of the whole proposition depends on the feasibility of selling the railway bonds in America. Estimates made here call for the flotation of at least 2,000,000,000 marks' (\$500,000,000) worth of these securities. Obviously, this entails the co-operation of the biggest American banking concerns, whose advice, it is indicated, already has been sought."

Apparently there is not likely to be an offering of bonds of the German Railways Co. in the American market in the near future. The New York "Herald Tribune" said on Sept. 21 that, "so far as can be learned no banking interests here have yet been approached regarding the reported project to sell bonds and stock of the German railway system in this market. The most enlightened banking opinion in Wall Street is that, while sooner or later such financing may be undertaken, it will not be in the near future." It was suggested that "the chief obstacle to the sale of German Dawes plan securities in this market is that they are all mark securities, and the mark has been stabilized too recently to permit of the sale of bonds or stock in that currency, except at prohibitive discounts." Foreign Minister Stresemann made his first speech before the Council of the League of Nations on Sept. 20. Apparently it attracted more attention and caused more comment in Berlin than in Geneva.

Already evacuation of the Rhineland, so far as the French troops are concerned, has begun. In a special wireless message to the New York "Times" from its Berlin correspondent on Sept. 22, it was stated that, "coincident with the departure of Foreign Minister Stresemann from Geneva, France to-day began the withdrawal of her troops from the Rhineland. Thus far only a single battalion of Chasseurs Alpins has entrained and without ceremony rolled off toward the frontier. According to reports reaching Wilhelmstrasse from Coblenz, however, between 6,000 and 7,000 French soldiers will be moved out of the occupied area before the end of the month. This force will not be replaced and hence will constitute a permanent reduction of the Allied armies of occupation unless, indeed, the present movement means the beginning of complete evacuation. Before the Rhineland is liberated altogether, however, many months admittedly must elapse, even under the most favorable conditions."

As had been pretty generally expected, the Committee of Fourteen of the World Court, on Sept. 18, decided to accept, with some modifications, reservation No. 5, set up by the United States Government with respect to its entrance into the World Court. It provides that "all rights enjoyed by nations holding seats in the Council of the League of Nations in connection with requests for advisory opinions from the World Court of Justice will be extended to the United States if that country decides to adhere to the Court." The Committee previously had approved the first four reservations. Its agreement relative to all five points was presented to the plenary conference on Sept. 23.

The United States Government fully intends to stand by the reservations as originally set up by the Senate. This was made clear in Washington dispatches Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. According to a special message to "The Sun" on Sept. 21, "virtual warning that the nations signatory to the protocol of the World Court must take or leave the Senate reservations as they stand was voiced by the spokesman for the President to-day. Disclaiming definite knowledge of the reported action of the Committee of Fourteen at Geneva, which is about to recommend acceptance of the Senate reservations, with an interpretation of reservation No. 5, the spokesman said the reservation was plain

and clear and he did not see how it could be altered. It was pointed out that the reservations of the Senate were designed only to protect American interests and the fifth reservation in particular, it was said, had been framed to give the United States the right to prevent advisory opinions from the Court on questions in which the United States has or claims an interest."

Word came from Geneva through a United Press dispatch on Sept. 22 that the Committee of Fourteen, earlier in the day, had "adopted a draft of the formula outlined in the foregoing. Should the United States object to the Court giving an advisory opinion on any question to which the United States was not a party, this objection would have the same force and effect as if the United States were a member of the League and voted against such an advisory opinion." The correspondent explained also that "all signatories of the World Court protocol will be requested to use the formula devised by the Committee to-day as a basis for their individual replies to the United States with respect to the Senate reservations. The formula still would have to be accepted by the full conference of World Court signatories and then by the United States. The drafters of the formula sought a means of safeguarding the rights of the present signatories, while at the same time making the formula in such form that President Coolidge and Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg could accept it without further reference to the Senate." He also made it known that "six articles comprised the formula adopted by the sub-committee to-day. They were: 1. Authorizing the United States to participate on a basis of equality in all meetings of the League of Nations' Council or Assembly for the election of World Court judges. 2. Recognizing that no amendment to the Court statutes would be possible without the consent of the United States. 3. Guaranteeing that the Court shall render all advisory opinions in public sessions. 4. Providing that the manner in which the United States shall consent to the Court rendering an advisory opinion shall be the subject of an understanding to be reached between the United States Government and the League Council. 5. Recognizing the United States' right at any time to withdraw from the Court. 6. Recognizing the Court's right to withdraw acceptance of the American reservations, if the latter should prove to be unsatisfactory by a vote of two-thirds of the signatories."

Announcement was made in an Associated Press dispatch from Geneva on Sept. 23 that "the World Court Delegate Conference to-day adopted its committee report concerning acceptance of the American reservations to membership in the Court and then adjourned. The Conference voted to give the members of the Court the right, if they saw fit later, to withdraw their approval of the American reservations concerning adoption of amendments to the Court statutes and concerning the question of asking advisory opinions of the Court." The action of the Conference was more fully outlined in a special dispatch later the same evening from Geneva to the New York "Times," an excerpt of which follows: "With a single modification, the conference of signatories of the statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice adopted unanimously the con-

clusions concerning the American reservations which were presented this morning by its committee. These conclusions were incorporated in 'the final act of the conference,' which was submitted for signatures. The single modification concerned the fourth American reservation. The first part of the reservation provided for the withdrawal by the United States of adherence. The committee, to assure equality of treatment to all members, made the provision that the signatory States acting together and by not less than two-thirds majority should have a corresponding right to withdraw consent to the American reservations."

Although there seems to be no possibility of President Coolidge calling a world conference on disarmament in the near future, dispatches from Paris and Geneva have indicated that such action might be taken by the League of Nations. The Associated Press correspondent at Geneva said on Sept. 21 that "a general world-wide conference for limitation of armaments will be convoked by the League of Nations before the end of next summer unless 'material considerations' prevent. The work to this end will be speeded up following the adoption by the Assembly's disarmament committee of a French sponsored resolution to this effect late yesterday afternoon. The passage of the resolution by the Assembly of the League is taken for granted. In anticipation of this the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, on which the United States is represented by Hugh Gibson, Minister to Switzerland, has been called into session for Wednesday."

American Minister Hugh Gibson apparently took a strong position at Geneva on the methods of the Committee on Disarmament. Announcement was made that "the second session of the Preparatory Commission of the Disarmament Conference opened this morning with a strong though diplomatically couched attack by American Minister Hugh Gibson on the methods of work and tactics persisted in by the Commission's military sub-committee in pursuance of its mandate. The sub-committee, Mr. Gibson declared, had, despite its mandate to consider only the technical aspects of the questions presented to it, considered the effects of political and economic factors and had made an effort to limit the views embodied in its report to majority opinions." Mr. Gibson proposed modifications as to procedure. He was supported by Lord Robert Cecil of Great Britain. The resolution was changed somewhat following objections to certain features by several Powers, and later was presented again in its modified form. In a word, Mr. Gibson demanded that military experts let political questions alone, and argued that the full Commission alone has power to consider other than technical matters. The resolution as finally adopted embodied these views. The Geneva representative of the New York "Evening Post" cabled the next day that, "while the American proposal was approved, it is now asked whether this action will not retard rather than speed the Commission's work. In many quarters it is declared that disarmament cannot be studied effectively unless political and economic factors are considered."

Paul Boncour reported to the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva on Sept. 23 "the work of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Con-

ference." The Geneva representative of "The Sun" cabled that "the committee report states that political conditions govern the chances for convening of a useful disarmament conference. It states that the work has developed to a point where a program could be drawn up next year, and that later the Council could fix a date. League circles are not too optimistic over the reduction of armaments in the near future, and if the conference comes it will be confined to capital ships, for France and Japan intend to maintain their cruisers and submarines, while armies are required to hold Europe's unnatural frontiers."

The commission, of which Dr. E. W. Kemmerer of Princeton University is Chairman, that went to Poland last summer to examine into the country's finances and to work out a plan of stabilization, has completed its work and is on its way home. Before leaving Warsaw, Dr. Kemmerer submitted to "the Ministry of Finance an 800-page document containing recommendations for constructing a lasting Polish republic from the ground up." Although the New York "Times" representative at Warsaw cabled that "the official statement of the contents of the Kemmerer report is not expected before October," he stated that, according to a member of the commission, it "covers six branches of Government activity. First, the general monetary and banking conditions, the investigation of which Dr. Kemmerer himself conducted; second, complete survey of the tax situation, which is admittedly bad and one of the chief causes of the series of Government crises preceding the May revolution; third, practical banking as related to the country's prosperity as a whole; fourth, accounting and fiscal control; fifth, administration of the customs, which has already been taken up, with the result of an export surplus in August of 143,000,000 zloty, 60,000,000 over July; sixth, State industries and monopolies, especially the salt industry." Dr. Kemmerer, "while maintaining silence on the actual contents of the report, before his departure told the New York 'Times' correspondent that he considered it comprehensive, containing concrete suggestions which cannot but be of the greatest benefit to the country if adopted. He said: 'I regard the move toward financial stability in the country well begun. The first sign of a balancing budget is the steadfastness of the zloty during the past two months and the fact that money for which there is no covering—the small coins—began to be retired on June 1. If the country continues along this line, putting its political, economic and financial affairs in good shape, there is no doubt of its obtaining the credit abroad necessary to achieve its aim.'"

After an interval of some little length without important news relative to the political situation in Greece, word came from Athens yesterday morning that General Kondylis proposes to retire from politics and dissolve his party. It was stated in a special cable dispatch under date of Sept. 23 from that centre to the New York "Times" that "General Kondylis, the Prime Minister, issued a manifesto to-day announcing his irrevocable decision to retire from politics and dissolve his party, the National Republicans, in the hope that this gesture would disarm the opposition of the political leaders, who firmly

demand the formation of a strictly business Cabinet for the purpose of carrying out free and uninfluenced elections." The correspondent added that "the party leaders, however, especially the leader of the Popular [Royalist] Party, M. Tsaldaris, are not impressed by the General's decision and insist that he must surrender the Premiership to some neutral person enjoying widespread confidence. They threaten at the same time to abstain at the coming elections unless he does so. It would appear that the Prime Minister's decision to retire from politics and dissolve his party is not unconnected with the increasing pressure on the part of other political leaders backed by the whole press, particularly in view of the evidence of the court-martial of Colonels Zervas and Dertilis who were in command of the Republican Guard, now disbanded."

Official bank rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ in Paris; 7% in Belgium, Italy and Austria; 6% in Berlin; $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ in Denmark; 5% in London, Norway and Madrid; $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ in Sweden and $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ in Holland and Switzerland. In London the open market discounts were a shade firmer and closed at $4\frac{5}{8}\%$ @ $4\ 11-16$ for short bills, against $4.9-16\%$, and at $4.9-16\%$ for three months' bills, against $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ @ $4.9-16\%$ last week. Money on call at the British centre was likewise firm and moved up to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, but receded and closed at $3\frac{1}{8}\%$, which compares with $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ a week ago. At Paris open market discount rates have not been changed from 7% , nor in Switzerland from $2\frac{3}{8}\%$.

Another, though appreciably smaller, gain in gold, namely £80,244, was shown by the Bank of England in its statement for the week ending Sept. 22, while the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department again increased—£560,000—as a result of a further reduction in note circulation of £480,000. Moreover, the proportion of reserve to liabilities continued to move upward, and reached 30.28% , a new high record, as compared with 30.20% last week and 26.75% the week of Aug. 4. At this time last year the ratio stood at $28\frac{1}{2}\%$ and in 1924 at $19\frac{1}{2}\%$. Public deposits were again increased, £4,106,000, but other deposits fell £2,531,000. As to the Bank's temporary loans to the Government, an expansion of £1,260,000 was shown, while loans on other securities were reduced £237,000. Total gold holdings are now £155,930,451, as compared with £160,660,075 last year and £128,425,337 the year prior to that (before the transfer to the Bank of England of the £27,000,000 gold formerly held by the Redemption Account of the Currency Note Issue). Reserve aggregates £36,706,000, against £37,499,235 in 1925 and £24,266,472 a year earlier. Note circulation stands at £138,874,000, which compares with £142,910,840 last year and £123,908,865 in 1924. Loans amount to £68,528,000. This compares with £75,363,606 and £76,606,766 one and two years ago, respectively. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £707,539,000, comparing with £645,256,000 last week and £648,001,000 a year ago. The official discount rate of 5% of the Bank was continued unchanged, notwithstanding persistent rumors of an impending advance. We append comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England return for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
	Sept. 22.	Sept. 23.	Sept. 24.	Sept. 26.	Sept. 27.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	1138,874,000	142,910,840	123,908,865	124,002,140	122,467,180
Public deposits.....	18,348,000	17,046,742	13,536,898	13,516,990	16,829,386
Other deposits.....	102,887,000	114,473,425	110,763,965	104,562,560	103,831,200
Government securities.....	34,290,000	36,933,822	41,698,443	41,780,237	44,062,645
Other securities.....	68,528,000	75,363,606	76,606,766	71,163,619	71,386,295
Reserve notes & coin.....	36,706,000	37,499,235	24,266,472	23,406,128	23,414,415
Coin and bullion.....	155,930,451	160,660,075	128,425,337	127,658,268	127,431,595
Proportion of reserve					
to liabilities.....	30.28%	28½%	19¼%	19¼%	19.40%
Bank rate.....	5%	4½%	4%	4%	3%

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

According to the weekly statement of the Bank of France, a further contraction of 405,967,000 francs occurred in note circulation during the week. The total outstanding is therefore now 54,506,988,265 francs, contrasting with 45,556,690,680 francs last year and with 40,338,740,720 francs the year previous. Advances to the State by the Bank are down to 36,400,000,000 francs; 450,000,000 francs having been repaid by the Government. At the corresponding date last year the aggregate was 28,900,000,000 francs and in 1924 23,000,000,000 francs. Gold holdings gained 6,200 francs during the week and now stand at 5,548,720,100 francs, in comparison with 5,547,176,417 francs in 1925 and 5,544,063,561 francs in 1924. Changes in the various other items of the Bank's report were: Trade advances decreased by 3,665,000 francs and Treasury deposits fell off 2,489,000 francs. On the other hand, silver increased 2,000 francs, bills discounted 157,557,000 francs and general deposits 102,138,000 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and with corresponding dates in both 1925 and 1924 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.		Status as of	
	Francs.	Sept. 22 1926.	Sept. 24 1925.	Sept. 25. 1924.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....	Inc. 6,200	3,684,399,193	3,682,855,509	3,679,742,653
Abroad.....	Unchanged	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,861,320,907
Total.....	Inc. 6,200	5,548,720,100	5,547,176,417	5,544,063,561
Silver.....	Inc. 2,000	1,338,827,217	309,741,154	301,284,278
Bills discounted.....	Inc. 157,557,000	4,860,826,817	3,211,653,932	3,995,307,116
Trade advances.....	Decl. 3,665,000	2,274,558,500	2,840,570,646	2,759,115,877
Note circulation.....	Dec. 405,967,000	54,506,988,265	45,556,690,680	40,338,740,720
Treasury deposits.....	Dec. 2,489,000	35,747,797	32,640,452	14,622,938
General deposits.....	Inc. 102,138,000	2,957,990,227	2,143,672,147	1,727,181,737
Advances to State.....	Dec. 450,000,000	36,400,000,000	28,900,000,000	23,000,000,000

The German Reichsbank, in its statement, issued under date of Sept. 15, revealed further shrinkage in note circulation, amounting to 200,225,000 marks, although other maturing obligations and other liabilities increased 152,317,000 marks and 28,073,000 marks, respectively. As to the Bank's assets, holdings of bills of exchange and checks fell off 15,174,000 marks, while reserve in foreign currencies decreased 36,754,000 marks and notes on other banks 366,000 marks. There were increases in the following items: Deposits held abroad, 1,331,000 marks; silver and other coins, 3,648,000 marks; advances, 6,406,000 marks, and other assets, 26,000 marks. An unusually large increase was reported in gold and bullion holdings, namely 22,381,000 marks, bringing total gold up to 1,541,043,000 marks, as compared with 1,144,523,000 marks last year and 543,770,000 marks in 1924. Note circulation now outstanding aggregates 2,901,435,000 marks.

The weekly statements of the Federal Reserve banks, issued on Thursday afternoon, were featured

both locally and nationally by heavy expansion in rediscounts and additions to open market trading. On the other hand, holdings of Government securities were heavily reduced as the result of the taking up by the United States Treasury of the \$192,000,000 temporary certificates of indebtedness issued to the Reserve banks last week. The New York Reserve Bank reported a small gain in gold (\$1,400,000), but the banks as a group lost \$6,600,000. For the System as a whole, rediscounting of bills secured by Government paper increased \$50,500,000, and "other" bills \$45,600,000, so that total bills discounted mounted \$96,100,000, to \$661,636,000, as compared with \$640,727,000 at this time a year ago. Holdings of bills bought in the open market expanded \$8,000,000. Total bills and securities (earning assets) fell \$78,800,000; deposits, \$85,300,000; member bank reserve accounts no less than \$138,500,000, and Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation \$8,000,000. Almost parallel conditions prevailed at New York, which reported expansion in all classes of bills rediscounted to the amount of \$42,500,000, while open market purchases increased \$8,200,000. Total bills and securities were reduced \$80,400,000, while deposits showed a reduction of \$69,400,000 and member bank reserve accounts of \$83,800,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation was reduced \$7,300,000. The result of this heavy shifting of funds was to raise the ratio of reserve for the combined System from 74.8% last week to 79.5%. The New York Bank showed an advance in its ratio of 1.5%, to 73.1%.

Last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies reflected the strain of meeting the enormous financing operations, tax payments and the like, of last week, by showing, among other striking changes a loss in surplus reserve of well over \$75,000,000, thereby wiping out all excess reserves and leaving a deficit in reserve of some \$25,000,000. Loans expanded \$35,578,000. Net demand deposits fell \$18,410,000, to \$4,346,567,000, which is exclusive of \$55,837,000 in Government deposits, an increase in the latter item of \$42,768,000 for the week. Time deposits decreased \$13,569,000, to \$591,857,000. Declines were also revealed in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank of \$6,088,000, to \$43,344,000 (although this does not count as reserve), \$490,000 in reserve in own vaults of State banks and trust companies, and \$223,000 in the reserves kept by these latter institutions in other depositories. A drawing down of \$77,647,000 in the reserves of members of the Federal Reserve institution was the prime factor in the shrinkage of \$75,661,510 in surplus reserve, which, as already shown, completely eliminated reserves on hand and in place thereof left a deficit in reserve of \$25,173,610, which compares with last week's surplus of \$50,487,900. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of legal reserves of 13%, against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve, but not including \$43,344,000 cash in vault held by these members on Saturday last.

Until Thursday afternoon there was no deviation from the 5½% call money rate that had prevailed in the local market for some days. At that time the offerings of funds were sufficiently large to cause a

drop to 5% in the regular market and to 4½% in the outside market. Yesterday the prevailing rate was 5% and the Stock Exchange announced after the close of business that the demand had been light and the offerings ample to meet all requirements. This downward trend in the money market and the fact that the Governors of the New York Federal Reserve Bank did not increase the rediscount rate were spoken of as the most influential factors in the sharp recovery in some stocks Thursday afternoon and during yesterday's session, and the generally higher prices, most of which were well maintained. Automotive manufacturers continue to talk optimistically about the outlook for business, but the statement of earnings for the Hudson Motor Car Co. for the quarter ended Aug. 31 showed a big decrease in the net in comparison with the corresponding period last year. Steel production was a little off this week from that of a week ago. Production of crude oil for the week ended Sept. 18 showed a daily average decrease of 11,950 barrels. More European securities, particularly for Germany, are appearing in the American market.

Dealing with specific rates for money, loans on call this week covered a range of 4½% to 5½%, which compares with 4½% to 5% a week ago. On Monday the high was 5%, the low 4½%, with 5% for renewals. Tuesday and Wednesday firmness prevailed and all loans on call were negotiated at 5½%, this being the only figure named on both days. Renewals were again made at 5½% (the highest point in quite some time) on Thursday, and this was the high; before the close, however, there was a decline to 5%. Friday easier conditions developed and loans renewed at 5%, which was also the high and low for the day. Stiffening in the call market was ascribed to the heavy calling of loans that followed Saturday's poor bank statement.

In time money the market was dull but firm with the longer periods, four, five and six months' money, still quoted at 4⅞% to 5%, the same as a week ago. Toward the close, offerings were larger and sixty and ninety day funds relaxed to 4¾% to 4⅞%, against 4⅞% to 5% last week. There was very little doing as the demand for funds was light. No large individual loans were reported.

Mercantile paper rates have not been changed from 4¼% to 4½% for four to six months' names of choice character, with names not so well known still requiring 4½% to 4¾%. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names continue to be dealt in at 4¼%. An active demand for all grades of paper prevailed, but as offerings were restricted, the volume of business transacted was small. Out-of-town institutions were the principal buyers. Banks' and bankers' acceptances remained at the levels previously current with the tone of the market firm and trading quiet and featureless. Interior banks were responsible for most of the limited buying, but offerings were scanty. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council remains at 4%. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3¾% bid and 3⅝% asked for bills running 30 days; 3⅞% bid and 3¾% asked for 60 days; 4% bid and 3⅞% asked for 90 days; 4⅛% bid and 4% asked for 120 days, and 4¼% bid and 4⅛% asked

for 150 and 180 days. Open market quotations follow:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	4 @ 3¼	3¼ @ 3¼	3¼ @ 3¼
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Prime Eligible bills.....	3¼ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	3¼ bid		

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT
SEPT. 24 1925.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 Months, but Within 9 Months.
	Com'rcial Agric'l & Livestock Paper. n.e.s.	Secured by U. S. Govern't Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricul.* and Livestock Paper.	Agricul'l and Livestock Paper. 1
1/4 Boston.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
New York.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Philadelphia.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cleveland.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Richmond.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Atlanta.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Chicago.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
St. Louis.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Minneapolis.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Kansas City.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Dallas.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
San Francisco.....	4	4	4	4	4	4

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

The sterling exchange market showed symptoms of reaction toward lower levels this week; as a result, the bulk of the limited business transacted was at a figure under rather than above the \$4 85 mark. The range of quotations was still narrow, the extremes for the week for demand being 4 84 13-16 and 4 85 9-32. Cotton bills were reported as coming on the market in steady though moderate volume, and this, in the absence of adequate buying support, exercised a depressing influence on values. However, it was noted that London figured prominently in the decline; that is to say, cable rates were constantly lower, a factor which as usual caused sympathetic weakness in local prices. Offering of coal bills was given as a reason for the downward movement. In the latter part of the week rumors of a possible advance in the discount rate of the New York Federal Reserve Bank caused some uneasiness and served still further to depress sentiment, since it again reopened the question as to whether such action would not be immediately followed by another rise in the Bank of England rate, thereby still further adding to the difficulties of the already harassed British industries. Apathy on the part of large operators is still the keynote of trading in sterling, although the general foreign exchange situation, especially as regards gold shipments, is being closely watched. In some quarters it is felt that, all things considered, the market is really giving a very good account of itself. On the other hand, there are those who point out that the seasonal export movement has by no means reached its peak and that much severer pressure will likely have to be met ere long. Desultory attempts at a settlement of the British coal strike are reported from time to time, but as yet with no immediate prospects of successful adjustment of the dispute between miners and operators.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady on exceptionally dull, narrow trading; demand ruled throughout the half-day session at 4 85 (one rate) and cable transfers at 4 85½. Monday's market was a shade easier

on a small accumulation of bills over the week-end, and there was a fractional decline to 4 84 29-32@4 85 for demand and to 4 85 13-32@4 85½ for cable transfers; no increase in activity was noted. Continued offering of bills brought about a further lowering on Tuesday, and demand sold at 4 84 15-16 (one rate) all day, with cable transfers 4 85 7-16; lack of buying interest was still a feature. On Wednesday, after early weakness, the market firmed up and demand advanced to 4 85 9-32; the low for the day was 4 84 7/8; while cable transfers ranged between 4 85 3/8 and 4 85 17-32. Reaction downward set in on Thursday and the range dropped to 4 84 15-16@4 85 for demand and to 4 85 7-16@4 85½ for cable transfers; dullness characterized the day's dealings. On Friday quiet irregularity prevailed, with demand off a fraction, to 4 84 13-16@4 84 7/8, and cable transfers to 4 85 5-16@4 85 3/8. Closing quotations were 4 84 13-16 for demand and 4 85 5-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 84 11-16, sixty days at 4 80 11-16, ninety days at 4 78 13-16, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 80 15-16 and seven-day grain bills at 4 84 11-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 84 11-16.

So far as could be ascertained, no gold was engaged for export or import this week, although it is understood that Polish gold to the amount of \$3,300,000 was recently transferred by the Bank Polski to New York for the purpose of creating a special reserve for the Polish zloty. At the end of August gold reserves of this bank were reported as 135,300,000 zloties. The Bank of England has earmarked £500,000 in gold sovereigns for the account of South Africa's reserve fund and has exported small amounts of gold sovereigns and bar gold to Spain and India.

Movements in Continental exchange for the first half of the week were perfunctory, with the leaders—francs and lire—quiet at close to the levels of the previous week. Paris checks opened and ruled at or near 2.81@2.77; Italian lire were dealt in within a point or two of 3.63. On Tuesday, however, a rush of selling, ostensibly by French merchants who had delayed providing for their requirements until the last minute in the hope of a return to higher levels, sent prices down sharply, and Franc checks touched 2.73, although before the close there was a rally to 2.78. Antwerp francs lost 10 points to 2.59, then recovered to 2.68. Speculative trading was at a minimum, as shown by the rates for futures, which remained virtually unchanged, and it was claimed that uneasiness over the possibility of fresh political complications to attend the re-opening of the French Parliament early next month, had a good deal to do with depressing the rate. It was noted that buying support was not forthcoming as has been the case of late, and that the market was allowed to take care of itself. This state of affairs is expected to go on until the actual resumption of Parliamentary discussions. Should difficulties arise, it is regarded as almost certain that francs will again decline. The only hope entertained is that the same spirit of co-operation will be shown as existed in the last few days of the previous session of Parliament, or that genuine improvement in the financial outlook will have taken place. No attention apparently was paid by the exchange market to reports that agreement had been reached between Messrs. Briand and Stresemann on a plan whereby

\$500,000,000 of the securities of German railroads was to be issued, in accordance with the Dawes Plan, and sold for account of the European Allies, on condition that Germany be released from Allied military control.

Lire, on the other hand, displayed firmness after a while, and rose about 9 points, to 3.72¾, in response to the usual pressure that is being exerted against shorts at the end of each month by Government interests, thus forcing the covering of short commitments. This was regarded as a repetition of last month's tactics. Some decline in the volume of so-called bear commitments has resulted from the tactics of the Italian National Exchange Institute, but a considerable volume is believed to be still outstanding. In the final dealings a sharp slump in lire futures occurred, while spot rates were slightly easier. Other branches of the market were neglected. German exchange was quiet, but steady, at a fraction above 23.79@23.80. Greek currency was firm in the early dealings, advancing to 1.19, but later receding to 1.16, with no particular reason assigned for the decline. In the minor central European group, Rumanian lei continued to attract attention by a further rise to 0.54¼, or a new high for the year, but closed below this figure. Reports of a banner crop in that country, also improvement in internal finances and external relationships were held responsible for the advance. Polish zloties were neglected and remain at about 11.25. Generally speaking, trading has been dull and irregular. Uncertainties as to the progress made in the stabilization plans of some of the leading Continental countries served to give pause to those speculatively inclined. Unfavorable trade balances in some instances are having a tendency to complicate matters. In the case of Belgium, talk has been heard of fresh difficulties having arisen over financing plans, but nothing official has been obtained as yet. An element in depressing French exchange has been the sharp drop in buying for tourist requirements, at the same time that selling to cover imports of wheat and sugar on a large scale is in progress. It is believed, however, that the Bank of France will intervene should the rate go much lower.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 174.45, compared with 172.25 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 2.77¾, against 2.80; cable transfers at 2.78¾, against 2.81, and commercial sight bills at 2.76¾ against 2.79 last week. Antwerp francs finished at 2.66½ for checks and at 2.67½ for cable transfers, against 2.71 and 2.72 the previous week. Closing rates for Berlin marks were 23.80 for checks and 23.82 for cable transfers, as compared with 23.79½ and 23.81½ a week earlier. Australian schillings, for the first time in months, moved from the fixed rate of 14⅛ to 14.15, though with no activity to speak of, and closed at 14⅛ (unchanged). Lire closed the week at 3.67¾ for bankers' sight bills and at 3.68½ for cable transfers. This compares with 3.62¼ and 3.63¼ last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96⅜ (unchanged); on Bucharest at 0.57¾, against 0.52¾; on Finland at 2.52¼, against 2.52¼, and on Poland at 11.50, against 11.25 a week ago. Greek drachmae closed at 1.17¼ for checks and at 1.17¾ for cable remittances. Last week the close was 1.16¼ and 1.16¾.

Inactivity, accompanied by weakness, pervaded trading in the former neutral exchanges. As a result Dutch guilders, after opening at 40.07, dropped back to 40.05. Swiss francs were also slightly easier. Scandinavian rates were steady and practically unchanged. Spanish pesetas were the exception to the above, and although not really active, moved erratically, first in one direction, then in another, swayed by day-to-day political developments in Spain. Heavy offerings, mainly for foreign account, sent the quotation down 10 points, to 15.09, following which there was a rally to 15.25.

Bankers' sight bills on Amsterdam finished at 40.05, against 40.05½; cable transfers at 40.07, against 40.07½; and commercial sight at 40.02, against 40.03½ a week ago. Swiss francs closed at 19.29 for bankers' sight bills and at 19.30 for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.32 and 19.33 last week. Copenhagen checks finished the week at 26.53 and cable transfers at 26.57 (unchanged); checks on Sweden closed at 26.70¾, and cable transfers at 26.75¾, against 26.71 and 26.76; and checks on Norway finished at 21.89 and cable transfers at 21.93, against 21.88 and 21.92. The final range for Spanish pesetas was 15.17½ for checks and 15.21½ for cable transfers, as compared with 15.22 and 15.26 last week.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, SEPT. 18 1926 TO SEPT. 24 1926, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Sept. 18.	Sept. 20.	Sept. 21.	Sept. 22.	Sept. 23.	Sept. 24.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.4083	1.4079	1.4073	1.4087	1.4090	1.4091
Belgium, franc	0.271	0.269	0.264	0.262	0.266	0.268
Bulgaria, lev	0.07256	0.07261	0.07233	0.07239	0.07244	0.07250
Czechoslovakia, krone	0.29616	0.29617	0.29617	0.29619	0.29617	0.29619
Denmark, krone	2.656	2.656	2.655	2.655	2.656	2.656
England, pound sterling	4.8545	4.8540	4.8533	4.8540	4.8542	4.8536
Finland, marka	0.25208	0.25215	0.25212	0.25211	0.25216	0.25214
France, franc	0.281	0.279	0.275	0.277	0.278	0.279
Germany, reichsmark	2.381	2.381	2.381	2.382	2.381	2.382
Greece, drachma	0.11786	0.11863	0.11823	0.117113	0.11796	0.11760
Holland, guilder	4.006	4.006	4.006	4.006	4.006	4.006
Hungary, pengo	1.756	1.755	1.755	1.755	1.754	1.753
Italy, lira	0.363	0.363	0.364	0.369	0.369	0.369
Norway, krone	2.191	2.191	2.191	2.192	2.192	2.192
Poland, zloty	1.093	1.091	1.093	1.100	1.097	1.102
Portugal, escudo	0.613	0.612	0.615	0.614	0.612	0.612
Rumania, leu	0.05256	0.05287	0.05362	0.05386	0.05316	0.05259
Spain, peseta	1.321	1.514	1.518	1.526	1.524	1.520
Sweden, krona	2.675	2.675	2.675	2.674	2.675	2.675
Switzerland, franc	1.932	1.932	1.932	1.932	1.933	1.933
Yugoslavia, dinar	0.17668	0.17670	0.17668	0.17677	0.17674	0.17680
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael	7.042	6.910	6.923	6.938	6.917	6.738
Hankow, tael	6.925	6.836	6.852	6.856	6.809	6.656
Shanghai, tael	6.686	6.616	6.628	6.632	6.631	6.477
Tientsin, tael	7.042	6.910	6.923	6.938	6.921	6.742
Hong Kong, dollar	5.289	5.276	5.279	5.254	5.209	5.076
Mexican dollar	4.800	4.809	4.875	4.810	4.769	4.658
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar	4.813	4.758	4.696	4.775	4.696	4.554
Yuan, dollar	4.775	4.721	4.667	4.738	4.658	4.517
India, rupee	3.631	3.630	3.631	3.632	3.631	3.630
Japan, yen	4.867	4.870	4.868	4.862	4.863	4.863
Singapore (S.S.), dollar	5.608	5.608	5.600	5.608	5.608	5.608
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	1.001271	1.001366	1.001313	1.001440	1.001375	1.001334
Cuba, peso	0.99313	0.99375	0.99375	0.99313	0.99313	0.99313
Mexico, peso	4.87500	4.87667	4.87250	4.87667	4.86917	4.87500
Newfoundland, dollar	0.99828	0.99806	0.99867	0.99895	0.99896	0.99867
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	0.9244	0.9244	0.9247	0.9244	0.9252	0.9244
Brazil, milreis	1.524	1.523	1.524	1.519	1.514	1.509
Chile, peso	1.213	1.213	1.213	1.213	1.213	1.213
Uruguay, peso	1.0011	1.0028	1.0025	1.0037	1.0053	1.0044

As to South American exchange, mixed movements occurred. Argentine pesos, under the stimulus of good buying to cover shipments of hides, beef and grain, advanced about 9 points to 40.74, for checks, and to 40.79 for cable transfers, then closed at 40.70 and 40.75, against 40.65 and 40.70 last week. The strength in this currency has revived talk of a return to the gold standard and the actual establishment of a free gold market. Brazilian milreis, on the other hand, were dull and weak, and the close was at 15.13 for checks and at 15.18 for cable transfers. This compares with 15.23 and 15.28 a week ago. Chilean exchange was steady and finished at 12¼ (unchanged), while Peru ruled easier, closing at 3 90½, against 3 92, the previous close.

In the Far Eastern exchanges a falling off in activity occurred, with further sharp losses in the Chinese currencies. Shanghai and Peking exchange sold down to the lowest levels in several years, on continued depression in the silver market. Japanese yen were well maintained and ruled at close to the high levels of the preceding week. The others of the group were dull and featureless. Hong Kong closed at 51.70@51.80, against 53⅝@53⅞; Shanghai, 66½@67¼, against 68¼@69; Yokohama, 48.80@48.90, against 48.60@48.70; Manila, 49¾@49⅞ (unchanged); Singapore, 56¼@56⅜, against 56¼@56⅝; Calcutta, 36½@36⅝ (unchanged), and Bombay, 36½@36⅝ (unchanged).

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,077,958 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Sept. 23. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,206,808, while the shipments have reached \$1,128,850, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended Sept. 23.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement	\$4,206,808	\$1,128,850	Gain \$3,077,958

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, Sept. 18.	Monday, Sept. 20.	Tuesday, Sept. 21.	Wednesday, Sept. 22.	Thursday, Sept. 23.	Friday, Sept. 24.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 104,000,000	\$ 109,000,000	\$ 67,000,000	\$ 74,000,000	\$ 91,000,000	\$ 86,000,000	Cr. 531,000,000

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 bulion in the principal European banks:

Banks of	Sept. 23 1926.			Sept. 25 1925.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 155,930,451	£ 155,930,451	£ 160,660,075	£ 147,375,968	£ 13,520,000	£ 160,895,968
France a	147,375,968	13,520,000	160,895,968	147,314,221	12,360,000	159,674,221
Germany b	66,965,000	c994,600	67,959,600	52,682,050	4,994,600	57,676,650
Spain	102,260,000	26,684,000	128,944,000	101,467,000	26,176,000	127,643,000
Italy	45,426,000	4,196,000	49,622,000	35,609,000	3,363,000	38,972,000
Netherlands	34,956,000	2,270,000	37,226,000	34,863,000	1,933,000	36,796,000
Nat. Belg.	10,955,000	3,394,000	14,349,000	10,891,000	3,429,000	14,320,000
Switzerland	16,989,000	3,430,000	20,419,000	19,611,000	3,533,000	23,144,000
Sweden	12,647,000	12,647,000	12,883,000	11,617,000	12,495,000	12,883,000
Denmark	11,617,000	878,000	12,495,000	11,634,000	1,149,000	12,783,000
Norway	8,180,000	8,180,000	8,180,000	8,180,000	8,180,000	8,180,000
Total week	613,301,419	55,366,600	668,668,019	595,794,346	52,937,600	648,731,946
Prev. week	612,177,027	55,509,600	667,686,627	595,220,898	52,899,600	648,120,498

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,572,836 held abroad. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany this year are exclusive of £10,085,000 held abroad. c As of Oct. 7 1924.

Germany and the Financial Recovery of Europe.

M. Briand's reported attempt to carry forward the Franco-German rapprochement at Geneva by discussing with Herr Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, some of the practical ways in which the position of the two countries might be improved, appears to have had the immediate result of stirring up some of the old anti-German feeling in France, and of exciting suspicion that M. Briand was disposed to go too fast and too far. In the absence of an official statement, we do not yet know precisely

what the two statesmen said to one another in their conversation at Thoiry, but it has been assumed that they discussed, among other things, the early evacuation of the Rhineland by the Allied troops, the withdrawal of the Allied Control Mission from Germany, the restoration to Germany of the Saare, and the recovery by Germany of Eupen and Malmedy, now attached to Belgium under the Treaty of Versailles. Whatever the precise topics, the early reports of dissent in the French Cabinet from M. Briand's course have been to some extent set at rest by the official announcement on Tuesday that the Government "was unanimous regarding the interest of these conversations and the utility of their continuance," but M. Poincare is also reported to have "tied a string" to even this general approval by stipulating that any technical questions raised by the negotiations should at the proper time be brought before the Cabinet for consideration.

This is about what was to be expected, and all that was to be expected. In his enthusiasm for the restoration of cordial relations between France and Germany, M. Briand is doubtless somewhat in advance of the main body of French public opinion, which still thinks of the losses and suffering of the war and cherishes suspicion of Germany's good intentions. There is a strong element in the Ministry, represented most conspicuously by Andre Tardieu, the intimate friend of Clemenceau and his "handy man" at the Peace Conference, which has never ceased to call for the complete enforcement of the Versailles treaty, be the rigors of the treaty what they may. M. Poincare himself has been consistently sympathetic with this point of view, and a good deal of his hold upon the country is due to the insistence and iteration with which he expounded his policy of "Thorough" in a long series of Sunday speeches. Of late, indeed, he would appear to have modified somewhat his extreme views, but it was not to be expected that he should reverse himself completely in a few days or weeks. Probably it is just as well that in a union Cabinet, formed on the avowed principle of bringing together the leading representatives of opposing political programs, such a difference of opinion as exists between M. Briand and some of his colleagues should find expression. It takes time to iron out differences in such a hybrid Ministry as that of M. Poincare, and to time the task must be left.

Much more important, in the large European view, than the questions of military occupation or territorial readjustment which M. Briand and Herr Stresemann are believed to have discussed, is the proposal, reported on Sunday to have been made by the German Government, to turn over to the creditor Allies the Government share of the preferred stock of the German Railway Company, and in addition to make available, in whole or in part, the 11,000,000,000 gold marks of German railway bonds to aid in stabilizing the currencies of Belgium and France. The suggestion of using the German railway bonds for reparations purposes has been made unofficially before, but the preferred stock of the German Railway Company has not figured previously in discussions of the financial situation, and the facts regarding this particular issue of securities may properly be recalled.

The railway experts whose findings and recommendations were made a part of the Dawes report

fixed the capital value of the German railways at 26,000,000,000 gold marks. In connection with the transfer of the railways from Government control to control by a private corporation, the Dawes plan provided, first, for the immediate issuance by the railway company of 11,000,000,000 gold marks of bonds, secured by a first mortgage on the railway properties, and bearing interest in the third and subsequent years at 5%, with 1% annually for amortization. The remaining 15,000,000,000 gold marks of estimated capital valuation was to be represented by 13,000,000,000 of common stock, all of which was to be held by the German Government, and 2,000,000,000 of preferred stock, one-fourth of which was to be turned over to the German Government, while the remaining three-fourths was to be "set aside in the treasury of the company, for sale to private persons to provide funds for the payment of existing indebtedness and future capital expenditures." It is this Government one-fourth, or 500,000,000 gold marks, of the preferred stock which the Government is now reported to have offered to its Allied creditors, presumably as an inducement to end the military occupation or permit the recovery of territory from Belgium, in addition to so much of the railway bonds as the creditor Governments may be disposed to take in aid of stabilization, or perhaps in settlement of reparations claims.

The objections which are reported to have been voiced in American banking circles, and by Treasury spokesmen at Washington, to putting on the market at this time, or in the near future, either the Government share of the railway preferred stock, or the railway bonds, or both, are not convincing. The preferred stock represents in round figures \$125,000,000, the bonds \$2,750,000,000. The first of these amounts is not excessive as American foreign loans go, and the amount of the suggested bond issue is well within the powers of international finance. The 5% return on the bonds is a relatively low rate for foreign bonds, and might necessitate a sale at a lower price than has been obtained for foreign loans bearing a higher rate of interest, but it is also to be remembered that while some of the foreign loans which have been floated in the United States since the war have suffered an appreciable decline in the market, most of the German bond issues have risen in value, and that German credit is to-day distinctly high. The preferred railway stock, on the other hand, pays 7%, subject to the German income tax, and is entitled to participate in the profits of the railway company after payment of the charges imposed by the Dawes plan.

The objection that the payment of the interest, which naturally is in gold marks, on the bonds or stock might encounter exchange difficulties, is equally unconvincing. Most, if not all, of the foreign loans which have been negotiated in this country since the war call for the payment of interest in dollars or their gold equivalent, and the various war debt agreements which the United States has concluded contemplate the payment of interest in United States gold coin or in United States securities at par. The experience of the Agent-General for Reparations during the first two years of the operation of the Dawes plan, seems to indicate that the problem of transferring large sums of money from Germany to other countries has proved less difficult than at first was feared. For

the year ending Sept. 1 last, the report of the Agent-General (see the "Chronicle" for Sept. 18, page 1450) records the transfer in foreign currencies of 415,612,000 gold marks, included in this amount being 14,844,038 20 gold marks paid to the United States. The transfer of 35,000,000 gold marks of interest on the railway preferred stock, in addition to reparations payments, would hardly unbalance the exchange market, and while the transfer of 550,000,000 gold marks of interest on the bonds (assuming that the entire bond issue was placed outside of Germany, which would probably not be the case) would be a more serious undertaking, it is not clear that it could not be accomplished safely with the aid of the same financial co-operation that floated the bonds.

Obviously, the proposal of the German Government with regard to the bonds could not be carried out without the consent of all the countries that have claims to reparations payments, nor, even so, without the co-operation of American financiers. Now that the proposal to use both the bonds and the railway preferred stock has apparently been given a concrete official form, however, it ought not to be dismissed by the financial world save for the most convincing reasons. "Probabilities," said Alexander Hamilton in the first of his great reports on public credit, "are always a rational ground of contract," and if the securities of the German railways can be used to dispose of the vexatious question of reparations, or to enable France and Belgium to stabilize their currencies, no effort should be spared to put them at work.

Character by Chemistry.

A profound respect for the achievements of science in the physical world receives something of a shock when a proposal is tentatively made to shape character by the introduction of chemicals into the human system. For some time after prohibition was enacted we heard a great deal about the influence of alcohol upon the creative power of poets and writers. We were told that the exuberant joy of life would be darkened by the absence of mellow wines that enliven but do not intoxicate. Little was said about tobacco and coffee, but it is well known that these have stimulated the imagination of writers who have become famous as novelists. The opium drug has played its part in the history of letters, and both Coleridge and De Quincy are declared to owe much to the gorgeousness of the dreams which it produces. But it remains for a more modern and sober-sided science of chemistry to suggest the possibility of building character to order by administering chemicals. Science has never before gone quite so far in its marvel-producing conjectures, but then, we have never known much about ductless glands until recently. These small and sometimes hard to locate glands have been heralded as the real control of the individual. Stimulated to action by the mysterious power of chemicals they become, we are told, the most important agencies in moulding the thoughts and deeds of children and men. If true, poets need no longer be born, they can be made from any stock.

We are not disposed to treat this matter lightly, since it is a fact that opium at least has at first a stimulative and then a degenerative effect upon the mind. There may be possibilities in this study of the influence of chemicals that are now even beyond

conjecture. But is it not passing beyond the pale of reason, to even contemplate the idea that character can be manufactured by any such means? Is it possible to assert that either the size or texture of the brain indicates talent or genius? For all that speech and memory have a locale in the brain, according to recent investigations, is there then nothing in man save the physical? Wandering in the material mazes of the infinite, is it not possible that science sometimes dreams, intoxicated by its own discoveries? What is life and what is the mystic Ego? If this study of man is to lead us into paths of character production, what is to become of responsibility? If what we are, and think, and do, are but the products of hidden chemical combinations, that may be induced by drugs or minerals, why hold man to an accountability to what we term the divine? Already we are dallying with disease as the cause of crime, but to say that duty and devotion are mere matters of molecular structure is far beyond this.

The truth is we do not know just what we are, or how we think. Poe undertook to show the processes by which he produced "The Raven," but it has been more than once hinted that his ratiocination came after the writing and not before. If there are no two physical persons alike, are there any two mental persons alike? And if mere mentality is played upon by some unseen thing (we have come to term it soul), can the power of this unseen be ruled by the drug-induced metabolism of the human cell? How can these separate individualities, hidden combinations of the seen and unseen, of the known and unknown, these separated *persons*, be made to conform in character to a plan imagined to be the perfect one? What is character if it be not that inner nature, part inherited and part the result of struggle against or with environment, that is peculiar to each of us, the source and citadel of all our relations with our fellows? How very little in the accomplishments of men and races can we trace to the foods they eat or the drugs they take. Soils, climates, seas, mountains, we are wont to claim, influence peoples, the Saxon in his cold North, the Latin in his sunny South, but what do these conditions affect if it be not soul as well as body?

The formation of character by elaborate systems of education has long been a purpose with every people. Each individual is the result of complexities in life that defy analysis. True, we refer to a man's "bringing up," to his forbears, to his surroundings, to his opportunities, as responsible for his personal character. But in a larger and more important sense, while alchemists and astrologers were delving in the Black Art, certain peoples were formulating some of the most profound philosophies the world has ever known. The thought we are trying to lead to is this: These recent "discoveries" of modern science are mere bubbles on the stream of Life that began we know not where and will end we know not how or where. Out of the immaterial world of thought, conscious, subconscious or whatever it may be, man has evolved a scheme of conduct by which and through which he hopes to achieve happiness. He can no longer believe that he was destined to be damned either in this life or the next, if there be one. He has come closer to the Infinite and Unknown (God) through an appreciation of his inner self, his real and potential being, and physical

science, while a contributing factor to this, has played not the most essential part in it.

Not science but soul, not chemistry but philosophy, is the key that will unlock the future state of mankind. And while we do not speak of the trivialities of fundamentalism and modernism, we do see in these arrant and audacious claims of current Science the inculcation of a spirit of irresponsibility and infidelity dangerous to social life and the human race. For if we may make or mar, or generate or destroy, individuals by these germs and glands and drugs, then there is no such thing as character or duty, or devotion, or love and happiness, of and within ourselves. If we know anything we know that man is not supreme in his own power. If we have any real appreciation of the gift of life, even by our own standards of reason, we know that we are bound to give thanks, which is a form of worship, to the Cause of All. It is by the cultivation of this inner, this immaterial nature, we name it spiritual, that we progress and come within the circle of the Infinite Power that gave us being and an earthly habitation. This is the sublime truth that is imbedded in and yet transcends all formal religions. Science that never bows its head degrades its very nature.

As a social question it is imperative to consider the sources and unfolding of our common or popular thought. A people that rebels against all restraint, that acknowledges no superior authority to its own wisdom, will soon come to rebel against all law, even that of its own making. Irresponsibility is not only a product of desire, it may become a product of reason. Science, probing too deeply into the laws of life, seeking in the physical for the origin of all things, reveling in its own knowledge of the unknown, and finding deep under deep yet unexplored, comes at last to acknowledge no master but its own powers. If "no scalpel ever found a soul," no physical science ever found a God. Two of our greatest workers in the physical are reputed to be what we term infidels or agnostics—Burbank, now dead, and Edison, still living and working. Is it not, in time of "turmoil," of "revolt," of "progress," of social necessity, that we study the effect of these scientific pronouncements on the popular thought that lies behind manners and customs? Irresponsibility is the legitimate product of negation.

But irresponsibility does not stand alone. A riotous form of living, a madness for pleasure, a thinking of to-day and its fleeting moments, a spending, by a frivolous people, must make them careless of the general good and the rights of others. It is not sermonizing to ask that our great investigators in science think a little on philosophy as well as chemistry. There is such a thing as respecting the ways of Providence. Why, though these chemical agencies to life, health, thought, may or do exist, is it written anywhere that natural laws must be supplanted by artificial—that we should cease to grow foods in the fields and manufacture them in the laboratory? Out of thousands of years of endeavor, growth, accumulation, industry, we have developed a mode of life, an ethics of human relations, a moral procedure, embraced in the word philosophy, by which we know rights, duties, responsibilities, and which we endeavor to maintain and protect by liberal governments, shall we now throw this into the discard and by chemically produced character, shirk

all responsibility in human relations and forget that a due appreciation of the worth of life is a proper form of reverence?

It is plain common sense to demand that we think on the problem of becoming Godlike in love as well as in power. What kind of a spiritualized religion, take any of the great ones for an example, can we hope to produce and perpetuate through chemically produced character? Is this reducing a tentative proposition to an absurdity? It may be, and it may be also that that is where it should stand. But we think that philosophy is older than chemistry—far as it has had to travel to be worthy the name. And it will not add much to a tranquil and peaceful life on earth to blot God out of the Universe by trying to perform miracles in creation, life and personality, by chemically mixing a witch's broth warranted to produce any kind of character at will.

The Opening of the Universities—What It Means.

"The university is a place which wins the admiration of the young by its celebrity, kindles the affections of the middle-aged by its beauty and rivets the fidelity of the old by its associations. It is the seat of wisdom, a light of the world, a minister of the faith, an Alma Mater of the rising generation."—*Cardinal Mercier.*

No general event is more important than the opening of the schools for the academic year which begins with September, and by the first of October is in full operation in the universities. The number of students was never so large, and the pressure of those seeking in vain for admission, especially in the higher institutions, was never so severe and disheartening.

For this there are two causes. One is the awakening of young life everywhere as the result of the war; the other that most of the schools have exerted themselves to the limit to make provision for the increasing attendance of the past few years and, now when the pressure is still at the flood, some institutions have been compelled to fix for themselves a maximum, and many have had to close their doors against the crowd, including even applicants who had passed the required examinations.

The question arises: Why this excitement? What does education, especially that in the higher grades, stand for? The movement is in no sense artificial. It has not been worked up; it is not local, nor transient, nor incidental. It extends in varying degree to all grades of society and all countries. It is compelling educators to face questions concerning the fundamentals which have long been dormant but now demand attention, and some nations have found it necessary to change their whole system of education.

But we are concerned with the question as it affects the young people and their parents. Practically a new generation faces manhood and womanhood. What shall that be? What lines should be chosen; and what doors are open? The question of cost is not so important. On all sides are found men from the humbler walks of life who have secured an education, not infrequently the most highly specialized, and who are eminently successful. It has long been said that any boy who really wants an education can get it; and of late in our colleges and universities the number of those who receive aid or win scholarships is so great as to be a substantial proportion of the total attendance.

The question, therefore, to-day comes back for the young to this: Is it worth it? What does the

opening of the doors of the colleges and universities mean? It is put before them in this way. You are to live; you have desires; life, as well as the doors of the schools is opening for you; you stand at the parting of the ways; you can choose. The rule is exacting; opportunity awaits the fit man; chance is an illusion.

The Open Door, if you are a man, says which will you have? You certainly want all you can get. Shall it be an "augmented livelihood," all you can get of what is outside yourself; or an "enlarged and ennobling life," making the most of all that is within you, while you do the work which life shall bring, for life has open doors also?

In response to this choice the schools make their bid; and the answer goes according to one's choice. Despite the crowd there are open paths. Doors swing again year after year, and only the men who know what they want and get ready, when the time comes, go through. The ancient university and the old college with their narrow curriculum and their prescribed courses have given place to the new order. Other schools of high scholarship and quite other courses have arisen beside them. They have created and met a new demand. They have blossomed into universities of a new type, or they have joined the older ones; so that within and without the old walls much that is new is to be found; while all that was best in the old still remains. The choice to-day is definite but not too difficult.

What, then, should fathers advise? What course should the youths choose? Primarily there are two. One is to decide to stop with the high school, and go to work. The majority of our business men have, either from necessity or by choice, done this, and in every line of business many of the successful and outstanding men are of this class. Their number and their success have justified the prevalent talk about the necessity of "beginning at the bottom." But times have changed. Business is a much bigger, broader, more highly developed affair than it has been. The broader a young man's education the more thorough his mental training, the better his understanding of himself, the larger his vision, the more he is worth. To be only a hewer of wood is not sufficient. Men of affairs are not picking up "any old horse" or second-hand Ford. They want the best their money will buy; and they want about them in every position men who have capacity, and if possible, a future. The professional schools are coming to require an academic degree of all candidates for admission, and some are going further and limiting admission to men of A or B grade.* The pressure for admission is so great that they can now admit only the best. *Magna* and *maxima* in their college stand have now a definite market value. They determine opportunities at the start, whatever the future may show.

The question then becomes: Shall it be college, or a technical or some school of commerce or business administration? Most of the higher schools of this kind have already entered into some form of union

with a university or older college, as the Tuck School did at the start with Dartmouth; or the universities have of late expanded by organizing a great variety of departments covering this field. It is possible, therefore, to link up the academic work in various degree with the post-graduate lines, so as to get the benefit of both in a somewhat shorter time than has hitherto been the case. A student can now get all, if he will, or, at least, take a large part of the cultural or what used to be the specific college course, in anticipation of his further special work, and at the same time secure some sufficient and time-saving preparation for it.

For the father eager for the best education of his son, or the lad desirous of getting his best equipment in as reasonably short time as may be, it is thus possible to settle in advance his general course, or at least to secure the benefit of the complete college course before he decides upon post-graduate work. The "enlarging and ennobling of life" is desirable, whatever the demand for "augmenting one's livelihood."

America has definitely entered the field of European business and begun to compete for world markets. Success will not be determined solely by the quality and the price of the merchandise. The knowledge and the skill of the men producing and selling it counts high. Within the past 25 years schools of high grade to train such men have been established in the chief European countries. Germany has taken the lead and set the pattern. Contest for the business is to be keen.

We have received an advanced copy of a complete and detailed account of the German system in an article on "Collegiate Education for Business in Germany" by Dr. August W. Fehling, booked to appear in the "Journal of Political Economy" for August. We are glad to call attention to some of its main features. It may be accepted as showing what Europe is doing in this vital direction. Some years ago Professor Wendell of Harvard called attention to the marked superiority of the French lads of 16 or 17 years over the boys coming out of our preparatory and high schools, in the breadth of their intelligence and their ability to converse with men. Before that the merchants of Berlin had organized a special training school for their own sons to accomplish a similar result. We now have the account of the development of the movement.

The German high schools taking boys at ten years of age plan to hold them for nine years, offering them various courses of study and graduating them at about the grade of the end of sophomore year of our colleges. They have worked 26 or 27 hours a week during the first three years and 29 or 30 hours during the other six years. They can then enter the universities if they wish. Meanwhile the outstanding school of commerce along modern lines was opened in 1901 in Cologne, based on a large legacy from a banker as its endowment. It was received with approval by the municipal authorities and had immediate success. It soon established a variety of departments in Governmental and social administration and in 1919 united with other scientific and technical schools in creating a university. Frankfort and Hamburg have within a dozen years taken a similar step and now have each a university of this kind over against the old universities, Frankfort preceding Cologne by five years in 1914. In

*Harvard, Department of Business Administration. The Law School does the same. It reports that of the college graduates who enter the Law School with an "honor" degree 22% attained distinction in the Law School; of those who had the *magna* degree 40%, and of those who had *maxima*, 60% took honors in the Law School. Of the men who had entered college with conditions, less than 3% took honors in the Law School.

Oxford University reports that of 384 who were called to the bar, only 16% of those who had graduated without honors won distinction, while of honor men 46% won distinction, that is 3 to 1 compared with the other group.

1920 Berlin's School of Business Administration was taken over by the Chamber of Commerce; and at least eight similar advanced institutions are now established in German cities, all having some connection with a university either as a regular part or with the privilege of taking university courses in law, cultural, and the like.

It is to be noted that at first the merchants, especially in Cologne and in Hamburg, having ideas that are familiar with us, opposed the whole movement, holding it back some years, because they felt that years of work, particularly in foreign lands, were more valuable. This opposition has long gone by.

The fundamental difference between these schools and the old universities was that they contradicted the exclusively cultural ideal of the university and its teaching of science for science's sake. The Department of Economics, for example, in the universities belonged originally to the faculty of Law! The Department of Economics can now see that its main task should be training to meet the needs of business. The universities have with hardly an exception refused to take up the technique of trade, as it is not recognized as a scientific field. Our American universities seem to have found it much easier, as have the English, to adapt themselves to the new situation. The distinction is not important, as the choice of opportunity exists there as here.

The German schools differ among themselves in emphasis on special departments due to local interests. In Cologne it is upon industry and transportation. Berlin and Frankfort lay stress upon banking. All give courses in history, political science, literature and, of course, always in modern languages. They also offer diplomas for special subjects, taxation, insurance, social service and public administration. The kind of degree given to graduates is determined by the State, as with all the universities and schools. Cologne and Frankfort are allowed to give the Doctor's degree, though this is to-day deprecated by the teaching staffs of the universities and the professional schools.

This is sufficient to show how wide is the door and how inviting the field that to-day opens before the new generation, and it is matter of no small concern for their fathers.

Characteristics of Bond Issues—Rail Bonds Follow Established Forms.

Railroad bonds are the oldest form of corporate obligation with which the investing public is generally familiar; and their legal provisions have become fairly standardized. The mortgage forms of ten and twenty years ago continue to be followed without much variation. About the only change is toward a greater latitude for future financing, a growing preference being given the more or less open mortgage and provisions generally being included for different coupon rates, maturities and call prices to conform to variations in the bond market. Unusual financing devices—a feature of some industrial and utility financing since the war—are practically unknown in railroad loans. Apparently there has been little incentive to depart from methods that have become well established with the investing public and the supervising Government authorities.

The provision for future series at different coupon rates is by no means a new arrangement, but its

scope has been broadened. Some railroad indentures of about twenty years ago authorized the company to issue bonds from time to time at different coupon rates not exceeding 4%. The post-war money market which left 7% coupon issues in the funded debt of such representative properties as the Atlantic Coast Line, the Great Northern, the Louisville & Nashville and the Pennsylvania has resulted in more liberal stipulations in subsequent bond issues. In some cases the low coupon rate of an existing financing medium may be circumvented by pledging bonds for collateral note issues above their par value. Or the procedure followed by the Southern Railway may be followed, where 6% and 6½% bonds were sold secured by the development and general mortgage with a specified interest rate of 4%. In these cases a supplemental indenture was drawn covering the 2% and 2½% additional interest.

Among the bonds that may be selected as covering roughly representative issues of the last twenty years, we may mention the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway first and refunding 4s, 1934, dated 1904; the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway consolidated 4½s, 1957, dated 1907; St. Louis Southwestern Railway first terminal and unifying 5s, 1952, dated 1912; St. Louis-San Francisco Railway prior lien 4s, 1950, dated 1916; New York Chicago & St. Louis Railroad refunding 5½s, 1974, dated 1924; Wabash Railway general and refunding 5½s, 1975, dated 1925. All these issues are junior mortgages covering practically all the property operated or owned, and, generally speaking, they were all designed to finance improvements and provide a financing medium for the respective companies. Not any of these bonds has a general sinking fund, although the New York Chicago & St. Louis and the Wabash indentures provide that sinking fund payments must be made in connection with any bonds issued to pay for equipment. The Rock Island 4s, the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh 4½s and the St. Louis Southwestern 5s are not callable; the others are. Considerable variation is found in the provisions governing the issuance of specific amounts of bonds for various purposes, but these variations are largely due to the circumstances under which each particular issue was prepared and indicate no apparent trend.

However, the features with regard to additional issues under the same mortgage are most interesting. The Rock Island 4s were authorized to the extent of \$163,000,000 and are now outstanding in one way or another well up toward the authorized amount. Furthermore, the company has been in the courts trying to rid itself of a burdensome restriction that no other mortgage may be placed on the property. The Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh 4½s were authorized to \$35,000,000 and there are now \$25,578,000 outstanding. The St. Louis Southwestern 5s are authorized at \$100,000,000, and so far only \$8,063,000 have been publicly issued. Principal of coupon bonds is payable in dollars, in pounds sterling, in Dutch guilders, German marks or French francs. These specifications with regard to foreign currencies have practically ceased since the war. The St. Louis-San Francisco Railway prior lien mortgage authorizes \$250,000,000, of which \$144,283,875 have been issued at different rates of interest. The New York Chicago & St. Louis refunding mortgage may be issued at any time to an amount,

including bonds to retire prior debt, equal to three times the amount of outstanding capital stock. So far \$35,634,000 of these bonds have been placed publicly. The Wabash Railway general and refunding mortgage is limited to an amount which with prior obligations will not exceed one and a half times the outstanding stock. After the sale of series "B" 5s last July, the bonds under this mortgage totaled \$27,500,000. The total bonded debt was \$90,244,437 and the capital stock \$138,492,967.

Of the bonds under review all except one series of St. Louis-San Francisco prior liens and the Wabash general and refunding bonds contain the tax-free covenant and pay 2% of the normal Federal income tax. Many issues outstanding before the institution of the Federal income tax make the payment because the indenture provisions were liberal. Thus the indenture of the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh 4½s says:

The railway company further covenants and agrees that said principal and interest shall be paid without deduction for any tax or taxes which the railway company may be required or permitted to pay thereon or to retain therefrom under any present or future law of the United States. . . .

The foregoing is typical of the provisions generally to be found in railroad mortgages put out prior to the establishment of the Federal income tax. Recent provisions are quite specific as regards taxes. The tendency is to disclaim all liability for Federal income taxes. Yet in its application to list the Series B refunding bonds on the New York Stock Exchange, the New York Chicago & St. Louis Railroad said:

Interest is payable without deduction for any Federal income tax (except the excess of the aggregate of any such tax or taxes in any one year over 2% of such interest) which the company may be permitted or required to pay thereon or retain therefrom under any present or future law of the United States.

But the Wabash bonds were advertised with "interest payable without deduction for any tax or taxes (except any Federal income tax)."

The Florida Catastrophe.

The calamity that burst upon Miami, Pensacola and other parts of the coast and interior of Florida on Friday and Saturday of last week was one of those events which the law, with mingled reverence and mystery, speaks of as "an act of God." Great as has been the progress in the conquest of nature by man, nature still holds forces which, once they are let loose, no human power can yet control, and against whose violence we have yet learned only imperfectly to guard. In this case the hurricane was predicted by the Weather Bureau, and every effort, apparently, was made to warn the region of its approach, but it was too late then to do much more than await the event. Estimates of the loss in life and property place the number of dead at approximately 365, the number of injured at 1,100, and the property loss at some \$165,000,000. Some 50,000 persons are reported to have been made homeless. Even these appalling figures, which it is to be hoped may be reduced later, are to be supplemented by the serious losses due to the disruption of business and transport, the dislocation of all the normal activities of community life and the check to growth and prosperity in the towns that have been devastated or destroyed. With all the energy and resource which a hopeful and determined people can bring

to bear, it will be months before physical order can be brought out of the present chaos and the ravages of the hurricane can be made good.

Every great catastrophe carries its lessons as well as its burden of loss, and the hard experience which Florida has undergone is no exception to the rule. Coming as it did at a time when the Florida land boom had collapsed, and when the closing of a large number of banks in Georgia is still fresh in mind, there has naturally been a good deal of speculation regarding the probable effect of the calamity upon the business of the country generally, as well as upon that of the region particularly affected. On this point the action of the stock market, which is often a barometer in such matters, has been distinctly encouraging, and has seemed to indicate that the financial loss, while heavy, is not likely to administer a severe check to business, trade or transportation. It is believed that insurance claims will be paid promptly, without the necessity of throwing upon the market any considerable quantity of securities held by the companies, and that there will be no reluctance in extending credit for rebuilding where the fundamental credit conditions are sound. Reports of the disaster indicate that while the sea played havoc with waterfront properties and small craft, and added to other destruction and peril that of disastrous flood, the larger and more solid buildings, including business structures of the better modern type, in general withstood the fury of the hurricane. Most of the buildings that were destroyed, especially the dwellings, appear to have been of the slight and temporary construction only too familiar in boom towns, and the loss of life was undoubtedly greatly swelled by that fact. If the new buildings, which are already planned to replace the old ones, shall turn out to be of a proper and substantial kind, the repetition of such a disaster as Miami and other places have suffered will be less to be feared, dear as is the price at which the knowledge will have been gained.

Nothing more distinguishes the American people than its prompt and unstinted response to calamity or distress. Within a few hours after the belated news of the Florida disaster was received, the organization of relief on a large scale had been begun. The efficient machinery of the Red Cross, apparently always ready, was set in motion, and railway trains, motor trucks and naval vessels were on their way with doctors, nurses, food, water, supplies and shelter. Within a few hours martial law had taken the looters in hand, and profiteers were warned that the devastated area was no place for them. There is good reason to hope that, thanks to the promptness and generosity with which the resources of relief were mobilized, the inevitable suffering and privation may be reduced to a minimum, and outbreaks of epidemic disease prevented. What has been done is only a beginning, and there will be need for some time of continuing outside aid, as well as of concerted business and financial support in the process of rebuilding, but what the nation has begun it will carry through as long as the need remains.

Henry Hazlitt of the "Sun" Foresees Downward Trend in the Cost of Living.

A downward trend in the cost of living in the next ten years was predicted by Henry Hazlitt of the editorial staff of the

"Sun," speaking Friday night before the dinner meeting of the American Statistical Association at the Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Avenue. Mr. Hazlitt said in part:

"Disregarding minor fluctuations, the weight of probabilities for the next decade is heavily in the direction of lower commodity prices. On the one hand, the value of goods, chiefly as a result of increasing supply from what promises to be a continued advance in productive methods, should go down. On the other hand, the value of gold, in which prices are expressed, should, as a result of greater demand for monetary uses, go up. But even if we could calculate these elusive physical factors exactly, it would be folly to attempt to forecast just how far the decline in prices is likely to go. Certainly there is nothing sacrosanct about the 1913 level of prices, though the fact that this is given a value of 100 on most index numbers may lead some of us unconsciously to regard that as the real 'normal,' a sort of economic sealevel. There is no sealevel in prices.

"There is no reason, however, why the future decline in prices should not be gradual and mild. It could easily be accompanied by activity and reasonable prosperity in general trade. Indeed, this is precisely what has happened in the last year. This last sharp price decline, incidentally, could very well be followed, in the near future, by a minor upswing. As in the stock market, so in the markets for commodities generally, there may be important secondary movements within the major trend. But the forces which we can now definitely foresee combine to indicate that that major trend will be downward."

Among the reasons Mr. Hazlitt gave for expecting greatly increased production were that the former belligerents of Europe had not yet returned to the production to be expected of them, but should do so within the next decade, and that present high wages and high labor costs have been stimulating efficiency by forcing employers to adopt more economical methods and more machinery.

Mr. Hazlitt asserted that the "quantity theory" of money held by many economists as an explanation of price movements had broken down completely since the war. There was no direct relation, he said, between the volume of gold in the United States and the commodity price level, remarking that though the country's stock of gold between May of 1920 and July of this year had increased 70%, prices in the same period had fallen 39%. Similarly, though Federal Reserve notes in circulation increased 8½% between May 1920 and November of the same year, prices fell an average of 20%. Between May of 1920 and December of 1925 commodity prices dropped 37%, the speaker said, while demand deposits of Federal Reserve member banks increased 24%. Even when an increase in physical volume of production in 1924 over 1920 was allowed for, the 37% drop in commodity prices was still accompanied by a net increase of 9% in demand deposits.

Power of Federal Trade Commission Curbed—Must Not Give Private Business Affairs Publicity, Supreme Court of District of Columbia Holds.

The power of the Federal Trade Commission to investigate and give publicity to the private business affairs of corporations and individuals stands virtually nullified by a decision on Sept. 23 of the District of Columbia Supreme Court. Information to this effect is contained in Washington advices to the New York "Evening Post," which re-

ports the following further account of the decision from its Washington correspondent:

On the heels of the decision come reports of an impending reorganization of the Commission which will have a still further taming effect on its activities. The term of Huston Thompson of Colorado, head of the famous team of Thompson and Nugent, the militant dissenting minority of the Commission, will expire on Saturday. Mr. Thompson will not be reappointed, it is understood. He will be replaced by a conservative Democrat more in harmony with the Administration's attitude toward business.

Mr. Nugent may resign. Many persons believe it would be the ethical thing for him to do in view of this active candidacy on the Democratic ticket for the Senate against Senator Frank R. Gooding in Idaho. If he wins the election, his resignation would follow as a matter of course. Abram Myers, former Assistant Attorney-General, the newest member of the Commission, took office only recently, succeeding Vernon W. Van Fleet, who resigned.

Thus, the outlook for more harmonious functioning and fewer dissenting opinions by the Commission is measurably improved coincidentally with the handing down of the District Supreme Court's decision radically curtailing its inquisitorial activities. Undoubtedly, these developments will stir the Insurgents and Democrats in Congress to renewed efforts at the approaching session to abolish the Commission. They made the effort at the last session on the ground that the trade body was no longer a useful agency of the Government, from their point of view, but they did not succeed in blocking the appropriations for the Commission.

Ripley's Argument Answered.

The opinion, rendered by Justice Smith, enjoins the Commission from executing subpoenas directed to the Millers' National Federation at Chicago. The subpoenas were issued last spring, shortly before the announcement that the Commission, in compliance with a Senate resolution, would investigate the baking and milling industry, particularly to get facts about the cost of bread to the consumer.

Justice Smith's decision was regarded here as answering the argument of William Z. Ripley, Harvard professor of economics, which caused a flurry in Wall Street last month, to the effect that the Trade Commission should compel greater publicity of the affairs of corporations.

The language of Justice Smith's opinion, viewed as having a direct bearing on Professor Ripley's contention, was as follows:

"No mere administrative agency, acting as such, has any right to invade the privacy of business except as prescribed by law, and then only within constitutional limitations. Indeed, so far as natural persons or private corporations are concerned, it is certain that Congress cannot give administrative officials authority to rummage through papers without their consent in the hope that evidence may be discovered useful for a public purpose."

After holding two hearings on injunction petitions filed by the millers, Justice Smith in his memorandum opinion says that the Federation is entitled to an injunction to prevent the inspection of its books and records, which were ordered produced by the subpoenas. The Federation is a non-profit organization, it was pointed out, whose membership consists of large milling and baking concerns in the country.

Infringes Constitutional Rights.

"It appears from the bill for Injunction," said the opinion of Justice Smith, "that if the letters, papers and documents are produced to the Commission they will be revealed to the public at the time and place designated by the Commission and will be transmitted to the Senate, where they will be published and made available for inspection by every one as a public record.

"Such a publication or revelation constitutes an intrusion on the privacy of business and an infringement of constitutional rights for which the law affords no adequate remedy and from that it follows that the intervention of equity is justified.

"Courts, it is true, will not issue injunctions against administrative officers of the Government on mere apprehensions that they will not do their duty according to law, but administrative officers must keep within the statute in the exercise of their powers, and if they threaten or seek to do something which is wholly beyond their jurisdiction they will be restrained.

"Where an administrative agency seeks, attempts or threatens to do something beyond its jurisdiction which will constitute an invasion of property or constitutional rights and threatens to commence criminal prosecutions to compel obedience to its mandates, it may be enjoined from commencing such criminal prosecutions. If the Commission may be restrained from bringing criminal proceedings it can hardly be argued that it cannot be enjoined from exceeding its jurisdiction and doing the things which would constitute the basis for such criminal proceedings. Even corporations will be protected against the taking of their books and papers by administrative officers, if no such authority is conferred by statute.

Power Unthinkable.

"The resolution under which the Commission attempted to act did not authorize the Commission to compel the production of documents or papers and it is unthinkable that the Senate intended to clothe the Commission with power to compel the attendance of witnesses at Chicago from every part of the United States and to force firms, partnerships and corporations in the milling and baking and allied industries to submit their books and papers to representatives of the Commission."

The New Capital Flotations in August and for the Eight Months to August 31.

New security issues during August were on a greatly reduced scale. Being a summer month, the aggregate of the new flotations in August is nearly always below the average, and the present year the offerings were more than ordinarily light. The total is well below that for the corresponding month last year, when we reported that the amount had been the smallest of any month of either 1925 or 1924, excepting only March 1924. With the further diminution now shown, this year's August aggregate not only falls below the small total for March 1924, but is actually the smallest of any month of any year since September 1923. Our tabulations, as always, include the stock, bond and note issues by corporations and by States and

municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also government bond emissions. The grand total of the offerings of new securities under these various heads during August reached only \$345,999,259. This compares with \$582,279,598 in July; with \$723,549,858 in June; 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, and with \$492,022,119 in September.

In August last year, when as already stated, the total of the new issues was with one exception the smallest of any month of either 1925 or 1924, the aggregate coming on the

market was \$404,039,397. As compared with even that month, the present total shows a falling off of over \$58,000,000. The amount of the offerings was relatively light, too, under each of the leading groups, though the amount of foreign Government securities placed was of fairly moderate proportions. The total of the municipal issues, which until lately was running in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000 a month, in August reached no more than \$64,224,479, which compares with \$83,727,297 in August last year. Furthermore, it happens that an exceptional proportion of the new issues represented refunding operations, diminishing to that extent the applications for strictly new capital. The amount of strictly new capital involved in the August flotations the present year was no more than \$278,242,259. This compares with \$301,354,197 in August 1925 and with \$331,394,993 in August 1924. It is necessary to go back to August 1923, when the amount was \$207,963,498, to find a smaller total than that now recorded for August 1926.

In the case of new corporate issues in August, offerings on behalf of industrial corporations led in volume with a total of \$158,930,780. This amount, however, showed a sharp decline from the previous month's total of \$221,778,640. Public utility issues totaled only \$69,434,000, which likewise was a sharp decline from the total of \$211,829,480 reported for this group in July, while railroad offerings at \$15,085,000 were well below the total of \$40,775,000 recorded for them in July.

Total corporate offerings in August were, as previously noted, \$243,449,780, and of this amount \$179,634,000 comprised long-term issues, \$17,309,000 were of short-term maturity and the remainder, \$46,506,780, consisted of stock issues. The portion used for refunding purposes was no less than \$67,294,500, or over 38% of the total. More than half this total is accounted for by the two following issues brought out exclusively for refunding purposes: \$30,000,000 Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. 20-year 5s, 1946, and \$9,500,000 National Power & Light Co. debenture 6s "A," 2026. In July \$59,748,000, or only about 12%, was for refunding. In June the amount was \$93,362,700, or almost 20%. In May the sum was only \$12,237,000, or less than 3%. In April the refunding portion reached no less than \$111,069,770, or slightly over 25%; in March the amount was \$37,168,000, or only about 7¼%; in February \$33,095,000, or slightly over 8%, while in January \$68,706,575, or 11% of the total, was for refunding purposes. In August of last year \$29,237,000, or 12% of the total, was for refunding.

The \$67,294,500 raised for refunding in August of the present year comprised \$52,743,000 new long-term to refund existing long-term, \$10,815,000 new long-term to refund existing short-term, \$334,000 new short-term to refund existing short-term, \$465,000 new stock to refund existing long-term, \$1,100,000 new stock to refund existing short-term, and \$1,837,500 new stock to replace existing stock.

Foreign corporate issues sold in this country during August aggregated \$45,845,000 and comprised the following: Canadian—\$3,000,000 Montreal Rail & Water Terminals, Ltd., 1st (c) m. 6½s, 1951, offered at par. Other foreign—\$10,815,000 United Steel Works Corp. (Germany) 25-year 6½s "C," 1951, placed privately; 256,000 shares of Consolidated Railroads of Cuba 6% cum. pref. stock, offered to stockholders of Cuba Co. at \$40 per share; \$5,500,000 Havana Electric Ry. Co. debenture 5½s, 1951, offered at 92, yielding 6.12%; \$5,000,000 of the same company's 6% cum. pref. stock offered at par (\$100), with a bonus of 6-10ths of a share in common stock; \$5,000,000 Compania Cubana 3-year 6s, Sept. 1 1929, placed at par; 25,000 American Trust Certificates of Disconto-Gesellschaft (Germany), offered at \$147.60 per certificate, involving \$3,690,000, and \$2,600,000 Caribbean Sugar Co. 1st mtge. 7s, 1941, issued at 95½, yielding about 7.50%.

The largest domestic individual corporate offering made during August was that of \$30,000,000 Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. 20-year 5s, 1946, at 99, yielding 5.08%. Other important industrial offerings were: \$10,500,000 Interstate Natural Gas Co., Inc. (Del.), 1st (c) M. 6s, 1936, brought out at 105, yielding 5.35%, and \$9,500,000 165 Broadway Bldg. (Benenson Bldg. Corp.), N. Y. City, 1st (c) M. 5½s, 1951, sold at par.

Public utility issues worthy of special mention were: \$15,000,000 North American Light & Power Co. (Del.) debenture 5½s "A," 1956, offered at 94½, to yield about 5.90%; \$9,500,000 National Power & Light Co. debenture 6s "A," 2026, sold at 98, yielding about 6.10%, and \$5,000,000 Midland Utilities Co. serial 5s, 1929-31, offered at prices ranging from 99½ to 98½, yielding from 5.17% to 5.30%.

Aside from the issue of Consolidated Railroads of Cuba 6% pref. stock, only two domestic railroad offerings came on the market in August, namely: \$2,670,000 Central RR. of New Jersey equip. trust 4½s, 1927-41, offered at par, and \$2,175,000 Fruit Growers' Express Co. equip. trust 4½s "G," 1927-41, offered on a 4.40% to 4.70% basis.

Three foreign Government loans were brought out in this country during August for a total of \$34,000,000. The loans were as follows: \$16,000,000 Republic of Peru external secured 7½s, due 1956, offered at par; \$10,000,000 Republic of Chile 6 months' Treasury 5s, due Feb. 2 1927, offered at 99%, to yield about 5.25%, and \$8,000,000 German Consolidated Municipal Loan of German Savings Banks and Clearing Association secured 7s of 1926, due 1947, offered at 98, yielding about 7.20%.

Six issues of farm loan bonds amounting to \$4,325,000 were brought out during August, the yields on them ranging from 4.25 to 4.55%.

Offerings of various securities made during the month, which did not represent new financing by the company whose securities were offered and which therefore are not included in our totals, comprised the following: \$3,000,000 Erie Steam Shovel Co. 7% cum. pref., offered at par (\$100); 280,000 shares of common stock of the same company, offered at \$25 per share, involving \$7,000,000; 12,000 shares of Pacific Boiler Corp. common stock, offered at \$12½ per share, and 30,000 shares of Montana Power Co. common stock sold locally at \$75 per share.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing—corporate, State and city, foreign Government, as well as Farm Loan issues—for August and the eight months ending with August. 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.

	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$
MONTH OF AUGUST.			
Corporate—			
Domestic—Long term bonds & notes.....	107,976,000	52,743,000	160,719,000
Short term.....	8,975,000	334,000	9,309,000
Preferred stocks.....	12,242,000	2,937,500	15,179,500
Common stocks.....	11,932,280	465,000	12,397,280
Canadian—Long term bonds & notes.....	3,000,000	-----	3,000,000
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Other For'n—Long term bonds & notes.....	8,100,000	10,815,000	18,915,000
Short term.....	5,000,000	-----	5,000,000
Preferred stocks.....	15,240,000	-----	15,240,000
Common stocks.....	3,690,000	-----	3,690,000
Total corporate.....	176,155,280	67,294,500	243,449,780
Foreign Government.....	34,000,000	-----	34,000,000
Farm Loan issues.....	4,325,000	-----	4,325,000
War Finance Corporation.....	-----	-----	-----
Municipal.....	63,761,979	462,500	64,224,479
Canadian.....	-----	-----	-----
United States Possessions.....	-----	-----	-----
Grand total.....	278,242,259	67,757,000	345,999,259
EIGHT MONTHS ENDED AUG. 31.			
Corporate—			
Domestic—Long term bonds & notes.....	1,682,948,330	378,691,170	2,061,639,500
Short term.....	187,176,695	35,043,000	222,219,695
Preferred stocks.....	370,287,772	10,227,500	380,515,272
Common stocks.....	456,784,914	11,027,575	467,812,489
Canadian—Long term bonds & notes.....	95,892,000	27,458,000	123,350,000
Short term.....	1,250,000	-----	1,250,000
Other For'n—Long term bonds & notes.....	4,000,000	-----	4,000,000
Common stocks.....	990,000	-----	990,000
Other For'n—Long term bonds & notes.....	239,474,000	10,815,000	250,289,000
Short term.....	19,000,000	6,000,000	25,000,000
Preferred stocks.....	25,240,000	-----	25,240,000
Common stocks.....	30,100,740	3,419,300	33,520,040
Total corporate.....	3,113,144,451	482,681,545	3,595,825,996
Foreign Government.....	234,619,000	14,873,000	249,492,000
Farm Loan issues.....	84,625,000	40,200,000	124,825,000
War Finance Corporation.....	-----	-----	-----
Municipal.....	854,453,229	13,128,547	867,581,776
Canadian.....	53,792,000	46,000,000	99,792,000
United States Possessions.....	8,288,000	-----	8,288,000
Grand total.....	4,348,921,680	596,883,092	4,945,804,772

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.

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST FOR FIVE YEARS.

MONTH OF AUGUST.	1926.			1925.			1924.			1923.			1922.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
Corporate—															
Domestic—															
Long term bonds and notes	107,976,000	52,743,000	160,719,000	123,595,000	19,137,000	142,732,000	115,068,000	88,899,000	203,967,000	94,214,900	17,387,900	111,602,800	52,925,400	21,196,000	74,121,400
Short term	8,975,000	334,000	9,309,000	7,410,000	350,000	7,760,000	7,627,000	—	7,627,000	2,885,500	4,000,000	6,885,500	5,089,000	3,561,000	8,650,000
Preferred stocks	12,242,000	2,937,500	15,179,500	21,885,000	300,000	22,185,000	18,500,000	3,363,000	21,863,000	9,410,000	—	9,410,000	27,963,000	—	27,963,000
Common stocks	11,932,280	465,000	12,397,280	32,735,100	9,450,000	42,185,100	15,791,656	600,000	16,391,656	5,146,786	—	5,146,786	12,388,720	1,393,000	13,781,720
Canadian—															
Long term bonds and notes	3,000,000	—	3,000,000	2,125,000	—	2,125,000	10,000,000	—	10,000,000	—	—	—	—	200,000	200,000
Short term	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Preferred stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Foreign—															
Long term bonds and notes	8,100,000	10,815,000	18,915,000	—	—	—	6,000,000	—	6,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Short term	5,000,000	—	5,000,000	24,000,000	—	24,000,000	22,000,000	—	22,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Preferred stocks	15,240,000	—	15,240,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common stocks	3,690,000	—	3,690,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total corporate	176,155,280	67,294,500	243,449,780	211,750,100	29,237,000	240,987,100	194,986,656	92,862,000	287,848,656	111,657,186	21,387,900	133,045,086	98,566,120	26,150,000	124,716,120
Foreign Government	34,000,000	—	34,000,000	8,700,000	—	8,700,000	28,065,000	20,000,000	48,065,000	40,000,000	—	40,000,000	—	—	—
Farm Loan Issues	4,325,000	—	4,325,000	500,000	—	500,000	1,000,000	—	1,000,000	—	—	—	8,500,000	—	8,500,000
War Finance Corporation	—	462,500	462,500	80,279,097	3,448,200	83,727,297	107,343,337	876,930	108,220,267	54,234,312	2,753,642	56,987,954	63,233,278	6,142,718	69,375,996
Municipal—															
Canadian	63,761,979	—	63,761,979	125,000	70,000,000	70,000,000	—	10,000,000	10,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States Possessions	—	—	—	—	—	125,000	—	—	—	2,072,000	—	2,072,000	84,000	—	84,000
Grand Total	278,242,259	67,757,000	345,999,259	301,354,197	102,685,200	404,039,397	331,394,993	123,738,930	455,133,923	207,963,498	24,141,542	232,105,040	170,383,398	32,292,718	202,676,116

CHARACTER AND GROUPING OF NEW CORPORATE ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST FOR FIVE YEARS.

MONTH OF AUGUST.	1926.			1925.			1924.			1923.			1922.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
Long Term Bonds and Notes															
Railroads	4,845,000	—	4,845,000	19,245,000	—	19,245,000	34,340,000	77,000,000	111,340,000	25,895,000	—	25,895,000	4,878,900	—	4,878,900
Public utilities	25,354,000	20,250,000	45,604,000	45,214,000	15,637,000	60,851,000	53,879,000	470,000	54,349,000	22,478,900	12,303,900	34,782,800	10,970,500	470,000	11,440,500
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	6,900,000	10,815,000	17,715,000	2,500,000	—	2,500,000	5,971,000	7,029,000	13,000,000	1,000,000	—	1,000,000	1,500,000	—	1,500,000
Equipment manufacturers	1,500,000	—	1,500,000	500,000	—	500,000	960,000	—	960,000	110,000	—	110,000	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,000,000	—	1,000,000
Other industrial and manufacturing	7,075,000	30,400,000	37,475,000	11,795,000	300,000	12,095,000	3,650,000	—	3,650,000	1,375,000	—	1,375,000	11,959,000	4,641,000	16,600,000
Oil	10,500,000	—	10,500,000	5,000,000	—	5,000,000	5,736,000	4,264,000	10,000,000	19,516,000	5,084,000	24,600,000	—	—	—
Land, buildings, &c.	47,400,000	820,000	48,220,000	33,228,000	3,200,000	36,428,000	18,568,000	—	18,568,000	20,240,000	—	20,240,000	8,017,000	85,000	8,102,000
Rubber	150,000	—	150,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,000,000	6,000,000	7,000,000
Shipping	12,352,000	1,273,000	13,625,000	8,238,000	—	8,238,000	7,964,000	136,000	8,100,000	3,600,000	—	3,600,000	12,600,000	10,000,000	22,600,000
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	116,076,000	63,558,000	179,634,000	125,720,000	19,137,000	144,857,000	131,068,000	88,899,000	219,967,000	94,214,900	17,387,900	111,602,800	52,925,400	21,196,000	74,121,400
Short Term Bonds and Notes															
Railroads	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Public utilities	9,390,000	—	9,390,000	27,950,000	350,000	28,300,000	492,000	—	492,000	2,400,000	4,000,000	6,400,000	5,089,000	3,561,000	8,650,000
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other industrial and manufacturing	—	—	—	3,300,000	—	3,300,000	650,000	—	650,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oil	—	—	—	100,000	—	100,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Land, buildings, &c.	1,935,000	—	1,935,000	60,000	—	60,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	200,000	—	200,000
Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shipping	5,650,000	334,000	5,984,000	—	—	—	23,485,000	—	23,485,000	485,500	—	485,500	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	16,975,000	334,000	17,309,000	31,410,000	350,000	31,760,000	29,627,000	—	29,627,000	2,885,500	4,000,000	6,885,500	5,289,000	3,561,000	8,850,000
Stocks															
Railroads	10,240,000	—	10,240,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Public utilities	13,340,000	1,100,000	14,440,000	22,087,800	300,000	22,387,800	17,227,400	2,063,000	19,290,400	6,274,250	—	6,274,250	5,602,720	—	5,602,720
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,750,000	—	1,750,000	2,332,536	—	2,332,536	4,880,000	—	4,880,000
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,506,000	1,393,000	2,899,000
Motors and accessories	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,000,000	—	1,000,000
Other industrial and manufacturing	8,880,250	465,000	9,345,250	12,132,680	8,650,000	20,782,680	2,250,000	1,900,000	4,150,000	1,925,000	—	1,925,000	5,250,000	—	5,250,000
Oil	—	—	—	9,447,000	—	9,447,000	11,844,256	—	11,844,256	—	—	—	1,668,000	—	1,668,000
Land, buildings, &c.	2,472,780	—	2,472,780	506,250	—	506,250	500,000	—	500,000	1,400,000	—	1,400,000	945,000	—	945,000
Rubber	—	—	—	—	800,000	800,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shipping	—	—	—	3,995,120	—	3,995,120	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	8,171,250	1,837,500	10,008,750	6,451,250	—	6,451,250	720,000	—	720,000	2,625,000	—	2,625,000	20,500,000	—	20,500,000
Total	43,104,280	3,402,500	46,506,780	54,620,100	9,750,000	64,370,100	34,291,656	3,963,000	38,254,656	14,556,786	—	14,556,786	40,351,720	1,393,000	41,744,720
Total Corporate securities															
Total	176,155,280	67,294,500	243,449,780	211,750,100	29,237,000	240,987,100	194,986,656	92,862,000	287,848,656	111,657,186	21,387,900	133,045,086	98,566,120	26,150,000	124,716,120

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING FOR THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 31 FOR FIVE YEARS.

8 MONTHS ENDED AUG. 31.	1926.			1925.			1924.			1923.			1922.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
Corporate—															
Domestic—															
Long term bonds and notes.	1,682,948,330	378,691,170	2,061,639,500	1,526,753,737	324,663,025	1,851,416,762	1,244,922,223	286,208,377	1,531,130,600	1,199,952,457	333,626,543	1,533,579,000	1,097,299,035	446,428,415	1,543,727,450
Short term	187,176,695	35,043,000	222,219,695	137,028,750	77,580,000	214,608,750	195,883,000	28,270,000	224,153,000	122,345,400	145,262,500	236,607,900	93,501,000	115,312,000	
Preferred stocks	370,287,772	10,227,500	380,515,272	392,047,585	30,693,500	422,741,085	167,250,327	15,400,223	182,650,550	214,648,847	67,609,839	282,258,686	201,527,600	30,300,000	
Common stocks	456,784,914	11,027,575	467,812,489	302,804,989	45,876,910	348,681,899	404,021,079	5,500,000	409,521,079	198,142,114	3,266,760	201,408,874	103,688,332	113,979,957	
Canadian—															
Long term bonds and notes.	95,892,000	27,458,000	123,350,000	54,495,000	10,050,000	64,545,000	35,875,000	—	35,875,000	22,996,600	—	22,996,600	17,170,000	—	
Short term	1,250,000	—	1,250,000	18,000,000	2,500,000	20,500,000	21,150,000	8,000,000	29,150,000	—	—	29,150,000	11,200,000	—	
Preferred stocks	4,000,000	—	4,000,000	1,000,000	2,600,000	3,600,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,500,000	—	
Common stocks	990,000	—	990,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other Foreign—															
Long term bonds and notes.	239,474,000	10,815,000	250,289,000	160,900,000	—	160,900,000	46,680,000	10,000,000	56,680,000	24,100,000	—	24,100,000	80,445,000	1,250,000	
Short term	19,000,000	6,000,000	25,000,000	46,000,000	—	46,000,000	22,000,000	—	22,000,000	—	—	22,000,000	—	—	
Preferred stocks	25,240,000	—	25,240,000	23,000,000	—	23,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Common stocks	30,100,740	3,419,300	33,520,040	2,925,000	—	2,925,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total corporate	3,113,144,451	482,681,545	3,595,825,996	2,664,954,699	496,563,435	3,161,518,134	2,137,781,629	353,378,600	2,491,160,229	1,782,185,718	427,419,942	2,209,605,660	1,608,330,967	511,281,040	
Foreign Government	234,619,000	14,873,000	249,492,000	310,831,000	95,000,000	405,831,000	229,005,000	150,000,000	379,005,000	140,845,000	6,000,000	146,845,000	354,305,000	15,000,000	
Farm Loan Issues	84,625,000	40,200,000	124,825,000	106,097,100	14,527,900	120,625,000	144,400,000	—	144,400,000	243,118,000	55,032,000	298,150,000	222,340,000	42,000,000	
War Finance Corporation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Municipal—															
Canadian	854,453,229	13,128,547	867,581,776	946,401,777	33,794,287	980,196,064	1,004,215,831	9,873,088	1,014,088,919	694,304,720	15,260,990	709,565,710	797,033,279	22,044,958	
United States Possessions	53,792,000	46,000,000	99,792,000	38,658,000	94,522,000	133,180,000	39,556,562	16,650,000	56,206,562	26,308,000	14,941,679	41,249,679	65,356,650	103,250,000	
Grand Total	8,288,000	4,175,000	12,463,000	4,175,000	4,175,000	4,175,000	6,035,000	6,035,000	6,035,000	2,851,000	—	2,851,000	24,484,000	—	
Grand Total	4,348,921,680	596,883,092	4,945,804,772	4,071,117,576	734,407,622	4,805,525,198	3,560,994,022	529,901,688	4,090,895,710	2,889,612,438	518,654,611	3,408,267,049	3,071,849,896	693,575,998	

CHARACTER AND GROUPING OF NEW CORPORATE ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 31 FOR FIVE YEARS.

8 MONTHS ENDED AUG. 31.	1926.			1925.			1924.			1923.			1922.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
Long Term Bonds and Notes	208,901,000	36,055,000	244,956,000	295,133,500	110,719,000	405,852,500	397,649,800	137,238,900	534,888,700	269,594,500	26,073,000	295,667,500	397,848,980	108,223,570	506,072,550
Public utilities	773,979,330	243,808,170	1,017,787,500	582,244,400	137,402,100	719,646,500	493,772,923	105,352,577	599,125,500	330,260,971	164,169,629	494,430,600	305,639,539	119,721,161	425,360,700
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	113,081,000	31,884,000	144,965,000	33,150,000	4,346,000	37,496,000	76,612,000	20,148,000	96,760,000	234,743,139	46,806,861	281,550,000	84,560,000	1,750,000	86,310,000
Equipment manufacturers	6,799,000	—	6,799,000	7,800,000	—	7,800,000	5,960,000	—	5,960,000	8,210,000	—	8,210,000	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	66,000,000	—	66,000,000	78,150,000	—	78,150,000	4,460,000	8,315,000	12,775,000	19,622,000	4,288,000	16,250,000	11,650,000	2,500,000	14,150,000
Other industrial and manufacturing	168,687,000	70,746,000	239,433,000	18,849,800	33,735,700	52,585,500	95,329,000	18,699,900	114,028,900	106,171,447	24,757,053	130,928,500	118,535,881	56,464,119	175,000,000
Oil	54,515,000	7,935,000	62,450,000	60,400,000	—	60,400,000	13,500,000	4,278,000	14,218,000	58,016,000	30,084,000	88,100,000	43,149,300	108,220,700	151,370,000
Land, buildings, &c.	420,316,000	19,347,000	439,663,000	410,034,900	19,418,000	429,452,900	163,282,500	790,000	164,072,500	130,849,000	1,250,000	132,099,000	95,389,000	8,530,000	103,919,000
Rubber	1,750,000	—	1,750,000	34,500,000	—	34,500,000	400,000	—	400,000	1,335,000	665,000	2,000,000	3,600,000	26,200,000	29,800,000
Shipping	6,900,000	—	6,900,000	3,259,775	4,315,225	7,575,000	3,800,000	—	3,800,000	2,568,000	107,000	2,675,000	19,110,000	1,500,000	20,610,000
Miscellaneous	191,994,000	6,581,000	198,575,000	90,626,000	10,927,000	101,553,000	76,279,000	1,386,000	77,665,000	93,339,000	35,426,000	128,765,000	115,431,335	14,568,865	130,000,200
Total	2,015,922,330	416,356,170	2,432,278,500	1,742,148,375	334,713,025	2,076,861,400	1,327,477,223	296,208,377	1,623,685,600	1,247,049,057	333,626,543	1,580,675,600	1,194,914,035	447,678,415	1,642,592,450
Short Term Bonds and Notes	6,500,000	16,000,000	22,500,000	24,500,000	400,000	24,900,000	54,050,000	19,000,000	73,050,000	9,087,500	—	9,087,500	32,351,800	3,000,000	35,351,800
Public utilities	59,050,000	11,725,000	70,775,000	90,620,000	26,980,000	117,600,000	85,038,000	13,420,000	98,458,000	33,652,200	11,512,800	45,165,000	18,245,000	20,011,000	38,256,000
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	6,000,000	—	6,000,000	20,265,000	2,500,000	22,765,000	1,675,000	650,000	2,325,000	9,850,000	—	9,850,000	404,200	—	404,200
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	1,150,000	—	1,150,000	1,000,000	—	1,000,000	830,000	—	830,000	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	13,210,000	200,000	13,410,000	9,000,000	—	9,000,000	9,000,000	—	9,000,000	15,496,000	9,604,000	25,100,000	16,700,000	—	16,700,000
Other industrial and manufacturing	43,400,000	5,750,000	49,150,000	17,618,750	—	17,618,750	2,560,000	3,200,000	5,760,000	3,000,000	1,800,000	4,800,000	500,000	—	500,000
Oil	12,966,000	7,034,000	20,000,000	16,600,000	50,200,000	66,800,000	53,500,000	—	53,500,000	44,814,000	—	44,814,000	30,400,000	—	30,400,000
Land, buildings, &c.	16,256,500	—	16,256,500	18,450,000	—	18,450,000	2,925,000	—	2,925,000	1,080,500	—	1,080,500	2,385,000	—	2,385,000
Rubber	32,250,000	—	32,250,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shipping	500,000	—	500,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	20,294,195	334,000	20,628,195	6,825,000	—	6,825,000	29,285,000	—	29,285,000	3,535,500	—	3,535,500	215,000	—	215,000
Total	210,426,695	41,043,000	251,469,695	201,028,750	80,080,000	281,108,750	239,033,000	36,270,000	275,303,000	122,345,700	22,916,800	145,262,500	104,701,000	23,011,000	127,712,000
Stocks	10,240,000	—	10,240,000	10,240,000	—	10,240,000	26,823,737	—	26,823,737	300,000	—	300,000	10,929,000	—	10,929,000
Railroads	385,948,882	7,714,300	393,663,182	322,843,015	20,662,500	343,505,515	381,027,389	11,355,223	392,382,612	123,776,386	11,076,000	134,852,386	106,311,670	26,318,625	132,630,295
Public utilities	36,675,000	—	36,675,000	12,890,000	—	12,890,000	15,484,160	—	15,484,160	28,012,246	4,896,760	32,909,006	31,936,250	—	31,936,250
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	5,628,500	—	5,628,500	662,500	—	662,500	662,500	—	662,500	—	—	—	4,006,000	—	5,999,000
Equipment manufacturers	41,220,650	—	41,220,650	99,159,000	1,110,000	100,269,000	3,227,000	200,000	3,427,000	19,155,325	1,335,000	20,490,325	11,525,000	—	11,525,000
Motors and accessories	121,107,642	12,122,575	133,230,217	16,428,000	—	16,428,000	61,340,600	9,345,000	70,685,600	118,109,183	16,959,149	135,068,332	44,679,002	4,900,000	49,579,002
Other industrial and manufacturing	102,														

DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING AUGUST 1926.

LONG-TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING LATER THAN FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$	Railroads—		%	
2,670,000	New equipment.....	100	4.50	Central RR. of New Jersey Equip. Tr. 4½s, 1927-41. Offered by Blair & Co., Inc.
2,175,000	New equipment.....	100.097 97.864	4.40 4.70	Fruit Growers Express Co. Equip. Tr. 4½s "G", 1927-41. Offered by Guaranty Co. of N. Y. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
4,845,000	Public Utilities—			
500,000	General corporate purposes.....	97	6.30	Central Public Service Co. Coll. Tr. 6s "A," 1940. Offered by Thompson, Ross & Co., Inc. and F. H. Blakely & Co.
2,000,000	Acquisitions: other corp. purposes.....	98	6.20	Electric Public Service Co. Secured 6s "B," 1941. Offered by R. E. Wisley & Co., Inc., Stanley & Bissell, Inc. and Henry D. Lindsley & Co., Inc.
969,000	Capital expenditures.....	100	6.00	Florida Public Service Co. 1st M. 6s "B," 1955. Offered by A. C. Allyn & Co., N. Y. and Harper & Turner, Philadelphia.
200,000	Additions & improvements.....	100	6.00	Florida Telephone Corp. 1st M. 6s, 1945. Offered by R. F. DeVoe & Co., N. Y.
5,500,000	Acq. street railway properties.....	92	6.12	Havana Electric Ry. Co. Deb. 5½s, 1951. Offered by Speyer & Co., J. & W. Seligman & Co., Hemphill, Noyes & Co. and Otis & Co.
300,000	General corporate purposes.....	98½	5.25	Houston (Tex.) Gas & Fuel Co. Ref. & Imp. (now 1st) M. 5s, 1932. Offered by Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.
3,500,000	Addns., extensions, impts., &c.....	98	5.65	Jersey Central Pr. & Lt. Co. 1st M. & Ref. 5½s "A," 1945. Offered by E. H. Rollins & Sons, Blyth, Witter & Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co., Federal Securities Corp. and H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc.
385,000	Extensions, betterments, &c.....	100	6.50	Los Angeles Water Service Co. 1st M. 6½s "A," 1946. Offered by Southwest Bond Co., Los Angeles.
9,500,000	Refunding.....	98	6.10	National Pr. & Lt. Co. Deb. 6s "A," 2026. Offered by Old Colony Corp., W. C. Langley & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc., Tucker, Anthony & Co., Jackson & Curtis, Hale, Waters & Co., and Toerge & Schiffer.
3,000,000	New construction: gen. corp. purp.....	99	6.10	The Nevada-California Electric Corp. Deb. 6s, 1941. Offered by Spencer, Trask & Co., Blyth, Witter & Co., International Trust Co., Denver, Boettcher & Co. and United States National Co., Denver.
15,000,000	Refunding; working capital, &c.....	94½	5.90	North American Lt. & Pr. Co. (Del.) Del. 5½s "A," 1956. Offered by E. H. Rollins & Sons, Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., Spencer, Trask & Co., Blyth Witter & Co., Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago and J. G. White & Co., Inc.
4,750,000	Refunding.....	98	5.10	Public Service Co. of Oklahoma 1st M. 5s "C," 1961. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc. and Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc.
45,604,000	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c.			
400,000	Additions & improvements.....	98	6.24	Buck Mountain Coal Mining Co. 1st (closed) M. Leasehold 6s, 1938. Offered by Graham Roberts & Co., Phila.
1,600,000	Acquisitions, impts.; wkg. cap.....	Placed privately	7.00	Elk Hill Co. 10-yr. 7s, 1936. Placed privately with Hanover National Bank, N. Y.
1,500,000	Development of property.....	Placed privately	7.00	North Butte Mining Co. 1st M. Conv. 7s, 1936. Offered by company to stockholders.
3,000,000	Acquisitions, impts.; wkg. cap.....	Placed privately	7.00	Seranton Coal Co. 10-yr. 7s, 1936. Placed privately with Hanover National Bank, N. Y.
10,815,000	Refunding.....	Placed privately	7.55	United Steel Works Corp. (Germany) 25-yr. 6½s "C," 1951. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co., N. Y.
400,000	Acquisitions, equipment, &c.....	96	7.55	Wet Branch Mining Co., Inc. of Del. 1st (closed) M. 7s, 1941. Offered by Searlight & Co., Inc., N. Y.
17,715,000	Equipment Manufacturers—			
1,500,000	Finance lease of equipment.....	99.43 96.10	4.81 5.00	General American Tank Car Corp. Equip. Tr. 4½s, Series 16, due 1928-36. Offered by Drexel & Co. and Chas. D. Ba ney & Co.
	Other Industrial & Mfg.—			
500,000	New plant.....	100	4.50-6.00	Abingdon Sanitary Mfg. Co. 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1926-33. Offered by Union Trust Co., Chicago.
400,000	Capital expenditures.....	100	7.00	Buffalo Electro-Chemical Co., Inc. 1st (closed) M. 7s, 1941. Offered by Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., Buffalo.
250,000	Pay off mtge. debt; working cap.....	97	6.70	Castle Braid Co. 1st M. 6½s, 1946. Offered by Paton & Co., Inc.
600,000	Refunding; addns. & impts.....	100	5.00-6.25	Ewauna Box Co. (Klamath Falls, Ore.) 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1927-38. Offered by Lumbermens Tr. Co. and Minnesota Loan & Trust Co.
800,000	Capital expenditures.....	100	6.50	Federal Portland Cement Co., Inc. 1st M. 6½s, 1941. Offered by Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo, Howe, Snow, & Bertles, Inc., Det., O'Brian, Potter & Co., Baker, Trubee & Putnam, Inc. and Vi tor, Common & Co., Inc., Buffalo.
1,500,000	Acq. of Downing Co., Inc.....	98	6.75	Gillican Co., Inc. (New Orleans) Deb. 6½s, 1936. Offered by Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank, Canal Bank & Trust Co., Marine Bank & Trust Co., Watson, Williams & Co., Eustis & Jones, Moore-Hyams & Co., Inc., New Orleans and Rogers, Green & Jones, Inc., Laurel, Miss.
2,150,000	Acq. predecessor Co.; impts., &c.....	99½	6.04	Hawley Pulp & Paper Co. 1st M. 6s, 1946. Offered by Blyth, Witter & Co.
300,000	Acquisition of property.....	100	6.50	Leslie Co. (Lyndhurst, N. J.) 1st (closed) M. 6½s, 1941. Offered by Schluter & Co., Inc., and V.ight & Co., Inc., N. Y.
75,000	Working capital.....	100	7.00	M. & H. Valve & Fittings Co. 1st M. 7s, 1927-41. Offered by Ward, Sterne & Co., Birmingham, Ala.
500,000	Additions & betterments.....	94½	7.20	Marrel Mills, Inc. 1st M. 6½s "B," 1937. Offered by Peabody, Houghtelling & Co., Inc.
30,000,000	Refunding.....	99	5.08	Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. 20-yr. 6s, 1946. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co.
400,000	Refunding; retire fltg. debt.....	---	5.12-6.27	White Pine Sash Co. 1st M. 6s, 1927-37. Offered by Union Tr. Co. and Ferris & Hardgrove, Spokane, Wash.
37,475,000	Oil—			
10,500,000	Acquisitions; constr. of pipe line..	105	5.35	Interstate Natural Gas Co., Inc. (Del.) 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1936. Offered by Jesup & Lamont, N. Y.
500,000	Land, Buildings, &c.	100	6.00	(Earle C.) Anthony, Inc. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1938. Offered by Hunter, Dullin & Co., Schwabacher & Co. and Dean & Co.
2,200,000	Acq. property; construct bldg....	100	6.00	(Harold L.) Arnold, Inc. (Los Angeles) 1st M. 6s, 1929-41. Offered by Security Co., Los Angeles.
150,000	Improvements to property.....	101-100	6.44-7.00	The Astor Apts. (Los Angeles) 1st (closed) M. 7s, 1928-36. Offered by Ralph G. Wolff Co., Los Angeles.
150,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	7.00	Auditorium Apts. (Seattle) 1st Mtge. 7s, 1928-38. Offered by W. D. Comer & Co., Seattle.
100,000	Provide funds for loan purpose....	100	6.00	Bankers Mortgage Bond Co. (Birmingham, Ala.) 1st Mtge. Coll. 6s "J", 1931-36. Offered by Ward, Sterne & Co., Birmingham, Ala.
150,000	Real estate mortgages.....	100	6.50	Beatrice Apts. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1928-36. Offered by Garard & Co., Chicago.
335,000	Finance construction of building..	---	6.00-6.50	Blackstone Mansions Bldg. Corp. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1928-38. Offered by the Straus Bros. Co., Chicago.
95,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.00	Boston Court Apts. (Detroit) 1st Mtge. Senior Series 6s, 1928-36. Offered by Guaranty Trust Co., Detroit.
3,000,000	Acquisition; improvements.....	99	6.10	Budd Realty Corp. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6s, 1941. Offered by Lee, Higginson & Co., Brown Bros. & Co. and Townsend, Whelen & Co., Chicago.
1,750,000	Real estate mortgage.....	---	5.55-6.25	City Hall Square Bldg. Corp. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1928-41. Offered by Greenebaum, Sons Inv. Co., Chicago.
500,000	Finance construction of apartment	101-100	6.43-7.00	Cliff Haven Apts. (Oak Cliff, Dallas, Tex.) 1st Mtge 7s, 1928-32. Offered by G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., New York.
1,000,000	Finance construction of hotel.....	---	5.50-6.50	Edgewater Gulf Hotel Co. (Biloxi, Miss.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1928-40. Offered by the Union Trust Co., Chicago.
260,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	8.00	El Cid Apts. (West Palm Beach, Fla.) 1st Mtge. 8s, 1926-35. Offered by Palm Beach Guaranty Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.
320,000	Refunding.....	100	6.50	Elysia Homes Co. (Det.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1927-34. Offered by Fenton, Davis & Boyle, Detroit.
205,000	Finance completion of building....	---	5.00-5.85	First Church of Christ Scientist (Louisville, Ky.) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1927-37. Offered by Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis.
1,220,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.50	534 Stratford Bldg. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1928-38. Offered by Geo M. Forman Co., Chicago.
850,000	Real estate mortgage.....	---	6.25-6.50	Forrest Hills-Ricker Hotel (Augusta, Ga.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1928-38. Offered by Adair Realty & Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga.
425,000	Finance construction of apartment	---	5.70-6.00	Gates Circle Apts. (Buffalo) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1927-36. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
1,750,000	Finance construction of building..	100	6.50	Great Lakes Terminal Warehouse Co., Inc. (Detroit) 1st (closed) Mtge 6½s, 1941. Offered by A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., New York.
265,000	Finance lease of property.....	---	5.00-6.00	(Myron) Green Bldg. Co. (K. C., Mo.) 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6s, 1927-46. Offered by Stern Bros & Co., Kansas City, Mo.
575,000	Finance construction of building....	---	6.25-6.50	Griswold Hotel (Cleveland) 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6½s, 1929-38. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
1,750,000	Finance construction of building....	100	6.00	The Halle Bros Realty Co. (Huron Prospect Property) 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6s A, 1928-46. Offered by Hayden, Miller & Co. and the Union Trust Co., Cleveland.
100,000	Provide funds for loan purposes..	---	5.00-5.75	Hibernia Mortgage Co., Inc. 1st Mtge. Coll. Trust 6s "H", 1927-32. Offered by Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., New Orleans.
1,100,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	7.00	Holbrook Hall (Mt. Vernon, N. Y.) 1st Mtge. 7s, 1928-38. Offered by G. L. Miller & Co., Inc.
450,000	Additions and impts. to property.	---	5.25-6.00	Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention 1st Mtge. 6s, 1927-41. Offered by Stix & Co. and Lorenzo E. Anderson & Co., St. Louis.
3,600,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	Hotel Mangor (Seventh Ave. Hotel Corp.) N. Y. City 5½% Guar. Prudence Certificates, 1929-36. Offered by the Prudence Co., Inc.
325,000	Finance construction of hotel.....	101-100	6.43-7.00	Hotel Newburgh (Newburgh, N. Y.) 1st M. 7s, 1928-32. Offered by G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., N. Y.
600,000	Finance construction of building....	---	6.07-6.50	(The) Huron (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1929-38. Offered by Greenebaum Sons Inv. Co., Chicago.
225,000	Improvements to property.....	100-48-100	6-6.50	Kenwood Park No. 3 (Detroit) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1927-36. Offered by Backus, Fordon & Co., Detroit.
220,000	Finance construction of building....	100	6.50	Keston Bldg. (St. Louis) 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6½s, 1928-36. Offered by G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., New York.
225,000	Finance construction of building....	100	6.00	Lyles Bldg. (Anniston, Ala.) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1928-37. Offered by Caldwell & Co., Nashville, Tenn.
170,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.00	Maldon Apts. (Detroit) 1st Mtge. Senior Series 6s, 1928-38. Offered by Guaranty Tr. Co., Detroit.
210,000	Retire outstanding debt.....	100	5.00	Mercy Hospital (Des Moines, Ia.) Sisters of Mercy of Council Bluffs, Ia. 1st (closed) Mtge. 6s, 1928-56. Offered by Harry H. Polk & Co., Inc. and Des Moines Natl. Bk., Des Moines, Ia.
500,000	Finance construction of building....	---	6.00-6.50	Michigan-Colefax Realty Co. (South Bend, Ind.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1928-36. Offered by the Strau Bros Co., Chicago.
365,000	Finance completion of apartment.	100	6.50	Midway-Woodlawn Apts. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1928-36. Offered by Garard & Co., Chicago.
125,000	Improvements to property.....	100	6.50	Montezuma College (Las Vegas, N. M.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1929-40. Offered by the Canal Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans.
1,500,000	Acquisition of properties.....	100½-99½	5.22-6.05	Morgan Properties Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1927-41. Offered by Union Trust Co., R. V. Mitchell & Co. and Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland.
110,000	Finance construction of hotel.....	---	6.50-7.00	Mount Vernon Hotel Co. (Mt. Vernon, Wash.) 1st Mtge. 7s, 1928-36. Offered by Marine Na 1 Co., Seattle, Wash.

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
550,000	Finance construction of stadium...	100	6.00	Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club (Portland, Ore.) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1946. Offered by Ralph Schneckloch Co., Seattle, Wash.
500,000	Provide funds for loan purposes...	100	6.00	Oakland Mortgage & Finance Co. Coll. Tr. 6s B, 1931-36. Offered by Dean, Witter & Co. and Mitchum, Tully & Co.
9,500,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	165 Broadway Bldg. (Benenson Bldg. Corp.) N. Y. City 1st (closed) Mtge. 5½s, 1951. Offered by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., Blyth, Witter & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, White, Weld & Co. and Pearsons-Taft Co.
1,650,000	Working capital; retire curr. dt., &c	100	5.50	Pantlind Hotel Co. (Grand Rapids, Mich.) 1st Mtge. 5½s, 1946. Offered by Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc., First Natl. Co. and Security Trust Co., Detroit.
650,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	5.50	Plaza Lane (Bklyn, N. Y.) Guar. 1st Mtge. 5½% Certificates, 1927-36. Offered by New York Title & Mtge Co., New York.
225,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.50	(The) Potter Co-operative (1958 Valejo St., Inc.) 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1929-42. Offered by Bradford, Kimball & Co., San Francisco.
1,500,000	Real estate mortgage.....	---	5.50-6.00	President Apt. Hotel (Atlantic City, N. J.) 6% Guar. Prudence Certificates, 1927-36. Offered by the Prudence Co., Inc., New York.
550,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	5.50	Prospect Lane (Bklyn, N. Y.) Guar. 1st Mtge. 5½% Certificates, 1927-36. Offered by N. Y. Title & Mtge. Co.
130,000	Finance construction of building...	101-100	6.43-7.00	Realty Commerce Bldg. (Winter Haven, Fla.) 1st Mtge. 7s, 1923-32. Offered by G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., New York.
205,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.00	Ruth Manor Apts. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1923-36. Offered by Chicago Trust Co.
325,000	Finance construe. of theatre bldg....	---	6.00-6.50	Saenger Realty Corp., Inc. (Saenger Theatre, Mobile, Ala.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1923-41. Offered by Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., New Orleans.
400,000	Finance construction of building...	100	6.50	Santa Monica Elks Home, Inc. 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1941. Offered by G. Brashears & Co. and Howard G. Ruth Co., Los Angeles.
100,000	Finance construction of building...	100	6.00	Commercial Bldg. Inc. (Lafayette, La.) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1927-39. Offered by Marine Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans.
85,000	Finance construction of building...	100	6.50	Southern Dairies Bldg. Co. 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1927-36. Offered by Caldwell-Garber Co., Birmingham, Ala.
80,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.00	Stanley Apt. (Det.) 1st M. Senior Series 6s, 1928-36. Offered by Guaranty Trust Co. of Detroit.
1,000,000	Finance construction of building...	100	6.50	Sun Realty Co. (Los Angeles, Calif.), (Seventh St. issue "Roosevelt Addition") 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6½s, 1945. Offered by Union Bank & Trust Co., Los Angeles, E. H. Rollins & Sons, Hunter, Dulin & Co., Alvin H. Frank & Co. and Cas, Howard & Sanford, Los Angeles.
500,000	Finance construction of building...	100	6.50	Superior & Ninth Business Block (Walnut Improvement Co.), Cleveland 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1923-36. Offered by Geo. M. Forman & Co., Chicago.
525,000	Refunding; improvements.....	100	6.50	(Wm. S. and John H.) Thomas, Inc. (Detroit) 1st M. 6½s, 1936. Offered by Otis & Co., Union Trust Co. and Benjamin Darsard & Co., Detroit.
1,000,000	Finance construction of hotel.....	---	6.00-6.50	351-359 West 42nd St. Hotel (New York) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1923-41. Offered by American Bond & Mtge. Co., Inc., New York.
525,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.50	211 East Delaware Place Apts. (211 East Delaware Place Bldg. Corp.), Chicago 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1929-38. Offered by Fidelity Bond & Mtge. Co., Chicago.
150,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.00	Ursuline Convent and Academy (Oakland, St. Louis County, Mo.) 1st Mtge. 5s, 1928-42. Offered by Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis.
250,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.50	Valencia Apts. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1923-34. Offered by Garard & Co., Chicago.
170,000	Finance construction of building...	---	6.00-6.50	Wright Bldg. Corp. (Chicago) 1st M. 6½s, 1929-36. Offered by the Straus Bros Co., Chicago.
275,000	Finance completion of buildings....	---	5.00-5.25	Wurzburg Realty Co. 1st M. 5½s, 1923-46. Offered by Old National Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
48,220,000	Rubber—			
150,000	Working capital; other corp. purp.	100	7.00	Eagle Rubber Co. (Ashland, O.) 1st M. 7s, 1936. Offered by Borton & Borton, Cleveland.
	Miscellaneous—			
1,500,000	Refunding; acquisitions.....	98	6.27	Amalgamated Phosphate Co. 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1936. Offered by National City Co.
75,000	Development of business.....	100	7.00	Bond Bros. Inc. (Pendleton, Ore.) 7s, 1927-36. Offered by Murphey, Favre & Co., Spokane, Wash.
2,600,000	Retire existing debt.....	95½	7.50	Caribbean Sugar Co. 1st M. 7s, 1941. Offered by Lawrence Turnure & Co., N. Y., and Bank of Italy, San Francisco.
850,000	Acquire predecessor company.....	99½	6.06	(Adolf) Gobel, Inc., 10-yr. 6s, 1936. Offered by Hitt, Farwell & Co. and Schoot & Galliver, N. Y.
700,000	Acquire predecessor co.; wkg. cap.	100	6.00	Hendler Creamery Co., Inc., 1st M. Convertible 6s, 1946. Offered by Commonwealth Bank of Baltimore, Md.
1,500,000	Acquire chain of stores.....	---	5.00-6.57	(Chester L.) Jones Stores Corp. Sec. Conv. 6½s, 1927-36. Offered by Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc., Lorenzo E. Anderson & Co., Geo. H. Burr & Co. and Prescott, Wright, Snider Co.
3,000,000	Acquisitions; improvements.....	100	6.50	Montreal Rail and Water Terminals, Ltd., 1st (closed) M. 6½s, 1951. Offered by White, Weld & Co. and Blyth, Witter & Co.
300,000	Additions; other corp. purposes...	100	6.50	National Lime & Stone Co. (Carey, O.) 1st (closed) M. 6½s, 1941. Offered by Kuechle & Co., Milwaukee.
150,000	Finance oper. of motor bus line....	98½	6.12	North Branch Bus Co. (Pa.) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1946. Offered by Markle Banking & Trust Co., Hazleton, Pa.
350,000	Acquisitions; new construction....	---	5.50-6.00	Southern Properties Inc. (Dallas, Tex.) 1st Mtge. 6s "A," 1927-36. Offered by the White-Phillips Co., Davenport, Iowa.
1,500,000	Acquisitions; working capital....	99½	6.50	Stanley-Mark Strand Corp., 15-yr. 6½s, 1941. Offered by Edward B. Smith & Co., Hayden, Stone & Co. and Cassatt & Co.
1,100,000	Refunding; expansion.....	100	6.00	United States Cold Storage Co. (of Kansas City) 1st Mtge. 6s "A," 1946. Offered by Jackson & Curtis and Brickhart & Ellis.
13,625,000				

SHORT-TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING UP TO AND INCLUDING FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$	Public Utilities—			
900,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purp....	99	6.35	Electric Public Service Co. 3-yr. 6s, Aug. 1 1929. Offered by R. E. Wilsey & Co., Inc., Stanley & Bissell, Inc., and Henry D. Lindsley & Co., Inc.
490,000	Acquisitions; working capital, &c.	100	6.00	Indiana Telephone Securities Corp. 3-yr. Coll. 6s, Aug. 15 1929. Offered by Fletcher-American Co., Indianapolis.
5,000,000	Devel. of subsidiaries, &c.....	99½-98½	5.17-5.30	Midland Utilities Co. Serial 5s, 1929-31. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
3,000,000	Acquisitions, add'ns, exts., &c....	99	6.38	Northern Electric Co. (Wisc.) 3-yr. 1st M. 6s, July 1 1929. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. and Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee.
9,390,000	Land, Buildings, &c.—			
500,000	Real estate mortgage.....	---	5.00-6.00	(The) Baptist General Convention of Texas Direct Obligation 5s, 1927-31. Offered by Bitting & Co., St. Louis.
275,000	Real estate mortgage.....	---	5.00-6.00	Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (Trustees of) Direct Obligation 5s, 1927-31. Offered by Bitting & Co. and Hawes & Co., Inc., St. Louis.
30,000	Improvements to property.....	100	7.00	Bungalo Court Apt. House (Seattle) 7% Participating Certificates, 1927-31. Offered by Seattle Title Trust Co.
175,000	Add'l capital; other corp. purp....	100	6.00	Detroit-Pontiac Homes Co. 1-yr. Sec. 6s, Aug. 1 1927. Offered by Fenton, Davis & Boyle, Grand Rapids.
365,000	Real estate mortgage.....	Price on application		Garden View Apt. (Bklyn., N. Y.) Guar. 5½% Prudence Cfts., 1927-31. Offered by The Prudence Co., Inc.
50,000	Finance sale of property.....	100.48-100	6-6.50	Heffner & Fleming (Detroit) 1st M. 6½s, 1927-31. Offered by Backus-Fordon & Co., Detroit.
360,000	Finance construction of buildings...	100	6.00	Maternity & Children's Hospital (Toledo, O.) 1st M. 6s, 1931. Offered by the Collin-Norton Co., Toledo.
80,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.50	Mentor Realty Co. (Cleveland) 1st M. & Coll. Tr. 6½s, 1927-31. Offered by S. Ulmer & Sons, Inc., Cleveland.
100,000	Provide funds for loan purposes...	---	5.50-7.00	Virginia Bond & Mortgage Corp. Coll. Tr. 7s, 1926-30. Offered by Wheat, Gallaher & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va.
1,935,000	Miscellaneous—			
350,000	Improvements to property.....	100	6.50	Camulos Ranch Corp. (Ventura, Cal.) 1st (closed) Mtge. 5-Yr. 6½s, July 1 1931. Offered by First Securities Co. and Cass, Howard & Sanford, Inc., Los Angeles.
5,000,000	Liquidate bank loans & other floating debt.....	100	6.00	Compania Cubana 3-Yr. 6s, Sept. 1 1929. Offered by Dominick & Dominick, Brown Bros. & Co. and Chas. D. Barney & Co.
300,000	New capital.....	---	5.75-6.00	(Fred.) Herrick Coll. Tr. 6s, 1928-31. Offered by Lacey Securities Co., Chicago.
334,000	Refunding.....	98.65	6.00	(Chas. R.) McCormick Lumber Co. (Del.) 3-yr. 5½s, Aug. 1 1929. Offered by Lumbermen's Trust Co., Portland, Ore.
5,984,000				

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares	Purpose of Issue.	Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.
\$	Railroads—				
25,600,000	General corporate purposes.....	10,240,000	40	---	Consolidated RRs. of Cuba 6% Cum. Pref. Offered to stockholders of Cuba Co.
*20,000 shs.	Public Utilities—	700,000	Mkt. (around \$35)	---	Associated Gas & Electric Co. Class A stock. Offered by Banks, Huntley & Co.; Hunter, Dulin & Co.; M. H. Lewis & Co., and George H. Burr, Conrad & Broome, Inc.
*15,000 shs.	Acquisition of constituent cos....	1,440,000	96	7.29	Derby Gas & Electric Corp. (Del.) 87 Div. Pref. Offered by Pynchon & Co.; West & Co.; W. S. Hammond & Co., and John Nickerson & Co.
1,100,000	Refunding.....	1,100,000	100	7.00	Greenwich (Conn.) Water & Gas Co. 7% Pref. Offered by Putnam & Storer, Inc., Boston.
5,000,000	Acquire street ry. properties....	5,000,000	100b	6.00	Havana Electric Ry. Co. 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by Speyer & Co.; J. & W. Seligman & Co.; Hemphill, Noyes & Co., and Otis & Co.
700,000	General corporate purposes.....	700,000	92½	6.50	Indiana Service Corp. 6% Pref. Offered by Utility Securities Co., Chicago.
4,500,000	Acquisitions, additions, &c....	4,500,000	25 (par)	---	Lone Star Gas Corp. (Del.) capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
1,000,000	General corporate purposes.....	1,000,000	95	7.37	Pennsylvania Gas & Electric Corp. (Del.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.
		14,440,000			

Par or No. of Shares	Purpose of Issue.	Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$		\$		%	
200,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Acquisitions; expansion.....	250,000	4 shs. Pref.	For	American Paulin System, Inc., 7% Cum. Partic. Pref. Offered by Wright, Alexander & Greeley, Los Angeles.
100,000	Acquisitions; expansion.....				2 shs. Com.
1,000,000	Retire stock of inactive owners.....	1,000,000	98	7.14	Arnold Print Works (North Adams, Mass.) 7% Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by Ames, Emerich & Co.
*30,000 shs.	Expansion of business.....	885,000	29½	8.14	Automatic Musical Instrument Co. Prior Partic. Pref. cum. \$2 40 per share. Offered by Steele & Co., New York.
200,000	Additional capital.....	200,000	98½	6.09	(William O.) Goodrich Co. (Milwaukee) 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by Edgar Ricker & Co., Milwaukee.
*20,000 shs.	Acq. predecessor co.; lmpts., &c.....	1,960,000	98	7.14	Hawley Pulp & Paper Co. 1st Pref. Cum. \$7 per share. Offered by Blyth, Witter & Co.; Mitchum, Tully & Co., and Anglo London Paris Co.
*68,500 shs.	Acq. predecessor co.; wkg. capital.....	3,219,500	47	---	(The) Liquid Carbonic Corp. Common. Offered by Potter & Co.; Spencer Trask & Co. and Merrill, Lynch & Co.
*5,000 shs.	Refunding.....	465,000	93	---	Paraffine Companies, Inc., Common. Offered by company to employees.
*30,000 shs.	Acquisition of predecessor co.....	780,000	26	7.70	Schumacher Wall Board Corp. Partic. Pref. Cum. \$2 per share. Offered by Hunter, Dullin & Co.; Schwabacher & Co., and Cass, Howard & Sanford, Inc., San Francisco.
409,500	Working capital.....	409,500	24	7.29	Trumbull-Vanderpoel Electric Mfg. Co. 7% Class A Cum. Conv. Partic. Pref. Offered by Paine, Webber & Co.
*7,500 shs.	General corporate purposes.....	176,250	23¼c.	---	Ward Electric Refrigerator Corp. Class A stock. Offered by Nelson S. Gustin Co., Det.
		9,345,250			
*15,000 shs.	Land, Buildings, &c.— Acquisitions; improvements.....	1,500,000	100	---	Budd Realty Corp. Stock Trust certificates. Offered by Lee, Higginson & Co.; Brown Bros. & Co. and Townsend, Whelen & Co.
456 cts.	Finance lease of property.....	230,280	505	5.70	General Outdoor Advertising Co. (Cleveland Branch) Land Trust Certificates Offered by Phillip H. Collins Co., Cleveland.
80,000	Finance construction of building.....	80,000	100	6.00	Greif-Parabough Realty Co. (South Bend, Ind.) 6% Cum. 1st Pref., 1928-39 Offered by Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis.
275,000	General corporate purposes.....	275,000	100	6.00	Meridian & Eleventh Realty Co. (Indianapolis) 6% Cum. Pref. 1929-38. Offered by the Peoples State Bank, Indianapolis.
200,000	Finance construction of apartment.....	200,000	100	6.00	Oxford Gables (Indianapolis) 6% Pref. 1928-42. Offered by the Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis.
375 cts.	Finance lease of property.....	187,500	500	5.50	216-226 E. Main St. (Columbus, Ohio) Land Trust Certificates. Offered by First Citizens Corp., Columbus, Ohio.
		2,472,780			
25,000 cts.	Miscellaneous— Additional capital.....	3,690,000	147.60	---	Disconto-Gesellschaft (Germany) American trust certificates. Offered privately by Dillon, Read & Co.
*51,000 shs.	Acquire predecessor company.....	1,275,000	25	---	(Adolf) Gobel, Inc., Common. Offered by Hitt, Farwell & Co.
800,000	Acquire predecessor company.....	800,000	100	7.00	(Adolf) Gobel, Inc., 7% Cum. Conv. Pref. Placed privately.
2,500,000	Refunding; equipment.....	2,500,000	100	6.50	(The) Halle Bros. Co. (Cleveland) 6½% Cum. Pref. Offered by Hayden, Miller & Co. and the Union Trust Co., Cleveland.
700,000	Acquire predecessor co.; wkg. cap.....	700,000	103	6.79	Hendler Creamery Co., Inc., 7% Cum. Prior Pref. By Commonwealth Bank of Balt., Md.
300,000	Additional capital.....	300,000	100	7.00	Lebeck Bros. (Nashville, Tenn.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Caldwell & Co., Nashv.
*20,000 shs.	Expansion; general corporate purp.....	500,000	25	8.00	Schine Chain Theatres, Inc., Preference stock, cum. \$2 per share. Offered by E. G. Childs & Co., Inc., Syracuse, N. Y.
*1,500 shs.	Acquire predecessor company.....	243,750	1 sh. Pref.	For	Von's, Inc. (Los Angeles) \$8 Cum. Pref. Offered by Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broome, Inc., Los Angeles.
*7,500 shs.	Acquire predecessor company.....		5 shs. Com.	\$162½	Von's, Inc. (Los Angeles) Common stock. Offered by Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broome, Inc., Los Angeles.
		10,008,750			

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by
\$			%	
575,000	Atlanta (Ga.) Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, 1936-56.....	103¾	4.52	C. F. Childs & Co.
250,000	Burlington (Iowa) Joint Stock Land Bank 4½s, 1935-55.....	101½	4.30	Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Wm. R. Compton Co.
1,500,000	Denver (Colo.) Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, 1936-56.....	103¾	4.52	C. F. Childs & Co.
500,000	First Joint Stock Land Bank of Montgomery Ala., 5s, 1936-66.....	103¾	4.55	Barr Bros. & Co., Inc., N. Y.; the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago; Shawmut Corp of Boston, and First National Bank, Montgomery, Ala.
1,000,000	First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago 4½s, 1936-56.....	100	4.25	First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.
500,000	New York & New Jersey Joint Stock Land Bank (Newark, N. J.) 5s, 1936-56.....	104¾	4.40	J. S. Rippe & Co., Newark, and Remick, Hodges & Co., New York.
4,325,000				

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Amount.	Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by
\$			%	
10,000,000	Chile (Rep. of) 6 mos. Treasury 5s, Feb. 2 1927.....	99¾	5.25	Blair & Co., Inc.; Brown Bros. & Co.; Equitable Tr. Co. of N. Y.; E. H. Rollins & Sons; Graham, Parsons & Co.; Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago; First Trust & Savs. Bank, Chicago, and Continental & Commercial Co., Chicago.
8,000,000	German Consolidated Municipal Loan of German Savings Banks and Clearing Association Sec. 7s of 1926, due 1947.....	98	7.20	Harris, Forbes & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Guaranty Co. of New York; E. H. Rollins & Sons, and Equitable Trust Co. of New York.
16,000,000	Peru (Rep. of) Sec. 7½s of 1926, due 1956.....	100	7.50	Blyth, Witter & Co.; White, Weld & Co.; J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.; Marshal Field, Gore, Ward & Co.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, and Tucker, Anthony & Co.
34,000,000				

*Shares of no par value. (a) Preferred stocks of a stated par value are taken at par while pref. stocks of no par value and all classes of common stocks are computed at their offering prices. (b) bonus of 6-10ths share of common given with each share of preferred. (c) Bonus of 1 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, Sept. 24 1926.

Of course the outstanding feature of the week was the historic storm in Florida which extended to Georgia and Alabama, with great loss of life and serious damage in Florida, possibly to the amount of \$200,000,000. Naturally, it had for a time a dampening effect on the stock markets here and in London. Moreover, the temperatures in the West and Southwest have been abnormally high, reaching 104 to 106 degrees in Oklahoma and Texas. They were also high in other parts of the Southwest. And now comes a cold wave down from Canada. To-day it was down to 6 degrees in Montana and in other parts of the Northwest 8 to 28 degrees. The effect could hardly fail to be temporarily detrimental to business. But of course it was only a passing phase. The country, taken as a whole, is doing a good business though not in large lots for forward delivery.

Yet the consumption of goods is large. That fact is unmistakable. Little less than wonderful totals of car loadings emphasize it, in spite of recent floods in Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio and big rains in Nebraska. Bad roads in parts of the West following heavy rains have been a drawback for the moment. The South, moreover, has suffered a decline in the price of cotton within two weeks of nearly 4 cents, or 9½ cents compared with a year ago. The latest Government crop estimate is 15,810,000 bales. That was 600,000 bales larger than the generality of people had expected. On the 23d inst., when it was published, the effect was to put prices here down 130 points, and quite as much in New Orleans. Just what the ultimate effect on the cotton trade will be remains to be seen. Possibly it may cause something of a pause in the trade in cotton goods. But finished cottons have in the main been firm. It is noticed that prompt deliveries are urgently desired. Buyers seem to care more about that question than the particular price at

which they buy. Many of them have been caught napping. They sailed a little too close to the wind with their policy of hand-to-mouth buying. It would not be surprising if this should prove to be the case in some other branches of business. A larger trade has been noticed of late in denims, gingham, fall lines of staple cotton and printed novelties, not to mention blankets and napped goods. Latterly unfinished cotton goods in New York have met with only a moderate sale at a decline of $\frac{1}{8}$ c. on forward deliveries, while spot goods have been firm.

It is gratifying to notice that woollens and worsteds have met with a better demand in some lines. The strike of garment workers here, which began this week, has not prevented manufacturers from having a brisk trade with retailers in fall and winter goods. It is said that supplies of fall dress goods are down to a low stage and prices have latterly been firmer. Collections, taking the country as a whole, have been somewhat more prompt, especially here in New York. Trade in most lines is either equal to that of a year ago or better than then. The grain markets, as a rule, have advanced with bad weather at the West. The export trade in wheat has been slow and the world's wheat stocks increased in August 37,000,000 bushels. After all, the world's total supply on Sept. 1 was, it seems, 192,900,000 bushels, an increase over that of Sept. 1 last year of some 58,000,000 bushels. For the time being European grain markets are playing a waiting game as regards American wheat. Stormy weather at the West has unfavorably affected the business in farm implements, but it may be expected to increase with the return of normal conditions. A large area of the corn belt, notably in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri and Iowa, has been flooded by recent big rains, but clear, warm weather in other parts has been beneficial, and it is said that some 50 to 75% of the crop is either safe or nearly so from frost. Like cotton, the corn belt needs continued warm, dry weather for a time. Corn has declined, partly under the pressure of hedge selling. But other grain markets have advanced, though only moderately. The movement of the wheat crop in Canada is on a very large scale, despite snows and rain in Alberta and Manitoba. Coal has recently been very active at higher prices, and the same may be said of coke.

Western farmers benefit by the rise in cattle prices to the highest point seen this year. Wool is reported more active in the Boston market, braced by the favorable results of the London auction sales. Australian wool here is reported to be particularly firm. The recent Australian sales have been successful. The sales of pig iron within the last ten days are reported to have been large at the West, though of only moderate size at the East. Prices have been firmer at Pittsburgh. The demand for steel rails has been larger, even if actual business has not yet increased much. The indications point to a larger business in cars. It turns out that the August transactions in fabricated structural steel were much larger than those of the same month last year and the largest, in fact, in nearly a year. Seattle reports a big business in new pack salmon. Los Angeles is having a better export demand for fruits. In the country at large wearing apparel has been the most notable feature in the retail trade. Also, there has been quite a good business in such items as shoes, lumber, furniture, jewelry, particularly diamonds. An excellent trade is also reported in leather, hardware, furs, manufactured tobacco and many other products. There is a sharp demand for goods through the mail order, chain store and installment concerns. Rubber has advanced sharply here and in London, owing to reports that the output would be restricted by the British Government. If the rise, which reached 50 to 120 points here yesterday, goes much further here or in London it may defeat the scheme to curtail output.

In London the failure of the coal conference to end the strike has had a sobering effect on the stock market. But the miners are returning steadily to work; laissez faire may be the solution of the problem. In other words, let employers and employees fight it out to a finish, with no paternalistic interference. It is said that 200,000 miners are already back in the mines as the result of a revolt against the tyranny of the union. Rubber shares have been a popular feature in a rising market in London as the crude product advanced in price. As already intimated, a continuance of the upward movement of prices for rubber and rubber shares may mean in the end that there will be no further restriction of the production.

Fall River reported print cloths and mills were very firm as to prices. It reports more activity in mill stocks, with offerings small. At Lowell, Mass., the carding and spinning rooms of the Sterling woolen mills have gone on an overtime schedule. Worcester, Mass., wired that 300 employees of the Lancaster mills in Clinton, Mass., have returned to work and the mill is now operating 50% of its departments. At Manchester, N. H., the Amoskeag mills the workers have made a request for an increase of 10% in wages. A proposition whereby the workers would have accepted wage reductions to enable the company to get orders, failed to gain the approval of the Workers' Congress. At Biddeford, Me., the Pepperell Manufacturing Co. is putting 500 additional looms into operation. The Connecticut Mills Co., operating three separate plants in Fall River and Taunton, Mass., where the yarn is made, and at Danielson, Conn., where tire fabrics are woven, have decided to move one-half of the machinery of the corporation to the South, where a complete unit for the manufacture of tire fabrics will be set up. At Charlotte, N. C., spinners have not lowered prices and are reported to be rejecting lowered bids.

On the 20th inst. a strike of New York City shirt makers became a certainty when the unions refused the contractors' demand for a 15% wage reduction. In the Philadelphia district 10 of the largest carpet and rug mills have increased wages 5% and have more workers on the payroll than at any time since last April. The linoleum and felt base companies are credited with enough unfilled business to take them beyond the year-end holiday period.

Manchester, England, cabled that the Federation of Master Spinners has called a meeting for Sept. 28 to consider the proposition of increasing curtailment of production owing to the coal strike. The German cotton spinning mills are running at about two-thirds of capacity. The knitting and clothing industries are working full time. Polish textile mills are busier and are expected to make heavier cotton purchases.

A great storm from the West Indies of wind and rain struck Florida, Georgia and Alabama on the 18th, 19th and 20th insts. and inflicted great loss in life and property, especially in Florida and Alabama, but more particularly in Florida. The wind rose there to 100 to 125 miles an hour, torrents of rain fell, houses were demolished, streets were flooded, shipping driven ashore, travel suspended. The damage to buildings, wharves, etc., in Florida is estimated at \$200,000,000 including \$100,000,000 at Miami alone. The loss of life in Florida is estimated at 400. It was at first supposed to be much greater. It was a storm of historic severity, but Florida has already courageously started reconstruction.

Temperatures below freezing on the 22d inst., occurred in Montana, northern Idaho, eastern Washington, northern Wyoming and western North Dakota and extending to 14 degrees in Alberta. Rains developed over all sections east from the Mississippi except in Virginia and the Carolinas and northern Michigan. Rains or snows occurred in Nebraska, the Dakotas, Montana and northward. Temperature fluctuations were rapid, as might be expected from such a map. On the 22d inst. the weather at New York was cloudy and rather warm, with 72 degrees. Chicago had 66, Cincinnati 84, Detroit and Cleveland 82, Indianapolis 86, St. Paul 58, Philadelphia and Boston 76. The heat in London has been so great that it has interfered with business. A great hurricane in Paraguay caused deaths estimated at 500. Heavy rains and floods prevailed west and south. Alabama and Georgia had 6 to 7.65 inches in a single day. A tornado struck Ohio. Snow was predicted for northern Minnesota on the 23d inst. and rains and cold weather for other parts of the Northwest and also the Central West.

The weather was very cold to-day throughout the West and Northwest for this season of the year. At Helena, Mont., it was down to 6 degrees above zero and elsewhere in the north 6 to 28 degrees. It was 40 in Kansas and 48 in the Panhandle of Texas. In New York here to-day was summer-like and humid. When the thermometer was 75 the humidity was 62. It was 6 degrees above zero in Montana and 8 to 28 degrees in other parts of the West. Yesterday Chicago was up to 78 and Kansas City to 90. Cincinnati was 88, St. Paul had a minimum of 36 degrees, Boston 38 degrees, Amarillo, Texas, to-day 48. A cold wave overspread the West. The forecast was for rain here to-night and clear and colder on Saturday.

Continuance of Good Business Looked for by National Bank of Commerce in New York.

According to the National Bank of Commerce in New York, "the outlook continues to be for active good business throughout the remainder of 1926." This observation is made by the bank in its monthly discussion of current market conditions, made public Sept. 20, in which it also has the following to say:

The probability is that the aggregate volume of goods passing into final consumption between now and the end of the year will be at least as large as in 1925 and it might show a gain of from 3 to 5%, this being generally accepted as a normal expansion due to year-to-year increase in the population and business of the country.

This is not to say, however, that the situation is absolutely clear. It is useless to deny the presence of a feeling of some uncertainty, which now amounts to no more than a doubt as to whether business may not be too good to last. The fact is that the entire productive and distributive machine is geared up to operate on the basis of an active sustained demand, and any interruption of this apparent equilibrium would be promptly reflected in production and employment. While there are no signs of a pronounced recession in the ordinary sense of the term, there are some indications that in the later months of the year less favorable aspects in the business situation may become more clearly discernible.

Building and Construction.

The major cause of the rather indefinite uncertainty in business is doubt as to the outlook for building and for urban real estate, in their various aspects. A decline in construction is clearly under way. It must be remembered that for a number of years past financing large speculative building operations in various parts of the country has been made easy by the ready sale of real estate mortgage bonds. Any shrinkage in the demand for such issues, whether the result of a realization of falling demand for additional space or from other causes, would exert a powerful deterrent influence on the volume of new construction.

Iron and Steel.

A month ago there was talk that autumn business in iron and steel might fall below earlier expectations, the fear being that the good business of July and early August would turn out to be at the expense of the fall months. Now, there is a marked change of sentiment. Expectations of heavier business are based on hopes of heavy tonnages of rails and good buying in some other lines, such as tin plate and automobile sheets. It now seems likely that steel business will be active through September, and into October, but in view of the building situation and its implications it is at least an open question as to whether the industry will be able to hold its own at current levels throughout the remainder of the year.

Automobiles.

In this line, as in steel, some confusion of sentiment is evident. On one hand the leading manufacturing companies are reported to be at capacity with heavy production schedules assured for several months to come and a retail shortage of cars is said to exist throughout the country, with used car stocks only normal. On the other hand, statements have appeared that practically all sales of new cars involve trade-ins, and that there is some irregularity in the markets in such industrial centres as Cleveland and Pittsburgh. As a whole, there seems to be more assurance of good demand in agricultural districts than in industrial regions, a reversal of conditions compared with most recent periods. Automobile demand apparently will continue active through October, after which a recession is likely, sufficient to carry output down so that the total for the year will be little over 1925.

Textiles.

There is an improved undertone in all three major textiles. The demand for silk goods is better, this being reflected in deliveries of raw silks to mills which in August were close to the highest on record. The autumn promises to be more satisfactory for silk makers than last spring both as to volume and profits, but not so good as last autumn. Demand for cotton textiles has improved somewhat and the same is true of woolen and worsted fabrics. It cannot be said, however, that general prosperity is in sight for the cotton and wool industries for the remainder of the year, although individual manufacturers here and there no doubt will do very well.

Agriculture.

A good deal of uncertainty still prevails about the final outturn both of cotton and corn, due to their extreme lateness and the danger of frost. Agricultural prices are not very good. According to the Department of Agriculture, in July they were about 85% of non-agricultural wholesale prices. Cotton and wheat have declined since. Even the prices which some special crops are bringing are not very satisfactory. California oranges are now as much as one-third below the price of last year. Prices of lemons and grapes are also weak and there is some prospect of an overloaded apple market.

Money.

After some temporary easing following United States Treasury operations on Sept. 15, the outlook is for a further moderate advance in rates, until the peak of autumn requirements has passed. Of course, untoward business developments, indicating commercial demand below expectations or a genuine stock market recession could abruptly terminate the upward trend.

Investment Securities.

It seems likely that bonds will slip a little as a result of lighter demand as money rises to its seasonal peak. If they do, however, they will recover promptly when money begins to ease off. Should there be any marked decline in stocks it would exert a pronounced further strengthening influence on those classes of bonds which, because of the nature of the obligation they represent, can be said to be well-nigh independent of speculative activity. Firm money is likely to be a deterrent on new offerings during the immediate future except in the case of those of the finest investment quality, as the rates on other classes of issues are likely to be too high to be attractive to many potential borrowers.

Continued Decline in Wholesale Prices.

A further slight decline in the general level of wholesale prices from July to August 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 149.2 for August, com-

pared with 150.7 for July, a decrease of 1%. Compared with August 1925, with an index number of 160.4, there was a decrease of 7%. The Bureau's statement, issued under date of Sept. 18, continues:

Farm products averaged somewhat lower than in July, due mainly to declines in grains, cattle, hogs, lambs, live poultry and onions. Foods also averaged considerably lower than in the month before, and minor decreases were reported for chemicals and drugs, housefurnishing goods and miscellaneous commodities. On the other hand, clothing materials, fuels, metals and building materials showed slight increases for August over July.

Of the 404 commodities or price series for which comparable information for July and August was collected, decreases were shown in 109 instances, and increases in 109 instances. In 186 instances no change in price was reported.

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

Groups and Sub-Groups.	1925, August.	1926.	
		July.	August.
Farm products.....	163.1	140.8	137.9
Grains.....	168.8	145.8	139.2
Livestock and poultry.....	155.0	138.1	131.9
Other farm products.....	166.5	139.5	141.7
Foods.....	159.2	153.6	150.8
Meats.....	162.4	159.4	153.4
Butter, cheese and milk.....	150.3	141.9	144.7
Other foods.....	161.5	155.5	152.6
Clothing materials.....	189.7	173.3	174.7
Boots and shoes.....	186.7	184.2	184.3
Cotton goods.....	181.4	157.3	160.3
Woolen goods.....	211.6	189.8	189.7
Silk, &c.....	177.5	156.7	160.1
Fuels.....	170.0	177.0	179.5
Anthracite coal.....	219.4	223.7	225.4
Bituminous coal.....	194.0	196.5	198.5
Other fuels.....	143.9	155.3	158.4
Metals and metal products.....	127.3	126.2	126.6
Iron and steel.....	134.0	134.1	133.9
Nonferrous metals.....	112.6	108.8	110.8
Building materials.....	172.4	171.5	171.8
Lumber.....	181.9	181.4	180.9
Brick.....	204.2	204.3	204.7
Structural steel.....	127.5	129.1	129.1
Other building materials.....	165.3	163.4	164.8
Chemicals and drugs.....	134.6	130.9	130.8
Chemicals.....	127.2	118.3	118.7
Fertilizer.....	106.2	108.4	108.5
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....	179.6	184.1	182.5
Housefurnishing goods.....	169.2	161.1	160.8
Furniture.....	149.7	140.6	140.2
Furnishings.....	232.9	228.4	228.4
Miscellaneous.....	137.0	122.5	121.8
Cattle feed.....	134.8	116.7	115.2
Leather.....	140.3	134.7	134.8
Paper and pulp.....	186.5	175.3	171.8
Other miscellaneous.....	123.5	104.1	104.2
All commodities.....	160.4	150.7	149.2

Brookmire Service Counsels Against Hasty Liquidation of Real Estate.

Warning against hasty liquidation of real estate bonds is sounded in the current issue of the "Investment Bulletin," published by the Brookmire Economic Service, Inc., which, while conceding there is danger of delayed and defaulted interest payments on some real estate bonds, contends there is nothing to be gained by throwing such holdings overboard at this time. The realty bond market is panicky, according to this authority, values have been greatly discounted and in consequence the time is not opportune for selling. In its study of the situation which has been stimulated by the recent failure of a prominently known real estate bond house, Brookmire's analysis concludes that real estate bonds can no longer be bought indiscriminately, but must be judged individually. The formation of a real estate bond exchange, it thinks, will be hastened as a result of the present condition, and numerous safeguards are found desirable. Most important among these is the suggestion that American practice adopt an idea from British law. British law is reported to require appraisers to be personally responsible for any losses caused by over-valuation. "Such a requirement in this country would produce much more conservative financing than we have had in the past and tend to restore the real estate bond to its former position." Brookmire's review also observes that the present situation warrants a closer and more continuous check-up on earning reports of borrowers in the realty field and advises purchasers of new realty bonds to rely more upon the standing of issuing houses than upon appraisal figures. In summarizing the situation the Brookmire bulletin reaches the following conclusion:

1. Real estate bonds can no longer be bought indiscriminately as gilt-edge securities, but must be judged individually in the light of current developments, and will often be rated as distinctly low-grade bonds.
2. Some corrective measures are desirable in order to make appraisals present more exactly the value of the property. British law is reported to require appraisers to be personally responsible for any loss caused by an over-valuation. Such a requirement in this country would produce much more conservative financing than we have had in the past and tend to restore the real estate bond to its former position.
3. The bond investment houses should require more continuous current information on gross and net earnings for the mortgagors. Such information will be available to the bondholders and to the public, and represent a valuable check upon the status of the bond.
4. The proposition to establish a real estate bond exchange will be stimulated by the need for additional marketability and for the current determination of market value for each bond.

5. Holders of outstanding real estate bonds should not sacrifice their holdings at panic prices but must expect in many cases some difficulties in the collection of interest and principal when due together with a decline in the current value of the securities held.

6. In view of the uncertain validity of appraisals and of estimates of earnings, purchasers of new bonds must rely more upon the standing of the issuing investment house than upon these figures.

Decrease in Retail Food Prices in August.

The retail food index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor shows for Aug. 15 1926 a decrease of practically 1% since July 15 1926; a decrease of nearly 3% since Aug. 15 1925, and an increase of a little more than 54% since Aug. 15 1913. The index number (1913=100.0) was 160.4 in August 1925, 157.0 in July 1926 and 155.7 in August 1926. The Bureau, in the data made public Sept. 18, adds:

During the month from July 15 1926 to Aug. 15 1926 20 articles on which monthly prices were secured decreased as follows: Cabbage, 16%; onions, 13%; potatoes, 12%; pork chops, legs of lamb and hens, 3%; bananas, 2%; rib roast, chuck roast, plate beef, bacon, lard, rolled oats, rice, baked beans and prunes, 1%, and sirloin steak, round steak, ham and coffee, less than 5-10 of 1%. Nine articles increased: Strictly fresh eggs, 7%; oranges, 2%; fresh milk, butter, canned peas and granulated sugar, 1%, and canned red salmon, cheese and tea, less than 5-10 of 1%. The following 13 articles showed no change in the month: Evaporated milk, oleomargarine, vegetable lard substitute, bread, flour, cornmeal, corn flakes, wheat cereal, macaroni, navy beans, canned corn, canned tomatoes, raisins.

Changes in Retail Prices of Food by Cities.

During the month from July 15 1926 to Aug. 15 1926 the average cost of food decreased in 38 cities, as follows: Minneapolis, 4%; Columbus, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Louisville, Milwaukee, Peoria, St. Louis, St. Paul and Springfield, Ill., 3%; Atlanta, Butte, Chicago, Denver and Omaha, 2%; Birmingham, Dallas, Detroit, Fall River, Houston, Little Rock, Manchester, Memphis, Newark, New York, Philadelphia, Richmond and Scranton, 1%, and Boston, Buffalo, Charleston, S. C., Cleveland, Mobile, New Orleans, Norfolk, Providence, Rochester and Savannah, less than 5-10 of 1%. In the following eleven cities the average cost of food increased: Jacksonville, New Haven, Portland, Ore., and San Francisco, 1%, and Baltimore, Bridgeport, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Portland, Me., Salt Lake City and Washington, D. C., less than 5-10 of 1%. In Cincinnati and Seattle there was no change in the month.

For the year period Aug. 15 1925 to Aug. 15 1926, 48 of the 51 cities showed decreases: Salt Lake City, 7%; Denver and Rochester, 5%; Boston, Buffalo, Butte, Chicago, Detroit, Newark, New York, Omaha, St. Louis and Scranton, 4%; Bridgeport, Cleveland, Columbus, Fall River, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Louisville, Manchester, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Peoria, Philadelphia, Portland, Me., Portland, Ore., Providence, San Francisco and Springfield, Ill., 3%; Baltimore, Charleston, S. C., Dallas, Little Rock, Memphis, Pittsburgh, Richmond and Seattle, 2%; Birmingham, Mobile, New Haven, Norfolk, St. Paul and Washington, D. C., 1%, and Cincinnati and Milwaukee, less than 5-10 of 1%. The following three cities showed increases: Jacksonville, 2%, and Atlanta and Savannah, less than 5-10 of 1%.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, food on Aug. 15 1926 was 67% higher in Birmingham; 65% in Richmond and Washington; 64% in Chicago and Detroit; 63% in Baltimore; 62% in Atlanta; 61% in Buffalo; 60% in Charleston, S. C., Cincinnati and Jacksonville; 59% in Scranton; 58% in Boston, Philadelphia and Providence; 57% in Milwaukee, New York and Pittsburgh; 56% in Cleveland, New Haven and St. Louis; 54% in Manchester; 53% in Fall River and New Orleans; 52% in Dallas, Omaha and San Francisco; 51% in Indianapolis, Kansas City and Minneapolis; 50% in Little Rock, Louisville and Memphis; 47% in Newark; 46% in Seattle; 44% in Los Angeles; 39% in Denver; 38% in Portland, Ore., and 32% in Salt Lake City. Prices were not obtained in 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 these cities.

Below we give the index numbers of retail food prices furnished by the Bureau:

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

Year and Month.	Str'n Steak	Round Steak	Rib Roast	Chuck Roast	Plate Beef	Pork Chops	Bacon	Ham	Hens	Milk	Butter	Ch'ese
1907	71.5	68.0	76.1	---	---	74.3	74.4	75.7	81.4	87.2	85.3	---
1908	73.3	71.2	78.1	---	---	76.1	76.9	77.6	83.0	89.6	85.5	---
1909	76.6	73.5	81.3	---	---	82.7	82.9	82.0	88.5	91.3	90.1	---
1910	80.3	77.7	84.6	---	---	91.6	94.5	91.4	93.6	94.6	93.8	---
1911	80.6	78.7	84.8	---	---	85.1	91.3	89.3	91.0	95.5	87.9	---
1912	91.0	89.3	93.6	---	---	91.2	90.5	90.6	93.5	97.4	97.7	---
1913	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1914	102.0	105.8	103.0	104.4	104.1	104.6	101.8	101.7	102.2	100.5	94.4	103.6
1915	101.1	103.0	101.4	100.6	100.0	96.4	99.8	97.2	97.5	99.2	93.4	105.0
1916	107.5	109.7	107.4	106.9	106.0	108.3	106.4	109.2	110.7	102.2	103.0	116.7
1917	124.0	129.8	125.5	130.6	129.8	151.7	151.9	142.2	134.5	125.4	127.2	150.4
1918	153.2	165.5	155.1	166.3	170.2	185.7	195.9	178.1	177.0	156.2	150.7	162.4
1919	164.2	174.4	164.1	168.8	166.9	201.4	205.2	198.5	193.0	174.2	177.0	192.8
1920	172.1	177.1	167.7	163.8	151.2	201.4	193.7	206.3	209.9	187.6	183.0	188.2
1921	152.8	154.3	147.0	132.5	118.2	166.2	158.2	181.4	186.4	164.0	135.0	153.9
1922	147.2	144.8	139.4	123.1	105.8	157.1	147.4	181.4	169.0	147.2	125.1	148.9
1923	153.9	150.2	143.4	126.3	106.6	144.8	144.8	169.1	164.3	155.1	144.7	167.0
1924	155.9	150.2	145.5	130.0	109.1	146.7	139.6	168.4	165.7	155.1	135.0	159.7
1925	159.8	155.6	149.5	135.0	114.1	174.3	173.0	195.5	171.8	157.3	143.1	166.1
1926	155.7	147.1	143.9	128.1	109.9	146.2	149.3	177.0	168.1	156.2	136.6	162.4
Jan	151.6	146.6	143.4	127.5	109.1	144.3	150.4	178.8	169.5	156.2	132.1	164.7
Feb	155.9	150.7	147.0	131.3	111.6	178.1	164.4	190.3	173.2	155.1	144.9	165.2
March	159.1	155.2	150.0	135.0	114.1	175.2	172.6	198.9	177.9	155.1	139.2	165.2
April	160.6	157.0	150.5	138.1	115.7	171.4	171.9	197.0	177.9	153.9	135.5	164.3
May	161.4	157.8	150.5	136.3	114.0	172.4	174.1	197.0	173.2	153.9	137.6	165.2
June	166.1	163.7	153.5	140.0	115.7	186.7	180.4	202.2	171.8	155.1	138.9	165.6
July	165.4	162.3	153.0	138.1	114.9	190.5	182.6	204.1	170.0	156.2	141.3	166.5
Aug.	163.8	159.6	152.0	137.5	114.9	192.4	183.0	204.1	171.8	159.6	145.7	167.4
Sept.	162.2	158.7	151.5	137.5	116.5	186.2	183.7	201.9	171.4	160.7	155.1	168.3
October	158.7	154.3	149.0	135.0	116.5	178.6	182.2	198.9	168.1	160.7	155.9	169.2
Nov	158.7	154.3	149.0	135.0	116.5	178.6	182.2	198.9	168.1	160.7	155.9	169.2
Dec	158.7	154.3	149.0	135.0	116.5	178.6	182.2	198.9	168.1	160.7	155.9	169.2
1926	164.6	162.3	153.5	140.6	119.8	192.9	192.6	225.7	177.9	156.2	132.1	161.5

Year and Month.	Lard	Eggs	Bread	Flour	Corn Meal	Rice	Pota-toes	Sugar	Tea	Cof-fee	Weighted Food Index
1907	80.7	84.1	---	95.0	87.6	---	105.3	105.3	---	---	82.0
1908	80.5	86.1	---	101.5	92.2	---	111.2	107.7	---	---	84.3
1909	90.1	92.6	---	109.4	99.9	---	112.3	106.6	---	---	88.7
1910	103.8	97.7	---	108.2	94.9	---	101.0	109.3	---	---	93.0
1911	88.4	93.5	---	101.6	94.3	---	130.5	111.4	---	---	92.0
1912	93.5	98.9	---	105.2	101.6	---	132.1	115.1	---	---	97.6
1913	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1914	98.6	102.3	112.5	103.9	105.1	101.2	108.3	108.2	104.4	99.7	102.4
1915	93.4	98.7	125.0	125.8	125.0	104.3	108.9	120.1	100.2	100.6	101.3
1916	111.0	108.8	130.4	134.6	112.6	104.6	158.8	146.4	100.4	100.3	113.7
1917	174.9	139.4	164.3	211.2	192.2	119.0	252.7	166.3	106.9	104.1	146.4
1918	210.8	164.9	175.0	203.0	226.7	148.3	188.2	176.4	119.1	102.4	168.3
1919	233.5	182.0	178.0	218.2	213.3	173.6	225.5	205.5	128.9	145.3	185.9
1920	186.7	187.4	205.4	245.5	216.7	200.0	370.6	352.7	134.7	157.7	203.4
1921	113.9	147.5	176.8	175.8	150.0	109.2	164.7	132.7	125.2	121.1	153.3
1922	107.6	128.7	155.4	154.5	130.0	109.2	182.4	145.5	128.1	141.6	141.9
1923	112.0	134.8	155.4	142.4	136.7	109.2	170.6	183.6	127.8	126.5	146.2
1924	120.3	138.6	157.1	148.5	156.7	116.1	158.8	167.3	131.4	145.3	145.9
1925	147.5	151.0	167.9	184.8	180.0	127.6	211.8	130.9	138.8	172.8	157.4
1926	144.3	156.2	167.9	187.9	173.3	133.3	341.2	121.8	139.9	172.1	164.3
Jan	144.3	156.2	167.9	187.9	173.3	133.3	335.3	121.8	139.9	172.1	161.5
Feb	146.2	113.3	167.9	193.9	183.3	125.3	147.1	140.0	138.1	175.5	151.1
March	145.8	110.4	167.9	184.8	183.3	126.4	141.2	136.4	138.8	174.8	150.8
April	144.9	122.6	167.9	184.8	180.0	126.4	158.8	130.9	139.0	175.2	151.6
May	143.0	113.9	167.9	184.8	180.0	126.4	205.9	130.9	139.3	170.5	155.0
June	153.8	141.7	167.9	184.8	180.0	129.9	258.8	129.1	139.3	170.5	159.9
July	151.9	150.4	167.9	184.8	180.0	129.9	211.8	127.3	139.3	171.4	159.0
Aug.	152.5	174.8	167.9	178.8	176.7	129.9	216.7	123.6	139.3	171.5	161.6
Sept.	147.5	201.2	167.9	181.8	176.7	131.0	305.9	120.0	139.2	171.8	167.1
October	143.0	191.9	167.9	184.8	173.3	131.0	305.9	121.8	139.3	172.1	165.5
1926	141.1	156.2	167.9	187.9	173.3	133.3	341.2	121.8	139.9	172.1	164.3
Jan	141.1	156.2	167.9	187.9	173.3	133.3	335.3	121.8	139.9	172.1	161.5
Feb	138.6	111.6	167.9	187.9	173.3	134.5	329.4	121.8	139.9	172.1	159.9
March	136.1	111.9	167.9	184.8	170.0	134.5	394.1	120.0	140.3	171.5	162.4
April	136.1	112.8	167.9	184.8	170.0	134.5	352.9	121.8	140.4	171.1	161.1
May	143.0	118.0	167.9	184.8	170.0	134.5	294.1	125.5	141.4	171.1	159.7
June	144.9	122.0	167.9	181.8	170.0	134.5	241.2	125.5	141.7	171.5	157.0
July	143.7	130.1	167.9	181.8	170.0	133.3	211.8	127.3	141.5	171.1	155.7

Over \$20,000,000 of Ordinary Life Insurance Sold—Daily—August Figures.

The amount of ordinary life insurance sold in the United States during the month of August is practically identical with that sold in August 1925 when the sales were 27% ahead of the previous August, according to a report just published by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau of Hartford, Connecticut. The report includes the sales of new paid-for ordinary insurance as reported by eighty-one companies having in force 88% of the total life insurance outstanding in the United States legal reserve companies. The Bureau also has the following to say:

The largest sectional gains are in the West South Central and East North Central states, with increases of 6% and 3% respectively. The records for individual states show the greatest gains in Delaware and Vermont.

In the first eight months of the year sales are 4% higher than in the corresponding period of last year, all sections sharing in the general gain. The year-to-date increases range from 2% in the Middle Atlantic states to 8% in the South Atlantic states.

New England.—Northern New England shows the best gain for August; Vermont with a 40% increase; New Hampshire, 20%; and Maine with 9%. New Hampshire leads in the year-to-date gain, or 14%. The section shows a 7% gain for the twelve months ended August 31 1926 over the preceding twelve months.

Middle Atlantic.—Sales in the Middle Atlantic section are 4% less than in August 1925. This section is comprised of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, each state showing a decrease in sales from August of last year. These states show a 2% gain for the first eight months over the same months of 1925, New Jersey leading with a 12% increase.

East North Central.—Ohio leads this section with an 8% increase, the average gain being 3%. All states in the section show gains for the year to date. The increases range from 3% in Wisconsin to 8% in Michigan.

West North Central.—The largest gain in this section for the month is 28% in Nebraska. The average gain for the year to date is 4%. Sales in the first eight months of the year are 6% ahead of sales in the first eight months of 1925 in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.

South Atlantic.—The best increase in all the states is 45% in Delaware. Sales in Florida continue to increase, and during the month of August aggregated \$8,932,000 as compared to \$6,766,000 in August 1925, a 32% gain. The South Atlantic section shows an average gain of 8% for the first eight months of the year, leading all the other sections of the country. Florida shows a gain of 44% for the first eight months.

East South Central.—Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi comprise this section. Tennessee leads with a 4% gain. The average gain for the section for the year to date is 3%.

West South Central.—This section shows an average gain of 6% for August, the largest increase in any of the nine geographical sections. Improved conditions are reflected in all the states in this section except in Arkansas. Oklahoma leads both the monthly and the year-to-date gains.

Mountain.—Wyoming leads this section for the month, showing a 24% increase. Idaho continues to lead in the year-to-date gain. Sales in the section decreased 4% from sales in August of last year, but show an increase of 5% for the first eight months of the year.

Pacific.—Sales in the Pacific states are practically identical with sales in August of last year. The gains in the section as a whole average 4% for the first eight months of the year, and 8% for the twelve months ended August 31 1926 over the preceding twelve months.

August Life Insurance Sales in Canada Show 14% Gain Over Year Ago.

Fourteen per cent. more ordinary life insurance was purchased last month in Canada than in August of 1925, according to a report

increases, dividend additions, reinsurance from other companies, and group insurance.

Every province shares in the general gain. Saskatchewan and New Brunswick lead with gains of 39% and 20% respectively. Ontario and Quebec, the two most important provinces, have increases of 14% and 15%.

The records of the cities vary widely. Improvement is most noticeable in Hamilton, which shows a 46% gain; and in Toronto, which shows an 18% increase.

Eight Month Period.

In the first eight months of the year sales are \$28,440,000 ahead of the sales in the corresponding period of last year, a 10% increase. The general gain for the first eight months is reflected in each province. Saskatchewan leads with a 30% increase. Ontario and Quebec show gains of 7% and 13% respectively for the year to date. Montreal leads the cities for the eight months with a 13% increase over the same period of last year.

The gain in the twelve months ended Aug. 31 1925 over the preceding twelve months is the same as the cumulative gain, or 10%. Every province shows a gain for the twelve month period.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Still Above One Million Cars per Week.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Sept. 11 totaled 1,031,081 cars, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease (owing to the observance of Labor Day) of 120,265 cars under the preceding week, when loadings were the heaviest for any one week on record, amounting to 1,151,346 cars. Despite the holiday, however, revenue freight loadings continued to exceed one million cars a week, this being the sixteenth week so far this year that the million mark has been exceeded. Compared with the corresponding week last year, which also included Labor Day, the total for the week of Sept. 11 this year was an increase of 55,582 cars, but it was a decrease of 30,700 cars under the corresponding week in 1924 which week, however, did not include Labor Day, the holiday having taken place in the preceding week that year. Further details are given as follows:

Livestock loading for the week of Sept. 11 amounted to 34,699 cars, an increase of 1,489 cars above the week before and 5,969 cars above the same week in 1925. Compared with the corresponding week in 1924, it was a decrease of 4,095 cars. In the western districts alone, 26,648 cars were loaded with livestock during the week, 5,761 cars above the same week last year.

Miscellaneous freight loading totaled 377,140 cars, a decrease of 54,426 cars under the week before, but 1,219 cars above the same week in 1925. It was, however, 16,555 cars under the same week in 1924.

Loading of grain and grain products amounted to 42,902 cars, a decrease of 14,459 cars below the preceding week and 2,161 cars below the corresponding week in 1925. Compared with the same week in 1924, it also was a decrease of 23,327 cars. In the western districts alone grain and grain products loading totaled 27,898 cars, a decrease of 4,737 cars under the corresponding week last year.

Loading of merchandise and less-than-carload-lot freight amounted to 241,172 cars, a decrease of 31,445 cars below the week before but 3,156 cars above the same week in 1925. It was, however, a decrease of 13,133 cars below the corresponding week in 1924.

Coal loading totaled 182,233 cars, a decrease of 15,644 cars under the preceding week this year, but 24,740 cars above the same week in 1925. Compared with the corresponding week in 1924, however, it was a decrease of 567 cars.

Forest products loading totaled 67,217 cars, 4,428 cars under the week before but 2,495 cars above the same week in 1925. It was, however, 2,616 cars below the same week in 1924.

Ore loading totaled 73,809 cars, a decrease of 961 cars below the preceding week but 19,201 cars above the corresponding week in 1925. Compared with the same week in 1924, it was also an increase of 25,975 cars.

Coke loading totaled 11,909 cars, a decrease of 391 cars below the preceding week but 963 cars above the corresponding week in 1925, and 3,618 cars above the same week in 1924.

All districts showed decreases, due to the Labor Day holiday, compared with the preceding week in the total loading of all commodities, but all except the southern reported increases compared with the corresponding week last year. The eastern, Allegheny and central western were the only district to report decreases compared with the corresponding week in 1924.

Loading of revenue freight this year compared with the two previous years follows:

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Five weeks in January	4,432,010	4,456,949	4,294,270
Four weeks in February	3,676,449	3,623,047	3,631,819
Four weeks in March	3,877,139	3,702,413	3,661,922
Four weeks in April	3,795,837	3,726,830	3,498,230
Five weeks in May	5,142,879	4,853,379	4,473,729
Four weeks in June	4,112,150	3,965,872	3,625,182
Five weeks in July	5,245,367	4,945,091	4,470,522
Four weeks in August	4,417,780	4,321,427	3,898,384
Week of Sept. 4	1,151,346	1,102,785	921,303
Week of Sept. 11	1,031,081	975,499	1,061,781
Total	36,881,938	35,673,292	33,537,142

Conditions in the Rubber Trade.

"Present conditions in the rubber market are marked by the seemingly paradoxical development of an increase in American imports and a slight decline in American consumption," says a recent number of the review of Dominick & Dominick. "American imports of crude rubber increased 13% in volume during the first seven months of the year, as compared with the same period of 1925. Consumption, on the other hand, dropped 8.7%. This increase in stocks of rubber in America undoubtedly has been brought about by the present low price and the possibility of an increase in that price when the restrictions on exports

from the British colonies are resumed. Actual consumption in spite of lower prices has not kept pace with this increase in supply. By the use of reclaimed rubber and by the conservation campaign initiated by Secretary Hoover last winter, American consumption of crude rubber actually shows a slight decrease for the first seven months. This is the more remarkable since the sale of motor cars and trucks has continued to expand during this seven months period, and the mileage traveled has increased. The month of July, for example, was the biggest month on record in the production and sale of tires. The need for rubber is greater than ever before, but there is no longer the same necessity to purchase it from foreign sources.

"Both England and the United States can learn a lesson from the past year. It must be evident to Great Britain that restriction on rubber which results in an excessive price will only stimulate efforts on the part of the consumers to obtain the commodity from another source, or to consume less of it, or to devise a substitute. The United States, on the other hand, has discovered that it is not as dependent upon British rubber as was once supposed. This country would seem to have no legitimate reason for quarreling with reasonable British regulation of rubber; if the regulation becomes extortionate, it will defeat the end it was intended to serve. Great Britain and the United States have a common interest in maintaining reasonable conditions in the rubber market."

The following table shows imports of crude rubber, and consumption of crude and reclaimed rubber compared with last year's figures:

	(In Long Tons)		
January to July, Inclusive—	1925.	1926.	Change.
Crude imports	215,705	245,724	+13%
Crude consumption	234,233	215,472	-8.7%
Reclaimed rubber (6 months only)	47,455	69,106	+45.6%

In the meantime, stocks have piled up in England in unprecedented volume. The stocks on hand in London to-day are 350% greater than at the first of the year. It is significant that, despite the large American imports resulting from a more reasonable price, the demand from this country has not been sufficient to assure England of an adequate market for its supply. The justification for the Stevenson Plan, as far as the British are concerned, lies in this fact: that the laws of supply and demand are not sufficiently active for rubber to keep the British plantations profitable.

Policy of General Tire & Rubber Co. Regarding Reclaimed Rubber.

Commenting on a recent statement of the Secretary of Commerce, who attributes present rubber prices to a "rubber conservation campaign of manufacturers and consumers," Wm. O'Neill, President of the General Tire & Rubber Co., says:

It is still true that you can't save rubber by using less of it. The consumer has not been helped by the tire manufacturer who has taken to using more substitutions for real new rubber in the last few months. What tire users want is mileage, and the net result of the increase in the use of shoddy, second-hand rubber and other substitutes in tires has been to lessen the wear of such tires. So the consumer, to obtain a stated number of miles from "substituted tires," must actually pay more per mile instead of less, if he uses such products.

We believe we are helping the consumer most by refusing to use a single ounce of reclaimed rubber in General Tires, and we shall continue to manufacture from the best materials obtainable. The consumer may have to pay a little more for Generals at the start, but his cost per mile will be far lower in the end. Call it first cost, final cost, cost-per-mile, or what you will, it is the amount of money in dollars and cents a car or fleet owner must pay for a given service that really counts.

Mr. Hoover reports a diminished demand for new rubber goods and a corresponding increase in demand for substitutes in the past sixty days. If that be true, the situation of the General Tire & Rubber Co. must be exceptional, for we have never had so great a demand as we have now for our products, in which absolutely no substitutes are tolerated.

As manufacturers, we are unwilling that credit for a reduction in tire prices go to anyone outside the tire business. Tires have always been cheaper than any other generally used commodity considered in the cost of living. Even at the so-called high peak price of a few months ago they cost less in actual dollars and cents than before the war, and good tires have increased in quality six to ten fold in the same period. Practically every other commodity has advanced some 60% in cost since the war began, and most of them have not increased a penny's worth in quality or usefulness. The tire manufacturer has always been quick to pass along every saving, every improvement, to the public without making the user pay for the improvements. Even the last tire price cut came at a time when some tire manufacturers were still grinding rubber that cost them close to a dollar a pound. And tire prices in the past year have never been based on anything higher than 50-cent rubber, though most manufacturers had to pay twice that much for some of it.

The ups and downs of raw material markets will continue to affect the price of tires every year. That is a foregone conclusion. I firmly believe that good tires are cheaper now than they will be again for some time.

Firestone Tire Prices Cut—Reduction of 7½ to 10% to Auto Makers Causes Protest.

A reduction in the prices of tires to automobile manufacturers ranging from 7½ to 10% was announced on Sept. 23 by executives of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. In reporting this the New York "Times" said:

Other competing companies are expected to follow this action, although protest has been lodged that there is no necessity or justification for a

reduction at the present time. Firestone's action is attributed to increasingly keen competition in the tire trade.

This cut in the prices of tires on so-called "original equipment business" is the third since July. Firestone executives said that while tire manufacturers generally had hoped there would be no tire price reduction for some time after the adjustment in July, there is every indication that an early announcement of a still further slash in prices to dealers would be made.

Large Automobile Production in August.

August production of motor vehicles in the United States, as reported to the Department of Commerce, was 424,394 of which 379,111 were passenger cars and 45,283 were trucks, as compared with 355,455 passenger cars and trucks in July and only 252,451 in August 1925. The Canadian figures for August are not yet available.

The table below is based on figures received from 172 manufacturers for recent months, 65 making passenger cars and 124 making trucks (17 making both passenger cars and trucks). Data for earlier months include 77 additional manufacturers now out of business, while August data for 21 small firms, mostly truck manufacturers, were not received in time for inclusion in this report. Figures on truck production also include fire apparatus, street sweepers and buses.

AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION (NUMBER OF MACHINES).

	Passenger Cars.			Trucks.		
	Total.	U. S.	a Canada.	Total.	U. S.	a Canada.
1925.						
January	213,851	205,550	8,301	28,203	26,638	1,565
February	253,955	243,176	10,779	34,482	32,789	1,693
March	334,214	321,200	13,014	45,180	43,091	2,089
April	393,262	377,747	15,515	47,984	46,408	1,576
May	384,548	366,197	18,351	45,719	43,831	1,888
June	366,510	352,261	14,249	38,151	36,357	1,794
July	360,124	348,984	11,140	41,870	40,025	1,845
August	223,517	216,087	7,430	37,850	36,364	1,486
Total (8 months)	2,529,981	2,431,202	98,779	319,439	305,503	13,936
September	274,227	263,855	10,372	60,482	58,002	2,480
October	408,017	394,096	13,921	46,013	44,323	1,690
November	337,435	328,694	8,741	40,448	37,811	2,237
December	286,141	278,643	7,498	34,488	32,757	1,731
Total (year)	3,835,801	3,696,490	139,311	500,470	478,396	22,074
1926.						
January	284,703	272,922	11,781	33,461	29,763	3,698
February	334,624	319,763	14,761	41,685	37,608	4,077
March	399,105	381,116	17,989	49,233	44,848	4,385
April	401,836	383,907	17,929	53,887	50,314	3,573
May	394,569	373,140	21,429	51,343	47,838	3,505
June	*358,365	*339,847	18,518	*47,070	*44,137	2,933
July	*328,816	*315,863	12,953	*41,847	*39,592	2,255
August	379,111	b	b	45,283	b	b
Total (8 months)	2,765,369			339,383		

* Revised. a Reported by Dominion Bureau of Statistics since Jan. 1 1926.
b Not yet available.

New Automobile Models and Prices.

Few changes have been announced during this week in the automobile industry, but of the few, one of the most interesting was the introduction by the Moon Motor Car Co. of a new Moon 6-60 four-door sedan, priced at \$1,195 at the factory. A new brougham model for Hupmobile on its straight eight chassis has also been introduced. It is a two-door five passenger car priced at \$2,245. The coloring is in Pelham blue offset by double black beading and gold striping. There are nickel trimmed head and cowl lamps, a short curved integral visor and a large trunk rack with polished guard bars.

Lumber Industry Active.

Reports received by telegraph from 367 of the important commercial softwood, and 145 of the chief hardwood, lumber mills of the country indicate that the lumber business of the country is extremely active, says the National Lumber Manufacturers Association on Sept. 23. These reports cover the week ending Sept. 18. Compared with reports for the previous week, the 348 comparably reporting softwood mills show a notable increase in production and huge gains in shipments and new business. As compared with the corresponding week of 1925, there is a slight decrease in production, an increase of nearly 21,000,000 feet in shipments and approximately 50,000,000 feet increase—20%—in new business. The first 37 weeks of 1926 lead the same period of 1925, in sales, by more than 500,000,000 feet. The hardwood operations report increases in all three items, when compared with reports from 144 mills for the week earlier.

Unfilled Orders.

The unfilled orders of 229 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 653,054,727 feet, as against 658,134,097 feet for 230 mills the previous week. The 122 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 256,058,850 feet last week, as against 250,200,000 feet for the week before. For the 107 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 396,995,877 feet, as against 407,934,097 feet for 108 mills a week earlier.

Altogether, the 348 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 104%, and orders 107% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 102 and 110, and for the West Coast mills 101 and 105.

Of the reporting mills, the 322 with an established normal production for the week of 219,797,181 feet, gave actual production 101%, shipments 106% and orders 109% thereof.

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

	Past Week.	Corresponding Week 1925.	Preceding Week 1926 (Revised).
Mills	348	364	357
Production	234,755,206	238,587,746	217,088,126
Shipments	243,828,260	223,086,218	202,609,449
Orders (new business)	251,316,057	201,895,018	210,894,807

The following revised figures compare the national softwood lumber movement of the same seven regional associations for the first 37 weeks of 1926 with the same period of 1925:

	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1926	8,850,234,872	9,078,307,140	9,111,924,453
1925	8,822,951,194	8,753,991,864	8,607,858,393

The mills of the California White and Sugar Pine Association, San Francisco, make weekly reports, but they have been found not truly comparable in respect to orders with those of other mills. Consequently the former are not now reported in the foregoing tables, or in the regional tabulation below. Nineteen of these mills, representing 55% of the cut of the California pine region, gave their production for the week as 29,355,000 feet, shipments 21,193,000, and new business 17,334,000. Last week's report from 18 mills, representing 52% of the cut was: Production, 27,738,000 feet; shipments, 21,518,000, and new business, 16,243,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle that new business for the 107 mills reporting for the week ended Sept. 18 was 5% above production, and shipments were 1% above production. Of all new business taken during the week 49% was for future water delivery, amounting to 57,459,413 feet, of which 41,628,693 feet was for domestic cargo delivery and 15,830,720 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 53,855,304 feet, or 46% of the week's new business. Forty-five per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 50,143,153 feet, of which 39,026,286 feet moved coastwise and inter-coastal, and 11,116,867 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 56,821,594 feet, or 50% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 5,976,190 feet. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 159,357,508 feet, requiring 105,076,599 feet, and rail trade 132,561,770 feet.

Labor.

Logging both east and west of the Cascades is rapidly getting into the fall stride, according to the Four L Employment Service. Lumber manufacturing is normally active. Douglas fir logging is now well under way for the fall and winter. Many camps have resumed work. Fir lumber manufacturing is fully as active as it has been at any time this year, with extra shifts being operated at a large number of mills. Logging and lumber manufacturing in the Grays Harbor district continue very active. East of the Cascades woods work has picked up somewhat, several camps being opened and other concerns making preparations for logging. Sawmill operations are beginning to show signs of the usual tapering off previous to winter closings.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 122 mills reporting, shipments were 1.68% above production, and orders 10.48% above production and 8.65% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 73,579,650 feet, shipments 67,720,800 feet, and production 66,600,801 feet. The normal production of these mills is 75,421,685 feet. Of the 118 mills reporting running time, 86 operated full time, 21 of the latter overtime. Three mills were shut down, and the rest operated from three to five and one-half days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore., reports a substantial increase in production, and marked increases in shipments and new business.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, California reports production about the same, considerable increase in shipments, and new business well in advance of that reported for the previous week.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Virginia, with five fewer mills reporting, shows some decrease in production, a nominal increase in shipments and a slight decrease in new business.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with two fewer mills reporting, shows a slight increase in production, heavy increase in shipments, and a big gain in new business.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, (in its softwood production) with two fewer mills reporting, shows substantial increases in production and shipments, and a marked decrease in new business.

Hardwood Reports.

The hardwood mills of the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association reported from 18 miles, production as 1,045,000 feet, shipments 3,686,000 and orders 2,866,000.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tennessee reported from 127 units, production as 21,662,997 feet, shipments 20,925,164 and orders 23,239,474. The normal production of these units is 21,955,000 feet.

The two hardwood groups totals for the week as compared with the preceding week were:

	Mills.	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
Week ended Sept. 18	145	22,707,997	24,611,164	26,105,474
Week ended Sept. 11	144	21,196,671	24,021,223	25,895,338

For the past thirty-seven weeks all hardwood mills reporting to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association gave production as 1,093,992,682 feet, shipments 1,064,605,793, and orders 1,092,200,152.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

One hundred and eight mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended Sept. 11 manufactured 101,004,295 feet, sold 98,521,594 feet and shipped 86,883,695 feet. New business was 2,482,701 feet more than production and shipments, 11,637,899 feet less than production.

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

Week Ended—	Sept. 11.	Sept. 4.	Aug. 28.	Aug. 21.
Number of mills reporting	108	105	109	108
Production (feet)	98,521,594	108,756,074	111,113,194	112,492,078
New business (feet)	101,004,295	109,405,726	108,578,891	102,380,601
Shipments (feet)	86,883,695	113,826,201	114,486,197	116,579,324
Unshipped balances:				
Rail (feet)	135,936,919	125,213,673	133,771,141	130,510,848
Domestic cargo (feet)	154,775,367	159,303,804	152,421,618	159,367,678
Export (feet)	117,221,811	112,499,851	112,843,791	120,159,790
Total (feet)	407,934,097	397,017,328	399,036,550	410,038,316
First 37 Weeks—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Average number of mills.	105	117	124	132
Production (feet)	3,802,018,997	3,695,485,004	3,406,185,652	3,677,678,208
New business (feet)	3,959,193,757	3,819,785,235	3,459,036,525	3,740,297,735
Shipments (feet)	3,923,125,971	3,852,393,046	3,575,499,886	3,889,101,918

Amoskeag Workers Fail to Approve Wage Cut—Continuation of Present Pay Rates for Six Months Accepted.

The following Manchester (N. H.) Associated Press advices Sept. 23 are from the Boston "Herald":

A proposition under which the 16,000 workers in the textile mills of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. would have accepted wage reductions to enable the company to get orders has failed to gain the approval of the workers' congress. Meeting with the management yesterday, the 250 delegates from all departments of the mill accepted a proposal to continue present wage rates for six months but adjourned without accepting the plan of the management.

The congress was informed by Agent W. Parker Straw that he saw nothing at present to warrant optimistic articles appearing in newspapers.

He then outlined a proposal that the workers enter into a form of "partnership" with the management. There are instances, he said, when large orders may be obtained by cutting the quoted list price slightly. In such cases, he proposed, a committee of employees and corporation officials should confer on the advisability of readjusting the wage scale to permit the company to make the price reduction.

Mr. Straw told the workers that such a system had been in shoe shops in Haverhill, Mass., for some time. Company officials expressed regret after the workers' congress failed to approve the proposal.

Cottonseed Oil Production During August.

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

COTTONSEED RECEIVED, CRUSHED, AND ON HAND (TONS).

State.	Rec'd at Mills*		Crushed		On Hand at Mills	
	Aug. 1 to Aug. 31		Aug. 1 to Aug. 31		Aug. 31	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Georgia	12,235	43,197	5,292	16,456	9,396	27,054
Mississippi	6,836	32,725	7,904	13,476	4,567	22,228
Texas	88,354	116,179	51,108	53,690	48,208	83,582
All other	10,323	77,151	6,353	29,314	8,496	55,728
United States	117,748	269,252	70,657	112,936	70,667	188,592

* Includes seed destroyed at mills but not 23,576 tons and 32,276 tons on hand Aug. 1, nor 1,305 tons and 3,365 tons re-shipped for 1926 and 1925, respectively.

COTTONSEED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, SHIPPED OUT, AND ON HAND.

Item.	Season.	On Hand Aug. 1.	Produced Aug. 1 to Aug. 31.	Shipped Out Aug. 1 to Aug. 31.	On Hand Aug. 31.
Crude oil	1926-27	*8,405,715	19,641,020	14,835,589	*10,044,772
(pounds)	1925-26	4,847,333	33,781,221	27,000,998	17,330,211
Refined oil	1926-27	x145,603,890	z17,784,511	-----	x89,411,678
(pounds)	1925-26	173,549,345	19,572,763	-----	92,976,508
Cake and meal	1926-27	151,578	33,266	-----	90,438
(tons)	1925-26	18,976	52,467	-----	23,612
Hulls	1926-27	97,989	19,597	-----	80,888
(tons)	1925-26	39,503	31,278	-----	34,435
Linters	1926-27	68,186	12,193	34,877	45,502
(running bales)	1925-26	18,547	19,976	22,227	16,296
Hull fiber	1926-27	14,586	67	787	13,866
(500-lb. bales)	1925-26	4,008	2,467	2,699	3,776
Grabbots, motes, &c.	1926-27	7,633	498	3,295	4,836
(500-lb. bales)	1925-26	1,758	750	1,244	1,264

* Includes 3,532,157 and 654,486 pounds held by refining and manufacturing establishments and 2,970,733 and 2,682,030 pounds in transit to refiners and consumers Aug. 1 1926 and Aug. 31 1926, respectively.

x Includes 3,044,473 and 3,138,595 pounds held by refiners, brokers, agents, and warehousemen at places other than refineries and manufacturing establishments, and 2,699,519 and 7,426,298 pounds in transit to manufacturers of lard substitute, oleomargarine, soap, &c., Aug. 1 1926 and Aug. 31 1926, respectively.

z Produced from 20,364,084 pounds crude oil.

EXPORTS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS FOR ONE MONTH END. AUG. 31.

Item.	1926.	1925.
Oil, Crude	-----	-----
Refined	133,024	2,509
Coke and meal	169,070	2,816,782
Cake and meal	27,025	16,813
Linters	6,225	2,640

Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for August 1926.

The Department of Commerce announced on Sept. 21 that, according to preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of the Census, 37,524,888 cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on Aug. 31 1926, of which 31,321,936 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 31,082,482 for July, 31,770,900 for June, 33,267,410 for May, 32,893,042 for April, 33,233,382 for March, and 31,269,774 for August 1925. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was 7,489,366,898. During August the normal time of operation was 26 days, compared with 26 for July, 26 for June, 25½

for May, 25 2-3 for April and 27 for March. Based on an activity of 8.78 hours per day the average number of spindles operated during August was 32,807,810, or at 87.4% capacity on a single shift basis. This percentage compares with 78.9 for July, 88.4 for June, 88.9 for May, 98.2 for April, 102.1 for March, and 80.1 for August 1925. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 200. The total number of cotton spinning spindles in place, the number active, the number of active spindle hours and the average spindle hours per spindle in place, by States, are shown in the following statement:

State.	Spinning Spindles.		Ave. Spindle Hours for Aug.	
	In Place Aug. 31.	Active during August.	Total.	Average per Spindle in Place.
Cotton-growing States	17,878,650	16,964,426	4,867,929,378	272
New England States	17,885,712	12,854,786	2,358,521,301	132
All other States	1,760,526	1,502,724	262,916,219	149
Alabama	1,460,894	1,409,086	373,358,790	256
Connecticut	1,200,164	995,236	174,516,843	145
Georgia	2,917,424	2,753,400	774,716,476	266
Maine	1,130,600	807,532	134,440,421	119
Massachusetts	11,414,250	8,098,086	1,517,785,663	133
New Hampshire	1,422,206	916,286	160,750,946	113
New Jersey	415,604	405,324	40,120,388	97
New York	916,126	717,872	140,059,694	153
North Carolina	6,081,816	5,666,510	1,630,215,680	288
Pennsylvania	138,172	118,602	23,033,742	167
Rhode Island	2,573,684	1,903,938	345,201,876	134
South Carolina	5,355,432	5,267,378	1,639,539,883	306
Tennessee	567,500	519,764	142,444,949	251
Texas	239,828	211,556	60,795,465	253
Virginia	711,314	687,894	136,199,851	191
All other States	979,874	843,472	196,186,231	200
United States	37,524,888	31,321,936	7,489,366,898	200

Dockmen's Hours Cut—Association of 65,000 Workers Sign 44-Hour Week Agreement.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Sept. 22:

Joseph P. Ryan, International Vice-President of the Longshoremen's Association, announced yesterday afternoon that the membership of the North Atlantic Coast District, totaling 65,000 longshoremen, checkers and cargo repairmen, had voted to accept the wage scale and conditions submitted by the Transatlantic Steamship Conference Committee, which represents all the transatlantic lines on the North Atlantic coast. The agreement affects all ports on the coast from Portland, Me., to Hampton Roads, Va. One hundred delegates from the various coast locals took part in the tabulation of the results.

The terms accepted were 80 cents an hour for a 44-hour week for the whole year, with \$1 20 an hour for overtime, Sundays and holidays.

The vote was tabulated yesterday at 164 Eleventh Avenue, headquarters of the union.

Crude Oil and Gasoline Price Changes.

Additional changes in the price of crude oil and a number of reductions in the gasoline market, marked the week in oil trading circles. The Gulf Oil Co. on Sept. 18 met reductions of 10 cents a barrel in Bellevue crude, announced by Standard Oil of Louisiana last week (see pages 1438). On Sept. 20, the Humble Oil & Refining Co. served notice to Crane and Upton County producers that, while it has not posted prices in that territory, it will pay producers on the basis of the new schedule posted by Kay County Oil & Gas Co. on Sept. 15. Effective Sept. 23, the Humble Oil & Refining Co. also posted a price of \$1 25 a barrel for all Carson and Hutchinson County crude oil run to storage. No other change was made at that time. Previously Humble paid from \$1 35 to \$2 15 a barrel for Hutchinson County crude, according to gravity. The Magnolia Petroleum Co. on Sept. 24 announced a reduction to \$1 25 a barrel in the posted price of crude oil, meeting the reduction made by Humble Oil & Refining for Hutchinson and Carson Counties, Texas. This company went a step further and made the new price apply to the entire Panhandle district. On the same date, the Gulf Pipe Line Co. met the new posting of \$1 25 a barrel by Magnolia Petroleum Co. for all crude oil in Hutchinson and Carson Counties. These are the only two counties in which the Gulf company posts in Panhandle district.

In the gasoline market, several small reductions mostly local in character, occurred. The Standard Oil Co. of New York on Sept. 20 reduced the tank wagon and service station price of gasoline in Rochester, N. Y., 1 cent a gallon to 20 and 24 cents, respectively. On Sept. 22 the Union Oil Co. of California reduced the price of gasoline 3c. a gallon at Los Angeles, Calif., and this was followed on the same day by the California Petroleum Corp. Other marketers were said to be awaiting action by Standard Oil Co. of California.

In the wholesale sales U. S. motor gasoline was quoted at 10½ to 19¾ cents a gallon against 10½@11 last week. Kerosene and fuel oils were unchanged.

Crude Oil Production Again Shows Decline.

The daily average gross crude oil output in the United States for the week ended Sept. 18 showed a decline of 11,950 barrels. Daily production fell to 2,172,400 barrels as compared with 2,184,350 barrels for the preceding week. The daily average production east of California was 1,575,800 barrels as compared with 1,585,550 barrels, a decrease of 9,750 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks indicated:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(In Barrels.)	Sept. 18 '26.	Sept. 11 '26.	Sept. 4 '26.	Sept. 19 '25.
Oklahoma	465,000	465,300	467,100	493,950
Kansas	112,250	112,750	112,950	111,500
North Texas	201,800	199,850	197,300	77,250
East Central Texas	59,050	64,900	66,800	87,700
West Central Texas	93,050	93,150	94,200	74,950
Southwest Texas	46,100	46,800	46,700	45,450
North Louisiana	56,450	55,950	56,800	47,800
Arkansas	152,450	154,250	156,950	218,800
Gulf Coast	173,700	175,750	177,500	95,050
Eastern	110,500	110,000	109,500	107,500
Wyoming	67,500	65,700	68,350	87,800
Montana	24,900	27,950	27,900	15,050
Colorado	8,300	8,650	8,500	3,800
New Mexico	4,750	4,550	4,750	4,000
California	596,600	598,800	601,000	661,000
Total	2,172,400	2,184,350	2,196,300	2,131,600

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, North, East Central, West Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended Sept. 18 was 1,186,150 barrels, as compared with 1,192,950 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 6,800 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Ark., heavy oil, was 1,066,850 barrels, as compared with 1,072,550 barrels, a decrease of 5,700 barrels.

In Oklahoma, production of North Braman is reported at 9,900 barrels against 9,950 barrels; South Braman, 8,100 barrels against 7,950 barrels; Tonkawa, 39,350 barrels against 40,650 barrels; Garber, 29,050 barrels against 29,450 barrels; Burbank, 47,850 barrels against 49,100 barrels; Bristow-Slick, 27,550 barrels against 27,650 barrels; Cromwell, 15,500 barrels against 15,650 barrels; Papoose, 10,250 barrels against 10,500 barrels; Wewoka, 30,100 barrels against 30,450 barrels; Seminole, 20,300 barrels against 17,400 barrels.

In North Texas, Hutchinson County is reported at 112,600 barrels against 110,500 barrels, and balance Panhandle 9,100 barrels against 8,250 barrels. In East Central Texas, Corsicana Powell, 25,550 barrels against 26,250 barrels; Nigger Creek, 13,350 barrels against 18,000 barrels; Reagan County, West Central Texas, 28,750 barrels against 28,200 barrels; Crane and Upton counties, 9,300 barrels against 9,250 barrels; and in the Southwest Texas field, Luling, 21,400 barrels against 21,700 barrels; Laredo district, 18,300 barrels against 18,500 barrels; Lytton Springs, 3,750 barrels against 3,950 barrels. In North Louisiana, Haynesville is reported at 9,300 barrels, no change; Irania, 14,250 barrels, against 13,550 barrels; and in Arkansas, Smackover light, 14,650 barrels against 14,750 barrels; heavy, 119,300 barrels against 120,400 barrels, and Lisbon, 8,000 barrels against 8,500 barrels. In the Gulf Coast field, Hull is reported at 19,350 barrels against 17,950 barrels; West Columbia, 8,550 barrels against 8,750 barrels; Spindletop, 87,050 barrels against 89,250 barrels; Orange County, 8,150 barrels against 8,100 barrels, and South Liberty, 4,100 barrels against 4,500 barrels.

In Wyoming, Salt Creek is reported at 46,800 barrels against 44,200 barrels, and Sunburst, Montana, 22,000 barrels against 25,000 barrels.

In California, Santa Fe Springs is reported at 48,000 barrels, no change; Long Beach, 94,000 barrels against 96,500 barrels; Huntington Beach, 44,500 barrels, no change; Torrance, 27,000 barrels; against 27,500 barrels; Dominguez, 22,000 barrels against 21,500 barrels; Rosecrans, 13,000 barrels against 13,500 barrels; Inglewood, 42,000 barrels against 43,000 barrels; Midway Sunset, 94,000 barrels, no change; Ventura Avenue, 48,600 barrels against 47,800 barrels.

Steel Market Strengthened by Rail Orders—Prices Stable.

New orders for finished steel and deliveries on those placed in the summer continue in fair balance, but forecasts for the fourth quarter show some divergence. Pittsburgh mills find indications that in a few lines operations in the fourth quarter will be somewhat less than in the three months now ending, observes the "Iron Age" in its Sept. 28 market review.

Considerable activity in fourth quarter contracts in plates, shapes and bars has developed in the past week, prices being in the main the same that have obtained since June. Specifying also has been stimulated by a Sept. 30 limitation on unspecified bars and shapes booked at 1.90c., adds the "Age," giving additional facts of interest as follows:

Almost uniformly producers put their operating rate at 85% and they expect to carry it into October. Chicago outdoes other districts in reporting the past week's sales and specifications as the best since early August.

Thus far in September rail buying and rail inquiry for 1927 have been closely in line with what developed at this time a year ago, except that the Pennsylvania order is expected to be an early one this fall. Again it will be close to 200,000 tons, of which 40,000 tons is reported already placed for the lines west of Pittsburgh.

Chicago mills report definite rail inquiries this week for 220,000 tons and look for as much more in the next few days. The C. & O. will buy 54,000 tons of rails and 8,000 tons of track supplies. An L. & N. inquiry is for 8,000 tons of bolts, 18,000 kegs of spikes and 6,000 tons of angle bars.

Buying of rolling stock is starting just as the books of the car shops are nearly bare. The American Refrigerator Transit Co. has placed 2,000 cars and the week's total is 2,600 and 41 locomotives. For the Chicago & North Western \$12,000,000 worth of equipment has been authorized including 2,450 freight cars.

For fourth quarter delivery the Pennsylvania RR.'s inquiry for plates, shapes and bars is of good size—22,000 tons—and it has just bought 3,000 tons of fabricated car parts.

Included in 34,000 tons of structural steel newly inquired for is 9,600 tons for subway construction in New York. Pipe lines for Ellensburg,

Wash., and Los Angeles, Calif., will take 6,000 and 7,250 tons, respectively, on which bids will be requested soon.

Fabricated structural steel bookings in August 250,000 tons, were the largest since last October. Those of Aug. 1925, were 238,000 tons. Sales so far this year are only 30,000 tons short of the 1,750,000 tons for the eight months of 1925.

Sheet sales have topped shipments for three successive months. Independent manufacturers produced 801,900 tons in June, July and August and shipments were 807,900 tons, while sales amounted to 919,400 tons. For the 8 months of this year shipments have run 37,000 tons per month ahead of the same period of 1925.

Sheets mills are now producing at 85 to 90% of capacity and seem likely to exceed this year their high record of 1925.

Some sheet manufacturers are asking \$2 a ton advance, or 3.10c. for No. 24 black and 3.95c. for galvanized.

In standard weight steel pipe demand is well below the mid-summer volume, though quite satisfactory in pipe for oil and gas wells. There is doubt as to the full employment of all the seamless tube capacity that is coming forward.

Not all indices of August business show gain. Production of steel barrels, 511,542, was less than in July and June. Shipments likewise were lower. Lessened power plant construction appears in a falling off of mechanical stocker business as compared with July and June, though better than in August last year.

In keeping with a stronger coal market, coke prices have advanced again, and for merchant blast furnaces there is a prospect of higher fuel costs in the fourth quarter. Producers have taken a firmer stand at Pittsburgh, where Bessemer iron has been sold at an advance. At Cleveland prices of foundry and malleable irons for local delivery have gone up 50c. a ton. On the Eastern seaboard, water shipments of pig iron are an increasingly important factor in market calculations. A New England furnace has booked 1,500 tons for barge delivery to the Philadelphia district and has also taken business for shipment to Brooklyn.

More use of water transportation appears also for scrap shipments. A Buffalo mill has purchased 45,000 tons of heavy melting steel and compressed sheets at Detroit for delivery by Lake boat. Scrap prices are weaker in most markets. At Pittsburgh heavy melting steel has declined 50c. and at Chicago 25c. a ton.

Pig tin, in selling at 71c. and 71.12½c. per lb. within the past week, has reached the highest price since the war. Demand of the tin plate industry and increasing use of tin in bearing metals for the automobile industry contribute largely to the active market.

The finished steel and pig iron prices remain unchanged in the composite price table below.

Finished Steel—Sept. 21 1926, 2.439c. per Pound.	
Based on prices of steel bars, beams, tank plates, plain wire, open-hearth rails, black pipe and black sheets, constituting 87% of the United States output.	One week ago.....2.439c. One month ago.....2.431c. One year ago.....2.396c. 10-year pre-war average...1.689c.
Pig Iron—Sept. 21 1926, \$19.46 per Gross Ton.	
Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace and foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.	One week ago.....\$19.46 One month ago.....19.46 One year ago.....19.54 10-year pre-war average...15.72
Finished Steel	
High.	Low.
1926...2.453c. Jan. 5 2.403c. May 18	\$21.54 Jan. 5 \$19.46 July 13
1925...2.560c. Jan. 6 2.396c. Aug. 18	22.50 Jan. 13 18.96 July 7
1924...2.789c. Jan. 15 2.460c. Oct. 14	22.88 Feb. 26 19.21 Nov. 3
1923...2.824c. Apr. 24 2.446c. Jan. 2	30.86 Mar. 20 20.77 Nov. 20

Major developments in iron and steel during the past week have been on the side of continued confidence. Railroad inquiry for cars and track material has broadened, four quarter pig iron purchased have topped 100,000 tons and prices are stronger. Automobile production is bowling along at a rate which, if maintained proportionately in later months, should surpass the 1925 total, declares the "Iron Trade Review" in summarizing conditions affecting the market in its issue of Sept. 23. Mahoning Valley sheet-makers have put up their prices \$2 and are lengthening their backlogs. Demand for semi-finished material and improved orders for finished steel in the first twenty days of September exceeded those of the corresponding period of August, despite the Labor Day handicap, continues the "Review," adding further features of interest which are quoted below:

Opposed to these favorable factors are a decline of several points in the steel ingot rate at Pittsburgh, although Youngstown and Chicago operations are being maintained and a disposition on the part of Western implement manufacturers to specify more moderately pending the determination of the extent to which adverse weather in the Central West will check fall implement purchasing in heavy lines such as plates, shapes and bars and the surrendered leadership for tin being to lighter lines, particularly sheets, notwithstanding heavy ordering this month.

Pig iron requirements for fourth quarter and first quarter as well as receiving more attention at Buffalo. Sales at Cleveland the past week totaled 65,000 tons or more than four times the recent weekly average! Higher quotations on coke, some loss in merchant iron production, and increased melt in some directions contributed to generally stronger iron market.

Following the lead of a Chicago maker last week, most Mahoning Valley sheet interests have advanced their quotations \$2 a ton and now are asking 3.95c., Pittsburgh, for galvanized sheets and 3.10c. for black and 2.40c. for blue annealed. This rise, coming on the heels of new bases and differentials on black and galvanized sheets, imparted a firmer tone to the sheet market and has spurred users to cover ahead into first quarter in instances where deliveries become more deferred. The Bethlehem Steel Co., which has transported scrap from the head of Lake Superior to Buffalo, is now understood to have purchased 50,000 tons at Detroit for water movement to Buffalo. This eastbound traffic on the Great Lakes in scrap supplements the growing movement of finished material from Lake Erie ports to Detroit.

The "Iron Trade Review's" composite price on 14 leading iron and steel products this week is \$37.86. This compares with \$37.78 last week and \$37.76 the previous week.

Heavy Copper Sales at Easier Prices—Large Consumer Buys at 14.25 Cents, Delivered in East—Zinc and Tin Lower.

The feature in the market for non-ferrous metals this week has been the activity in copper. The volume of sales in

zinc has been much less than last week, while trading in lead has also been quiet. Prices on all of the more important metals have tapered off slightly, though lead has almost held its own, "Engineering and Mining Journal" reports. Non-ferrous metals consumption continues on as large a scale as ever, though advance orders are not so great as they were a month or two back, especially among the copper and brass manufacturers.

Demand for copper the "Engineering and Mining Journal" says, was quiet until yesterday when one large consumer made heavy purchases, absorbing most of the floating supply of 14 1/4 cents a pound, delivered in the East. A few small orders were placed at 14.425 cents, delivered in the Middle West. Compared with prices at which business went through last week, the market declined about 5 points. Most sellers continue to quote 14.30 cents a pound, delivered in the East. The foreign market has been a little better.

The official contract price of lead held at 8.75 cents a pounds, New York. In the St. Louis market the prices for lead developed some irregularity. Although sales were larger than last week, the market may still be described as quiet. Zinc prices held fairly steady until the last two days, when a lull in buying caused producers to shade prices to some extent. Tin for prompt delivery brought 71 1/8 cents a pounds, New York, last Thursday, thereby establishing a high record for the last six years. Since then it has declined steadily to 69.12 1/2 cents a pound, in sympathy with London.

Stephen Birch Thinks Copper Industry Should Once More Thrive.

Stephen Birch, President of the Kennecott Copper Corporation, one of the authorities on the copper industry, declares, in the September "Mining Congress Journal," that "America's copper industry should once more thrive and prosper," following the depression incident to Europe's decreased buying power. He points out that the United States has for many years uninterruptedly held a "dominant position in the copper-producing world." Tracing the beginning of America's copper industry in Michigan in 1845, Mr. Birch points out that production of copper in the United States has yearly increased from "an insignificant total of 224,000 pounds to the stupendous amount of 1,708,000,000 pounds in 1925."

"The copper industry," says Mr. Birch, "has continued hand in hand through these three quarters of a century with the improved facilities which industry and an increasingly exacting civilization have demanded; the telegraph and telephone; electric lighting; electric railways; automobiles and radios. In short, the history of America's copper industry is but the history of the refinements of civilization, which to us have now become necessities. In these America leads the world. The superiority and economy of copper and alloys have replaced inferior metals in many uses." Referring to the copper export trade Mr. Birch says:

But America's copper industry cannot really prosper with European consumption so far below normal. The copper industry has suffered as no other from effects of the war, and has never recovered from its consequences. The progress of Europe has been retarded, and with it the progress of the copper industry. The greatly lowered European consumption has been the cause of the unprecedented depression in our copper industry since the war. As Europe is restored financially and economically, America's copper industry should once more thrive and prosper.

Stocks of Copper Declined in August.

Copper to blister stage and beyond in hands of North and South American producers, including copper in process and in transit, came, according to American Bureau of Metal Statistics, to 326,251 short tons Sept. 1, compared with 341,750 tons Aug. 1, reduction of 15,499 tons or 30,998,000 pounds in August. The "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 13 in noting this said:

These stocks July 1 were 341,312 tons, 344,312 June 1, high, and 321,957 Jan. 1, low of the year.

Stocks of refined copper in hands of North and South American producers Sept. 1 came to 66,940 tons, compared with 64,940 tons Aug. 1, low of the year, increase of \$1,311 tons or 2,622,000 pounds in August. Refined stocks July 1 came to 66,096 tons, June 1, 69,369 tons, 72,644 May 1 and 86,354 tons March 1, high of the year.

Blister copper in stocks at smelters and refineries, in process and transit Sept. 1, came to 259,593 tons compared with 276,810 Aug. 1, high of the year, decrease in August of 17,217 tons or 34,434,000 pounds. Blister figures July 1 were 275,338 tons and June 1, 274,943 tons.

Distribution of Shipments.

Shipments, foreign and domestic, by North and South American producers and refineries in August were 127,207 short tons, compared with 120,176 in July, 120,016 in June, 117,173 in May, 132,946 in March and 105,370 tons in January. Total for first eight months was 947,627 tons, monthly average of 118,452 tons, compared with 117,930 tons a month for full year 1925 and 109,982 tons for 1924.

Domestic shipments for August came to 84,034 tons, second highest in history of the industry, compared with 76,352 tons in July, 78,206 in June, 73,197 in May, 88,573 tons in March, all-time record, and 67,829 in January, low for the year. Total of domestic shipments for eight months was 613,627 tons, average of 76,703 tons, compared with monthly average of 69,264 for full year 1925 and 62,782 tons for 1924.

Foreign shipments in August came to 43,173 tons, compared with 43,824 tons in July, 41,810 in June and 43,976 tons in May, making total for eight months 333,995 tons, average of 41,739 tons, compared with monthly average of 48,712 tons for full year 1925 and 47,200 for 1924.

August Output.

Production of refined copper in August for North and South American mines came to 128,925 tons, daily average of 4,159 tons, compared with 119,020 in July, daily average of 3,839 tons, 116,743 tons, daily average of 3,891 tons in June and total of 941,198 tons so far this year. Monthly and daily averages for eight months were respectively 117,649 and 3,873 tons, compared with averages of 117,649 and 3,705 for full year 1925 and 108,361 and 3,553 tons in 1924.

Wire-bar shipments in August came to 82,171 short tons, or 64.6% of the total for the month, with domestic shipments of wire-bars 53,286 tons. Cake shipments came to 15,428 tons, or 12.13%, with 12,754 tons domestic. Ingot-bar shipments came to 7,460 tons, or 5.86% with 3,854 tons for export. Ingot shipments came to 7,373 tons, or 5.8%, with 7,090 tons domestic. Shipments of cathodes came to 5,955 tons, or 4.68%, with 4,615 tons domestic. Blister shipments totaled 5,712 tons, or 4.49%, all for export. Other shapes totaled 3,108 tons, or 2.44%, with 2,683 tons domestic.

Germany Principal Customer.

Wire-bar shipments for first eight months came to 632,977 tons, or 66.8%, with 393,489 tons domestic. Cake shipments totaled 96,426 tons, or 10.18%, with 73,196 tons domestic. Ingot shipments were 73,782 tons, or 7.79%, with 38,953 tons export. Ingot shipments came to 54,035 tons, or 5.7%, with 52,638 tons domestic. Cathode shipments came to 53,695 tons, or 5.66%, with 40,204 domestic. Blister shipments came to 14,464 tons, or 1.52%, all but 2 tons being for export. Other shapes totaled 22,243 tons, or 2.35%, with 19,269 tons domestic.

Germany led in export shipments in August with 9,811 tons, or 22.72% of the total exports; Great Britain was second with 8,634 tons, or 19.99%; Italy third with 7,154 tons, or 16.57%; France fourth with 5,447 tons, or 12.62%; Holland fifth with 3,833 tons, or 8.88%; Far East sixth with 3,007, or 6.97%; and Belgium seventh with 2,937 tons, 6.8%.

For the eight months Great Britain led with 74,807 tons, or 22.4%; France was second with 73,588 tons, or 22.03%; Germany third with 57,173 tons, or 17.12%; Italy fourth with 35,140 tons, or 10.52%; Belgium fifth with 28,959, or 8.67%; Holland sixth with 20,360, or 6.08%, and Far East seventh with 15,141 tons, or 4.53%.

Increase in World Copper Production in August.

Copper production of the world in August amounted to 132,500 tons, an increase of 4,000 tons as compared with July, according to statistics of American Bureau of Metal Statistics. In July the output totaled 128,500 tons and in June 128,100 tons. The "Wall Street News" of yesterday (Sept. 24) in giving these figures, added:

For the first eight months of 1926 the production of reporting countries was 1,041,151 tons, or an average of 130,143 tons per month, compared with an average of 128,406 tons monthly in the entire year 1925 and 121,628 in 1924. Allowing for estimates for non-reporting countries the output in the eight months ended Aug. 31 last is placed at 1,073,100 tons.

The following table gives the production for August with comparisons, figures in net tons:

	Aug.	July.	June.	8 Mos. End.
				Aug. 31.
United States	77,613	76,479	77,166	637,159
Mexico	3,274	3,532	3,762	28,197
Canada	3,142	2,927	1,788	22,988
Chile and Peru	19,501	18,430	18,921	164,224
Japan	*6,000	6,057	6,085	48,349
Australia	226	540	1,469	5,690
Europe, a	10,500	8,880	7,600	74,900
Belgian Congo	8,206	7,718	7,309	59,644
Total	128,462	124,483	124,100	1,041,151
Non-reporting countries, estimated.	4,000	4,000	4,000	31,900
Worlds' total	132,500	128,500	128,100	1,073,100

* Estimated. a Incomplete; partly estimated.

World Zinc Stocks Down 4,000 Tons—Sharpe Estimates Zinc Stocks, Sept. 1, at 33,200 Metric Tons, Against 37,200 Aug. 1.

A. J. M. Sharpe, Honorary Foreign Secretary of the American Zinc Institute, estimates world stocks of zinc Sept. 1 at 33,200 metric tons of 2,204.6 pounds each, compared with 37,200 tons Aug. 1, a decrease of 4,000 tons in August, says the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 21, from which the following is taken:

World stocks July 1 he estimated at 40,600 tons; June 1, 49,200; May 1, 43,100; 36,400 April 1, and 33,500 March 1.

Following table gives, in metric tons, Mr. Sharpe's estimates of zinc stocks in the various countries for the last six months:

	Sept.	Aug. 1.	July 1.	June 1.	May 1.	Apr. 1.
United States	16,500	20,900	23,400	27,200	23,000	18,000
Canada	2,400	2,300	2,100	2,400	2,200	2,600
Australia	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,300
Germany and Poland	5,500	5,800	6,500	9,000	7,500	7,400
Belgium	2,000	1,800	1,800	2,800	2,600	2,400
France	1,000	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,000	1,000
Great Britain	1,400	1,000	1,200	2,200	1,800	800
Scandinavia	200	200	200	200	200	200
Far East	500	500	500	500	500	500
Elsewhere	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000
Total	33,200	37,200	40,600	49,200	43,100	36,400

Mr. Sharpe, in viewing the world situation as it pertains to zinc, sees a shortage of zinc in Europe in face of an abundance of ore, provided that the English coal strike is settled this month, as he expects. A possible reason for apprehension that he warns against is an increase in American output which must reflect itself in uneasiness in European prices, even if American prices should stay above European parity.

Believes British Strike About Over.

In discussing the situation in detail Mr. Sharpe says: "September has opened very quietly from a market point of view, and it is doubtful whether there will be any real liveliness until the prolonged coal strike in Great Britain is over and the miners return to work. Undoubtedly, the back of the strike has been broken, and with the near approach of winter it becomes imperative for the union leaders to make the best terms possible for a settlement. The crisis is now on its last legs, and it will surprise everyone if the dispute is not settled during the current month.

"Meanwhile, the British zinc industry remains entirely closed. The 20 tons reported to have been produced in August were obtained from experimental work. It will be at least a month after the coal miners return to work before the zinc smelters can attain full operation.

"Fair stocks of Australian concentrates exist, and to prevent any undue accumulation and locking up of money the bulk of the arrivals has been turned over to the Belgian smelters. Thus, the ore supply has been superabundant, a factor which has influenced a hardening in the returning charge and the practical cessation of imports of ore from the Tri-State field.

"The Belgian zinc industry has attained its pre-war scale of production, and the main concern in that country to-day is its ability in the years to come to compete successfully with the ever-increasing output of high-grade metal produced by the electrolytic and electro-thermic methods of treatment. High grade 99.9% is becoming increasingly popular, as its premium over the selling price of common zinc lessens. The premium has steadily come down from £3 a ton a few months ago to £1 17s. 6d., and as it becomes necessary to place larger quantities, so will the spread between the two grades contract, in my opinion. Belgian zinc interests are not unnaturally somewhat apprehensive of this cheaper method of producing metal, which they are unable to employ through lack of hydro-electric power in their own country. For this reason, we may be assured that the Belgians will leave no stone unturned in improving their distillation practice, at the same time trying out the new metallurgical processes.

Consumption in Europe Good.

"Consumption in Europe is well maintained and highly encouraging, having regard to the disturbed political and economic situation. The galvanizing trade keeps busy, and the rollers are still so heavily occupied that no fresh business can be accepted for delivery nearer than three months ahead.

"Increased number of retorts operating in the United States at the end of July has caused a certain amount of perturbation on this side, lest it is the forerunner of another increase in American production of slab zinc.

"One point I would desire to emphasize is that if the United States smelters do inflate their output again and have to press sales at the sacrifice of market prices, there will be a repercussion on this side of the Atlantic. While it is true that the St. Louis quotation is above London parity, there must always be a certain amount of sympathy between the two markets, and any decided trend in America would be promptly reflected in England."

Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Prices Continue to Show Advance—Foreign Trade Good.

An extraordinary overseas demand and the normal seasonal expansion in domestic requirements for bituminous coal fuse to form the controlling factor in the soft coal markets of the country at the present time, declares the weekly market review issued Sept. 23 by the "Coal Age." The first-named movement is sweeping a large part of the southern end of the Appalachian region free of surplus coal at a time when the slowing up in lake shipments might bring increasing pressure upon all-rail inland markets. The broadening of domestic demand—particularly in the Middle West—is checked only by the ability of the producers to market an increased output of small coal concurrently with the larger sizes, observes the "Age" in reviewing conditions affecting the trade. It then goes on to say:

A secondary factor about which little is heard at this time, but which may crowd the present primary influence for position, is the car shortages. On the whole, the service accorded the mines by the railroads has been excellent. In a large degree this service has acted as a brake upon rising prices. The fluidity of transportation also has encouraged large industrial consumers to run with smaller reserve stocks than were thought advisable in the old days of recurring car shortages. The surplus, however, is uncomfortably small, and railroads are frankly warning consumers that only prompt loading and unloading will prevent a crisis.

The advance in spot prices continues. Notwithstanding slight losses on certain sizes in specific markets—especially on screenings in Chicago—weighted average prices in all fields either held previous gains or showed an advance. "Coal Age" index of spot bituminous prices for Sept. 20 was 181 and the corresponding weighted average price was \$2 19—an increase of 5 points and 6c. over Sept. 13. These figures, also registered twice in January, are the highest recorded this year.

Weekly bituminous production is at a high rate. Despite the holiday loss of 785,000 net tons during the week ended Sept. 11, the daily average increased 58,000 tons. Loadings the first two days of last week indicated a recovery which would again push the weekly output over the 11,000,000-ton mark. Lake dumpings, however, are less of a factor in maintaining the high rate. During the week ended Sept. 19 the total dumped was 835,983 tons of cargo and 55,569 tons of vessel fuel. This brought the season's total to that date to 20,922,808 tons, as against 18,676,138 tons last year, 16,219,332 tons in 1924 and 22,431,845 tons in 1923.

Domestic anthracite is riding on the crest of the wage of the householders' rebellion against forced substitution of fuels last winter. Stove maintains its undisputed leadership; chestnut is growing in strength, but egg and pea are easier. Independent prices at New York have been advanced again, but other markets show a distaste for increasing premiums on domestic tonnage. In spite of the strong position of hard coal, the field for other fuels is quietly expanding.

Conditions in the steam division of the trade are mixed. Some No. 1 buckwheat still goes into storage and independent producers are compelled to make sharp concessions in prices to effect prompt disposition. Rice, too, is none too strong. Barley is in the best position of all, but even here coal is moving at less than the company circulars.

The Conneville coke trade is marking time. The recent advances in prices on furnace coke have been maintained, but there is no great demand for spot tonnage. Scattered orders for fuel for domestic consumption are now coming into the market.

In the train of distinctly improved condition, better feeling and stronger prices, the coal industry has run into some inevitable difficulties. Car shortage has made its debut for the season and in the midst of unemployment in certain districts is heard the cry of labor shortage in others, declares the "Coal and Coal Trade Journal" in its review of conditions in the market during last week.

Undoubtedly in the past few weeks an immense change has come over the whole coal market, and no decided change can be accomplished without its attending pain and disorder, continues the "Journal" in its issue of Sept. 22, adding:

The difficulties are normal ones that are to be expected and to an extent were anticipated. In the matter of transportation of coal by rail and ship for export, coal has come into conflict with wheat. Ships have already been taken from the coal exporter to carry foodstuffs to foreign ports. Back of this comes the warning to unload coal cars quickly as they might tend to accumulate at the ports and elsewhere and cause at the mines a congestion of coal that should be placed in cars. Labor has moved in several directions in the last few months. Now that it is needed at certain points, it is found wanting. This is a temporary condition but a trying one.

It is generally reported that the industrial buyers are again in the market. Gas and low volatile are in demand, the latter having made a notable advance in price. It is said that the producers of low volatile now actually look for a profit from their mining operations instead of continuing at a loss or dangerously near to that condition.

New York dealers have received in many instances an increase of orders for anthracite and the delivery and service is said to be good. It can be pointed out here that considerable has been accomplished in the way of meeting any reasonable demand that the public may make. "Co-operation all along the line" is the watchword at this time. The effects of the Saratoga Convention are distinctly being felt.

From Cincinnati comes the word that the car shortage is acutely felt with heavy buying pressure reported from the interior. A notable confirmation of the transportation difficulties is found in the fact that in Kentucky and West Virginia two lines are attempting to cause a diverging of shipments from tidewater to Lake ports. Lake buyers are regretting now that they did not take advantage of a lull when it certainly existed in the early spring, to secure their usual tonnage.

Bituminous grades and qualities are stronger in price, demand and movement in West Virginia.

Pittsburgh activities have not indicated the increase in price that might be expected. There is peculiarly little change in coke prices, but again the demand has increased.

Ohio is carrying on a rather remarkable campaign to bring about the advancement of its coal industry. Whatever the result may be the effort can hardly be considered as other than commendable. Two-thirds of Ohio miners are idle, it is declared, and some change in the labor situation is needed before any real improvement can be expected.

One of the authorities who speaks through this issue of "Coal and Coal Trade Journal" declares that there is no excess of coal at New York piers and that New England loading is likely. Hampton Roads, that generally takes care of the northern points, has plenty to do without remembering them.

Altogether the coal market is facing a distinctly interesting situation. Prices have advanced fairly and moderately. Some of the best authorities advise looking out for what may happen overnight.

Observance of Labor Day Causes Decline in Output of Coal and Coke.

The production of bituminous coal declined by 785,000 net tons and that of anthracite by 261,000 net tons during the week ended Sept. 11. The observance of a holiday on Sept. 6 (Labor Day) was the cause. Coke output also fell off by about 4,000 net tons during the same period, according to data furnished by the United States Bureau of Mines, portions of which we quote herewith:

Because of the Labor Day holiday production of soft coal decreased during the week ended Sept. 11. Total output, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 10,230,000 net tons as against 11,015,000 tons in the preceding week.

From the shipments on Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 6), which amounted to 12,773 cars, it appears that in the bituminous fields the day was equivalent to about four-tenths of a normal working day. Loadings on the remaining days of the week show that after the holiday production was stimulated and the average daily rate of output was higher than in any week since February.

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

	1926		1925	
	Week	Cal. Yr. to Date	Week	Cal. Yr. to Date
August 28.....	11,217,000	353,508,000	11,133,000	315,298,000
Daily average.....	1,870,000	1,739,000	1,856,000	1,552,000
Sept. 4.....	11,015,000	364,523,000	10,827,000	326,125,000
Daily average.....	1,836,000	1,742,000	1,805,000	1,559,000
Sept. 11.....	10,230,000	374,753,000	9,983,000	336,108,000
Daily average.....	1,894,000	1,746,000	1,849,000	1,566,000

a Original estimates corrected for usual error which in past has averaged 2%. b Minus one day's production in January to equalize number of days in the two years. c Revised. d To be revised. e Counting labor Day as equivalent to 0.4 of a normal working day.

ANTHRACITE.

All anthracite mines were closed down on Monday, Sept. 6—Labor Day. Production during the five remaining days of the week amounted to 1,690,000 net tons, indicating a daily rate of output higher by about 4% than in the preceding week.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

	1926		1925	
	Week	Cal. Yr. to Date	Week	Cal. Yr. to Date
August 28.....	1,999,000	52,243,000	2,263,000	60,794,000
September 4.....	1,951,000	54,194,000	434,000	61,228,000
September 11.....	1,690,000	55,884,000	5,000	61,233,000

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

BEEHIVE COKE.

The usual weekly table of output follows:

	Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).				
	Week Ended		1926		1925
	Sept. 11 '26 ^b	Sept. 4 '26 ^c	Sept. 12 '25	to Date. ^a	
Pennsylvania & Ohio.....	149,000	153,000	133,000	6,886,000	5,078,000
West Virginia.....	15,000	13,000	11,000	533,000	422,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.....	5,000	6,000	11,000	480,000	644,000
Virginia.....	6,000	6,000	5,000	256,000	250,000
Colorado & New Mexico.....	3,000	3,000	4,000	185,000	167,000
Washington & Utah.....	2,000	3,000	3,000	123,000	139,000
United States total.....	180,000	184,000	167,000	8,463,000	6,700,000
Daily average.....	30,000	31,000	28,000	40,000	32,000

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

Coke Production During the Month of August.

Production of by-product coke during August remained practically stationary, the total amounting to 3,749,000 tons, compared with 3,756,000 tons in July, a decrease of less than two-tenths of 1%, according to the information given out by the United States Bureau of Mines. The daily rate declined in the same ratio from 121,156 tons in July to 120,930 tons in August. There were 75 active plants, the same number as in July, and these plants produced about 90% of their total capacity.

According to the "Iron Age," the output of pig iron during the 31 days of August amounted to 3,196,190 gross tons, or 103,103 tons per day. This is a decline of 875 tons, or less than 1% from the 103,978 tons per day made in the 31 days of July.

The output of beehive coke during August was the smallest during the current year, amounting to 752,000 tons, a decrease of 22% when compared with the July total.

Output of all coke totaled 4,501,000 tons, the by-product plants contributing 83% and the beehive plants 17%.

MONTHLY OUTPUT OF BY-PRODUCT AND BEEHIVE COKE IN THE UNITED STATES (NET TONS).^a

	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.....	3,326,000 ^b	948,000 ^b	4,272,000 ^b
May 1926.....	3,722,000	884,000	4,606,000
June 1926.....	3,610,000	811,000	4,421,000
July 1926.....	3,756,000	963,000	4,719,000
August 1926.....	3,749,000	752,000	4,501,000

^a Excludes screenings and breeze. ^b Revised since last report.

The total quantity of coal consumed at coke plants in August was about 6,574,000 tons, of which 5,386,000 tons were consumed in by-product ovens and 1,188,000 tons in beehive ovens.

Of the total output of by-product coke during August 3,119,000 tons, or 83.2%, was made in plants associated with iron furnaces, and 630,000 tons, or 16.8%, 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.	
	Fur-nace.	Other.	Fur-nace.	Other.	Fur-nace.	Other.	Fur-nace.	Other.	Fur-nace.	Other.	Fur-nace.	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	83.3	16.7
August.....	83.0	17.0	80.3	19.7	82.7	17.3	79.5	20.5	82.1	17.9	83.2	16.8
September.....	83.8	16.2	82.7	17.3	82.2	17.8	82.0	18.0	82.2	17.8	83.2	16.8
October.....	84.0	16.0	83.3	16.7	82.2	17.8	82.9	17.1	82.3	17.7	83.2	16.8
November.....	84.2	15.8	83.1	16.9	82.2	17.8	83.4	16.6	83.0	17.0	83.2	16.8
December.....	84.9	15.1	82.9	17.1	82.6	17.4	84.6	15.4	82.9	17.1	83.2	16.8
	82.7	17.3	83.6	16.4	82.6	17.4	82.3	17.7	83.1	16.9	83.2	16.8

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Sept. 22, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows declines of \$78,800,000 in bill and security holdings and of \$85,300,000 in total deposits, partly offsetting the increases reported a week ago in connection with the Treasury's quarterly financial operations. Increases of \$96,100,000 in holdings of discounted bills and of \$7,900,000 in acceptances purchased in open market were more than offset by a reduction of \$182,900,000 in Government securities, holdings of which last week included \$192,000,000 of temporary certificates issued by the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks pending the collection of the quarterly installment of taxes. Federal Reserve note circulation declined \$8,000,000 and cash reserves \$7,400,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York reports an increase of \$42,500,000 in discount holdings; Chicago, an increase of \$17,400,000; St. Louis, \$16,300,000; San Francisco, \$10,700,000; Cleveland \$6,400,000; Kansas City, \$3,500,000, and Atlanta, \$3,200,000. The remaining five banks show decreases aggregating \$3,800,000. Open-market acceptance holdings of the New York bank increased \$8,300,000 and of Atlanta \$3,400,000, while the St. Louis bank reports a decline of \$6,900,000. The system's holdings of United States securities declined \$182,900,000, or \$9,100,000 less than the amount of temporary certificates redeemed by the Treasury during the week.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation during the week comprise declines of \$7,400,000 at the New York Reserve bank, \$4,100,000 at Philadelphia, \$2,800,000 at San Francisco, and increases of \$3,000,000 at the Atlanta bank and \$2,500,000 at Dallas.

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 1605 and 1606. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Sept. 22 1926, is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	-\$7,400,000	+\$86,700,000
Gold reserves.....	-6,700,000	+60,500,000
Total bills and securities.....	-78,800,000	+28,000,000
Bills discounted, total.....	+96,100,000	+20,900,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+50,500,000	-18,600,000
Other bills discounted.....	+45,600,000	+39,500,000
Bills bought in open market.....	+7,900,000	+31,900,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	-182,900,000	-18,000,000
Bonds.....	-2,300,000	-4,200,000
Treasury notes.....	-1,200,000	-105,400,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	-184,000,000	+91,600,000
Federal reserve notes in circulation.....	-8,000,000	+45,700,000
Total deposits.....	-85,300,000	+64,500,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	-138,500,000	+23,500,000
Government deposits.....	+63,500,000	+35,400,000

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 nearly 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 next week. The Reserve authorities have not 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 Sept. 15 was given out after the close of business on Monday of the present week.

Partly as a result of the Treasury's financial operations, the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement of condition of 695 reporting banks in leading cities as of Sept. 15 shows increases of \$118,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$50,000,000 in investments, \$131,000,000 in reserve balances, \$312,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$173,000,000 in Government deposits, and decreases of \$28,000,000 in time deposits and \$34,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported increases of \$86,000,000 in reserve balances, \$126,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$48,000,000 in Government deposits and \$37,000,000 in loans and discounts, and declines of \$27,000,000 in investments, \$16,000,000 in time deposits and \$41,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve bank.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including United States Government obligations, were \$47,000,000 above the previous week's total, the principal changes being increases of \$19,000,000 in the Boston district and of \$6,000,000 each in the New York, Cleveland and Kansas City districts. All other loans and discounts increased \$71,000,000, of which \$36,000,000 was reported by banks in the New York district and \$12,000,000 by banks in the Chicago district. Total loans to brokers and dealers, secured by stocks and bonds, made by reporting member banks in New York City were \$57,000,000 above the Sept. 8 total, loans for out-of-town

banks increasing \$29,000,000, for own account \$8,000,000 and for others \$20,000,000. As already noted, the figures for these member banks are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. The statement goes on to say:

Holdings of Government securities increased \$18,000,000 at banks in the Boston district, \$12,000,000 each in the Philadelphia and Chicago districts, \$10,000,000 in the Cleveland district and \$8,000,000 each in the Atlanta and San Francisco districts. Banks in the New York district reported a reduction of \$4,000,000 in Government securities and of \$24,000,000 in holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities.

Net demand deposits of reporting member banks increased in all districts except Philadelphia and Richmond, the principal increases by districts being: New York, \$145,000,000; Chicago, \$62,000,000; Boston, \$30,000,000; San Francisco, \$24,000,000; Cleveland, \$15,000,000; St. Louis, \$13,000,000, and Dallas, \$12,000,000. Government deposits, in connection with the Treasury financial operations, increased \$173,000,000, larger figures being reported by banks in all districts.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve bank were \$34,000,000 below the previous week's total. Reductions of \$42,000,000 reported by member banks in the New York district, \$9,000,000 in the San Francisco district and \$12,000,000 in four other districts were partly offset by an increase of \$7,000,000 in the Atlanta district, \$6,000,000 each in the Boston and Cleveland districts and \$4,000,000 in the Richmond district.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 1606—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:

	Increases (+) or Decreases (-) During	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total.....	+\$118,000,000	+\$718,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+17,000,000	-19,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	+30,000,000	+458,000,000
All other.....	+71,000,000	+279,000,000
Investments, total.....	+50,000,000	+191,000,000
U. S. securities.....	+73,000,000	+16,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	-23,000,000	+175,000,000
Reserve balances with Fed. Res. banks.....	+131,000,000	+139,000,000
Cash in vault.....	-6,000,000	+6,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+312,000,000	+227,000,000
Time deposits.....	-28,000,000	+499,000,000
Government deposits.....	+173,000,000	+114,000,000
Total borrowings from Fed. Res. banks.....	-34,000,000	+67,000,000

Summary of Conditions in World's Markets According to Cablegrams and Other Reports to the Department of Commerce.

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication to-day (Sept. 25) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

CANADA.

The Federal elections on Sept. 14 were followed by considerable gratification in business circles and the general outlook is regarded as very satisfactory. Except in Alberta, where unfavorable weather has prevailed, wholesale and retail trade is improving in most of the provinces. General business in the Maritime Provinces is slightly better than it was a year ago. Continued improvement is reported in the boot and shoe industry of the country with increased production by most of the factories. There is much commercial activity in Ontario, and sales are growing in many lines. This is most pronounced in dry goods, wearing apparel, hardware, and heating equipment lines.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The week ended Sept. 18 was featured in Great Britain by further strenuous efforts to find a basis for ending the coal deadlock, but it appears that no progress was made toward a settlement of the difficulty. However, the Government is still working actively on the matter, and it is hoped that this effort, together with the increasing industrial and household needs for a general resumption of coal mining, will shortly bring favorable results. On the other hand, there is considerable demand in the freight market for vessels to bring coal from the United States to Great Britain, and, as it appears that chartering is taking place for loadings as late as November and December, it would seem that some English quarters do not expect to receive English coal in sufficient quantities for several months to come.

BELGIUM.

There is a noticeable increase in optimism in business circles, attributed primarily to the vigorous financial policy of the Government. The economic position of Belgium is generally much stronger now than a month ago. Little public protest has been aroused by the forced consolidation of the internal loan and the distribution of railway stocks. The August retail price index showed a further noticeable increase in the cost of living. A heavy adverse trade balance is revealed by the foreign trade figures for the first seven months of 1926. Among the commodities showing special activity on the Belgian market are coal, iron and steel, cement, glass, leather, and linen, petroleum products and tobacco. Automobile sales are very dull. Although the wheat and rye crops are slightly below normal, other important crops are quite good. August traffic at the port of Antwerp was the heaviest in history.

THE NETHERLANDS.

The usual summer calmness in the Netherlands has been succeeded by an improvement in general business conditions. Crops are on the whole satisfactory, but the animal industry has been hard hit by the British import embargo on meat. The tourist season, which is just closing, is regarded as a failure, due to competition of Belgian and French summer resorts, which as a result of the low exchange has drawn tourists to those countries. Tax yields continue to exceed estimates and it is believed in the Netherlands to be probable that a tax reduction program will be acted on in the near future.

AUSTRIA.

The industrial and trade situation of Austria still continues in an unsatisfactory condition but some encouraging signs are apparent. Some improve-

ment in the trade with Hungary is reported as a result of the terms of the new commercial treaty, effective Aug. 14. Considerable dissatisfaction is, however, expressed concerning trade with the eastern European States, and particularly Rumania. This is a result of unsatisfactory collections.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

The industrial situation in Czechoslovakia shows no decided change, although there are certain signs leading to a belief that improvement may be expected in the near future. As an instance of this may be mentioned the commercial agreement with Hungary, the pending commercial treaty negotiations with Germany and Canada, and the improvement in the internal situation in Poland.

NORWAY.

Norway's materially reduced imports—from 129,415,000 crowns during July 1925 to 72,091,000 crowns during July 1926—reflect industrial stagnation. It is also evident that there has been a readjustment in consumption and spending. Exports, including re-exports, by value have remained practically stationary during the year ended July 31 1926. The discount rate recently was reduced from 5½ to 5% and money has been plentiful for some time. Foreign bank deposits have been largely withdrawn since the elimination of exchange fluctuation. The labor situation still is very unsettled and no agreement has been reached in the conflict in the paper industry.

SWEDEN.

Domestic business has shown moderate activity in Sweden during the last few weeks. The money market continues easy and the decrease in rediscount and bank clearings during August reflected general summer slackness. Irregularity exists in the stock market, with industrials registering losses and banking shares showing gains. It is predicted in Sweden that the Government will borrow primarily for refunding purposes in the domestic market before June 30 1927, the close of the fiscal year.

DENMARK.

The unemployment problem is steadily becoming more serious. During July, when unemployment is usually at its lowest, the percentage in Danish industry increased from 16.3 to 17.4%, and during August it rose further to a high of between 18 and 19%. The money market continues very tight, capital is scarce and offered only at a premium, although credit restrictions have to a certain extent become more lax. Much new capital will be needed when activity in Danish industry and trade increases, following the present period of stagnation and depression.

GREECE.

The political situation continues comparatively calm. After the effective termination of the brief Communistic disturbances, increased confidence is evident. The proceeds of the pledged revenues, under the control of the International Finance Commission, showed a district increase amounting to Drs. 1,376,877,000 in the first six months of 1926, as compared with Drs. 1,124,151,000 for the corresponding period of 1925. The cost of living continues to rise the latest official figure being 1807.8 for July, as compared with 1790.7 for June, 1926. The financial condition continues to be the key of the Greek situation, and business in general is still affected by the peoples diminished buying capacity. The demand for manufactured goods in general is not so great as during the last three years. The existing embargo on certain luxury articles has been extended to Jan. 31 1927.

TURKEY.

Aided by the steady increase in sales of the new season's exports, the market situation in general shows considerable improvement. Orders from abroad, as compared with last year, are in most cases satisfactory, and the exchange value of the Turkish pound has reacted favorably. There are several other indications which justify a brighter outlook than was possible a few months ago. Particularly encouraging is the prospect that this year's harvest will be at least as abundant as in normal years, while the modification of the consumption tax law seems to be meeting with a good response on the part of the public.

EGYPT.

The local cotton futures market continues somewhat nervous, prices fluctuating for the most part with New York. A draft law to prevent mixing of the qualities of Egyptian cotton has been referred to Parliament by the Council of Ministries. Egyptian exports showed a considerable improvement during the month of July, 1926, as compared with July, 1925, but the total trade continues to show an import surplus for the year; total imports for the first seven months amounting to LE28,833,388, as compared with exports for the first seven months valued at LE24,967,488.

PALESTINE.

Summer crop conditions have been somewhat unfavorable in the south because of a deficiency of dew fall in the coastal plain region. In the north, however, conditions were more advantageous. On the whole, the crops are generally good, although early attacks of insect pests have resulted in marked irregularity between districts. While decreases in the wheat yield are noted, production in the Gaza area are reported as 20% below that of last year. The quality of tobacco is distinctly better than that of last year. There is a pronounced movement among Jewish farmers to replace almonds by apricots, owing to the ravages of almond borers. The increased use of agricultural machinery in orange groves is reported, and elsewhere a number of both heavy and light tractors are in use.

JAPAN.

Business tone is fairly optimistic in Japan owing to prospects of bumper crops and continued improvement in Japanese exchange. However, this feeling of optimism is somewhat tempered by such unfavorable factors as unsatisfactory silk prices, depression in the cotton spinning industry and disappointing seasonal trade returns. The South Seas Trade Promotion Conference is now meeting in Tokyo under Government auspices. The new Minister of Finance has intimated that the gold export embargo will not be removed in the near future and announced that there will be no change in the Government's retrenchment policy.

The Japanese steel industry is more optimistic due to advancing European quotations and the possibility of the diversion to the United States or elsewhere of the large export stock of Indian pig iron. It is reported that anti-dumping penalties will not be applied to European steel but that further increase in steel import duties are probable.

CHINA.

The acute political and military situation which has developed in the Yangtze Valley, particularly around Hankow, has had an unfavorable effect on business throughout North China. Money has become tight, interest rates are higher and, with the approach of the autumn settlement day which comes on September 21, all business has slowed down. Rail transportation continues to be extremely unsatisfactory, particularly on the Peking-Hankow and Peking-Suiyuan lines. The fighting along the Yangtze near Hankow has disturbed river shipping and slowed up cargo movement considerably.

Business in Manchuria is embarrassed by the continued depreciation of the local paper currency. South Manchurian crops are estimated at 80%

of normal, with a better than average yield in North Manchuria. The North Manchurian bean crop is placed at 10% above normal. Trade estimates of the north China cotton crop place the yield at 30% below last year. The quality is reported to be excellent. North China automotive sales declined during the September quarter but increased activity is anticipated in the trade during the last three months of the year. Local industries in Peking are depressed and building activity is at a standstill with a consequent decline in the demand for hardware and builder's supplies.

INDIA.

The general business outlook is satisfactory in nearly all lines, and the monsoon may now be considered generally satisfactory, assuring crops above the average both in quantity and quality in most regions. The report of the Currency Commission is being freely discussed by the Indian press and public prior to definite action by the Legislature in February, and particularly those sections which relate to the fixing of the rupee at 18 pence and the establishment of a new reserve banking system. Silver continues to be extremely nervous, reacting easily to operations in India as well as abroad. The speculative tendency is bearish, with a poor offtake.

Owing to late crops and lower commodity prices, marked uneasiness prevails in the money market and is expected to continue until the end of October. The demand for funds for moving the jute crop, however, is growing. Currency note circulation has reached a new high level. State railways returned 5 1/4% on capital investment during the year ended March 31. The cotton mill situation is improving somewhat. Little interest is being shown in raw jute by local mills, evidently awaiting publication of the final crop forecast on Sept. 22. Shellac is excited at present—partly healthy and partly speculative—and a downward reaction is expected in the trade.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Business conditions of the Philippines in August were slightly under July's level and the month did not average as well as August of last year. Some improvement has taken place in early September. The textile trade was generally unsteady, with large stocks and slow buying. Competition in clearing over-stocks was keen. Trade in automobiles and tires is consistently good and business of August, especially in trucks and medium sized cars, was better than at the same time last year. Some old automotive stocks are being sold at nearly cost price, with a view to introducing new lines. Demand for flour imports continued good but trade in canned fish was dull.

HAWAII.

Weather conditions during the past month have continued favorable to growing crops, with temperature relatively high and rainfall normal. From all indications new year's crop will be satisfactory. The sugar yield this year exceeds 781,000 short tons, setting a new record for the Islands. The harvest of Kona coffee which has just begun is expected to yield 60,000 bags. It is estimated that \$500,000 will be distributed to agricultural labor during the next four months. Island trade is moderately active and collections were better. Real estate is slower, at firm prices. Building activities are seasonally slow.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

Netherlands East Indies business continued its upward trend in August, with Government finances, collections and credits satisfactory. Money was sufficient for business transactions. In import lines, automotive sales continued good, but showed the first signs of slackening in the pronounced activity of recent months. Somewhat reduced demand is expected locally until December, which is normally a good month for the trade. Textile imports were somewhat lower in August, particularly in staples. Considerable activity in imports of fertilizers, paints, cement and building materials was noted. The sugar market was strong, with active forward sales of the new crop. Rubber continued quiet. August exports from Java and Madura totaled 4,489 metric tons. Preliminary statements of July trade of Java show increased in both exports and imports, the former amounting to 84,126,000 florins (\$33,818,000) and the latter to 40,347,000 florins (\$16,219,490).

BRITISH MALAYA.

Slight improvement in the general business situation and trade of British Malaya continued in August. Foreign trade in both imports and exports increased over recent months. The former totaled 85,288,000 Straits dollars in value (\$47,089,200 at the average exchange rate of \$0.5615 for August), and the latter, 98,147,000 Straits dollars (\$55,209,540). Rubber reflecting the general quiet of the market, averaged a decline in price. Tin prices, however, continued to advance, reaching a record figure of 146.65 Straits dollars (\$82.34) per picul of 133 1-3 pounds. Tin exports for the month totaled 5,020 long tons, of which 54% went to the United States, 30% to Great Britain, 13% to Europe and 1% to Japan.

SIAM.

The activities are slack in Siam, with continued high prices for rice and paddy. Condition of the new crop is apparently satisfactory, but it is early for estimates. Harvesting does not begin until the latter part of the year. Approximate imports into Bangkok in August were valued at 12,000,000 ticals, a decline of 3,000,000 from the previous month. Exports of 12,850,000 ticals showed an increase of about 1,000,000 ticals over July. A Franco-Siamese treaty regulating questions of the Indo-China boundary along the Mekong was signed on Aug. 25. The exchange value of the tical remains unchanged at \$0.44 bank's selling rate and \$0.4525 buying rate.

INDO-CHINA.

Indo-China's export market is very dull, owing to the continued scarcity of paddy at the mills, which is retained up-country by the farmers. Rice prices, in consequence, remain high. Steadier exchange has caused a small amount of business with Europe, but transactions with the Orient are unimportant, with the exception of shipments of brokens to Java. Buyers are turning to Bangkok and Rangoon, owing to the high local prices. Of the August exports of rice, which totaled approximately 95,000 metric tons, 75,000 tons were white rice, 12,500 brokens, and 8,400 flour. Reports of the new crop are promising, despite recent floods in rice areas. The official exchange rate of the piaster on Aug. 31 was quoted at 19.25 francs, or a dollar value of \$0.55 1/2.

AUSTRALIA.

Australia's agricultural and pastoral outlooks are most encouraging, and business men in all lines are inclined to be optimistic. Wool is arriving in the market in good condition and prices are being well maintained, the average being considerably above that received at July sales. The wheat crop is in good condition, but the market remains unchanged. Manufacturers are reported busy, with unemployment at a minimum. Money is easier, owing to the distribution of Commonwealth War Loan interest on Sept. 15. Banks have decided to continue the pool system of financing the export trade during 1926-27, when about £78,000,000 is expected to be required for moving crops to overseas markets.

ARGENTINA.

Trade continues at a low level in Argentina with a decline in the exports of all cereals. A slight rise in exchange is based on coverage of future oper-

ations. Weather conditions favorable to the new crops continue. The official report on agricultural conditions issued on Sept. 15 states that pasturage is good, crop prospects for wheat are fair to good, while the outlook for linseed, oats, rye and barley is excellent.

COLOMBIA.

Two steamers are aground at a point just below Puerto Berrio but otherwise transportation on the Magdalena River and the congested condition of freight at the transfer points is improved. The impossibility of moving foodstuffs from the coast to interior points during the drought caused the cost of living to rise with the result that agitation was started by the newspapers to have the Government reduce the import duty on such articles. On Sept. 15 an emergency decree was promulgated to be effective for ninety days, reducing the duty on wheat flour by 60%, on barley 50%, wheat 50%, refined sugar, oats, cereal flours, tapioca, starch, beans, beef and port 30%, potatoes 20%, corn 30%, and rice is to pay 1 centavo (practically 1 cent) per kilogram.

HONDURAS.

Business throughout the Republic of Honduras suffered the customary August depression and was poorer during that month than at any other time this year. The total banana exports show a normal seasonal decline from 1,556,566 bunches as reported for July to 1,414,401 bunches for August. The rate of exchange remains unchanged. Important financial negotiations were concluded on Sept. 8, authorizing a loan by American bankers to the Government of Honduras in the amount of \$500,000, to be used in their road-building program. A tentative agreement was also signed, calling for a further loan of \$2,000,000, pending approval of the next Congress. Both of these loans are guaranteed by the National Road Funds and Lands. A further general loan of \$500,000 has been arranged for Sept. 14, which is guaranteed by the receipts of Tela custom house.

PORTO RICO.

Weather conditions in Porto Rico remain favorable for the whole island, and business continues to approximate the 1925 level. Merchants are limiting their purchases while watching the trend of sugar prices. It is probable that many firms will be in a difficult position if there is no increase in prices for the coming sugar crop, and especially if there are losses in other crops due to unfavorable growing conditions or price declines. Business is quiet in the southern part of the island, with the credit situation in Ponce and vicinity very fair as a result of conservative buying. The growing cane appears to be in good condition as a result of recent rains, and one of the largest mills expects to start grinding about Dec. 1, with the expectation that its sugar production will exceed the output realized from the last crop. Present reports indicate that the new sugar crop will about equal the recent crop, which was 603,000 short tons, but no estimate will be made by the Department of Agriculture until after the October rains. The outlook for the tobacco crop is improving and the rebuilding of sheds destroyed during the July storm is progressing rapidly.

Return of Governor Strong of Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan & Company.

Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan & Co. were among the arrivals from Europe yesterday. According to the "Wall Street Journal," Governor Strong in expressing himself optimistically as to the European outlook said, "Every year I go abroad I notice an improvement in conditions."

Lift Gold Bar Charge—Treasury Department October 1 Will Eliminate 5-Cent Charge on Gold Bars Below 999-1000ths Fineness.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of last night (Sept. 24):

Treasury Department will, effective Oct. 1, lift the charge of 5 cents per \$100 imposed on gold bars of a fineness below 999 thousandths, when special sizes are not requested. This ruling applies principally to bars which are used for export purposes.

On \$5,000 bars of fineness 999 thousandths, mostly used in the jewelry trade, the charge of 5c. per \$100 value still prevails, while on bars of less than \$5,000 to \$500 a charge of 6c. per \$100 is imposed; on less than \$500 a charge of 7c. per \$100; bars between \$300 and \$200 a charge of 9c. per \$100; bars of fineness of 999.9, not over \$5,000, a charge of 9c. per \$100 and for bars of fineness of 999.9, over \$5,000, a charge of 8c. per \$100.

Silver Hits Lowest Level—Decline Traced to Selling Orders from China.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Sept. 23: A decline in silver to the lowest level it has reached in five years occurred yesterday when a price of 60 3/4 cents an ounce was established. The London price remained at 27 15-16d. per ounce, unchanged since Sept. 20 last, which is the lowest price in many years. The price in London of silver for future delivery was quoted at 1/4d. higher than spot, and this has led to the opinion that the present decline is only temporary.

Yesterday's decline in the New York market was traced mainly to an accumulation of selling orders from China, where Tuesday was a holiday. The selling was a continuation of the pressure that has existed for many weeks as a result of the program in India for adoption of the gold standard and the demonetization of silver. Chinese interests have been the principal sellers and at the same time they have purchased Japanese yen on the theory that the Japanese Government would return to the gold standard some time this year. As a result the Japanese yen has been advancing recently, but it reacted yesterday as the result of profit-taking.

Further commenting on the decline, the "Times" said:

The price of silver at New York went to its lowest point in five years yesterday, on continuation of the selling movement that started with the announcement of the program of India for the adoption of the gold standard and the demonetization of silver. Bullion dealers said, however, that they could not see why the Indian program should have caused such extensive decline in silver, except for "psychological" reasons. While there was no tendency to discount the importance of the proposed changes in India, it was not believed by them that the country would actually dump any large supplies of silver on the market. Its reserves are not considered too large to take care of the use of silver for subsidiary coinage and tokens and, with the problem of educating the public to the use of gold rupees, it would

not be deemed advisable to injure the status of the existing silver rupees by throwing large supplies of metal on the market. Most of the selling on the present decline has come from Chinese interests.

Reporting a further decline, the New York "Evening Post" of last night (Sept. 24), said:

Silver prices continued to decline here to-day, a new load record since 1921 being made with a further drop of 1 cent to 59 cents an ounce. The break followed a decline in London.

The low point reached since the beginning of the World War was in 1915, when quotations fell to 46½ cents, but a high price of \$1 29 an ounce was reached in Feb. 1920, in response to heavy buying for India.

As a result of adoption of plans for demonetization of silver in India, Chinese and Indian speculators have been heavy sellers, and dealers here say the market is highly speculative. Heavy stocks have been accumulated in the Far East, notably Shanghai, where offerings have been large this week.

Heavy Chinese selling of the metal, following the lifting of a trade boycott in Hongkong was blamed by some bullion dealers for the latest slump.

The price of silver in London yesterday touched 27¼d., the lowest figured since March 1916.

Bank of France Fixes Purchase Price of Gold Franc.

Associated Press advices from Paris, Sept. 23, stated:

The Bank of France to-day fixed the purchase price of the gold franc at 19 francs 75 centimes paper per gramme of fine gold. This works out at about 114 francs 70 centimes for the gold louis, which is equivalent to 20 gold francs.

The new rate is in conformity with the recent law permitting the Bank of France to purchase gold and foreign money with paper francs at rates to be established from time to time.

Paris advices to the "Wall Street Journal" published in its issue of last night, Sept. 24, said:

Bank of France publicly offers to buy gold pieces at a rate corresponding to 114 francs 70 centimes paper for 20 francs gold. Offer becomes valid Sept. 27 and until further notice. It is explained by bank officials that it is the intention to obtain hoarded coins, amount of which is roughly estimated at 1,000,000,000 francs, but which is constantly decreasing, owing to the illicit traffic or shipment across frontiers. It is denied that the rate of 19 francs 75 centimes per gram of gold implies a decision ultimately to stabilize the franc at that level. The Government, it is not believed, has yet determined on any level.

It is doubtful to what extent the appeal will succeed, but it is possible, if it fails, that another rate may be offered; while if it is unexpectedly successful, future rate may be reduced. The bank thinks it may be possible to absorb 500,000,000 francs, and thus strengthen its reserve against the time of a return to the gold standard, but it admits that this is an experiment. Critics point out in any event that the offer involves the abandonment of legal fiction that the paper franc is equal to the value of a gold franc.

As authorized in the recent law, notes issued in exchange for coins will not figure in the total circulation as published weekly, nor gold obtained, in the gold reserve figure.

On current rate of exchange, at \$.0277, the Bank offers \$3 177 in paper francs for \$3 80 in gold coin.

Reference to the arrangements of the Bank of France to purchase French and foreign gold was made in our issue of Sept. 18, page 1445.

Dr. David Friday Sees Recovery for French Franc—Says German Help Is Bringing Back Stabilization—Dawes Payments Analyzed.

From the New York "Sun" we take the following copyright message from Berlin, Sept. 22:

"Prophets who a year ago said that eventual French stabilization would be made with German help now bid fair to be right," according to Prof. David Friday, the American economist.

Prof. Friday visited Berlin in January and then predicted the German industrial recovery with such astonishing accuracy that he has earned a reputation for almost uncanny knowledge. Now, after weeks in Germany, he has received the correspondent and said:

"Stabilization of the French currency is Europe's chief financial problem. It is nearer solution to-day than ever before, for the world in the last six weeks has become convinced that Germany will meet her reparations payments.

"But Germany's importance for Premier Poincaré of France is not alone in confidence that France can reckon on regular payments from Germany and construct a budget accordingly. In August the Agent-General of reparations made the first large cash transfer to the Allies under the Dawes plan, of which France received about half, approximately \$8,000,000.

"This cash was of the utmost importance in maintaining the franc during August, the possibility of which experts generally had questioned, in the face of the billion in paper franc payments which must be met.

Increase in Payment.

"But the franc held astonishingly and the Agent's statement for September showed why the franc had not fallen. There was a greater surprise when early in September the Agent-General announced that Germany had agreed to increase the current reparations payment by \$75,000,000, of which France will get about half, or an additional billion and a quarter francs.

"Her total reparations receipts for the current year, therefore, will amount at the current rate to six billion francs. This year France will receive about \$15,000,000 a month, nearly twice the first year's payments. In other words, France will have from Germany more than a half billion francs a month.

"It must be remembered that the cost of the French military occupation has been reduced more than half since 1924. Now the \$75,000,000 increase in Germany's payment during the third year of the Dawes plan has a special significance for Premier Poincaré, since France's share will be more than \$38,000,000—more than the suggested \$30,000,000 annual payment to the United States under the Berenger agreement. Therefore, M. Poincaré could tell the French people that the Chamber of Deputies ought to ratify the agreement, since he already has found additional revenues to meet the payment.

Heavy Sum to France.

"German reparations payments to France during the current year exceed all the foreign debts of the French Government, including the Berenger

payment, by a wide margin. France will receive from Germany \$172,000,000. She will pay England \$20,000,000 and is asked to pay the American Government \$30,000,000, while interest on the sinking fund of her commercial debt on one billion dollars does not exceed \$75,000,000. This makes a total of about \$125,000,000 per year and leaves her with a surplus of about \$47,000,000.

"The Dawes plan and the German payments are M. Poincaré's strongest financial support."

Dutch Loan to France—\$12,000,000 Operation for Railways—Germany Borrows at Home.

An Amsterdam cablegram Sept. 19, copyright by the New York "Times," says:

The French Government has completed with a Dutch group of financiers a railway loan of 30,000,000 guilders in 7% bonds, redeemable in 35 years. More interest is taken in the somewhat surprising fact that Germany is about to issue a good-sized internal loan at something like 6%. This certainly indicates a far more favorable condition of the German investment market.

French Wheat Crop Deficiency Put at 500,000 Tons—War-Time Bread and Other Ration Measures in Disfavor.

Paris Associated Press cablegrams Sept. 18 state:

Eating the "bread of adversity," a yellowish, sodden loaf, a compound of cornmeal, rye, barley, potatoes and coarse wheat flour, is the most irksome item on the Frenchman's program of penitence. Paying a higher price for this mixture than for real bread does not make it more palatable.

However, the deficiency of the homegrown wheat crop is placed at 500,000 tons by the Department of Agriculture, but this is regarded as far too optimistic by independent experts, some of whom estimate the deficiency at 2,000,000 tons.

Provincial restaurant keepers, as well as tripe dealers, are of the opinion that the Government is on the wrong tack in limiting bills of fare to only two meat dishes. The two-meat-dish regulation has not caused trouble in Paris, but smaller cities object to it and dealers in the cheaper cuts of meat and in tripe, liver and kidneys in Paris declare their business has fallen off. The tripe dealers say that any one able to have only two dishes of meat will not take tripe as one of them.

These dealer point out that the same number of animals are being killed to provide beefsteaks and roasts but that the heads and the hearts and other edible entrails are now wasted, and that, therefore, this is false economy.

Rhine Evacuation Begun by French—Nearly 7,000 Troops Expected to Withdraw Before End of the Month—Whole Allied Army to Go.

Coincident with the departure of Foreign Minister Stresemann from Geneva, France on Sept. 22 began the withdrawal of her troops from the Rhineland says a copyright cablegram from Berlin to the New York "Times," from which we also take the following:

Thus far only a single battalion of Chasseurs Alpins has entrained and without ceremony rolled off toward the frontier. According to reports reaching Wilhelmstrasse from Coblenz, however, between 6,000 and 7,000 French soldiers will be moved out of the occupied area before the end of the month.

This force will not be replaced and hence will constitute a permanent reduction of the allied armies of occupation unless, indeed, the present movement means the beginning of complete evacuation. Before the Rhineland is liberated altogether, however, many months admittedly must elapse, even under the most favorable conditions.

German Cabinet Meets To-day.

Dr. Stresemann will arrive here to-morrow afternoon and immediately confer with Chancellor Marx. The Cabinet meeting which will formally approve the program tentatively drawn up with M. Briand at Thoiry will be held Friday morning under the Chairmanship of President von Hindenburg. Subsequently, perhaps early next week the Foreign Minister will explain the situation to the Reichstag's Foreign Relations Committee behind closed doors. The Reichstag itself presumably will not meet before November.

Nationalist attempts at belittling the Briand-Stresemann accord are growing steadily feebler. Already there are signs of the Junker faction's willingness to participate in the Government on the basis of the Thoiry agreement. The reactionary-Boersen Zeitung this morning devotes a whole page to the necessity of reorganizing the Cabinet to admit Nationalist Ministers. The Right's opposition is bound to be weakened still more by the French move to decrease the number of troops on the Rhine.

Confer on Railway Bonds.

It became known to-day that M. Parmentier, the French financial expert and intimate of M. Loucheur, is here conferring with S. Parker Gilbert, the Reparations Agent General, about mobilizing German Railway bonds for the stabilization of the French and Belgian franc. Simultaneously a long semi-official exposition concerning the status of these securities was issued. It sheds no fresh light on the problem of how the bonds are to be marketed, nor does it mention what is to become of the preferred railway stock, to the value of 500,000,000 marks, now in the German Treasury, and, as cabled to the New York "Times" last Sunday, earmarked for ultimate employment as part of the price demanded by France for evacuating the Rhineland and restoring the Sarre Valley to the Reich without plebiscite proceedings.

Commenting on this inspired statement on the bonds, the Socialist Vorwaerts says these probably could not be issued to American investors at a price higher than 75 or 76. Their sale at the present time, the Vorwaerts adds, inevitably would entail shrinkage in the capital value of the railway stock.

Noting that almost simultaneously with Germany's entrance into the League of Nations, the German authorities in the Rhineland reached an agreement with the Rhineland Commission regarding what is called the "Pacification of the occupied territory," the New York "Evening Post" in a copyright message from Coblenz Sept. 13 stated:

According to this accord, the Germans agree not to take legal measures against any one who may have come into conflict with the German law in rendering obedience to the occupation authorities. The Nationalist press

interprets this to mean that Germany promises not to begin proceedings for treason against participants in the separatist movement.

It is also agreed that questions which arose in the evacuated territory which were referred to the German authorities for decision should be settled by arbitration, with the exception of such as directly affect the political or financial relations between Germany and any one of the Governments represented in the Rhineland Commission. It is also agreed that these measures shall not be retroactive.

The Governments represented in the Rhineland Commission agree that within two weeks after the pact goes into effect, all Germans imprisoned in the occupied territory who are accused or have been condemned by military courts shall be turned over to the German authorities and full freedom shall be granted for their rejudgment.

Differences growing out of the agreement shall be brought before a court wherein both parties are represented.

The agreement becomes effective following an exchange of notes between the Reich's Commissar in Coblenz and the Rhineland Commission. According to the Cologne "Zeitung," this exchange has been made.

Under date of Sept. 22 Associated Press advices from Geneva stated:

Germany and France are envisaging complete evacuation of the Rhineland and not a mere reduction of the forces of occupation. Dr. Stresemann, the German Foreign Secretary, told the newspaper men prior to his departure for Berlin to-night. The task of the German delegation to the League of Nations, he added, was not to secure a reduction of the Allied forces in the Rhineland by some thousands, but to make it clear that after Germany's entry into the League the occupation of German territory was incompatible with the principle of equality among League members.

Senator Caraway's Charges of Desecration of Graves of American Soldier Dead in France Declared to Be Without Basis.

On Sept. 14 Senator Caraway of Arkansas was reported as stating that the French feeling against the United States had gone so far as to show itself in ribald remarks on graves of American soldier dead in France. In indicating that such charges were without basis, Associated Press cablegrams from Paris on Sept. 18 stated:

So great was the feeling caused by publication in the French press of Senator Caraway's charge of the desecration of American war graves in France that the Minister of Pensions ordered a rigid inquiry at all sectors of the battlefield where American soldiers are buried.

The investigation is said to have revealed no basis for the Senator's charges. On the contrary, the authorities state, it showed that isolated graves in local cemeteries are scrupulously kept up by the French, although they are visited by Americans only once a year, on Memorial Day.

The American Graves Registration Service, charged with the upkeep of the great national cemeteries, denies categorically any desecration of the graves, which are guarded daily by former service men.

A cablegram to the New York "Times" from Paris, Sept. 17 (copyright) also referred as follows to the feeling created by Senator Caraway's allegations:

Senator Caraway's statement that the graves of American soldiers in France have been desecrated is prominently displayed in all French newspapers with exclamations of amazement. The entire press demands that the Senator from Arkansas be required to submit proof of his charges or else withdraw his remarks as an insult to France.

This attitude received support from an American source to-night when Vice-Commander McCann of the Paris Post of the American Legion made public the following cablegram to Senator Caraway, which was approved at a special meeting of the Post's Executive Committee:

Senator Caraway, Senate, Washington, D. C.:

"You are quoted in to-day's Paris papers to the effect that the French have desecrated American soldiers' graves. I am instructed by the Executive Committee of the Paris Post of the American Legion to ask whether you are correctly quoted, and, if so, to substantiate."

"McCANN, Vice-Commander."

While Legion officials have expressed considerable doubt as to the truth of Caraway's statements, it is known that reports of insulting drawings and inscriptions upon the monuments placed over scattered units by the evacuating American contingents in 1919 were brought to the attention of the highest American army officers some months ago. It was not believed that the feeling indicated by these insulting writings and markings represented the attitude of the French people, and nothing was done regarding the matter.

Legion officials point out that more than 80,000 French people actively participated in the Decoration Day ceremonies in France this year for the American dead.

In announcing that the source of his information was Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, Senator Caraway on Sept. 18, according to Washington advices to the New York "Times," stated:

The statement made by me rested upon no personal information of mine. I was careful to make it plain that I had not been in that part of France. In the Military Affairs Committee of the Senate on May 21 1926, Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, a member of the committee and also of the Battle Monuments Commission, said that the resentment of the French was so pronounced against Americans that they were defacing the monuments; that such expressions as "To Hell with America" and obscene phrases were written on their monuments; and that even the battle monument at Belleau Wood has been defaced with such inscriptions.

The substance of this testimony was published at the time and has never been contradicted so far as I know.

This statement with elaborations was made to me at the time by Senator Reed. Also I am in receipt of letters from many people substantiating the statement I have made with reference to the attitude of France. Among them was a letter from a gentleman in Boston, criticizing me, saying he had seen such inscriptions, but thought they had been written by drunken Americans. Of course, with that explanation, if it satisfies him and others, I have no quarrel.

The same paper in a Paris cablegram (copyright), Sept. 19, reported Senator Reed as stating that Senator Caraway had misunderstood a statement made by the former, the "Times" account being as follows:

Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, now on a vacation in Paris, when informed this afternoon that Senator Caraway of Arkansas had laid the onus

on him of statements about the desecration of American soldiers' graves in France, said it could only be the result of a misunderstanding.

"Senator Caraway evidently misunderstood the statement I made last year in the Senate that some American monuments in France had been disfigured," said Senator Reed. "This referred not to graves but to the battlefield monuments."

"I may cite an instance in the monument of the Twenty-seventh Division at Bony. These disfigurements were the acts of irresponsible private individuals, children and others."

"There has been no desecration whatsoever of graves. I have just been visiting the cemeteries and can assure the relatives of the fallen heroes that their graves are perfectly tended and looked after."

The Ministry of Pensions has issued an official denial of Senator Caraway's accusations, stating that the Minister, immediately upon being informed of the statements appearing in the press, ordered a strict inquiry.

"The result showed these accusations entirely unfounded," the denial says. "On the contrary, the French people give frequent proofs of the respect and sympathy they bear toward the fallen soldiers of a friendly nation, both on the occasion of anniversaries and during individual daily visits to the American cemeteries and the graves of American soldiers."

The French, who make respect for their dead a veritable cult, are deeply shocked at the very thought that it should for one moment be entertained that they are capable of the desecration of the fallen heroes' tombs, which they consider sacred.

Senator Caraway's charges were referred to in our issue of a week ago, page 1452.

Application to League of Nations for Floating of Loan by City of Danzig—Dr. Stresemann, Before League Council, Opposes, Then Agrees to, Reduction of Loan.

It was indicated in the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 18 that the Free City of Danzig had applied to the League of Nations for permission to raise another loan, this time for \$11,000,000, to be used for widening the port, for housing, and for repayment of part of the floating debt. It is pointed out that the British Overseas Bank placed the last Danzig loan easily about two years ago in London. Danzig's floating debt at the present time is some 15,000,000 gulden. The New York "Times" in a copyright cablegram from Geneva Sept. 20 had the following to say regarding the new loan sought:

The first speech of Foreign Minister Stresemann in the Council of the League of Nations was made this afternoon in protest against a report of the League Financial Committee, recommending a reduction by half of the proposed loan of 60,000,000 gulden to the Free City of Danzig. Stresemann's protest was based on the ground that the Free City had already floated loans of 13,000,000 gulden in Germany and would be unable to meet its obligations if the full loan were not granted.

The League Financial Committee in recommending the cutting of the loan gave as its reason that the Danzig authorities were seeking to cut down the Free City's deficit by increased taxes rather than by reducing expenses.

To have half the amount, it said, it was essential that the Free City should introduce a tobacco monopoly; bring to a definite conclusion the negotiations with Poland regarding distribution of the customs duties; make arrangements with the proper authorities, clarifying its position regarding liabilities under the peace treaty; adopt a detailed scheme for budget equilibrium, fixing the maximum figure for budgetary expenses for 1927 and 1928; reduce officials by not fewer than 400 in each of the next two financial years; eliminate the time limit on reduction of salaries adopted for a period of four years, and finally simplify the budget and accounting systems.

M. de Brouckere of Belgium made a diplomatic defense of the report of the Financial Committee and Dr. Stresemann acceded, saying he himself would like to see a reduction of officials and expressing the belief that one of the best means for helping Danzig out of its financial morass was for Germany and Poland to conclude economic agreements.

The loan was voted.

For the first time since the Germans entered the League the question of official languages arose when the President of the Council suppressed an English translation of a 25-minute speech by the Danzig Senate President, M. Sahn. Lord Oecl said he accepted suppression of the English translation on this occasion because of the element of time, but wanted it understood that this should not be considered a precedent.

Mayor of Leipzig Here to Sign City of Leipzig Bonds.

Dr. Karl Rothe, Mayor of the City of Leipzig, Germany, arrived here on Sept. 20 on the Hamburg-American liner "Deutschland" to sign the \$5,000,000 bonds of his city which were sold by Speyer & Co. in March of this year. The bonds carry a 7% coupon, have a sinking fund, and mature in 1947. They were offered at the time by the bankers at 94¾, and are now selling above 97 and interest.

Definitive Bonds of City of Frankfort-on-Main External Loan of 1925 Available for Exchange for Interim Receipts.

Speyer & Co. announce that the definitive bonds of the City of Frankfort-on-Main 7% serial gold bonds, external loan of 1925, are now ready for delivery at their office, 24 and 26 Pine St., New York City, in exchange for and upon surrender of their interim receipts.

Exchange of Definitive Bonds of Brazilian Loan for Temporary Bonds.

Dillon, Read & Co. announce that temporary bonds for the issue of \$60,000,000 United States of Brazil 6½%

external sinking fund gold bonds of 1926 are exchangeable for definitive bonds at the office of Dillon, Read & Co. on and after Sept. 24.

Last American Bank Closes in Mexico—British Dominate Field as Bank of Montreal Takes Over Mexico City Banking Company.

A cablegram from Mexico City Sept. 20 (copyright by the Chicago Tribune Co. and published by the New York "Times") says:

The last American bank in Mexico closed its doors this morning when the Bank of Montreal took over the Mexico City Banking Co. of this city. American banking institutions here have been continuously going on the rocks for the last quarter of a century because no great banking house thought Mexico a good centre for business, notwithstanding the fact that 70% of all foreign business of Mexico is with the United States.

The British interests have four strong banking concerns here, probably the strongest of which is the Bank of Montreal, which has by far the largest business. The Americans now will have to do business through the British banks.

In a certain sense this is an advantage, as it always has been in Latin-American countries where British have had control of the banking houses, as in South America, where naturally British shippers, merchants, business men and interests have been favored.

The closing of the Mexico City Banking Co.'s institution to-day was lamented by many Americans, who will attempt, through the American Chamber of Commerce here, to induce some big American interest to open a bank of fitting strength for the American colony in Mexico City.

Under date of Sept. 17 the "Times" reported the following copyright advices from Mexico City in the matter:

The sale of the Mexico City Banking Corporation to the Bank of Montreal in Mexico City removes all American Banking competition in the country. The American bank, which was owned by Eman Beck, has transferred all its accounts and stock to the Canadian institution.

This transfer makes Canadian institutions the only foreign banks in Mexico with the exception of one German bank.

Increase in Argentina Grain Area.

Associated Press advices from Buenos Aires, Sept. 23, report that the area sown to grains in Argentina for the season of 1926-27 represents an increase of 102,640 hectares over last season, according to official estimates by the Department of Agriculture. (The hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.) The press advices state:

The estimates show decreases of 28,990, 22,530 and 6,600 respectively in the areas sown to wheat, oats and canary seed, but these are counter-balanced by a big increase in linseed, with an area 130,550 hectares larger than last year, together with increases in barley of 22,800 hectares and rye of 7,410 hectares.

The total area shown is 12,275,000 hectares, comprising 7,740,000 of wheat, 2,640,000 of linseed, 1,270,000 of oats, 387,000 of barley, 210,000 of rye and 28,000 of canary seed.

Death of S. Hayami, Japanese Finance Minister—New Minister Named.

The Japanese Minister of Finance, S. Hayami, died on Sept. 13 in his villa at Kamakura after a lingering illness. He was 57 years old. He was a graduate of Waseda University and for two years was chief instructor of the Saltama English school. It is announced that C. Kataoka, formerly Minister of Commerce and Industry, has been appointed Finance Minister to succeed the late S. Hayami, and I. Fujisawa, of the Kenseikwai Party, has been appointed Minister of Commerce and Industry.

Offering of \$1,750,000 5% Bonds of Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Banks.

Harris, Forbes & Co., William R. Compton Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago offered on Sept. 20 an issue of \$1,750,000 5% bonds of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Banks. The bonds were offered at 103½ and interest, to yield about 4.55% to the redeemable date (1936) and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity. The bonds (issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act) are dated Aug. 1 1926, will mature Aug. 1 1956, and are redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date on and after ten years from date of issue. They are in coupon form, in denomination of \$1,000, fully registerable and interchangeable. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles or Salt Lake City. The bonds are the obligations of the following banks of issue:

\$1,000,000 Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco. The bank operates in California and Nevada. John Drum, President, also President of the Mercantile Trust Co. of California, San Francisco.

\$750,000 Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Los Angeles. The bank operates in California and Arizona. J. F. Sartori, President, also President of the Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles.

These banks are owned or controlled by the stockholders of the following Pacific Coast banks and trust companies:

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; Mercantile Trust Company of California, San Francisco.

The bank at San Francisco has a paid-in capital of \$700,000 and the Los Angeles bank \$450,000. Each bank is a member of the Association of Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Banks. Including this issue the bank at San Francisco reports \$10,225,000 of bonds outstanding, and the bank at Los Angeles \$7,120,000. The statement of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Banks, as officially reported Aug. 31 1926, follows:

	San Francisco.	Los Angeles.
Acres of real estate security loaned upon.....	258,945	82,699
Total amount loaned.....	\$10,681,700 00	\$7,127,100 00
Appraised value of real estate security.....	\$25,796,104 00	\$16,911,599 00
Average appraised value per acre.....	\$99.65	\$204.49
Average amount loaned per acre.....	\$41.25	\$86.18
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security.....	41.4%	42.14%

Purchase of \$500,000 Land Bank Bonds by V. B. Murphy, State Comptroller.

In aid of the homeseekers of the State, Vincent B. Murphy, New York State Comptroller, has directed a further investment of \$500,000 in the bonds of the Land Bank of the State of New York, bearing 4½% interest. This makes an aggregate of \$3,000,000 of investments of this character by this official since he assumed public office. The proceeds of this bond issue are offered to the savings and loan associations of the State of New York at 4½% per annum, plus a commission in the bonds of the Land Bank of the State of New York, bearing 4½% interest. This makes an aggregate of \$3,000,000 of investments of this character by this official since he assumed public office. The proceeds of this bond issue are offered to the savings and loan associations of the State of New York at 4½% per annum, plus a commission of three-tenths of 1%, the amount necessary to pay the expenses of the Land bank. Applications should be filed not later than Oct. 4. It is announced that the officers of the Land Bank have made arrangements with the Manufacturers Trust Co., 139 Broadway, New York City, to make temporary loans at the rate of 5% per annum to associations whose applications for advances have been approved by the Land Bank, until such time as all details have been completed and the bonds issued. Barnard G. Parker of Gouverneur, N. Y., President of the State Land Bank, commenting on the action of the State Comptroller, said:

It is a fine thing, I think, to note that the State Comptroller while conserving the safety of the State's sinking funds should incidentally aim to make State moneys serve a desirable economic and social purpose by encouraging individual home-ownership throughout the State. By buying Land Bank securities he aids the savings and loan associations of the State better to serve their members with mortgage loans for the purchase of homes. It is interesting to note that the funds so far invested by the State Comptroller have been allocated by the Land Bank to associations in no less than 20 different counties in the State. This is the most practical way I know of for aiding the solution of the housing problem without State paternalism.

Offering of \$3,000,000 6% Treasury Gold Notes of Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (Jugoslavia)—Issue Oversubscribed—Books Closed.

Blair & Co., Inc., and the Chase Securities Corp. offered yesterday (Sept. 24) an issue of \$3,000,000 Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (Jugoslavia) six months 6% Treasury gold notes due March 31 1927 and priced at 100 and interest to yield 6%. The proceeds will be used to refund a like amount of Jugoslavia notes maturing Sept. 30 next. It is announced that the issue has been oversubscribed and the books closed. The new issue will be dated Sept. 30 1926. The notes will be in denomination of \$1,000. Principal and interest will be payable at maturity in United States gold coin at the offices of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York and Blair & Co., in New York City without deduction for any taxes or imposts, present or future, imposed by the Kingdom or any taxing authority therein. Dr. N. Peritch, Minister of Finance of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, says:

These notes are to be the direct obligation of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, and the issuance thereof is duly authorized by the Finance Law of March 31 1926. The Government agrees that until these notes are paid it will not issue any evidences of indebtedness having any specific security without giving these notes priority in respect of such security.

Regarding the Kingdom's public debt he says:

The public debt of the kingdom, including pre-war debt, and the kingdom's share of the Austro-Hungarian pre-war debt, assumed under the terms of the peace treaty, together with the war debt to the United States recently funded, totals \$499,850,000. In addition certain war debt claims of Great Britain and France which are open to discussion and compromise remain to be funded. These claims which it is expected will be greatly reduced, amount to £33,000,000 and 1,700,000,000 francs, re-

spectively. Negotiations for the funding of the said claims of Great Britain will shortly be undertaken.

Government revenues from customs and monopolies and gross receipts of State railroads, in the whole of 1925 at the monthly average rate of exchange alone aggregated about \$122,467,000 and for the first six months of 1926 about \$56,257,000.

Offering of \$24,000,000 Bonds of Siemens & Halske A. G. and Siemens-Schuckertwerke.

A syndicate headed by Dillon, Read & Co., Mendelssohn & Co., Amsterdam; Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co. and International Acceptance Bank, Inc., yesterday offered \$24,000,000 25-year 6½% sinking fund gold debentures in the form of 50% paid allotment certificates. Of the above issue \$6,500,000 was withdrawn for offering in Europe, in addition to which Reichsmark bonds totaling about \$6,000,000 are being offered in Germany on substantially similar terms. The bonds, with warrants for contingent additional interest, offered at 99 and interest, to yield (exclusive of warrants) over 6.55%, were oversubscribed the day of offering.

Siemens & Halske A. G. and Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H. together are one of the largest electrical manufacturing concerns in the world, their production covering the entire electrical field. Combined sales for the fiscal year 1925 exceeded \$135,000,000, over one-third of which represented exports. At present Siemens & Halske A. G. is operating at 100% of capacity and Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H. at about 75%.

To each debenture will be attached warrants for contingent additional interest, entitling the holder thereof to receive in United States gold coin on May 1 of each year, from 1927 to 1936 inclusive, \$3 33 1-3 for each 1% (and a proportionate sum for each fraction of 1%) by which the average per cent of cash dividends (to be determined as provided in the indenture) declared upon the stocks of Siemens & Halske A. G. and Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H. for the preceding fiscal year shall have exceeded 7%, all as more fully to be stated in the indenture.

The companies will issue in the first instance allotment certificates, in bearer form, evidencing payment of 50% of the allotment price of the debentures represented thereby. The remaining 50% may be called in one or two installments (no call to be for less than 25%) on 60 days' published notice, on or before Sept. 1 1929, and shall, if not theretofore called, be due on said date. Holders of allotment certificates may make payment in full on any interest date on or after Sept. 1 1927, and will thereupon receive the debentures represented thereby. Holders of allotment certificates who default in any payment thereon will, at the option of the companies, forfeit all rights thereunder, including all prior payments. Holders of allotment certificates will be entitled to receive interest on the debentures represented thereby only in proportion to the amount of the allotment price paid thereon, but will be entitled to receive the entire amount of contingent interest payments in respect of the warrants. Further details regarding the offering are given in our "Investment News Department" in to-day's issue, page 1644.

T. S. Holden of F. W. Dodge Co. on Building Outlook—Country's Construction Record Since War.

At the 13th Annual National Business Conference at Babson Park, Mass., on Sept. 18 Thomas S. Holden, Vice-President in charge of statistics of F. W. Dodge Co., New York, presented a review of the country's construction record since the war, and undertook to survey the building outlook. As to the latter he said:

Already there is a slight indication of lessened construction demand. The volume of contemplated construction work reported in July was the smallest monthly total since January 1925. The volume reported in August was considerably under that of July, and was smaller than any monthly total since November 1924. In spite of a fall rise in contract volume that is now in progress, there is thus some indication of lessened demand. It is also worth noting that the recent rise has been mainly due to contracts for large engineering work, such as roads, sewers, bridges, &c., large industrial work and other expensive types of construction which usually characterize the waning period of a boom.

The current prosperity phase of construction has reached a rate of activity averaging 550 millions of dollars in contracts a month. Reviewing construction records of the past quarter century, it is evident that after a big rise in construction volume is usually followed by a considerable recession. Except in the war period the recessions have never caused activity to drop as low as the rate that prevailed before the rise. This leads us to believe that next year's volume ought to be closer to that of 1925 and 1926 than to the volume of any year previous to 1925. In other words, a monthly average within reasonable range of 550 millions ought to be maintained. It remains to guess whether the 1927 volume is likely to be over or under that figure.

While it looks to-day as if we were in the middle of an era of stabilized prosperity, it must be remembered that in this world of ours stabilization is not normal. Change is normal. A perfect or almost perfect state of equilibrium cannot be maintained indefinitely. Prosperity appears to be on a stable basis in business generally, as well as in the construction industry, but some industries to-day are in much less satisfactory condition than others. Just so, to-day's rather favorable situation in construction is not uniform throughout the country. The flattening of the Florida real estate boom has not only brought about a recession in construction in that much-advertised State, but also in other parts of the Southeastern section of the country. We know that some of the construction financing that has been done in the last two years has been on an unsound basis. We know that some sections are overbuilt, that construction demand has shown signs of slackening. We know that this prosperity phase of the construction business is a selling phase, and that such a condition requires for maintenance of stability a very accurate gauging of the nature and volume of demand and of production in relation to demand. Any one of these factors might at any time develop into a situation that would upset the apparent equilibrium of the present moment.

The recent rise in contract volume might possibly develop into a new upward movement of large proportions, although it appears now to be only a moderate fall upturn. Although indications of change from present levels are rather slight and feeble just now, such as they are their weight is rather on the side of moderate decline. At any rate, it seems wiser to look upon moderate decline as the more likely procedure until the indications become more positive than they are at present.

It is worth noting that in the past, when a recession has come after a very big rise, the second year after the rise has usually been the one to show a really marked decline. However, conditions in this country are now so generally satisfactory that moderate and gradual recession seems more likely than anything violent, unless something should happen outside of the construction field that would greatly disturb general business conditions. If the depression of 1920 produced in the following year a reduction in total construction volume of only 8%, then it would appear that a similar reduction ought to allow a sufficient margin of safety now in an estimate for 1927. Assuming that this year maintains to the end a monthly contract average of 550 million dollars or better, the minimum estimate of next year's volume should be an average of 500 millions a month, or \$6,000,000 for the year, with the probability of doing better than that, even though there should be a decrease from 1926. In making such an estimate now, it should be borne in mind that developments of next week or of next month might necessitate a drastic revision.

No matter what estimate is taken as the most satisfactory one, it should be kept in mind that the general trend for the entire country will be a balancing of varying trends in various sections. The general decline in 1921 from 1920 was only 8%. But in 1921 New England had a decline of 33% and the Rocky Mountains and Pacific Coast sections had an increase of 18%. These were the extreme cases. Some other sections had moderate increases; most of them had considerable declines.

Summing up, the present seems to be somewhere near the mid-point of an era of comparative stability in construction volume, ranging from six to nearly seven billion dollars in construction contracts annually. This condition of stability may continue through 1927; it might conceivably come to an end at almost any time. Present indications that might foreshadow changes in the rate of construction activity are slight and inconclusive, but they are rather on the side of moderate and gradual decline. As always, the situation should be closely watched. There is no reason for pessimism, but some of the clouds no bigger than a man's hand might swell to larger proportions before we know it. On the other hand, if the construction industry can gauge its production to demand as closely as the automobile industry has done up to the present time, and if general business prosperity continues, comparative stability may be maintained for a considerable time, perhaps even to that point of time when another era of growth is ready to start.

In submitting the post-war construction record, Mr. Holden noted that while the business cycle is not what it used to be, it is not dead. He went on to say:

It is rather more likely awaiting the opportunity to emerge at some more or less unexpected time, alive and kicking, with a new set of habits and characteristics adjusted to the radical changes it has found in the environment in which it operates. For the business cycle after all is but the name given to the tendency for business, like all other human affairs, to be subject to an ebb and flow, to have a forward swing that goes too far and a backward swing that corrects excesses. Minor fluctuations that are understood and anticipated can be controlled or modified. Human wisdom is scarcely yet big enough to consciously control the major movements.

One interesting modification of the business cycle can be seen in the post-war construction record for New York City. Since the war the old-style 40-month cycle has changed into a 21-month cycle. The end of each odd-numbered year (1919, 1921, 1923 and 1925) has been the crest of a wave of construction contract letting, and the ends of the even-numbered years have all been periods of relatively low building volume. This two-year cycle has up to the present been observed only in the records of New York. It may be temporary, or it might conceivably develop later in other sections of the country. Apparently it will work out this year, giving a reduced volume of contracts for New York City in the second half-year as compared with the first half.

Another shift in the business cycle has been the tendency toward an upturn in construction contract volume in the fall months of each year after a slackening in the summer. This has taken place in each of the past five years and appears to be taking place at the present time. Last year the fall upturn started a couple of months earlier than usual and took on the proportions of a full-sized boom.

At this time last year, right at the peak of the biggest construction boom we have ever had, it was quite possible to analyze the construction contract record by the method customarily used in showing the business cycle trend and in this way find the indications of future trends. Such an analysis made a year ago showed a tendency for contract volumes to continue high through the early months of 1926 and to fall off after the spring peak, which is exactly what has happened. The decline was most easy and gradual, and was halted about Aug. 20 by an upward turn. The coming of such a very mild reaction after a boom of such impressive proportions is somewhat unusual and leaves us without positive indications as to the future trend of construction.

A little later, perhaps, an analysis of the business cycle trends may be more helpful than at the present time. At the present moment it seems that we may possibly get a little more light on the building outlook by making a sort of historical review of the post-war developments in the construction industry rather than a strictly statistical study in the conventional manner.

In reviewing the country's construction record since the war, it seems convenient to consider the years in groups of threes.

The first three-year period, then, will consist of the years 1919, 1920 and 1921. In the middle of 1919 came the post-war boom, which continued into 1920. Then came the serious depression which continued into the following year, and then in the middle of 1921 the recovery from the slump. Within each of these three years there were violent fluctuations. The period contained practically a complete cycle of boom, depression and recovery. In spite of this, however, the contract totals for the three calendar years did not vary greatly from each other. The writer estimates the entire country's contract totals for the three years at \$3,142,000,000 for 1919, \$3,338,000,000 for 1920 and \$3,069,000,000 for 1921. In 1920 there was a 6% increase over 1919; in 1921 a decrease of 8% from 1920. During the three-year period the monthly contract volumes averaged around 265 million dollars. This figure may be conveniently considered as the normal monthly contract volume for the United States during the first phase (or first three years) of the post-war era.

During this entire first phase, with its violent fluctuations between boom and depression, its hysteria of inflation and subsequent panic, there was present a condition which became the principal stimulus to the development of the second phase of post-war construction development. This was the building shortage. It was only after the purgative processes of deflation and depression that took place in the first phase that the country was ready to make real progress in catching up on the shortage. The revival of building that started in the middle of 1921 was carried forward with a gathering and increasing momentum. The year 1922, with recovery in full swing, had \$4,330,000,000 worth of construction, an increase of 41% over 1921. It is to be noted that this big jump took place in the transition period between the first two phases of the post-war era.

The second phase of the post-war era was the period of growth, expansion, of catching up with the shortage. It consisted of the years 1922, 1923 and 1924. Beginning auspiciously in 1922 with a construction volume of \$4,330,000,000 (with its 41% increase over 1921), it continued into 1923 with a total construction volume of \$4,768,000,000, and into 1924 with a year's total of \$5,237,000,000. Comparing these years with the years of the first phase, with their monthly contract average of 265 million dollars, we note that 1922 averaged 361 millions a month, 1923 had 397 millions a month and 1924 had 436 millions a month.

Thus the second phase was a period of steady growth in construction volume, stimulated by the existence of an unusually heavy building demand which was occasioned by a real shortage in the necessity construction requirements of the country. One result of this continually enlarging activity of the years 1922 through 1924 was the wiping out of the shortage. For, taking the country as a whole, all pressing necessity building requirements had practically been caught up with by the end of 1924.

An even more important result, from the point of view of present conditions, was the very considerable expansion of production facilities for construction that accompanied the rapid growth in building volume. This expansion of production facilities probably did not gain much headway until about the middle of the three-year period, the middle of 1923. Certain it is that in the spring of 1923 the volume of work under way, small in proportion to what can be handled now with the greatest ease and dispatch, was so considerable as to threaten a shortage of materials and skyrocketing of prices. Delays in contract-lettings eased the situation at the time, and never since then has there been a time when there seemed to be any danger of shortage of materials, excepting a few occasional and more or less local instances. Expanded facilities for the manufacture of material was accompanied by a proportional expansion of facilities in the departments of designing and erecting buildings.

Perhaps the most conspicuous advance in construction facilities was the widespread growth in new methods of financing construction projects. It is scarcely a matter for wonder that, at a time when the country more or less suddenly found the pockets of its citizens and the vaults of its banks full to overflowing with unprecedented accumulations of money and credit, ways would be found for easing the rapid flow of a large portion of this money and credit into one of the most rapidly growing and conspicuously prosperous of the large industries of the country. Furthermore, it was an industry which had scarcely had adequate credit facilities in the past.

Expanding construction activity, expanding construction facilities, expanding credit, all accompanied a growth in general industrial and commercial prosperity and an unprecedented growth in wealth and income of the people of this country. By the time our pressing construction needs were caught up with, at the end of 1924, it was no longer necessary to consider merely the country's absolute space requirements for housing its population, its industry and its commerce. The people, in the industry and commerce of the country, were ready to consider buying what they wanted in the way of buildings with all kinds of modern improved features, rather than to hold themselves down to immediate space requirements. This was the situation at the end of the second, or growth, phase of the post-war era.

Construction activity during the first few months of 1925 did not show any particular tendency to increase greatly over the activities of the previous year. It was in midsummer that the boom started. Contracts reached the record volume of 663 million dollars in August of last year, and contract volume and construction activity continued at record breaking levels practically up to the present time. The boom that developed last year brought the 1925 contract total up to \$6,622,000,000, an increase of 26% over the preceding year. Just as the transition from the first phase to the second phase of the post-war era was accompanied by a very marked rise in construction volume (as between the years 1921 and 1922), so also was the transition from the second phase to the third phase marked by a big increase. The monthly contract average for 1925 was 552 million dollars, compared with 436 millions a month in 1924 and 265 millions a month in the 1919-1921 period.

This brings the record up to the current year, the final outcome of which is still uncertain. It is also desirable to make some sort of guess as to the much more uncertain outcome of 1927.

At present it looks as if this year's total construction volume would be fairly close to that of 1925. At the end of August there was a lead of 6 to 7% over 1925. The declining tendency of the earlier months of this year rather led to the expectation that the margin over 1925 would decrease a little faster than it actually has and that it would probably vanish before the end of the year. Since this declining trend was interrupted in August, by what now appears to be a minor fall revival, the prospect for a final total very close to that of last year is very good. In other words, the monthly average for 1926 will probably not vary greatly from that of 1925, which was 552 millions of dollars. If the remaining months of this year should equal in volume the corresponding months of last year, which might happen, but is a little unlikely, the 1926 average will be 575 millions, probably the maximum estimate that one would care to make to-day.

The first two years of the current phase of construction evolution appear to show a tendency toward stabilization at a normal volume somewhere around 550 millions of dollars a month, or \$6,600,000,000 a year. It remains to be seen whether next year is likely to run over or under that figure. One characteristic of the current phase of the construction situation is almost entirely new. The growth of this industry has produced a surplus production capacity. It has been the surplus capacity for the production

of materials that has held prices at relatively stable levels ever since 1923 in spite of rapidly increasing demand. It is probable that a very large increase in construction volume could be easily met at the present time with an adequate supply of materials. The same is scarcely true of the supply of labor. But it is true of the supply of credit. Up to the present time the only effective limitation on credit for building operations is the judgment of investors, lenders and lending institutions.

These conditions became apparent last year and operated toward the development of various more or less new methods of selling construction. So long as the demand for construction exceeded the supply, the contracting organizations and the institutions which financed construction were in the position of taking orders. During the past twelve months both groups have shown a strong tendency toward producing buildings to sell in the market. It is probably true that that marginal volume of construction over absolute requirements in any boom period consists largely of speculative work, built to be sold. But various entirely new selling devices and new combinations of the financing and contracting and speculative-builder interests have been developed recently. The current phase of constructing is a selling phase. The problem this year and next year is to find a market and to stimulate sales for a product that can apparently be manufactured in any desired quantity.

This brings us to the question of the present demand for construction. There is always a basic demand for pressing current needs, due to replacement of old buildings, fire replacements and population growth, &c. Since it is rather generally admitted that the country is somewhat overbuilt to-day, it is obvious that necessity requirements do not now constitute a sufficient demand to keep the industry going at the current rate. Yet the actual demand, as shown in the volume of work planned in proportion to the volume of work started, has until quite recently kept pace with the record-breaking contract volume of the past fifteen months. It has been and is what may be called a prosperity demand. It depends on advanced living standards of the people, the desire for better-located, better equipped industrial and commercial quarters, the demand for more and better schools, churches, places of amusement, roads, sewers, water supply systems and all the other improvements that a prosperous community can afford. But the continuance of such a demand is entirely dependent upon continued business prosperity.

At the present time this prosperity demand is being kept alive by the extraordinary supplies of credit available for all the business demands of the country. Heretofore, a period of construction boom has usually inaugurated general business prosperity, which has brought on rising prices and business expansion. The credit demands of business expansion have then cut short the supplies of money available for building projects, thus putting the brakes on the building boom, usually with some severity. In the present unprecedented credit situation this does not seem likely to happen. If a limitation in the supply of money and credit is the one essential brake that can retard the current rate of construction activity, then the time of real slowing-up is not in sight to-day.

But the question arises as to whether in the past credit limitations were the actual causes of reduced building volume. Back of the credit conditions there have always been the controlling factors of demand and supply for construction. Credit was the machinery through which demand and supply operated. So long as the potential volume of credit for all economic purposes is strictly limited, credit limitations will be the immediate means of putting the brakes on building booms. With the potential supply of money and credit practically unlimited, will not the law of demand and supply still be the controlling factors? And will not the law of demand and supply tend through some means or other to set a check on construction activity when the country has produced a considerable surplus of construction over its current requirements?

Just like any other business, the business of erecting buildings for speculative or investment purposes is entered into with the expectation of profit. With rents on the decline, vacancies on the increase and building costs still very high, the profits on buildings must be declining at the present time. Of course, if interest rates should continue for a long time somewhere near the present low levels, we are rather likely to see profits on all forms of capital investment adjust themselves downward toward a normal relation to the prevailing interest rates. The net returns on building investments will surely be less in the next few years than they were during the period of shortage.

Easy credit has not only acted as a stimulus to building, but has probably also served to stabilize conditions that might make for a serious decline in building operations. So far, whatever losses are resulting from vacancies have been so widely distributed as not to cause any perceptible trouble. Some new buildings have been entirely or partially filled by drawing tenants away from the older structures.

Some new buildings have been financed with definite provision for carrying them through a fairly extended period of only partial occupancy. General prosperity and easy credit must be in various ways enabling the owners of both new and old buildings to carry their current losses without serious difficulty. Up to the present moment there has been no economic pressure to force liquidation of these losses, the total amount of which may still be comparatively small.

Discussion of Agricultural Problem by Evans Woollen.

Existing troubles of agriculture from various angles were discussed by Evans Woollen, President of the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, at the annual meeting of the Indiana Bankers Association in Lafayette, Ind. on Sept. 22. Mr. Woollen's remarks were introduced under the head of "The Agricultural Problem." The speaker is Chairman of the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association and Democratic candidate for the United States Senate to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator Ralston. He declared that the three outstanding factors in the agricultural problem are "the favoring attitude toward industry assumed by our Government, a taxing system that bears unduly on the land, and the control of transportation rates," and added:

Conditions inherent in agriculture, which should be distinguished from these three circumstantial influences are being met by the farmer himself. His initiative, resourcefulness and courage were never displayed more admirably. The need for more effective organization of farm units and for better methods in both buying and selling is recognized.

In and of itself, the farm is rising to the emergency. There can be no complaint from other population groups on that score. But the farm, in and of itself, cannot, unless it should succeed in establishing monopolistic control over its products, remedy maladjustment arising out of our national

policy of industrial stimulation, our taxing system and our control of transportation rates.

The interdependence of country and city, farm and factory are revealed. The danger of a divided social structure is emphasized. The present generation is called upon to give new impetus to the nation's destiny. We are indeed confronted by the question "whether we shall strive for a well-rounded, self-sustaining national life in which there shall be a fair balance between industry and agriculture, or whether, as have so many nations in the past, we shall sacrifice our agriculture for the building of cities.

Mr. Woollen also said in part:

Social solidarity and economic strength in the United States are based on the farm. For a century and a half, the span of our national life, the farmer has been the sure resource from which America has drawn values in character as well as in substance. Class distinctions and caste prejudices do not flourish in the companionship of the fields. Destroy the city and the productive effort of agriculture will build it anew. Let the farm disappear and the city will languish to its death. Manufacturing, mining, transportation, trade, finance are not effective for long without agriculture. Since 1920 an economic gulf between agriculture and other business undertakings has been of serious proportions. The year 1924, the best of the period for the farmer in many respects, yielded on fifty-nine billions in property valuation a net return of 6.6%. The Department of Agriculture, in arriving at that figure, made no allowance for depreciation or management. The value of land and equipment had been reduced from seventy-nine billions in 1920 as a basis for the analysis. This makes more significant the meager return. The average net income for the five years 1920-1924 is estimated by the National Industrial Conference Board, after exhaustive research, at about 1.7%.

Such is the situation faced. It has great significance. It concerns the Mississippi Valley in a special manner. By all tests this heritage of land ought to be without a superior as a source of material gain for its occupants. "The upper part of the Mississippi Valley," says Van Hise, "including large parts of Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, and all of Illinois, Iowa and Indiana, is the garden of the United States, the heart of the country. No equally large area in the world can be compared to it in present fertility." The very words of Van Hise constitute a challenge to bring about somehow a better distribution of the rewards the soil confers.

Two aspects of the farm problem appear on the economic side. The farmer, by his patriotic endeavor to win the war with food, stimulated agriculture to abnormal production. This abnormal production could not be brought abruptly to an end with the close of the conflict. The process of farming will not permit quick changes to the degree possible in manufacturing. Crops must be planned far ahead. A rotation policy necessary for the best results can not be altered instantly. This obstacle intensified a condition of oversupply and underdemand that developed, the latter proceeding chiefly from the impairment of European purchasing power.

The long-term aspect of the problem goes back into the last century. The complaint then in some quarters was that agriculture was so attractive that capital would not flow into industry on the scale desired. As a consequence of that and other arguments our national policy since the Civil War has favored manufacturing. The stimulation of the factory has been the great concern of the Government. This is not to say that agriculture has been wholly disregarded in national legislation. It is to say, however, that the encouragement of manufacturing has been the predominant feature of our national policy.

Direct, as well as indirect, taxes have bearing too on the problem. The National Industrial Conference Board has found, after relating taxes to income for the purpose of showing their real effects, that in 1922 the ratio of taxation to income for agricultural groups was 16.6%, while for all other groups it was 11.9%. The year before the World War the American farmer on the average was paying in taxes 10% of his income. The remainder of the population was paying 6%. Since then income taxes have, of course, borne more heavily on others than on the farmer, but, with the reduction of income taxes, we are now, it is estimated by competent authority, "about back" to the 1915 ratio of 10 to 6 against the farmer. The Department of Agriculture made an investigation of conditions in three Indiana counties—Tipton, Miami and Monroe. One represented high-value, one average-value and one lower-value land. The tax records of more than 100 farms were examined. The income accruing to the land in the form of rent, before taxes were deducted, was found to be 3.8% annually on the value of the farms. City real estate in the same territory yielded 4.6% before taxes were deducted.

On machinery, fertilizer, clothing and other manufactured goods that the farm requires, railroad freight charges are higher than they were ten years ago. Spokesmen for agriculture have contended that they are even higher proportionately on the products of the land. The farmer reasons that freight rates are included in the price he pays for what he buys. He also contends that the price he gets for his products is the terminal market quotation, minus freight rates to the terminal market and the local dealer's profit. The plea has been for lower rates on crops and livestock. It is agreed, and by none more than the farmer, that transportation, if it is to be relied on for effectiveness, must be prosperous. The question raised is as to the distribution of the rate burden.

Present Economic Status of Farmer as Viewed by J. D. Neale.

Following a six weeks' visit to Northwestern and Middle Western farming sections J. D. Neale, of J. R. Mason & Co., of San Francisco (dealers in Government and Municipal bonds) finds that "the present economic status of the farmer is not unfavorable nor alarming, but rather encouraging, both from the standpoint of the farmer, those from whom he buys, and to those who, from time to time, extend his credit on his products or land." Inasmuch as the firm with which Mr. Neale is associated are dealers in public agricultural securities, and are brought daily face to face with the financial status of the borrowers, namely the farmers, who are seeking credit for various public improvements, Mr. Neale's impressions are worthy of study and we hence reproduce what he has to say herewith:

Recently, I spent a month in the farming sections of Montana and the Middle West. The farmer's true economic status is a subject in which every business man is vitally interested. I here record some of my observations:

Present prices of farm products average good, comparing favorably with the average for the last ten year period. Farm prices for the basic products are now about as follows:

Hogs.....	about \$13 75 per cwt.
Lambs.....	\$14 per cwt.
Cattle.....	\$10 to \$11 per cwt.
Wheat.....	\$1 25 to \$1 35 per bu.
Wool.....	from 34c. to 40 c. per lb.
Corn.....	from 80c. to 90c. per bu.
Sugar beets.....	\$8 50 per ton
Cotton.....	about 17½c. per lb.

These prices do not reflect returns which are below cost of production. They rather reflect, in most instances, a fair profit to the producer.

Mail order houses and machinery dealers report heavy sales to farmers. Montgomery Ward's and Sears, Roebuck's sale; are normal. One small town I visited in Nebraska, reported sales of over fifty farm tractors this year, and collections thereon very good.

What about the current reports that farmers are going broke and leaving the farm?

I have recently talked with farmers in the Northwest and Middle West, and do not find many who claim to be losing money, nor many farms abandoned where the farm is basically a producer. I found many Iowa farms in the hands of the banks and loan companies.

These farms are now being operated by tenant farmers and will gradually work back into individual ownership.

My definite inquiries, addressed to farmers, concerning whether they are dissatisfied with the farming industry and present prices, for farm products, were answered by statements that clearly indicate that where the farmer owns his farm, free of heavy incumbrance, he is actually making and saving some money. On the other hand, where he has a heavy mortgage on his farm, and is compelled to place in "interest paid" account his farm earnings, he is not getting along so well nor feeling so well satisfied with current conditions.

My deductions, therefore, lead me to believe that the farmers are not leaving the farms, but rather leaving the mortgages which were made at a time when the loans obtainable on farm land were all out of line with its true or earning value. Well improved Iowa farm land, at \$100 to \$150 per acre, which is the current price at which much is now available, as the banks are anxious to liquidate their land holdings, is a genuine bargain, and one which will soon be recognized by those farmers now renting this same land.

The purchasing power of the American dollar is greater to-day, when applied as payment on good farm land, than for any other investment or commodity to which it may be applied.

For the farmer, this is the time to buy land, and he is beginning to appreciate that fact.

I am wondering if the current agitation for "farm relief" measures is really coming from the farmers or from the banks and insurance companies with foreclosed farms on their hands.

In central Iowa, I talked to a farmer who, eight years ago, paid \$237.50 per acre for his land. He says he is getting along well, and saving money at current prices for his products.

Across the road from this farm is another farm of about equal value, now owned by a bank, obtainable at about \$100 per acre.

This condition of affairs brings home two facts to a careful observer, viz: That so long as good farms are available at these prices, farms in the same localities, with heavy mortgages against them, will continue to be abandoned by the farmer and fall into the hands of loan companies; that until such time as farm mortgage concerns, banks and insurance companies liquidate their foreclosed farms, the public is liable to hear much discussion concerning "relief" measures for the farmers of the Middle West.

The foreclosures here mentioned, are not the result of loans made on current or sound values, but are the echoes of loans made at the crest of inflation when sound earning values were forgotten and when the farmers were being encouraged by banks and farm loan concerns, to incur debt.

When bankers or mortgage companies or farmers depart from sound business principles in the extension of credit or incurring of debt, trouble and loss to all parties concerned, are the result.

In my judgment, it will be a very long time before such heavy deflation of farm lands again takes place, as the lesson of the last half dozen years has been effective and not without much profit to the nation.

Summing up, therefore, the foregoing as pertains to the present economic status of the American farmers, we make the following deductions:

1. That present prices of farm products are, in the main, not low.
2. That the farmer who is not paying heavy interest charges on his farm is saving some money.
3. That the banks, farm loan concerns and insurance companies now have many farms, and until such farms are liquidated, farm land prices will be low.
4. That so far as I can ascertain, the present agitation for farm aid and Federal legislation in behalf of the farmer, is not all coming from the farmers.
5. That the present purchasing power of the farmers, as a class, is very near normal.
6. That farmers are not leaving the farms as much as they are leaving the heavy mortgages placed on the farms when farm lands and farm products were on the crest of a tremendous wave of inflation.
7. That the farm land acquired by foreclosures is now being farmed by renters who are making some money, and will gradually become landowners.
8. That the present price of the farmer's products and existing sound land values, offer a much sounder basis of credit, than at any time for ten years, as any loans now made on land are on a ground floor basis, rather than on a greatly inflated or imaginary value.

Department of Agriculture Discontinues "Maximum" and "Minimum" Estimates in Cotton Reports.

Announcement was made on Sept. 22 by the Department of Agriculture that in future Government reports on cotton the "maximum" and "minimum" estimates will be omitted. From Washington advices Sept. 22 we take the following:

The so-called "range estimates" heretofore this season made a part of the cotton crop reports issued semi-monthly by the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture, were to-day ordered discontinued, following a conference of Southern Representatives, Secretary of Agriculture Jardine and Lloyd S. Tenny, head of the Department's Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The Congressional delegation was headed by Representative Eugene Black of Texas and included also Representatives John C. Box and Fritz Lanham, of Texas; B. G. Lowery of Mississippi, and Riley J. Wilson of Louisiana.

Voice Protest of South.

They protested against the method which the Crop Reporting Board pursued in coupling with its condition and probable yield figures additional figures showing what the crop might do in a maximum and minimum way. The delegation held that the method was exceedingly harmful and urged that the objectionable features be eliminated immediately.

In a brief statement following the conference, Mr. Tenny stated that the Crop Reporting Board, which comes under his jurisdiction, had considered discontinuing range estimates after the report to-morrow in any event, but in the light of the protest he authorized discontinuance of the service at once.

Mr. Black, in speaking for the delegation, declared that at the outset he wanted it distinctly understood that he was not objecting to the Government issuing its estimates of the condition of the crop and basing estimates as to probable yield of the crop on such conditions, but that what he was objecting to most strenuously was the issuance at the same time of so-called minimum and maximum estimates which were purely speculative, confusing and demoralizing to the stability of the cotton market.

Cites Instance.

As an example of this confusing and demoralizing effect he cited the Government report which was given out by the Department on Sept. 8, in which the Government estimated the probable yield at 15,166,000 bales, but went further and stated that under certain conditions there might be a yield of 16,379,000 bales. It was these latter figures, he said, which were most instrumental in breaking the market, and have been the big factor in causing a decline in the market up to the present time of 240 points or nearly \$12 50 per bale.

Mr. Black and the delegation accompanying him insisted that the department discontinue at once the reports of possible maximum and minimum production and confine itself strictly and alone to reports of the condition of the crop and estimates of probable yield based on such reports of condition of the crop as and of the strict date of the reports of condition, and also give out the number of bales actually ginned, as at present.

In all probability, to-day's order of Mr. Tenny will operate against the issuance of reports of this character in future cotton years, although no statement to that effect was forthcoming to-day.

Started in July.

The understanding here is that the Crop Reporting Board resorted to the issuance of maximum and minimum figures because the uncertainty of the crop earlier in the season made that action desirable. The practice was started with the July report this year, requests coming from various sources, including the recommendations of a committee of statisticians making it appear desirable.

The department stated that the publication of the range figures this year was largely experimental. The object was to put the cotton industry on notice that the earlier forecasts were subject to material changes.

Reference to the protest against the "maximum" and "minimum" estimates was made in our issue of a week ago, page 1456.

President Simmons of New York Stock Exchange on America's Outlook on International Finance.

The great need to-day "of a closer acquaintanceship and a deeper mutual understanding between American and foreign trade and finance, not only as a pleasure and facility to ourselves, but as a duty to the future of our own countries, and indeed that of the world," was stressed by E. H. Simmons, President of the New York Stock Exchange, in an address on "America's Outlook on International Finance" before the New York University Forum on International Finance in the Governing Committee Room of the Stock Exchange on Sept. 23. President Simmons in his discussion surveyed "some of the slow processes of our historical evolution as a people through which our present financial and economic position and viewpoint has been attained," depicting the early days of the nation, when "the United States was a very poor Colonial country"; the development of the country from the pioneer age to its present status as a great creditor nation was traced by President Simmons, who remarked that the present is an age of transition no less in the United States than in Europe. "America," he observed, "is at the crossroads of a momentous change in her economic policies and interests." "So far as sound foreign securities can be floated in the United States," he said, "the process should serve to facilitate the composition of the difficult financial problems of many European Governments, to provide European industries with much equipment and materials, and serve to restore in Europe as satisfactory conditions to the average man—and perhaps in time even more satisfactory conditions—than those which obtained before 1914. We give the address in full herewith:

It is with particular interest and pleasure that I welcome you to the New York Stock Exchange to-day, since I have always felt that the founders of this course of addresses and discussions on foreign security investment have deserved the hearty congratulation of the American public, for their admirable endeavors to promote in this country a wider and more thorough knowledge of this highly important subject. Speaking for the New York Stock Exchange, I can assure you of our keen interest in the many practical problems which have arisen from the recent flow of American capital abroad, and our earnest desire to co-operate in effecting a wise and salutary solution of them.

Foreign investment has long since ceased to be a theory—it is a condition with which we are each year more and more completely confronted. To most if not all of us, it is so recent a development in this country that we realize we have very much to learn about it, and not only the misunderstandings of the public, but also of ourselves concerning the subject should tend to be dissipated by the talks and discussions provided by this course.

The investment of American funds abroad is, as a matter of fact, only one of the highly significant manifestations of America's present position as the leading creditor nation of our times. While we should on our part make all efforts to obtain a more adequate knowledge of the conditions and customs of foreign nations whose loans are now gaining currency among our investors, it is no less necessary for us, and for foreign countries as well, to realize clearly those past circumstances which have created

and shaped us as an international lender of capital. It is not amiss, therefore, to call briefly to mind some of the slow processes of our historical evolution as a people, through which our present financial and economic position and viewpoint has been attained.

II.

In its earliest days, the United States was a very poor colonial country, far on the fringe of civilization and hemmed in between its long Atlantic shore and the Appalachian Mountains running parallel to it north and south. This mountain chain was not particularly high, yet, save in a few places, it proved singularly impassable for early means of transportation. As a result, the country faced eastward toward Europe in practically all its economic interests. The poverty of its often rocky and inhospitable soil regularly drove its inhabitants to the sea to earn a livelihood. On the water, however, they exhibited much of the adventurous trading instinct of the British mother country. In the days before steam, shipbuilding was a great American industry. Already the American mania for speed and become apparent in our clipper ships. Wharves abounded in every little seaport town. American sailing masters carried on trade all over the world, and the new flag with its Stars and Stripes was seen on all the seven seas. Despite their small population and their economic immaturity, the United States proved a decided factor on the water. When the North African pirates took to plundering Mediterranean cargoes, they were very promptly made to feel the force of the new United States Navy under Decatur. Perry, another far-wandering American naval commander, succeeded in opening to the trade of the world the island kingdom of Japan, previously a hermit nation. Thus, in these early annals of the United States, a strong tradition for shipping and foreign trade developed.

Suddenly, however, toward the middle of the 19th century, this maritime activity and international outlook vanished. The American merchant marine was slowly abandoned, and the American shipping towns languished, never really to revive. The young men no longer took to the sea. The Stars and Stripes practically vanished, not only from distant oceans, but almost from the Atlantic as well. Abandoning the seaways, the United States turned its face to the western wilderness.

This transformation, still so perplexing to Europe in some of its present-day consequences, was occasioned by a major historical happening—the successful westward passage of our Appalachian Mountain chain by the steam railroad. Almost at a stroke the old coastal settlements along the Atlantic were placed within easy access of what were perhaps the richest agricultural and mineral lands in the world. It is therefore little wonder that America abandoned the seaways for the landways, and that the energy of our people was diverted from roaming the seas to colonizing the wilderness. The whole country suddenly faced the west, and became immersed in a new and vast internal conquest.

It is well, if we are to grasp the full significance of the last hundred years of American history, that we attempt to visualize the tremendous task undertaken by the early American pathfinders and pioneers. From the summits of the Appalachian Mountain chain there stretched away to the westward an enormous valley, extending some 2,000 miles to the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Coast, and an equivalent distance from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. This vast valley area of fertile plain and virgin forest, the heart of the whole North American continent, was a region of incalculable potential wealth. Excepting Russia, the whole continent of Europe could be without difficulty placed inside its tremendous interior reaches. The penetration of this primeval region by the steam railroad at once imposed upon the American people the task of colonizing and bringing under one Governmental control this enormous area.

With the perspective of almost a century, the proportions of this task seem even greater. No nation in history had ever faced so colossal a land problem, save perhaps Russia in her Siberian provinces—and in this latter case, as events have proved, the central Government has largely collapsed under the strain of controlling its tremendous land areas. The American frontier, moving steadily westward, has almost exclusively absorbed our national attention. It has frequently dominated our political and economic aspirations. To understand the present-day United States without considering its tremendous program for internal development, would be to cast Hamlet without the melancholy Dane. To an overwhelming extent the United States is to-day what the Mississippi Valley has made it. Not until our great Western agricultural regions were established was the idea of wealth in the European sense frequently associated with the United States. It has been from this great central valley that most of our national wealth and prosperity has been continually drawn.

Until our own times, only once has our vast internal problem of colonizing the great valley been seriously menaced by war. Our Civil War—so remote to the interests and preoccupations of Europe at the time—proved a tremendous and lasting tragedy to us. After the Civil War the United States was left shaken and disrupted to resume its former labors of internal development. And again this national effort called upon all the potential abilities and energies of our people. The Franco-Prussian War, of such profound significance to Europe, was to us only the muttering of a thunderstorm on the far horizon. So, too, it was with later conflicts and diplomatic crises abroad. The task of driving the iron pathway of the steam locomotive through the great valley and over the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Coast, was too absorbing a task for us, to allow us to comprehend the significance of the balance of power system developing in Europe.

During the latter half of the 19th century, however, our British cousins had a vastly better understanding of our problems than we had of theirs. British capital investments in our railroad and other enterprises assumed enormous proportions. What sea routes and shipping were to the British, our railway lines were to us. Without the railways, our Federal Government could not in all probability have successfully exerted control over our vast interior areas. The British philosopher, Edmund Burke, had despaired of the ability of the Royal Government of his time successfully to exercise control over North America. He in fact drew a vivid picture of our great valley populated only by roaming and nomad peoples of white race, yet scarcely more civilized than the original red inhabitants. In the early days of the American republic, Washington and our other leading statesmen were equally baffled by the same problem. Thus it came that the epoch-making invention of the steam locomotive followed swiftly by the large scale investments in railroad securities, and the development of an active market for these securities on the Stock Exchanges of London and New York, proved one of the indispensable factors in our rapid national growth. Railway building, a necessary step in colonizing and settling new lands, naturally became one of our major preoccupations almost throughout the 19th century. Financial panic after panic in the United States was caused by our constant speculative tendency to over-build our railway facilities. Nevertheless, by means of this financial speculation in railway securities on both sides of the Atlantic, the physical foundations for the political and economic United States of our times were laid.

At the turn of the century in 1900, however, there were manifested for the first time signs that a new economic era in the United States was at hand. In fact, we experienced at that time a sort of false dawn as a creditor nation. The conclusion of the Spanish War left us with new colonies in both the Atlantic and Pacific, and the difficulties of a new colonial policy to distract us and draw our eyes outward from our traditional prob-

lems of internal growth. At the same time heavy gold imports and other unusual circumstances led to a marked though temporary financial prosperity, and even to some investment by Americans in European securities. Yet the few foreign securities which at that time came to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, possessed to us a strange and somewhat paradoxical air. The United States was still in reality a debtor nation, and was still dependent upon European capital for its own continued development. Our sharp financial panic in 1907 conclusively proved this fact, and by exposing our financial insufficiency led to the creation of a vastly stronger mechanism of finance in both the American banking and security markets.

Nevertheless, the pioneer age in America was rapidly passing. The principal railway lines were laid at last, and by 1910 the American railway net attained its maximum mileage. There were other similar signs such as that afforded in the West, where the wheat farms were rapidly absorbing the cattle ranches. Thus it came about that at the outbreak of the Great War in Europe, the United States found itself able to care for its own financial needs, and after a few years to lend a surplus of its capital abroad to others. Had the European war occurred ten or twenty years earlier, the ability of the United States to play a significant part in it financially, would have been vastly more doubtful.

It was inevitable that sooner or later the United States would have become a great creditor nation. The practical effects of the war have therefore been to force within a brief period, an economic development in the United States which under other circumstances might well have required a half century or more. And this profound and tremendous significant transformation of the international economic status of the United States has come suddenly upon a nation almost wholly unprepared for it by experience, economic interest, or traditional outlook.

It has often been said that until the World War, the United States lacked an international outlook, and under the circumstances of our own striking internal growth, this was inevitable. The great bulk of Americans knew and understood very little concerning Europe. From their school geographies they had perhaps gathered that Great Britain was an island, that Italy was a peninsula shaped like a boot. Yet of the complex social, economic and political establishments of Europe, or of the European historic background, there was little or no real comprehension.

But during the war millions of our young men for the first time set foot upon foreign shores, and to-day these first-hand witnesses are spreading through countless little towns and villages throughout the heart of the United States a knowledge of other lands and other customs, with undoubted economic and financial consequences for the future. In these latter years, travel abroad has in the United States become no longer a luxury, but a commonplace. Moreover, owing to the continued advance of scientific invention, the world's distances have perceptibly shrunk through the spread of the radio, air navigation and other new and striking facilities for transportation and communication.

The present is therefore an age of transition, no less in the United States than in Europe. America is at the crossroads of a momentous change in her economic policies and interests. Her great internal task of colonization and development is by no means finished, nor will it probably be for yet some generations. Nevertheless, the United States is once again facing outwards. The century-old spell of absorption in settling our great valley is not yet altogether broken, nevertheless it is mingled with a broader vision of the modern world, and a wider realization of the part which the United States must play in it. This viewpoint, so natural and traditional to Europe, means with us the reversal of habits of thought and custom which have dominated us for almost one hundred years. Such shifts in national viewpoints take time.

Exactly what part the United States will play in the world of to-morrow depends on the collective wisdom of Europe as well as on our own. Surely, if material prosperity is any necessary basis for this, the United States should fulfill a constructive role as creditor nation in the coming years. Under an unyielding regime of Federal economy so constantly maintained by President Coolidge and his able Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mellon, the economic burdens of war in the United States are rapidly being abated, and taxation here is steadily lightening. Had a less courageous and wise attitude regarding our Government financing been undertaken after the war, the United States would by no means be in the sound financial condition which it at present enjoys.

Yet the role of creditor nation is still very new to us, nor have we had time to learn much about it, in the intense haste and pressure of the past unprecedented ten years. So far as sound foreign securities can be floated and sold in the United States, the process should serve to facilitate the composure of the difficult financial problems of many European Governments, to provide European industries with much equipment and materials, and serve to restore in Europe as satisfactory conditions to the average man—and perhaps in time even more satisfactory conditions—than those which obtained before 1914. It is particularly necessary, I feel, for America to benefit in this work by the longer and ample experience of the creditor nations of Europe—particularly, of course, that of Great Britain.

Already there has been extensive investment by small American investors in foreign Government bonds, which has proved a very constructive and stabilizing factor to Continental nations. In the United States, our large Government war loan flotations tremendously broadened the investing public by creating a new class of security buyers. These new investors need the maximum protection which organized finance can throw about them, and in the United States much financial technique of a new order is needed to further such a policy. The American investor has already ceased to be a supporter only of the American Government and American business enterprise. Properly led and properly safeguarded in his investments, he can exert an even wider and more constructive influence in the restoration of economic prosperity abroad.

III.

One common experience has resulted from the recent war both here and abroad—the definite proof and general realization of the permanent character of our modern financial system of credit, and in fact of the entire, present system of private capitalism. In the days before 1914, we were frequently told by numerous learned gentlemen that warfare under modern conditions had become an impossibility, because of the appalling shock which it would impart to the credit machinery of the modern world. The element of truth in these assertions we have witnessed in the extraordinary conditions produced in financial centres on both sides of the Atlantic during the past ten years. Yet to-day the financial machinery of the creditor countries of the world is again being actively appealed to, in the effort to restore the world, and this machinery is moving constructively to accomplish this task. If modern capitalism in Europe and America can survive such a war as has recently been concluded, its ability to sustain the lesser shocks and burdens of normal peace times need give little concern in the future to any reasonable man.

The war has likewise conveyed a similar and even more significant lesson regarding the modern system of private capitalism. Before and even after the war, there has been much glib talk concerning the Utopian character of State Socialism, and until recently it was difficult to definitely disprove such easy prophecies, because no country had ever been foolish enough to

attempt to realize them. The war forced a condition of Government control everywhere, and a considerable chance to observe its much-heralded benefits to the average man. Yet now, not only Britain and the United States but many other countries with a less distinctive tradition toward freedom, are striving to restore the private initiative of pre-war days which our recent experience has shown us to be so necessary a factor in actual economic achievement. Civilization will in the future always have the supremely practical benefit of the Russian example, as an object lesson to casual and uninformed critics of private capitalism. Indeed, the great nations of the present world owe a profound debt to Russia for providing civilization with a permanent example of the fallacious follies of State Socialism and complete Government control of trade and industry.

Thus, in point of fact, private capitalism has experienced its supreme test during and after the recent war, and by its tenacious ability to survive and function has secured its greatest triumph. The practical task now summoning us, is to effect a closer partnership between modern capitalism and the continued discoveries of modern science, to build patiently and steadily a better world.

In my own case, I can of course speak with a greater degree of assurance in these matters in connection with the capital markets on our Stock Exchanges, which are so fundamentally necessary in the modern system of private capitalism. During the war, the securities market on the New York Stock Exchange was of necessity curtailed in many ways by a policy of Government control. But with the passing of war conditions, the old dependence upon private initiative rather than Governmental administration or political regulation, has very conspicuously and completely revived. We have, in keeping with what may be called the Anglo-Saxon genius for private initiative in business affairs, always been skeptical of any bureaucratic administration of our commercial and financial affairs by our Government. We have instead always adhered to the idea of a free and open securities market, untrammelled, as far as possible, by hampering legislation, and dependent for its value and usefulness upon the responsibility and fairness of free citizens. The enlightened attitude of our Federal and State legislation in this matter, as well as the similar wisdom of our courts, has permitted the organized security markets on the New York Stock Exchange under freedom to expand its sphere of usefulness, within the limitations of purely economic considerations.

Undoubtedly much remains still to be done to distribute the full benefits of modern private capitalism to everyone. In recent years, we have experienced a remarkable increase in the number of our security investors as a result of our war loans and the publicity attending them, and a remarkable diffusion of the ownership of our large corporations. The increasing tendency in this direction has already brought with it a gratifying improvement in public opinion concerning the relations of Government and business. Here, as I see the matter, is the means for a healthy democratization of security markets and finance itself, which should be safeguarded and fostered in all possible ways by financial men.

Probably the most threatening menace to the wider diffusion of security ownership, at least in the United States, consists in the highly dangerous activity of security swindlers. Security swindling, I have come to believe, is to a considerable extent an international evil. The professional swindlers of America are becoming accustomed to pursue their activities abroad, and in our financial centres swindlers from foreign countries also occasionally operate. Concerted action by the leading financial centres of the world in this matter might accomplish very genuine and permanent benefits to our security holders, and provide everywhere safer surrounding circumstances for the vital work of garnering private capital through our various financial systems for constructive use. The financial systems of Europe and America, so different in superficial aspects and so profoundly alike in fundamentals, have already done yeoman service during the past ten years in repairing the wastage of the war. It is my hope that by closer co-operation they can cherish and provide for the future, the safety which should surround the indispensable flow of private funds here and abroad into the creative work of reconstruction.

IV.

To-day there is perhaps a more widespread and calm consideration of the possibilities of future years than ever before in history—a natural result of the unprecedented events which have occurred since the outbreak of the war, and the changes which have already been seen throughout civilization. I am no philosopher or scientist, nor can I even lay claim to being an observer of the significant tendencies now operating in the modern world, with a knowledge and judgment comparable to their complexity and immensity. Nevertheless, close acquaintanceship with a great security market forces certain conclusions upon any one, since there perhaps the real forces of our modern world are most sensitively and broadly manifested.

We are all living to-day in a great scientific age, when the announcement of new discoveries and inventions crowd fast upon each others' heels, and when new methods and devices are pouring rapidly from our laboratories and workshops to be placed swiftly at the service of mankind. Let us make no mistake about the matter—this scientific progress cannot be halted even by so appalling an episode as a world war. Indeed, the signs multiply, that it is already accelerating. It has behind it the momentum of an astonishing century, and its ultimate significance no man can surely foretell. The march of armed men is, after all, not impressive beside the march of science. Nature covers with surprising quickness the scars of the battlefields, and even the ache of human loss fades with the passage of time. Meanwhile, science is providing a new release of energy and hope everywhere throughout civilization. Neither the statesman nor the business man can afford to face the future with a closed mind.

There has never been a time in the world's history when the progress of science has been so rapid, or the creation of wealth so widely facilitated and so swiftly rendered possible. This is not any chance rhetoric, nor merely the expression of an easy-going optimism. Just as the burdens and scars of the great Napoleonic wars a century ago were paid off by the inventions of Arkwright and Whitney, so, too, I believe, the consequences of the latest World War will be met and liquidated by the continued advance of scientific knowledge and mechanical ingenuity. Thus scientific discovery holds forth a bright hope to the life of everyone to-day, of a broader and better existence for us all.

As practical men, however, it is not so important for us to concern ourselves with mere prophecies of better things to come, as it is with how their arrival can best be facilitated. Spencer once defined life as "the continuous adjustment of internal relations to external conditions." Even in the fluid civilization of the United States, many of our ways of life will never return in the exact form with which we were familiar before the war. Even under conditions of long future peace it must be expected that the changing external conditions created by the advance of science will demand a continuous adjustment of our internal relations to them. It is inevitable that the dynamic urge of scientific discovery, halted for a brief space by the war, is destined to become more and more forceful and intent. And meanwhile there is placed upon financial leadership a need of constant alertness in adapting our financial machinery and our financial methods to the great work of financing a more useful and productive industrial establishment. There has probably never been a time before when there

existed so great an actual and potential need of capital as to-day, and in consequence the opportunities for the investment of capital in our own times provide not only the proper incentive of private profit, but also the more significant possibility of a broader human service. In the coming years there is a great work for modern finance to do, and especially in the free markets of London and New York a stirring opportunity and a deep responsibility must be faced.

So it is that I return to my original thesis—the great need to-day of a closer acquaintanceship and a deeper mutual understanding between American and foreign trade and finance—not only as a pleasure and facility to ourselves, but as a duty to the future of our own countries, and indeed that of the world. Too long have the commercial and financial relationships of modern countries been popularly considered merely as a fertile source of wars. Certain impetuous critics have so far pursued what is called the “economic interpretation of history,” that they are continually agitated lest with every trade dispute and every instance of commercial competition, we should at a moment's notice fly at each others' throats. We all well know what nonsense such a jaundiced view of history really is, and both here and abroad we should take it upon ourselves more actively than perhaps we have, to establish the fact more widely. For international trade and the international contacts furthered by modern finance, when rightly considered, can be and long actually have been, a solvent for international misunderstandings and disputes of all sorts. The merchant and the banker have long proved very potent ambassadors of peace, and have frequently exerted restraint upon the narrow tendency toward self-glorification to which all peoples are in varying degrees subject, and which has so frequently proved a check and hindrance upon the world's progress.

Recently there has been much rather futile discussion concerning the primacy of the financial centres of London and New York. But I confess that I am not very deeply interested in the question of which is larger or greater than the other. I am more concerned that both London and New York, as well as the other leading financial centres of to-day, should work in a closer partnership than ever before to provide a more effective financial leadership in the modern world. There are very great common tasks which to-day lie ahead of us all—the restoration of sound and honest currencies everywhere, the elimination of the needless instabilities of trade and credit alike, and the establishment of strong and enduring foundations for a wider diffusion of wealth, and a higher type of civilization in the days to come.

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.

- Sept. 20—Renewal, 5; high, 5½; low, 5; last, 5½. A rather heavy turnover with light offerings resulted in an advance in rate to 5½% by mid-day with a plentiful supply at that rate.
- Sept. 21—Renewal, 5½; high, 5½; low, 5½; last, 5½. Another good sized turnover but with funds in free supply at the renewal rate, which remained unchanged throughout the day.
- Sept. 22—Renewal, 5½; high, 5½; low, 5½; last, 5½. A very light turnover with funds accumulating in the late afternoon.
- Sept. 23—Renewal, 5½; high, 5½; low, 5; last, 5. A moderate turnover with funds in free supply resulting in a cut in rate to 5% before noon. Ample accommodations were available at the lower rate.
- Sept. 24—Renewal, 5; high, 5; low, 5; last, 5. Business in light volume with sufficient funds for days needs and no change in rate from the 5% renewal.

Statements of previous weeks appeared weekly in our issues since July 10; last week's statement will be found on page 1457 of our issue of a week ago.

Halsey, Stuart & Co. on the Security Outlook.

Halsey, Stuart & Co. in their quarterly review express the opinion that “All the fundamental factors which have contributed to advancing security prices during the past year remain favorable, with no indication of an early major change.”

In support of this view the review says:

Business is active, the agricultural outlook is promising, building operations continue on a large scale, employment conditions are excellent, the banking situation with respect to both loans and reserves is exceptionally sound, and prosperity is widespread. The existing strength of bond prices is a natural consequence.

The comments of the review on the foreign bond situation are as follows:

There are unmistakable signs that the American investor is gradually becoming habituated to the role of foreign lender. Sensational news dispatches from Europe no longer produce the effect upon the market which they formerly did, and there are evidences of a tendency on the part of the public to distinguish between important developments and these which are purely ephemeral in character.

A representative list of fifty foreign Government and municipal obligations show an average gain of somewhat over 2 points on the basis of present quotations as compared with those of a year ago. Eighteen South and Central American items in the list show an average gain of over 3 points. Eighteen European items, Government and municipal, of countries which participated in the World War, show a gain of nearly two points, while those of former European neutrals included in the list show an advance of slightly less than one point. The foregoing may be interpreted to indicate that investment confidence in well-selected foreign bonds is steadily gaining ground.

The prospects of the industrial companies are considered excellent, and the review points this out as follows:

The present outlook is that the industrial companies of the United States will report larger aggregate earnings for 1926 than for any previous year. All classes of industry naturally are not sharing uniformly in this prosperity, but generally speaking it is the exceptional company which is not reporting satisfactory income. As a rule, the companies are taking advantage of the opportunity to strengthen their financial position, and in many cases have built up reserves adequate to meet any likely contingencies. Industrial bonds are in a materially stronger position than ever before. It is the opinion of many well-informed investors that this class of bonds offers the most attractive opportunity at the present time, from the viewpoint of reasonable safety and satisfactory rate of return.

With reference to the position of public utility, real estate, mortgage and municipal bonds, the firm says:

Three developments of outstanding interest have occurred thus far in 1926 to emphasize the strong investment position of public utility bonds. The first was the action of the Legislatures of Massachusetts and New Jersey admitting public utility bonds, under certain restrictions, to the list of securities eligible as “legal investments” for trustees and savings banks in those States.

The second has been an increase of about 12% in the output of the electrical power plants of the country over last year, which was by far the largest on record. A significant aspect of this increase is that all sections of the country shared almost uniformly in the gain. The third has been the renewal of investment confidence in well-protected electric railway bonds evidenced by strengthening prices among representative issues and the ready absorption of recent offerings of this character. Utility bonds, as a class, continue in a very strong position.

The financing of the vast volume of building construction which has been undertaken in this country during recent years has greatly increased the amount of outstanding real estate bonds. When surrounded with proper safeguards, these bonds are attractive investments. The main assurance of the existence of these safeguards, such as conservative valuation and adequate earning power, must come from the reputation of the sponsoring investment house. Investments in this class should be selected probably more carefully under existing circumstances than in any other field of domestic securities.

Perhaps the most notable development in the municipal market for the year so far has been the distinct decline in the total volume of new issues as compared with the corresponding period of 1925, although there has been an increase in the total volume of corporate financing. Another feature of the market has been the relative scarcity of obligations offering medium yields, while there has been a fairly liberal supply both of those approaching a 4% yield basis and those yielding 5% and upward. Issues now in prospect for the remainder of the year are not numerous, and the outlook at present is that the final figures for 1926 will be below those for either 1925 and 1924. In direct contrast with a year ago, price levels were well maintained during the slack midsummer season of 1926, and the tone of the market continues strong.

Origin of Coupon Clearing System of New York Clearing House.

In inaugurating this month its coupon clearing system the New York Clearing House, it is said, adopted an idea which originated in the mind of a former clerk employed by the National City Bank of New York 24 years ago and carried into effect recommendations embodied in a report presented to the Clearing House Committee May 28 1903—a report prepared by that clerk and two others which had reposed on the shelf of the Clearing House Committee for over 23 years. This interesting bit of New York banking history, it is announced, came to light as a result of an investigation by J. M. Telleen, Secretary of New York Chapter, Inc., American Institute of Banking. It is made known that the young bank employee was Leopold Fredrick, who, with M. F. Bauer and W. F. Linson, then students at the banking institute, were appointed a committee to prepare suggestions looking to the establishment of a clearing house for coupons. Mr. Fredrick, since his employment by the National City Bank, has been manager of the foreign department of the National Bank of Commerce in New York for three years and for 12 years director or Treasurer of the American Smelting & Refining Co., Braden Copper Co., New River Collieries Co., Chile Copper Co. and numerous other corporations. Mr. Bauer is now an officer of the Chatham & Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. Both recalled the events of a quarter century ago when the matter was called to their attention by Mr. Telleen, Secretary of the Institute of Banking here. Mr. Fredrick briefly reviewed the subject as follows:

“I remember making, on Dec. 5 1902, a short speech at a meeting of the old Chapter suggesting a clearing house for coupons. Mr. Samuel Ludlow, then President of the Chapter, was particularly pleased with the idea. Mr. Bauer, Mr. Linson and myself were named a committee to work up the idea in detail.

“On May 28 1903 our committee presented its report and the President was directed to place it before the Clearing House Committee.

“My plan to establish a clearing house for coupons was shelved at that time on account of the secession of the New York trust companies from the New York Clearing House. The trust companies, which are now cashing the bulk of their coupons by the new method, seceded on account of a question of reserve ratio to be maintained by them. The matter was not subsequently revived until this month—after a lapse of 24 years.”

It is the President of the bank where Mr. Fredrick was employed 24 years ago, Charles E. Mitchell, who is credited with responsibility for the action of the Clearing House in reviving the coupon clearing plan. Mr. Mitchell is now Chairman of the Clearing House Committee. Mr. Fredrick is an authority on international finance and is well known for his work in connection with the introduction of dollar exchange in South America and for his campaign to popularize the investment trust idea in the United States.

Failed Georgia Banks—Fourteen of Chain Banks Reported Reopened—Twelve Others in Process of Reorganization—Ancillary Receiver Named for Holdings of W. D. Manley in Florida.

That Georgia State Banking officials on Monday of last week, Sept. 13, had announced that fourteen of the chain of 83 Georgia banks which were closed following a suit for receivership of the Bankers' Trust Co. of Atlanta, of which

W. D. Manley was head had reopened as separate and independent units, and that twelve others were being reorganized and would reopen within the next week, was stated in the Atlanta "Constitution" of Sept. 14. In addition to the twelve banks that were being reorganized, it was announced that twenty units of the Georgia State Bank were expected to be reorganized and reopened shortly and that a meeting for the reorganization of the Georgia State Bank units would be held the latter part of the week. W. J. Davis, General Agent for the State Banking Department, was reported as saying that the total resources of the reopened banks within the next week would be one-third of that of all the Georgia banks that closed this summer. The total resources of the closed banks, he pointed out, was \$18,000,000, while that of the reopened banks would be \$6,000,000. Among the fourteen reopened banks are the following:

State Bank of Cochran, Bank of Hazlehurst, Bank of Stapelton, Rockmart bank, Habersham Bank of Clarksville, Cornelia bank, Demorest branch of Cornelia bank, Bank of Lulu, Merchants and Planters' bank at Whigham, Exchange bank at Sycamore, Bank of Adairsville, Farmers and Merchants' bank at Rebecca and Planters bank at Pavo.

A special dispatch from Atlanta to the "Journal of Commerce" of this city on Sept. 10 reported that the Farmers & Traders Bank of Atlanta, one of which Manley was President, was being reorganized as the People's Bank. This dispatch said:

W. S. Witham, who was succeeded as head of the Farmers & Traders Bank and Bankers' Trust Co. by W. D. Manley many years before the crash of the Manley enterprise, was at work to-day reorganizing the Farmers & Traders Bank. The new bank will be known as the People's Bank and will be operated as a State bank under the State Banking Department, and will be operated as soon as the reorganization is completed, about November 1.

Practically all of the \$50,000 capital stock has been subscribed, mostly by former associates of Witham, who will obtain a charter through the State Banking Department, which, he asserts, has approved the reorganization.

The old bank is being liquidated and will pay off 75%, according to Dr. John Powell, Chairman of the organization, meeting yesterday. Mr. Witham will be Chairman of the board, but other officers have not been selected.

"We want an old-time Witham bank," Mr. Witham declared. The Farmers & Traders Bank was thrown into bankruptcy recently with the crash of the properties of Manley and the Bankers' Trust Co., of which he was head. Manley is now under nineteen State and Federal indictments and several of his associates also face indictments on State and Federal charges.

In regard to the holdings of W. D. Manley in Florida, the Atlanta "Constitution" in its issue of Sept. 14 printed the following Associated Press dispatch from Jacksonville under date of Sept. 13:

D. S. Goodrich, of Jacksonville, was appointed ancillary receiver to-day to take charge of the Florida holdings of W. D. Manley, of Atlanta, head of the defunct Bankers' Trust Co., by Judge Rhydon M. Call in Federal court. The appointment was made on the petition of seven Florida banks, members of the Bankers' Trust Co. chain.

The petitioning banks were the Bank of Umatilla, Bank of Mount Dora, Citizens Bank of Eustis, Bank of Monticello, Bank of Sebastian, Delray Bank and Trust Co. and the Bank of St. Cloud.

The petition set forth that Manley was adjudged bankrupt in United States district court for the northern district of Georgia on September 2. Assets of the alleged bankrupt, it was alleged, consist largely of stocks, bonds, promissory notes and other securities which are held in the state of Florida and readily salable.

Part of the assets, the petition continued, consist of stocks of close corporations in this state in which Manley owns a large part of the stock. The assets of the corporations, the petitioners averred, consist in part of second mortgages on apartments, land purchases and orange groves, all in need of financing and management.

Direct obligations to Florida banks were listed as \$297,000.

The petition stated that Manley's holdings in Florida were in six corporations. Only one was listed, the Church Street Holding Co. of Jacksonville, of which Manley was said to be Vice-President.

The petition asked the appointment of an ancillary receiver to take charge of the assets of the bankrupt in this jurisdiction.

State Comptroller of Florida Indicted as Result of Failure of Two West Palm Beach Banks Last June—Seven Officials of the Institutions Also Accused.

Special advices to the New York "Times" on Wednesday of this week (Sept. 22) from West Palm Beach, Fla., stated that Ernest Amos, Comptroller of the State of Florida, had been indicted on that day in West Palm Beach by the fall term of the Grand Jury on three counts, charging alleged malpractice in office in connection with the failure last June of the Palm Beach Bank & Trust Co. and the Commercial Bank & Trust Co.—both West Palm Beach institutions. It was further stated that seven officials of the two banks had also been indicted. These were: Benjamin R. Clayton, President of the Palm Beach Bank & Trust Co.; Howard P. Smith, D. Lester Williams and Ralph Payne, Vice-Presidents, and Carl A. Carter, head of the trust department; Thomas M. Cook, President of the Commercial Bank & Trust Co., and Adrian E. Pearson, Vice-President.

Regarding the specific charges against the State Comptroller and the banks' officials, the dispatch said:

The principal charge against Mr. Amos was that, knowing the banks were in unsound condition and operating on a cash reserve so far below their legal limits as to render their operation unsafe, he neglected to perform his duty by removing the bank officials.

A presentment returned by the Grand Jury to Judge Curtis C. Chillingworth of the Circuit Court censures the Comptroller for laxity in office and declares that he almost "wholly and shamefully failed in his duty." It recommends to the Legislature of the State that proper steps be taken to remove the Comptroller from office.

The presentment further recommends drastic changes in the banking laws of the State and petitions the Governor or other constituted authority to call a special Grand Jury to investigate the affairs of the Bankers Finance Co. in Jacksonville and of J. R. Anthony and his affiliated companies, two of the largest banking institutions in the State.

The jury criticizes officials of the City of West Palm Beach, especially the Director of Finance, and charges that the City of West Palm Beach had enormous sums on deposit in the Palm Beach Bank & Trust Co. at the time that bank failed and that on a part of these sums collateral security was obtained from the bank only nine days before it closed its doors.

It says that when the bank closed it was carrying a \$250,000 overdraft against the City of West Palm Beach in one of its accounts, while the City Clerk and Treasurer of West Palm Beach owed the bank \$30,000, and his personal account had been habitually overdrawn for weeks prior to the bank's closing, and was overdrawn to the extent of \$6,775 at that time.

The indictment against Clayton charges that while the capital of the Palm Beach Bank & Trust Co. was \$75,000 and its surplus \$100,000, he unlawfully permitted loans to other bank officials of more than \$500,000, these loans being made without the consent of the bank's board of directors. The charge against Smith is that he permitted loans aggregating \$233,171 to the East Coast Trading Co., the firm of Williams & Smith, Inc., the Palm Beach Holding Co., Harmon, Slaton & Throop, and the Mizner Development Co., all real estate concerns in which he was interested, without the consent of the board of the bank.

Williams is charged with making loans aggregating \$177,577 to Williams & Smith, Inc.; the Morris Plan Co.; Nichols, Williams Co., Inc.; the Mizner Development Co., and the Palm Beach Holding Co., without the consent of the bank directors. Payne is charged with similar unlawful loans aggregating \$133,357, to the East Coast Trading Co., the Palm Beach Acreage Co. and the Palm Beach Holding Co. Carter is charged with making a loan of \$2,170 to Smith before application for the loan had been submitted in writing to the board of directors.

Cook was charged with unlawfully loaning to the Palm Beach Realty & Investment Co., the Mizner Development Corporation and the Southern Florida Securities Co., concerns in which he was interested, sums aggregating \$117,540. Pearson was charged with loaning to the Mizner Development Corporation, Meerdunk & Pearson, the Morris Plan Co., and the Heights Land Co., \$144,060, either of which amounts exceeded 40% of the aggregate capital and surplus of the Commercial Bank & Trust Co.

Failure of the Palm Beach Bank & Trust Co. and the Commercial Bank & Trust Co. on June 28 last was reported in the "Chronicle" of July 3, page 45.

Bankers in Philadelphia and Elsewhere Opposed to Hull Amendments to McFadden Bill Reported as Considering Plans to Unite in Opposition to Committee of One Hundred.

Advocates of branch banking in Philadelphia and other sections of the United States are considering the advisability of organizing to support the McFadden-Pepper Banking bill, without the present Hull amendments, when it comes before the next session of Congress, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Sept. 21, which goes on to say

Suggestions that a committee be formed to work for the passage of the bill, minus the Hull amendments, or with the wording of the amendments changed, have twice been made to national bank presidents in this city, whose institutions have in operation one or more offices in addition to their main bank.

The identity of those who have suggested an organization is being withheld in secrecy for the present. The suggestions have been advanced because of the activities of the Chicago Committee of One Hundred on behalf of the bill, with the Hull amendments.

Handicap to National Banks.

If the bill is enacted into law in its present form and with the Hull amendments unaltered, bankers, whose institutions maintain additional offices (the legal name under which branch-banking is conducted in this city and State) assert nationally chartered institutions would be handicapped in future competition with State chartered banks.

The Hull amendments were drafted to limit branch banking in so far as national banks are concerned to the corporate limits of cities in States where branch banking was allowed by law at the time of the passage of the bill. In other words, according to the contention of branch bank advocates, were a State to permit trust companies and State banks to open branches after the McFadden-Pepper bill became a law, national banks in such States would be prohibited from establishing branches.

Charles S. Calwell, President of the Corn Exchange National Bank, which has two offices, yesterday called attention to the fact that the United States is the only civilized country in the world that has not nationally a branch banking system.

Few Oppose Branch Banking.

Very few bankers in Philadelphia are opposed to branch banking. Philadelphia's enlarged activities commercially and industrially require large banks to finance its needs, advocates of the McFadden-Pepper bill, without the Hull amendments, assert. This necessity, they say, calls for creation of additional offices for local banks. The national banking system, they also declare, needs the unamended bill to retain its standing, because, if a bank is prohibited from establishing a branch or branches under the Federal laws, it would surrender its charter and take up a State charter if the State in which it is located should permit branch banking.

Competition, the Philadelphia bankers hold, is good for all concerned. As one banker said yesterday, it stimulates trade and makes men.

For two-score years or more, Philadelphia banks have had inter-State competition, and have not complained, from two Camden banks—the Camden National Bank and the First National State Bank, the former having an office at Second and Walnut streets and the latter at 223 Market Street.

It is not considered likely that the plans of the anti-Hull forces will provide for any display of their strength before the October convention of the

American Bankers Association in Los Angeles. The Association is on record as favoring the bill with the Hull amendments. That it will reiterate its position, taken two years ago at Chicago, is regarded as a foregone conclusion.

Country Bankers Mistaken.

Delegates from the smaller banks will outnumber those from the large cities, and it is generally agreed they will support a resolution that favors the Hull amendments, as they did two years ago.

Several Philadelphia bankers said yesterday that the country bank delegates, in assuming this position, will do so under the misapprehension that the banks of the large centres are contemplating the extension of their activities beyond the city limits. The McFadden-Pepper bill, if enacted into law, would prohibit such extension without the Hull amendments.

Although present indications show no signs of concerted action at the Los Angeles convention by the branch-banking advocates, nevertheless the convention floor is likely to be the scene of considerable debate on the question, because California is the home of State-wide branch banking in the United States.

There are 26 States in which branch banking is not now permitted. Pennsylvania is one of them. Yet nearly all the principal trust companies in this city, which receive their charters from the State, practice it by the simple practice of opening an additional office when they so desire and notifying the Secretary of Banking of such action.

The Secretary of Banking, in turn, notifies the officers of the State-chartered institutions of the provisions of the banking laws of the State. These laws require, among other things, that the assets of the bank must be kept in the main office of the institution.

However, in view of the risk that would be taken in transferring cash and securities from various sections of the city to the main banking house twice a day and the cost of the transportation, a number of the institutions are keeping the cash and securities of the additional offices in vaults of those offices.

In 1922, when the growth of the trust company additional office movement in this city became a real one, the national banks took up the question of meeting this competition with the Comptroller of the Currency.

Individual action was taken by the banks, with the result that in nearly all instances the national banks were given the right to establish the additional offices. To-day the leading national banks and trust companies here have, in addition to their main banking houses, one or more additional offices.

Trouble Said Likely Among Bankers at Los Angeles—Controversy over McFadden Bill Assumes Serious Form—J. F. Sartori Writes Protest to Oscar Wells.

Under the above head the New York "Journal of Commerce" printed the following in its issue of Sept. 22:

It has been known for some time past that serious trouble in the American Bankers Association was brewing. This trouble grew out of the effort of one faction in the organization to force the McFadden bill upon the attention of the members—an effort to be renewed this year at Los Angeles.

How it is viewed by the California bankers became known yesterday when copies of a letter sent by J. F. Sartori, the best known of the Los Angeles bankers, and addressed to Oscar Wells, President of the American Bankers Association, Birmingham, Ala., were received in this city.

Mr. Sartori's Letter.

Mr. Sartori writes:

"Dear Mr. Wells,—I am in receipt of a circular presumably sent to all banks in the country from a so-called committee of 100, from which I quote the following:

"Committee of 100 opens campaign to have American-Bankers Association reinstate Hull amendments in October.

"You will receive within a few days Bulletin No. 1 of the committee of 100. The indisputable facts disclosed will show why every banker in the United States should go to Los Angeles Oct. 4-7 to fight for the principles of independent banking."

"From these quotations and other matters in the circular it appears that this organization is preparing to inject into the proceedings of the American Bankers Association convention, to be held in October, an attack upon branch banking. I wish to call to your attention and that of the administrative council of the American Bankers Association the objectionable nature of such action and to protest against its being countenanced or permitted by you and those associated with you in the management and conduct of the affairs of the Association.

Nature of Bankers' Association.

"The American Bankers Association is an organization embracing every sort of bank in the country—State and national banks, savings banks, trust companies, unit banks and branch banks. It is manifestly dangerous to the unity of the Association, and its future welfare for any group within its membership to use the Association to launch an attack upon any other group.

"It seems to me entirely unnecessary that this issue should be again forced upon the Association by any Committee of One Hundred or by any other group within or without the Association.

"The proper place for the activities of the Committee of One Hundred, or any other group favoring legislation which is antagonistic to any kind of banks or banking, is not the convention of the Association in which all are members with equal rights, but before the Committee of Congress and with their Senators and Representatives in Congress. Congress is the proper place to which the officers and legal department of the American Bankers Association should go for the same purpose. To come here to California, the home of a large number of sound branch banks with immense resources, all active and loyal members of the American Bankers Association, having the confidence of and serving millions of depositors, and present a reopening of this question, and the making of intemperate speeches by one group of banks against another group, all members of the American Bankers Association, would be an inexcusable and unjustifiable outrage. I would consider it equally outrageous if branch bankers should make a similar attack on unit banking, say, in the Dakotas or Iowa, should the convention chance to be held in one of those States.

Resources of Branch Banks.

"State branch banks in California have more than eight hundred million more resources than the national banks and the unit State banks combined, and we cannot be expected to sit quietly and see ourselves berated and condemned as though we were guilty of some crime against the Commonwealth because we employ a form of banking which all the great commercial nations to-day, except ourselves, have adopted as the soundest and best. Our California experience confirms their judgment.

"Branch banks in California have total resources of \$2,273,770,000, as of April 12 last, and at least one and three-quarters millions of satisfied depositors. I say 'satisfied' because they do not withdraw their patronage.

"Unjust and Inexcusable."

"From my point of view, it would be unjust and inexcusable to permit prejudiced and intemperate speeches to be made on the convention floor arraiging branch banking as unsafe, unsound, unAmerican, &c., here in Los Angeles where branch banks have total deposits of \$750,000,000, against deposits of less than \$320,000,000 in all other banks, and perhaps five times the number of depositors.

"Branch bankers, as far as I know, are in no way opposing, but, on the other hand, have approved the modernizing of the National Bank Act and the giving to the national banks the same rights and privileges, as far as they desire them, that the States give to their State banks. All branch bankers, so far as I know, are heartily in favor of the extension of the charters of the Federal Reserve banks. Moreover, no branch bankers are seeking or proposing legislation, nor, except as a matter of defense, are attacking unit banking either in Congress or in the State Legislatures or in the American Bankers Association.

Squabbles in Convention.

"Branch bankers do not desire to enter or to be forced into any unseemly squabbles at the coming convention, even as a matter of self-defense. The most important question is whether members of such an association should be attacked by fellow members. It will be necessary for the branch bankers to prepare for such an emergency in a resistance that shall be at least comparable to the attack.

"We feel constrained to say that inasmuch as we are hosts, and the attacking members will be mostly guests, freedom from embarrassment and, as we believe, benefit to the Association would follow a control of this matter by the officers of the Association. A destructive controversy, which would at best be in bad taste, should be eliminated."

New York State Bankers Association Favors Modification of McFadden Bill With Respect to Branch Banking.

Pointing out that the New York State Bankers Association has come out in favor of changing the McFadden banking bill, now pending in Congress, so as to permit branch banking by member banks within city limits in those states which may hereafter authorize branch banking the "Wall Street Journal" of last night (Sept. 24) said:

This is tantamount to calling for the elimination of the Hull amendment which would, if enacted, thereafter forbid national or member banks from having branches in present non-branch permitting States, regardless of subsequent permissive legislation. This amendment has been causing considerable controversy among bankers throughout the country and has threatened a serious split in the ranks of the American Bankers Association.

Although New York State is one of the branch permitting States and the Hull amendment is consequently not of direct concern to New York bankers, yet this recommendation from such an important organization of bankers is expected to have a far-reaching influence when the American Bankers Association meet in a few days at Los Angeles, where a stiff fight is looked for over the question of restricting the spread of branch banking. A large faction of bankers in the ranks of the American Bankers Association is dissatisfied with what is regarded as failure on the part of the A. B. A. executives to act conscientiously for the Hull amendment.

The action was taken in the following resolution passed by the Council of Administration in New York, Thursday.

"Whereas, it is most desirable that the banking interests of the country should be united and harmonious respecting matters of mutual interest, and

"Whereas, such a condition can exist only if all banking institutions, whether national banks, State banks or trust companies, are treated fairly and equally as to their privileges and opportunities, and

"Whereas, nearly half of the States now permit branch banking the Hull amendments to the so-called McFadden bill propose to recognize that privilege in those States, and

"Whereas, the question of branches within the limit of a city should be a State and local proposition, and

"Whereas, there are circumstances under which a branch bank will give an outlying section of a city the best banking facilities, and

"Whereas, it is fair and just that all members of the Federal Reserve system should have equal opportunities, now therefore be it

"Resolved, that the New York State Bankers Association, by action of its Council of Administration, urges the members of the American Bankers Association that they endeavor to adjust their differences regarding the branch bank question among themselves, so as to present a united front before Congress, and be it further

"Resolved, that if necessary to obtain united action, the American Bankers Association favor a modification in the McFadden bill so as to permit of branches within the limits of a city in those States which may later give such permission to their State banks without forfeiting their membership in the Federal Reserve system."

Explaining the Stand.

Accompanying this resolution, sent to all members of the New York State Bankers Association, is an explanation or amplification of the association's viewpoint in regard to branch banking and as to the drawbacks of the Hull amendment. Pointing out that the difference of opinion between national and State banks regarding the Hull amendment to the McFadden bill may lead to the formation of two opposing delegations to represent their interests in Washington, it is stated that "such a condition would seem to be most unfortunate and is liable to result in neither group getting what they desire, and perhaps some good legislation killed as a consequence. In the minds of the public, and probably of the representatives also, there is little or no distinction between the different types of banks, as they are all considered banking institutions.

"The main difference of opinion in connection with the McFadden bill is that some bankers do not want banks in States not now allowing branches to ever be permitted to have them so long as they remain members of the Federal Reserve System, whereas other bankers want the privilege of having branches if their State laws are changed so as to give permission for branches.

"It would be most desirable if these groups could agree on something upon which they could unite before Congress. While it does not affect New York State, which already permits branches, it would seem that there are many cases where an outlying community in a city could be better served by a branch than by a small community bank. The public would rather place its money under charge of a strong institution securing that protection, while at the same time enjoying the convenience of nearby banking facilities. Such branches are also particularly desirable in these days of serious traffic conditions in the downtown sections of cities. Furthermore, a large, strong bank could not be built up in most outlying sections of a city—heir

Independent banks in those neighborhoods would of necessity be small institutions.

A Fairer Proposition.

"To allow branches outside of a city is objectionable, because such a branch would then be controlled by interests outside of the town served and not in touch with its conditions and problems.

"It would appear that if additional States permit branch banking, that State and national banks in those States should have the same privileges as are enjoyed by any other bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve system. It is probable that if a State should so change its laws, then both national and State banks located therein would undoubtedly want to be allowed to have branches. Usually the best results are not obtained by using force, which appears to be the idea in forcing State banks out of the Federal system if they have branches in States not now permitting them, but later give such permission. Would it not be better to recognize that it is legitimate for a bank to have such branches within a city as its State banking department deems wise, and to allow the permission to extend to States which may later permit branch banking?

"Your Council of Administration at its meeting on Sept. 23 1926 adopted the inclosed resolution and request that as one of our official representatives in the A. B. A., at the proper time you use your influence at the Los Angeles convention along the lines of this resolution and see that the resolution is presented to the convention as representing the sentiment of our association."

Branch Banking Dispute Spreads—Faction of A.B.A. Members Criticizes Association's Inactivity on Behalf of Hull Amendment.

We take the following from the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 18:

According to officials of the American Bankers Association, the so-called Committee of One Hundred recently announced in Chicago and "composed of senior officials of both national and State banks, members of the American Bankers Association," to further the cause of the Hull amendment to the McFadden bill restricting the spread of branch banking, was organized and is working independently of the Association. In fact, the committee is critical of the recent attitude of the Association on this question, it being contended that the Association has not been as active in carrying out the 1924 resolution endorsing the Hull amendment lately as it should have been.

Denial by officials of the American Bankers Association of all responsibility for the Committee of One Hundred, as well as resignation of Walter W. Head from the Chairmanship of the committee, gave rise to reports that the Association was preparing to change its attitude on the question of branch banking, in view, especially, of the forthcoming annual convention.

But this is not the case, according to Oscar Wells, President of the A.B.A., who was in New York on the way to Los Angeles and was interviewed by a representative of the "Wall Street Journal" on this matter. Mr. Wells is President of the First National Bank of Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Wells said:

"The assumption that has been made that the resignation of a past President from the Committee of One Hundred and the Association's denial that such committee has any relationship to the Association are significant of its changing attitude toward the McFadden bill is not warranted. The position of the Association was fixed definitely by the Chicago resolution of 1924. It is on record as favoring the McFadden bill, including the Hull amendments. The Association and its officers are instructed by that Act. No effort has been made to change its position. To the contrary, the mandate of the resolution has been followed rigidly.

"Mr. Head's acceptance or resignation from the so-called Committee of One Hundred, an organization formed independently to carry out its own ideas of what legislative strategy may be followed as to the Hull amendments has no bearing whatever on the attitude of the Association and should not be construed as reflecting a new conviction on its part.

"There is no justification in this situation for undertaking to prejudice the action of the convention at Los Angeles."

It is largely on account of its critical attitude toward the A.B.A. that Mr. Head resigned as Chairman of the Committee of One Hundred. It was made to appear that Mr. Head was "disappointed" at the reputed failure of the Association to uphold the integrity of "our independent banks." Consequently, in resigning Mr. Head said he preferred to work in behalf of restricting branch banking within rather than without the ranks of the A.B.A.

Genesis of the Committee.

The Committee of One Hundred is an outgrowth of an Association of outlying Chicago banks organized several years ago to protect themselves from the branch banking menace, although Illinois is at the moment a non-branch banking State. This is why these banks are now "rooting" for the Hull amendment. Active in the interest of these banks was E. N. Baty, who, after the A.B.A. declared itself unreservedly against branch banking in 1922, was appointed Secretary of the latter's committee on branch banking.

At the 1924 convention the A.B.A. modified its former attitude by endorsing the Hull amendment of the McFadden bill providing for restricted branch banking in present permitted areas, but preventing its spread to present non-branch States.

But dissatisfied with the recent activities of the Association in this respect and in order to bring an influential body of bankers to the convention to insure no further modification of attitude on branch banking, the present committee has been organized with E. N. Baty as Secretary. It is understood that as no discussion of branch banking has been provided for in the program of the coming convention, it is planned to precipitate a discussion on the floor of the meeting.

Just who compose the Committee of One Hundred is not known. However, it has succeeded in enlisting, it is understood, an extensive following among the small banks throughout the country, sufficiently numerous to constitute a serious split in the ranks of the A.B.A.

Typical of the criticism leveled at the A.B.A. by the Committee of One Hundred is the following statement recently circularized by the latter among the banks.

Claims "Utmost" Was Not Done.

"Since 1906 the branch bank question has been the most extensively discussed subject in the meetings of the American Bankers Association. The 1924 convention was one of the largest conventions in point of attendance of the Association. Its action in unanimously approving the Hull amendments, designed forever to stop the spread of branch banking into those 26 States whose laws now prohibit branch banking, was taken only after full and complete discussion following an advance notice to the membership that the branch bank question would come before the convention.

"The unanimous resolution ended, the executive officers and members of the Federal Legislative Committee are instructed to aid to the utmost" in getting the McFadden bill with the Hull amendments enacted at the earliest date.

"What happened when the Hull amendments were under consideration by the Congress?

"The sole executive officer of our Association appearing before the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate when the unfortunate changes were made substituting for the Hull amendments, restricting the spread of branch banking, the 'contiguous territory' provision encouraging its spread, read the 1924 resolution passed by the American Bankers Association and attempted to excuse himself from further testimony, a service which could have as well been performed by mailing the committee a copy of the resolution.

"Was this doing his 'utmost'?"

"The sole representative of the Federal Legislative Committee of the American Bankers Association to appear before the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate testified immediately after a persuasive appeal by the representative of the Cleveland Trust Co. (an institution operating 53 branches) for provisions in the bill permitting branch banking outside of parent city limits. After listening to the proponents of the extension of branch banking this representative of the American Bankers Association Federal Legislative Committee stated that from what he had heard that day he thought branch banking ought to be permitted along the lines argued for by the branch bank advocate who preceded him—"that it would make it (branch banking) more popular!"

"How was the spirit of the Association's resolution carried out by such testimony?"

"And except for these two representatives the Association was officially silent. Other officials of the Association are reported to have been present during the hearing held by the Banking and Commerce Committee of the Senate, but the official record does not disclose any effort upon their part to carry out the 1924 resolution."

It is proper to note that the above extract from the committee's circular was given in our issue of Sept. 4; page 1196.

Festus J. Wade Succeeds Walter W. Head as Chairman of Committee of One Hundred.

Festus J. Wade, President of the Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis, has succeeded Walter W. Head of Omaha as Chairman of the Committee of One Hundred, according to an announcement made by the committee. In accepting the Chairmanship of this committee, Mr. Wade said:

The question of the extension of branch banking is one of national importance, in which all bankers and the general public should be interested. I am in full sympathy and accord with the program of the Committee of One Hundred, which is seeking to restrict the spread of branch banking to those States where it is now legal under State laws. This is the intent of the Hull amendments to the McFadden banking bill, and I believe thoroughly in the need of these amendments.

Mr. Head's resignation as Chairman of the committee was noted in our issue of Sept. 4, page 1193.

T. R. Preston, Vice-President of A.B.A., Urges Restriction of Branch Banking by Adoption of Hull Amendments.

T. R. Preston of Chattanooga, Tenn., Vice-President of the American Bankers Association, strongly urges passage of the McFadden banking bill, with the Hull amendments included, at the coming short session of Congress. Mr. Preston is President of the Hamilton National Bank, the Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank and the Clearing House Association of the city of Chattanooga. In a letter to the Committee of One Hundred, which is composed of national and State bankers, all members of the A.B.A., organized for the purpose of urging upon the national convention of the A.B.A. re-endorsement of the Hull amendments, Mr. Preston said:

The big question before this country, so far as bank legislation is concerned, is to get the McFadden bill with the Hull amendments through at the short session of Congress, and I am one of those who believes that it can be done if we all concentrate on the Senate. If the Hull Amendments are not included, it would simply be an invitation to the national and State banks in States like Illinois to go before the State Legislature and urge the passage of a measure giving State banks the right to establish branches, which would automatically give the same privilege to national banks, and it would not be long until the other 26 States would have branch banks.

Savings Bank Association of State of New York Seeks Membership in Federal Reserve System.

Announcing that the Savings Bank Association of the State of New York is desirous of affiliation with the Federal Reserve System, a dispatch from Lake Placid (N. Y.) Sept. 22 to the New York "Herald-Tribune" said:

While members of the State Savings Bank Association do not see as imminent the realization of their plan for a reserve savings bank in this State launched at their convention a year ago, they are continuing their efforts to bring it about.

Assembled here for their thirty-third annual meeting to-day, they reiterated their faith in the project by the passage of two resolutions, one memorializing the Federal Reserve Board at Washington to consider the question of extending its facilities to mutual savings banks and the other continuing the life of the committee which is studying the plan. It was also voted to telegraph the Connecticut Savings Banks Association, now in session, of their action.

Darwin R. James, President of the East River Savings Bank of New York, said savings banks were not to-day in as strong a position as they were before the enactment of the Federal Reserve law. They need, he said, a greater liquidity of assets and greater flexibility in their business methods.

About 350 delegates and guests are here for the thirty-third convention of the association, whose membership embraces every one of the 149 savings institutions in the State.

George O. May on Publicity of Corporation Reports Urged by Professor Ripley—Extension of Independent Audit System Advocated.

George O. May, of Price, Waterhouse & Co., whose dissent from some of the statements in the recent article of Professor Ripley relative to the publicity of reports of corporations, was noted in our issue of Sept. 4, page 1201, had something further to say on the subject this week. In an address at the annual banquet of the American Institute of Accountants at Atlantic City on Sept. 22, Mr. May stated that from an examination he had caused to be made as to the percentage of companies whose stocks are dealt in on the Stock Exchange having their accounts audited annually, he found that in the case of industrial companies the practice had become almost universal. "In these circumstances," he said, "it seems to me that the extension of the independent audit, accompanied by a clearer definition of the authority and responsibility of auditors, is one of the most valuable remedies to be found for the defects of which Professor Ripley complains." We give what Mr. May has to say in full herewith:

My presence here to-night is a direct result of the publication by Professor Ripley of his article in the September "Atlantic Monthly" on the subject of publicity of corporation accounts.

Soon after that article appeared I wrote to a leading New York newspaper drawing attention to certain inaccuracies in it, and suggesting that it did not constitute an altogether fair presentation of the situation which exists to-day. Your Committee then invited me to speak at this meeting, and as the regular business program was filled they suggested that I might take this occasion to make a few remarks on the subject of publicity of accounts from the standpoint of directors and auditors.

I do not propose to discuss Professor Ripley's article in detail. I dissent from him on some of his facts and on some of his arguments, and I entirely disagree with his suggestion as to the role which should be played by the Federal Trade Commission. But I do not wish to-night to discuss these disagreements; I would rather express my gratification at the success with which he has attracted the attention of the public to the subject, and consider what we, as accountants, can do to bring about that improvement in the information furnished to stockholders and potential stockholders of corporations for which his article is a plea. No doubt the primary responsibility for furnishing the stockholders adequate information rests on the directors, but the auditor ought to use his best efforts to ensure that the directors publish accounts which conform to the highest established standards and to be able to advise directors what these standards are.

I am not sure that auditors have done their full duty in this respect in the past. To some extent this may have been due to the limitations of their authority and the rather precarious tenure of their appointments. I think the time has come when auditors should assume larger responsibilities, and their position be more clearly defined.

The practice of having independent audits has become so general that it is no longer necessary to demonstrate its value. In discussing the subject therefore, we are now free from any imputation that we are crying up our own wares.

After undertaking to speak to-night I caused an examination to be made to ascertain what percentage of the companies whose stocks were dealt in on a given day on the New York Stock Exchange had their accounts audited annually, and I was myself surprised to find that in the case of industrial companies the practice had become almost universal; certainly over 90% of all the industrial companies on the list were audited.

In these circumstances it seems to me that the extension of the independent audit, accompanied by a clearer definition of the authority and responsibility of the auditors, is one of the most valuable remedies to be found for the defects of which Professor Ripley complains; and I think the Institute should consider very seriously, and invite the co-operation of other bodies in considering, what are the proper responsibilities of auditors, and what can be done to hold them to such responsibilities, and to put them in a position to assume all the responsibilities which they ought to assume.

In England, to which country Professor Ripley pointed, the situation is now fairly clearly defined by statute. I recognize, of course, that owing to the fact that incorporation is a State question, it is not readily possible here to define audit standards by legislation, but a reference to the English statutes may at least be helpful as suggesting the objectives at which we ought to aim.

Under the English law the independent audit has for many years been compulsory, and the auditors share with the directors the responsibility for the accounts as published.

Auditors have been held liable for damages, and have even been subjected to criminal prosecution, for participation in the issue of false accounts. As a necessary corollary they have been given adequate powers. The language of the English Companies Act is simple:

"Every auditor of a company shall have a right of access at all times to the books and accounts and vouchers of the company, and shall be entitled to require from the directors and officers of the company such information and explanation as may be necessary for the performance of the duties of the auditors."

The following clause provides that the auditors shall make a report to the shareholders on every balance sheet laid before a shareholders' meeting during their term of office, and shall state whether or not they have obtained all the information and explanations they have required, and whether the balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the company's affairs. It is made a misdemeanor to circulate a balance sheet which has not been audited, or which does not bear a copy of the auditor's report or a sufficient reference thereto.

Finally, the position of the auditor is strengthened by a provision that no auditor other than the retiring auditor shall be eligible for election at an annual meeting of shareholders, unless due notice has been given in advance of the intention to nominate a new auditor, and this notice must be given to every shareholder and also to the retiring auditor. If, therefore, directors are disposed to seek new auditors because of differences of opinion with the existing auditors, ample opportunity is afforded for the shareholders to become informed of the merits of the case and act accordingly.

A Government committee which recently reviewed the English Company law in the light of development during the last twenty years, felt able to report:

"We are of the opinion that in general the law as it stands with regard to the powers and duties of auditors is satisfactory."

And also:
"Cases in which auditors fall below the level of their duty are few and far between."

Now, while it is doubtless impracticable to bring about through legislation in this country a development similar to that which has proved so satisfactory in England, I see no reason why this should not be done in a large measure through the co-operation of such bodies as the leading stock exchanges, the investment bankers, and the commercial banks which grant credit, and I suggest that the Institute should endeavor to bring about co-operation to this end. Every member of the Institute, I believe, appreciates the value to its membership, to the banks, and to the business of the country, of the co-operation with bankers in regard to credit statements which has been developed in recent years. I think the Institute should seek to extend such co-operation to the field with which Professor Ripley's article deals. The New York Stock Exchange, for instance, could readily bring about through its listing agreements a situation as respects companies listed on its exchange, similar to that which exists in England. In recent years the Stock Exchange has given various indications that it attaches constantly greater importance to the work of accountants, and it has also shown a disposition to examine sympathetically any proposal which may tend to protect those who deal in the securities which it lists. It would, I think, therefore, be receptive to a suggestion such as I have put forward.

As I have said, the accounts of a very large proportion of the industrial companies whose stocks are listed (and I limit for the present the suggestion to industrial companies and exclude railways, public utilities and other companies which are under some form of public supervision) are now audited; the public would welcome a clearer definition of the significance of such audits, and of the responsibilities of auditors. Such clearer definition, though it might increase the accountant's obligation, would also in the long run be of advantage to the members of the profession and give them enhanced importance in the business world, just as it has done in England.

By similar co-operation, standards might be established for balance sheets and income accounts which would be welcomed by many corporation executives and accountants who desire to be guided by the best practice, if they can be assured what that practice is.

As regards balance sheets, the essential points are fairly well established and observed by the leading companies. A clear statement of the way in which the capital assets are valued is one requirement of an adequate disclosure which is not now generally observed, and there might be some discussion as to the form of statement of surplus. The object should be so to state the surplus as to indicate what part of it is legally available for dividend distributions, and what part is not so available; but in the present state of the law, particularly in the case of companies with stock of no par value, this is not always easy and it is impossible to lay down hard and fast rules.

The practice in regard to the income account is not so well established, and there is probably room for more difference of opinion as to what would constitute a proper disclosure. The difficulties arise largely from two facts which are not at all adequately appreciated. The first is, that the significance of an income account is two fold; it shows what amounts have been earned and are available for distribution in dividends if the directors see fit to make the distribution. The income account of the past is also in a measure a guide to the expectations of income in the future. In many cases this second use is the more important, because it is the reasonable expectation of yield in the future which determines the value of any property to-day. This economic truism, which incidentally makes much of the discussion of the values of capital assets from the standpoint of reproduction cost irrelevant and meaningless, should never be lost sight of or obscured.

The second difficulty is that the attribution of income to particular periods of time is at best in a large measure arbitrary and based on conventions. While we accountants recognize this fact more fully the longer we practice, it is by no means properly appreciated by the general public, and far too much significance is commonly attached to the figure of income for a particular year or other period.

Bearing in mind these two points, it seems to me that fairness in the presentation of an income account is even more important than fullness. Much of the information that is contained in more elaborate reports is no doubt interesting to stockholders and appeals to their sense of proprietorship, but is of little practical value to them. The vitally important requirements are that, if the profits of the year include extraordinary or extraneous profits, which render the figures useless as a guide to earning capacity, these should be clearly disclosed; and secondly, that where the accounts are based on any conventions other than those commonly accepted, that fact should also be clearly disclosed. I have in mind such departures from accepted convention as the valuing of inventories on a basis other than cost or market; or the failure to provide for depreciation or depletion. Probably discussion would arise as to whether the amount of depreciation provided should be shown separately; probably on the whole it should, although the precise amount set aside for depreciation or the amount expended for maintenance is of less real significance to a stockholder than the statement of a competent and disinterested person who is familiar with the details of the business that the amount provided or expended is in his judgment adequate for the purpose.

Undoubtedly there would be differences of opinion on the question whether gross sales should be disclosed. Viewing the matter solely from the standpoint of the stockholder it seems to me this is a question of expediency. Where the percentage of gross profit is high, the profit is apt to be regarded as unreasonable, although in judging its reasonableness many factors besides the percentage it bears to sales ought really to be taken into account. A packing company which can earn a fair return on its investment with a relatively small percentage of profit on a large turnover can very well afford to publish its sales, and to point to the small percentage of profits with an expression of surprise at its own moderation. On the other hand, an agricultural implement company with a large investment and a relatively small turnover might be merely inviting ill-informed criticism by a similar disclosure.

Undoubtedly many of the objections to fuller disclosure are based on unsubstantial grounds and would be cleared up by frank discussion. Many corporations, as Professor Ripley points out, disclose in their listing applications information which they do not give in their reports to their stockholders.

I have been able to touch only briefly to-night on some of the important phases of the question of publicity of corporation accounts; my main purpose is to urge that co-operation between interested bodies should do much to improve the existing situation, and that the American Institute of Accountants might well take the initiative in an effort to bring about such co-operation. I think the Institute has reason to be proud of its accomplishments in the single decade of its existence, but I believe that there is here a field in which the Institute could do still greater service, and in doing so could help its members to render a higher service to the community.

Return to Standard Time—Notices of Federal Reserve Banks of New York and Chicago.

Daylight saving time, which has been in effect since April 25, will end at 2 a. m. to-morrow (Sunday) morning, Sept. 26,

when standard time will prevail with the turning back of the clocks one hour. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York issues the following notice in the matter:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

[Circular No. 742, Sept. 20 1926, Superseding Circular No. 721.]
Return to Standard Time.

To All Banks, Trust Companies, Savings Banks and Bankers in the Second Federal Reserve District:

Beginning on Monday, Sept. 27 1926, this bank and its Buffalo Branch will open and close for business in accordance with standard time, which becomes effective in New York City and in the City of Buffalo by the retarding of one hour at 2 a. m. on Sunday, Sept. 26 1926.

Clearings at the New York Clearing House will take place at 10 a. m. and at the Buffalo Clearing House at 11 a. m. on week days and 10:15 a. m. on Saturdays.

Very truly yours,

BENJ. STRONG, Governor.

The following notice is issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago:

Effective Sept. 26, Chicago banks, in compliance with the Daylight Savings Ordinance, will turn their clocks back one hour, reverting to Central standard time.

There will be no change in banking hours, which are from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. daily, except Saturday, when they are from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

As to the observance of daylight saving time, the New York "Journal of Commerce" on Sept. 23 said:

Daylight saving was more widely observed this year than during any season since the repeal of the national law which was passed as a war-time measure, according to the Merchants' Association, which for a number of years has opposed the repeal of the Daylight Saving Law of New York.

Even in New England, where opposition to any interference with "God's time" has been most zealous, many urban communities adopted it.

In the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan and Wisconsin there was a marked increase in the territory which followed daylight saving.

Reports from various cities along the Pacific Coast indicate its adoption in several of the larger cities, and it is said that next year will find additions to the list.

Physicians, who always have advocated its benefits, have extended their endorsements of daylight saving and have been a powerful factor in bringing about its observance in communities where it hitherto has been opposed.

It is estimated that during the season which will close at 2:00 a. m. on Sunday next, Sept. 26, more than one-third of the population of the United States have enjoyed the benefits of daylight saving.

The Hurricane and Disaster at Miami.

The overshadowing event of the week has been the havoc and disaster caused by a hurricane of great violence and intensity which last Friday night and early Saturday morning swept over the lower peninsula of Florida and destroyed nearly everything in its path. The full fury of the storm struck Miami, and it is there that the greatest damage resulted to life and property. At the same time, however, a number of smaller places on the ocean side of the peninsula, all the way from the Florida keys to Palm Beach, were some of them almost completely wiped out, among them Hollywood, Hialeah, Coral Gables, Ojus, Fort Lauderdale, Dania, Hallandale, Homestead, Pompano, Fort Myers and Moore Haven. The wind attained a velocity of 125 miles an hour, torrents of rain fell, streets were flooded, houses demolished, shipping driven ashore, travel suspended, telegraph and telephone and even radio communication cut off.

In Miami a large part of the loss of life appears to have been occasioned by the fact that the storm seemed to have spent its force between 8 and 9 o'clock Saturday morning, the wind then beginning to die down and the skies to clear. This induced many to venture out, even to go to the beaches with a view to clearing up the wreckage and undertaking the work of repairing the damage done. Then the storm doubled on itself and returned, and the unwary persons were swept away or killed by wreckage floating in the air. Some accounts go so far as to say the hurricane returned a third time late Saturday afternoon. When the storm finally passed from Miami, it headed for Mobile and Pensacola, and both places were for a time cut off from communication with the outside world—Pensacola for nearly two days. No loss of life, however, seems to have occurred at either point, and the property damage has seemingly been slight.

President Coolidge, as well as Governor Smith and Mayor Walker, at once issued appeals for aid and relief for the stricken communities. President Coolidge's proclamation, issued from the Executive offices in Washington on Sept. 20, was as follows:

To the People of the United States,

An overwhelming disaster has come to the people of Miami, Hollywood and surrounding communities in southern Florida. Such assistance as is within the means of the Executive departments of the Government will be rendered, but, realizing the great suffering which now needs relief and will need relief for days to come, I am prompted to appeal urgently to the American people, whose sympathies have always been so comprehensive, to contribute generously in aiding the sufferers of this disaster.

That the utmost co-ordination and effectiveness in the administration of the relief funds may be obtained, I urge that all contributions for this purpose be sent to the American National Red Cross at Washington or to the local Red Cross chapters. I need not assure the people that the Red Cross will utilize in the most effective manner all contributions received for relief in this catastrophe.

(Signed) CALVIN COOLIDGE.

Governor Smith's proclamation, issued in Albany, read:

State of New York, Executive Chamber, Albany.

When a great catastrophe due to uncontrollable forces of nature smites a community and strikes it down the heart of America is stirred to the depths. Such occurrences evoke a flood of sympathy which impels every man, woman and child to give the afflicted whatever aid is within their powers. The calamity which has just befallen the people of Florida calls for immediate relief. The State of New York, with its great wealth and its enormous resources, has a great obligation resting upon it to respond to the call of humanity in distress, and our people have never failed to assume their responsibilities. I know that we will place all our available resources which may be needed in the way of supplies, food, medical care or whatever may be called for in the circumstances at the disposal of our sister State.

I therefore call upon the citizens of New York State as individuals and through charitable relief organizations, to give all possible aid, and on behalf of the State I have appointed a Florida Relief Committee, of which I have named Major-General William N. Haskell as Chairman. I have directed him to devote all his energy to taking immediate steps to co-ordinate the efforts on behalf of New York State to assist the stricken communities of Florida.

Given under my hand and the privy seal of the State at the Capitol, in the City of Albany, this 20th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

(Signed) ALFRED E. SMITH.

A committee, officially representing New York City, to organize relief work for the sufferers in the Miami storm disaster was appointed by Mayor James J. Walker. He sent the following message to Governor Martin of Florida Sept. 20:

The people of New York City are shocked with grief and concern at the stupendous affliction which has visited the State of Florida. We are in hopes that in the alarm and confusion reports have been much exaggerated. Please be assured that New York City stands ready to render every aid humanly possible.

At the present time it is estimated that the loss of life throughout Florida as a result of the storm has been between 350 and 400, the property loss between \$100,000,000 and \$200,000,000, and that in the vicinity of 50,000 persons have been rendered homeless.

Hand-to-Mouth Buying Commended by Dr. Benjamin M. Anderson, Jr.—Expanding Business Despite Falling Prices.

Speaking before the Financial Advertisers' Association in Detroit on Sept. 22, Dr. B. M. Anderson Jr., Economist of the Chase National Bank, New York, commended the general policy of hand-to-mouth buying. He said that this had been responsible for a new phenomenon, namely, the fact that business could expand despite falling commodity prices in 1926. Bradstreet's average of commodity wholesale prices dropped 12.2% from December 1925 to August 1926, but the physical volume of production for the first half of 1926 increased 3.3% over the same months of 1925, and profits in 1926 appear to have been well sustained. Such an occurrence seems never to have happened before. It could not have happened this year if inventories purchased at 1925 prices had been large in January 1926.

Dr. Anderson said that there had in the past been a conflict between economic theory and business experience as to the effect of falling prices on the volume of business. The law of supply and demand would hold that falling prices stimulate buying, whereas business experience has been that the first effect of falling prices is to check buying, since buyers wait for still lower prices. In the long pull, business experience has confirmed economic theory since, when the decline in prices slows down, buying picks up again and business revival begins when prices are still slowly falling. The hand-to-mouth buying policy, however, in 1926 at least, has brought economic theory and business experience together. The immediate effect of price reduction has been increased buying, for the business field as a whole.

Dr. Anderson indicated that departure from the hand-to-mouth policy to-day might be more dangerous than it would have been before the war, particularly in view of our inelastic labor supply. A sharp increase in forward buying would lead to sharp competitive bidding for labor, which would lead labor costs to mount much more rapidly than they would have done before our immigration restrictions. Though appreciating the inconvenience of this policy to certain manufacturers, he none the less defended it as good for the country as a whole. He suggested that the manufacturers are finding partial relief, at least, through throwing an increased part of the burden and risks of carrying raw materials upon the general speculative markets, which, when well organized, are particularly well qualified to carry such burdens. Dr. Anderson said:

The past year has witnessed a very remarkable business phenomenon—the coincidence of falling commodity prices and expanding business. There has been an actual expansion of production in 1926 as compared with the same months of 1925. An index of production, based on agriculture, manufacturing, mining and transportation, for the first six months of 1926

shows an increase of 3.3% over the same months of 1925. Profits, moreover, appear to have been well sustained in 1926. Prices meanwhile have declined 12.2% from December 1925 to August 1926, according to Bradstreet's index number, while Fishers' weekly index has gone down 8.7% during approximately the same period.

There has long been a conflict between the economic theory of the textbooks and the practical experience of business men as to the effect of falling prices on the volume of business. The law of supply and demand, as set forth in the textbooks, would lead to the expectation that falling prices would increase the volume of goods sold, the lower prices bringing new buyers into the market or inducing existing buyers to take more. Business men, on the other hand, have been of the opinion that a downward tendency in prices tends to check buying since purchasers hold off expecting still lower prices in the future. Economic theory and business experience both justify the view that fallen prices, even if not falling prices, will lead to an increase in the volume of buying. It has repeatedly happened in the past that a business reaction, leading to a drop from a high level of prices to a low level of prices, has set buying going again after the readjustment was accomplished, and that business expansion on the basis of lower prices has taken place. But the economist has often ignored in his theorizing the process of the readjustment, and the actual facts have usually been that business is checked while prices are falling from a higher level to a lower level and that business expansion takes place most rapidly when prices begin to rise. It appears, however, to be a fact that the revival in the physical volume of business begins before the price decline is over and continues for some time with slowly falling prices.

One of the ablest writers among the students of business barometers, in a book published in the autumn of 1925, has developed a business barometer designed to forecast Bradstreet's index of commodity prices rather than general business. The author declares, however, that the barometer which forecasts Bradstreet's commodity prices is essentially a barometer of general business because "rises or declines of business prosperity do not occur without average commodity price changes in the same direction." He adds: "The writer has been able to find no case in economic history where a general increase in physical volume of production has not been closely connected with a rise in commodity prices."

I think this proposition was pretty nearly true at the time this author was writing (his preface is dated Aug. 8 1925). However, the following year has shown the decline of 12.2% in Bradstreet's average of commodity prices, accompanied by an extraordinary business activity which still continues. We have here pretty nearly a new thing in business history. It is too early to reach dogmatic conclusions about it. I think that it has been made possible by the hand-to-mouth buying policies of business men. With quick turnover, declining commodity prices do far less damage to business than they did under old conditions.

A substantial part of the explanation of previous business cycles as worked out by the best students, among them Mitchell and Vance, has rested on the observation that business men buy too heavily and reduce buying too sharply at the wrong times, overstocking when prices are high, but expected to go higher, and understocking when prices are low, but it is feared they may go lower. The beginning of a rise in commodity prices, moreover, is said to be cumulative, partly because the turn in the market generates a great increase in buying, and the fall in prices is said to be accelerated sharply by the sharp reduction in buying which a turn in the market downward generates. To the extent, however, that the mercantile world has adopted a hand-to-mouth buying policy throughout all stages of the cycle, whether prices are rising or falling, it is obvious that these explanations no longer hold. It is obvious, too, that the extremes of business fluctuations are going to be mitigated greatly and, in particular, the periods of business reaction are going to be shorter than would otherwise have been the case.

I think we have here one of the very striking illustrations of the general fact that economic processes, being, in large part, the work of conscious and reflecting men, are greatly influenced and modified by being studied. Chemical elements react invariably in the same way, no matter how many laboratory experiments are made and no matter how many generalizations are made by the scientists regarding their behavior. But economic phenomena are changed through the very process of being studied, and the publication of an accurate scientific study may lead to changes in the economic process which will invalidate predictions based on that scientific study.

There is no guaranty that the policy of hand-to-mouth buying will be continued. It grows primarily out of the experiences which the business world had in 1920, and the fears which still prevail in the business world as a consequence of those experiences. Temptations to depart from it arise whenever the price trend is upward. There was a departure from it on a considerable scale in the autumn of 1922 and the very early months of 1923, with, however, a frightened reaction toward hand-to-mouth buying when it became evident early in 1923 that costs also were beginning to mount rather sharply with the rise in prices which the increased forward buying generated. Apparently, too, the forward buying of 1922-23 represented a change from a general state of very empty shelves to a general state of moderately stocked shelves. The commodity liquidation of 1921 and early 1922 had been very thorough and inventories were very low in early 1922. Since the spring of 1923 the business community of the United States has apparently held to the policy of limited forward commitments pretty rigorously, both when prices were moving upward and when prices were moving downward.

The danger that the policy may be changed with the next upward tendency in prices is one that we need to watch very carefully. Money rates could stiffen very suddenly and sharply if, to the existing immense volume of bank investments in securities and stock and bond collateral loans, we should suddenly add a sharp increase in commercial loans. Moreover, if boom phenomena, resulting from a sharp increase in forward buying, should present themselves we would meet, with our inelastic labor supply, a very sharp and sudden increase in labor costs, with the increase in competitive bidding for labor among various industries suddenly called upon to meet a sharply accelerated demand for goods. In the times before our immigration restrictions, the labor supply was much more elastic, the difference between immigration in good years and immigration in bad years was very great, and a sharp increase in competitive bidding for labor could go far without violently disturbing wage scales and other factors in labor cost. There is no such elasticity in the labor market to-day, and the importance of avoiding violent spurts in production is, consequently, much greater than it used to be.

I appreciate that the hand-to-mouth buying policy has its drawbacks. It involves hardships to certain manufacturers who are obliged to carry larger stocks than would be the case if wholesalers and retailers were carrying larger stocks. On the other hand, manufacturers to a considerable extent may carry smaller stocks of raw materials, throwing back on the general speculative markets in raw materials the risks and financial burden of carrying them. These markets are, after all, when well organized, as for example, the market for cotton, the best qualified markets to bear the risks. Speculators are professional risk-bearers. Manufacturers have

long been accustomed, where possible, to hedge the raw materials which they purchase by forward contracts in the raw materials markets. A further development in this direction may well solve the main problems of the manufacturer growing out of the general policy of hand-to-mouth buying.

Obviously, too, hand-to-mouth buying has often been carried to extremes which greatly increase the cost of distribution. When small orders sent hurriedly by express are substituted for carload lots sent by freight there is obvious waste which in many cases can be avoided without sacrificing the advantages of prudent buying. As a whole, however, the policy has such great merits and contributes so much to business stability that it should be welcomed, supported and generally adhered to. We should have had a great deal of business trouble in 1926 if we had built up large inventories in 1925.

A. R. Erskine of Studebaker Corporation Forecasts Prosperous 1927 for Auto Industry—Little Fear of Overproduction or Credit Inflation.

Continued prosperity in which the automobile industry will share to the extent of making 1927 another four-million-car year, is predicted in a statement made by A. R. Erskine, President of the Studebaker Corp. of America. "In my judgment," he stated, "the United States is facing a long period of prosperity. Consequently I believe 1927 will be a big year for the automobile industry, in which, if these expectations are realized, production will amount to approximately four million cars. Studebaker's production will be between 150,000 and 200,000 cars." Mr. Erskine believes the present high intrinsic value of American motor cars will be maintained without important price changes. "In my judgment, automobile prices will hang around present levels," he stated. "As the volume of production determines cost, it becomes manifest that present prices are made possible by this year's record production. Automobile values are at least 25% greater per dollar of price to-day than in 1915, when only 818,000 passenger cars were produced, as against 3,839,000 in 1925." He expressed little fear of overproduction or credit inflation resulting from large-scale installment buying—factors to which critics have lately pointed as sources of imminent danger. He declared:

One of the greatest responsibilities of management is the avoidance of overproduction and the set-backs it implies. We have had no serious overproduction nor unemployment in the United States since 1921, and we will not have it in 1927 if production is carefully adjusted to demand. To produce only enough to satisfy demand is oftentimes most difficult, but generally speaking, management can usually foresee and forestall overproduction. During the past year the industry has made notable progress in holding production within the limits of evident public demand, and I look for a continuation of this policy in 1927.

The prosperity of the automobile industry is in no danger from credit inflation brought about by the widespread practice of installment buying, in Mr. Erskine's opinion. His statement pointed out that while a high percentage of new car sales is made on a time payment basis, losses do not exceed one-fourth of 1%. Mr. Erskine added:

Consumer banking credit, on which time sales are based, is not inflation. Manufacturers, merchants, and financiers realize to-day as never before that the wheels of business cannot be kept turning on a large scale without mass consumption. Mass consumption is necessary to support mass production and high wages, and mass credit is the Atlas that holds up all of them. Consumer banking credits and the time payment plan are here to stay. Without them the automobile industry would never have reached its present volume.

Review of Savings Bank Advertising by Guy W. Cooke, of First National Bank of Chicago.

At the Financial Advertisers' Association convention at Detroit on Sept. 21, "A Review of Savings Bank Advertising" was presented by Guy W. Cooke, Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank of Chicago. In the concluding portion of his address Mr. Cooke says:

As yet savings advertising apparently has been able to offer little to meet directly the competition of partial payment buying. The practice of "buy now, pay later," has gained considerably on "you can do it better with cash." Employees and customer ownership in corporations and speculative and semi-speculative investments have taken millions of dollars that might have once been results for savings bank advertising. Perhaps it is as well so. The old school of experience remains the best teacher and those who are responsible either for savings bank advertising or savings bank management or both may gain a reasonable degree of satisfaction in the fact that savings deposits in the United States have more than doubled in the last ten years.

Savings banks have profited by advertising and the cause of advertising has been served by savings banks. The bank which advertises and its neighbor which does not pay the same rate of interest. The cost of the advertising is absorbed by volume. Progressive policy, evidenced by advertising, assures broader facilities, more comprehensive service and a better appreciation of financial requirements.

Savings advertising no longer needs economic justification.

In part he also had the following to say on the subject:

The history of savings bank advertising covers only a brief and recent period, and while there are isolated instances of such advertising as early as the late fifties, they were few in number and followed the general announcement style of that date. One instance will suffice: The savings, loan and trust company states that it "will receive money for accumulation, allowing interest at the rate of 7% per annum when the amount is deposited for a number of years." This indicates that long-time deposits were specifically desired, but in the period immediately following 6% interest

was offered on savings deposits. Advertising of that date was so limited, not only in the financial field but of merchandise as well, that a review of savings advertising may well be confined to the last three decades. Towards the end of the last century banks, notably two, located in large industrial cities where the local field had been comparatively well cultivated, began national advertising. Weekly and monthly magazines were used with human appeal copy, that was distinctly good—judged even by present-day standards. These banks had a carefully planned and fully developed follow-up system of both letters and booklets to be used in developing business from inquiries. Other banks, a limited number, attempted to follow the leaders, but after a few years banking by mail ceased to be much of a factor in savings advertising. National advertising was not adapted to savings nor could savings be adapted to national advertising. Rising costs and diminishing returns, leaving too small a margin of profit, after the payment of 4% interest (which was the usual rate) were the reasons generally described to the cessation of national advertising. More intensive local advertising became the order of the day.

Newspapers have so long held a premier position in the field of local advertising that it is unnecessary to advocate their use for savings. To-day everybody reads newspapers and they offer the quickest and broadest means of disseminating thought. Supplementing newspaper advertising and in some instances superseding it, comes direct mail, used both for prospects and to increase current balances, and its twin medium, mass distribution, the topic of another speaker on to-day's program. Direct mail advertising has been and is being used extensively by savings banks. It affords, as the name implies, direct, fast and reasonably confidential contact and may be timed as judgment dictates. The medium has been developed to a remarkable extent by advertising organizations, which take the responsibility for the creation of copy, illustration and production, delivering the product ready for mailing and even going so far as to relieve the bank entirely of all responsibility, mailing the matter to names furnished. In some instances the organization even goes so far as to prepare the lists and does the mailing, leaving the bank only to pay the bill.

Outdoor advertising has found considerable favor with financial advertisers during recent years. The medium offers posters, standard 16 sheets, painted bulletins and wall signs. There are a number of variants, such as placards, road signs and an occasional spectacular—as the electric displays are designated in the parlance of the business. The medium affords size, color, a reasonable degree of permanency and the ability to cover more or less completely a specific territory. Street cars, or more properly, car card advertising, includes advertising in street cars, elevated, subway, suburban and interurban cars. Motor coaches have recently been added to the list. While considered a large city medium, car card advertising's scope has been extended to more than 8,400 communities. It is rarely a primary medium for savings advertising, but is used effectively in combination with other media. It is especially valuable in carrying the load between campaigns in newspapers or by mail; its continuity making practical the temporary cessation of other advertising. Window display has achieved considerable importance in savings advertising within the last decade. Its origin is shrouded, but the fact remains that there are few banks to-day which have windows available for display that are not taking advantage of them to impress locations and facilities upon the passing throng. The use of windows might well serve as the topic for a full session, but is passed here with an endorsement as one of the best and most economical forms of savings advertising.

The distribution of home banks, employees' contests, solicitation by salesmen, and other devices designed to help people help themselves through saving money, all require advertising tie-up, but in themselves are allocated to a different sphere of business development. The foregoing by no means comprises the complete list of media used by or offered to savings banks for advertising; yet it does cover those used most generally and successfully.

In recent years illustration has come into general use and has added to the effectiveness of savings copy, although copy used more than a quarter of a century ago is proof of the original premise that the best in savings advertising is but repetition of old ideas. An Indiana bank used the following before we began to write "1900":

"As the twig is bent the tree's inclined." "How is it with the young people of your household? Are they saving money? Have they learned to appreciate the value of the dollar? Are you endeavoring to instill into their minds correct ideas concerning thrift and economy? Are you seeking the opportunity to 'bend the twig'? Would you like to listen to a plain suggestion? If so, here it is: Send the young folks to our bank with the first spare dollar that comes into their hands. The next dollar would be treated in like manner, and the practice so continued until a fixed habit of saving has been established. A goodly bank account will soon result; the young folks will get an inkling of the ways of business, and being thus 'inclined' are likely to grow up into straight and thrifty manhood."

Another advertisement of the same bank in the same series:

"Lifters not Leanners" "are wanted in this great work-a-day world, and so, very early in life you should learn to become a 'lifter'. One of the most effective ways of lifting is to acquire leverage through the habit of saving; and this habit of saving comes to those who deposit their spare money with this bank."

An Iowa bank comes straight to the point:

"We solicit the Savings Deposits of business men and professional men, of clerks and bookkeepers; of mechanics and laborers; of sewing girls and housekeepers; of married women and single women; of young people and children."

And here's one from another Ohio bank—it might as well have been printed yesterday:

"A Few Facts for your consideration."

"First—That systematic savings pays. A deposit of \$5 a month for five years, with 4% interest computed semi-annually will yield you \$332 27. Ten dollars a month for the same length of time will yield \$664 60, while in ten years you would have \$1,474 76.

"Second—The safety of your money. The well known character and ability of our board of directors is a sufficient guarantee of honest and capable management.

"Third—That we take any amount from \$1 upwards.

"Fourth—That your money is payable on demand.

"Fifth—That we pay 4% interest on certificates of deposit and savings accounts, crediting the interest on the savings accounts on the first day of January and July in each year.

"Sixth—That we extend to our patrons every courtesy and accommodation in our power, consistent with good banking, and

"Seventh—That we are under Government inspection. We respectfully solicit your business."

Another advertisement—and mind you this was printed more than 15 years before the Financial Advertisers Association began its work for better advertising. It, too, was before the time of most of us considered women capable, as well as charming factors in finance. The advertisement is headed:

"Thrifty Women," is signed "Very respectfully" with the President's name and reads as follows:

"Nine times out of ten the women are the money-savers of the family. Men mean well enough. They know the value of having money in bank, but they haven't the knack of saving. They haven't learned the trick of making one dollar do the work of two in buying, and of laying the other dollar away against the rainy day that is sure to come.

"So it often happens that if the wives and mothers do not save there is no saving done, and when trouble comes, the family is like a rudderless boat in a storm at sea. Life at best is an uncertain thing. Sickness and trouble come when least expected; accidents that render the wage-earner unfit for service happen at most inconvenient times; work becomes scarce just when it should be plentiful; something is turning up every little while to embarrass the family pocketbook, unless there is a clever woman at the helm who has foreseen just such a time, and has laid by a snug little bank account to fall back upon."

We of the present day have developed a certain amount of style and technique, probably giving more attention to policy and plan than did those whose advertisements appeared before most of us here had any connection with financial advertising. Collectively we have followed many by-paths. Savings advertising is tied up with spending. The Christmas Club, the Vacation Club and the Save-to-Travel Clubs are but instances of the present day tendency to offer inducements for savings that are not inherent to thrift. Banks have developed various plans for savings and insurance—savings and investment and savings and checking; all of these plans have been productive of and developed by excellent advertising. There is probably no form of savings advertising that has been so extensively used as that in connection with the Christmas Savings Club idea and the other combinations mentioned while not so universal in their appeal nor so generally adopted by savings banks, offer advertising possibilities—advantage of which has been taken to the fullest degree.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Stewart H. Haggerty, deceased, was reported posted for transfer this week to Thomas O'Keefe, the consideration being stated as \$150,000; the same as the last preceding sale.

Memberships on the San Francisco Bond & Stock Exchange were stated to have reached their highest this week when sales of two seats were reported each for \$40,000. The last preceding sale was at \$30,500.

The annual fall rally of New York Chapter, Inc., American Institution of Banking (section of the American Bankers Association), brought together last night (Sept. 24) in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Astor, members of the chapter and their friends for the opening event in the active year outlined for the season of 1926-1927. The rally was of particular interest, as it is probably the last of the gatherings of this type, because in the future other arrangements will have to be made, due to the growth of the Chapter. Entertainment featured the meeting, and greetings were extended on behalf of the Chapter by Edwin C. Estes, President. For the speaker of the evening the Chapter drafted one of its pioneers, a member of the old Alexander Hamilton Chapter, which in 1904 was merged into the present organization, William E. Stevens, Comptroller of the Bronx Savings Bank. Registration week for all students and prospective students covers the period from Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, and the Chapter office at 15 West 37th Street will be open for this purpose from 6:30 to 9 p. m. each evening.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York announces the appointment of Joseph D. Dent and Joseph McDonough as Assistant Secretaries, both at the company's Fifth Avenue office.

Walter Trimble, President of the Bank for Savings, at Fourth Avenue and 22d Street, died on Sept. 19 at his home at Hewlett, L. I. He was in his seventieth year. Both his father and his grandfather had preceded him in the Presidency of the bank. Mr. Trimble succeeded his father, the late Merritt Trimble, nineteen years ago, and he had been a trustee of the bank for twenty-three years.

The Pennsylvania Exchange Bank opened its new banking offices in the Pennsylvania Exchange Bank Building, 322 Eighth Avenue, corner of 26th Street on September 20. The Bank had previously been located at 8th Avenue and 25th Street. With the opening of its new quarters, the bank distributed new dimes to about 300 school children in the neighborhood together with literature on thrift. Together with the opening of the new quarters, the new officers of the bank were installed, viz.: Robert E. Wilson, Vice-President, formerly Cashier; Frank M. Davis, Jr., Cashier; Arthur F. Kaufhold, Assistant Cashier.

The Irving Bank & Trust Co. is the new and more convenient name under which the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. now carries on its business beginning Sept. 20. As a result of stockholders' action, the capital of \$17,500,000 will be increased to \$22,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits from \$14,500,000 to approximately \$19,000,000. The institution, it is stated, now serves the public through 19 fully equipped banking offices, the latest of which is made available by acquisition of the National Butchers & Drovers Bank, whose main office at 501 Seventh Avenue (corner of 37th Street), Manhattan, becomes the Seventh Avenue

office of the Irving Bank & Trust Co. The Advisory Board of the Seventh Avenue office is composed as follows:

Seventh Avenue Office.—Abe Del Monte, President, Abe Del Monte & Co., Inc.; George F. Gentes, Vice-President; William M. Kennard, Secretary and Treasurer, Garfield Worsted Mills; Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman Board of Directors; Charles Pinnell, President, Fred Butterfield & Co., Inc.; Max Rubin, Vice-President; William Skinner, President, William Skinner & Sons; David Tishman, President, J. Tishman & Sons, Inc.; Israel Unterberg, President, I. Unterberg & Co., Inc.; Harry E. Ward, President.

The business of the Third Street office of the Butchers & Drovers Bank has been transferred to the Eighth Street office of the Irving Bank & Trust Co. at Eighth Street and Broadway. The Advisory Board of the Eighth Street office is composed as follows:

Eighth Street Office.—Michael M. Abrahams, Treasurer, Ashland Textile Co., Inc.; Milo Belding, Vice-President, International Salt Co.; James H. Clark, Sol Friedman & Co.; William Goldman, President, Cohen, Goldman & Co., Inc.; H. A. Guinzburg; Samuel C. Lamport, President, Lamport Manufacturing Supply Co.; Aaron Naumburg, President, Jonas & Naumburg Corporation; Charles Pinnell, President, Fred Butterfield & Co., Inc.; R. H. Reiss, Treasurer, International Tailoring Co.; Harry E. Ward, President, Arthur Williams, Vice-President, New York Edison Co.; John Williams, Vice-President.

The following officers of the National Butchers & Drovers Bank have been elected officers of the Irving Bank & Trust Co. and assigned to the Seventh Avenue office: Max Rubin, Vice-President; Robert Sherwood, Assistant Vice-President, and John E. Schliesman, Assistant Vice-President. Items regarding the merger of the National Butchers & Drovers Bank with the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. appeared in these columns July 31, page 537; Sept. 4, page 1208; Sept. 11, page 1340, and Sept. 18, page 1464.

The Times Square Trust Co., which will begin business on Oct. 5, with a capital of \$2,000,000 and a surplus of \$500,000, has added three members to its board of directors, namely: Louis Hubshman, of H. M. Hubshman & Bros.; Louis G. Barth, President of Barth & Guttman, and Frederick Wandelt, Vice-President of Textile Banking Co. A previous reference to the new company appeared in our issue of Aug. 21, page. 946. Arthur D. Mendes, who, until his retirement from active business early this year, was managing partner of the investment banking firm of F. J. Lisman & Co., was elected managing director of the bond department of the Times Square Trust Co. at a meeting of the board of directors this week. John Enderman has been elected Assistant Vice-President and Manager of the foreign department of the Times Square Trust Co. Mr. Enderman was formerly connected with the First National Bank of Boston and was later the American representative of the Rotterdam Bank of Rotterdam, Holland.

Lionello Perera, who for many years was President of the private banking house of Perera & Co., has been elected President of the Commercial Exchange Bank of New York. A. H. Giannini was made Chairman of the board of directors. James F. Cavagnare, A. A. Pinto and Guida Perera have been appointed Vice-Presidents, and Ralph W. Taylor has been made Cashier of the new institution. The Commercial Exchange Bank, the successor to Perera & Co., has a capital of \$1,500,000 and a surplus of \$1,000,000, which is almost double the capital of its predecessor.

James R. Postal, Cashier of the Central National Bank of New York has been elected Vice-President and Cashier.

Oscar J. Goerke is now connected with the Hamilton National Bank of New York as Assistant Cashier. Mr. Goerke was with the Liberty National Bank ten years; he was also with the Chase National Bank, Seaboard National Bank and the Federal Reserve Bank.

Dwight P. Robinson, President of Dwight P. Robinson & Co., Inc., engineers, has been elected to the board of directors of the Mortgage-Bond Co. of New York.

August Zinsser, Vice-President of the Manufacturers Trust Co., and President of the Yorkville Bank before the merger of the bank with the Manufacturers Trust Co., has been elected President of the Central Savings Bank. Mr. Zinsser, succeeds Adolph Koppel, whose death on August 3d was noted in our issue of August 7, page 671.

Owing to the success of its new Bedford Avenue (Brooklyn) branch opened September 15th the Chelsea Exchange Bank of this city is expediting plans for the opening of another new branch in the Bronx, according to Edward S. Rothchild, President of the institution. This new opening is planned

for October 1st. Temporary quarters for the bank will be on Claremont Parkway near Third Avenue, while the permanent new building will be erected on Claremont Parkway and Third Avenue at 170th Street. It is expected that this new building will be complete either late this fall or in the nearly winter. The opening of this branch will give the Chelsea Exchange seven banking headquarters in the Metropolitan district and the opening of several additional branches is contemplated. The Chelsea has resources of more than \$20,000,000.

Branch offices of two financial institutions were opened in Flatbush (Brooklyn) on Sept. 7. They are the new offices of the Brooklyn Trust Co., at Church and Ocean avenues, and the Midwood Trust Co., at Flatbush and Flatlands avenues. The opening of the two trust company offices, said the Brooklyn "Eagle" in its issue of Sept. 7, marked the advent of the 17th and 18th financial institution in the section. The following in this regard is taken from the Brooklyn paper:

The Midwood Trust Co. office was opened informally for business and will mark its official opening next Monday (Sept. 13). The Brooklyn Trust Co. also opened informally, but will hold formal reception to-night (Sept. 7) from 3 to 9 o'clock.

Both banking institutions are entering new buildings recently built by them. Both have in a measure carried out the colonial spirit of the section in the architecture of their offices. The Brooklyn Trust Building is colonial in type, of brick, laid in Flemish bond. The Midwood Trust Building is designed in the Holland Dutch style with the characteristic stepped gables and mullioned windows. Both buildings provide in the interior large facilities for the execution of banking in all its branches.

The management of the Brooklyn Trust office will be under the direction of A. K. Alford, assisted by S. A. Barnewall. The Midwood Trust office will be known as the Flatlands branch, and will be directed by Francis F. Feger, who has been active in Flatbush for the past 39 years.

In its issue of Sept. 14 the New York "Times" gave the following account of the festivities the previous evening (Sept. 13) in connection with the opening of the Flatlands branch of the Midwood Trust Co.:

A new procedure in the formal opening of banks for business was followed in the Holland Dutch building of the Flatlands branch of the Midwood Trust Co. at Flatbush and Flatlands avenues, Brooklyn, yesterday. Instead of the directors sending invitations to residents to attend the opening, a committee of persons not connected with the company acted as hosts.

The committee consisted of the Rev. Charles A. Roeder, pastor of the Old Flatlands Dutch Reformed Church; the Rev. James Kehoe, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church; William R. Bayes, former County Judge; Edmund W. Voorhies, former Postmaster; Charles A. Ditmas, Lester Van Brunt, J. Van Wicklen Bergen, James B. Roche, Joseph La Rose, Jere F. Whalen, John Vanderveer, Arthur Wilmott, George Criss, Joseph Fenely, Holmes V. D. Ditmas, Thomas Gilfeather, Edward Rowland, James A. Rymer, Robert P. Brand and Wynant Huffmire.

Upward of 1,000 persons attended the reception and partook of refreshments.

The Municipal Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sept. 15 formally opened a new branch bank at 736-738 Manhattan Avenue, in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, and which will be known as the Greenpoint branch. This makes the sixth branch of the Municipal Bank in operation in Brooklyn. The new branch is under the direction of Walter Wilmurt, formerly with the Greenpoint Bank (now merged with the Bank of the Manhattan Co.), who has been appointed Assistant Vice-President and Manager. Because of his long connection with the Greenpoint Bank, Mr. Wilmurt is familiar with the needs and the enterprise of the residents and business people of Greenpoint. The Municipal Bank has been expanding rapidly in recent years and at present has resources of more than \$30,000,000. In addition to its main office at Stone and Pitkin avenues, its branch offices now are: West End branch, 20th Avenue and 86th Street; Borough Park branch, 47th Street and 13th Avenue; Eastern Parkway branch, Eastern Parkway and Kingston Avenue; Flatbush branch, Parkside and Flatbush avenues; Kings Highway branch, Kings Highway and Coney Island Avenue, and Greenpoint branch, 736-738 Manhattan Avenue.

G. Foster Smith, President of the Nassau National Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., announced on Sept. 15 that his institution had leased quarters in the Montague-Court Building, a 35-story building now in course of construction at Montague and Court streets, that city, and would move from its present home, which it has occupied for a score of years, to the new quarters in the spring of next year. In this regard the Brooklyn "Eagle" of Sept. 15 said, in part:

The announcement is one of the most important in local banking circles since the merger of the People's Trust with the National City Bank. The Nassau National is the largest independent national bank in the borough at the present time. For a number of years its business has taxed its present quarters to the utmost and the plan to move was not unexpected in banking circles.

The space which the bank has taken will be built in the construction of the building, according to plans of the bank and will provide one of the finest banking rooms in the city.

The bank will occupy the entire Court Street corner of the banking floor, consisting of the second and third stories.

The lease for 21 years calls for a total rental of \$1,260,000, with the privilege of renewal for 21 years, and was effected by Nemerov & Nemerov.

The Montague Court Building, the tallest office building in Brooklyn, will be 35 stories above the street level, with a superstructure of three stories.

The Lafayette National Bank of Brooklyn, which only opened for business on March 29 of this year, has decided to increase its capital from \$200,000 to \$400,000, according to the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Sept. 22. The new stock will be sold at the same price as the original stock of the institution, namely \$140 per share (par value \$100). George S. Horton, President of the institution, which is located at 69 Lafayette St., on Sept. 21 made the following announcement in this regard:

Directors of the Lafayette National Bank, carefully considering the number of accounts which were offered to it, which would necessitate the bank being able to offer larger accommodations to its customers, decided to recommend to the stockholders to increase the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$400,000, the necessary application for approval of this increase being sent to the Comptroller of Currency. Notices have been mailed to-day to the stockholders of the meeting to be held on Oct. 26, it being necessary to give 30 days' notice of such a meeting.

The Lafayette National Bank is not yet opened six months, but will complete this period on Oct. 29. Its business has developed to such an extent that an increase in the capital seemed advisable.

As soon as approval of the stockholders has been had, rights will be issued to each stockholder enabling him to purchase one additional share of stock for each share of stock now held at \$140 per share. When the new stock has been issued the capital stock and surplus will be \$560,000, which the directors believe will be sufficient, and enable us to meet the demands of our depositors.

The new Hampton Bays National Bank, of Hampton Bays, N. Y., has perfected its organization with the election of the following officers: President, William W. Hubbard; Chairman of the Board, Benjamin G. Halsey; Vice-Presidents, Julius Kelier and Adam Muller. The bank was organized on Sept. 9 and began business on Sept. 20. It has a capital of \$50,000 and surplus of \$25,000.

Charles Niebling, President of the American National Bank of Newark, was elected President and Julius S. Rippel, the investment banker, was made a director, at a meeting of the directors of the Bankers' Indemnity Insurance Co. of Newark held on Sept. 21, according to the Newark "News" of Sept. 22. At the same meeting John F. Clark was elected Secretary of the institution to succeed Alfred D. Way, and William M. Grover was chosen Treasurer to take the place of Frank V. Kelly, who was Vice-President and Treasurer, and who with John H. Conover, the President, resigned some time ago because the extension of the company's activities into other States made too great demands. The officers who retired were elected when the company was formed last spring. The new selections were made, it is said, because it was deemed advisable to have officers actively in charge of affairs. Frederick E. Wilkens remains Vice-President and General Manager. Mr. Clark was formerly connected with the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co. and the Norwich Union Indemnity Co. of which he was Treasurer. Mr. Grover has been in the insurance business in Newark for 20 years, it was stated.

The Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey (Newark) has launched a special savings campaign, the purpose of which is to encourage thrift and savings among the residents of Newark and surrounding territory. During the course of this campaign the officers and directors of the institution will distribute a simplified budget booklet which will aid individuals in planning their weekly expenditures. The trust company also announces a change in its business hours. In the future the savings department will be open for business on Monday evening from 6 to 9 p. m. for the convenience of depositors unable to make deposits during the day. Numerous useful souvenirs are being distributed among new depositors. In connection with the campaign the bank has arranged through educational window displays to tell in graphic form the story of the rise to success through systematic savings. The opening of the Guardian Trust Co. was referred to in our issue of Aug. 7, page 671.

At a meeting of the directors of the Citizens' National Bank of Boston on Sept. 21, the following important changes were made in the official staff of the institution: Harry H. Ham was elected Chairman of the Board; Frank DeW. Washburn was elected President, and William H. Thayer

was made a Vice-President. The directors also elected Frederick R. Sawyer a member of the board. According to the Boston "Herald," of Sept. 22, Mr. Washburn, the new President, was formerly President of the Haymarket National Bank, Treasurer of the Johnson-Washburn Co., and a director of the Massachusetts Trust Co. He is a director of the Associated Merchants Mutual Insurance Co. and a graduate of Harvard University, Class of 1900. Mr. Thayer, who as Vice-President will have charge of the Market District office of the bank on State Street, has for many years been active in the affairs of the Shoe & Leather Mercantile Agency, serving for the last twelve years as Treasurer. He will assume his new duties immediately. Mr. Sawyer is a member of the firm of Sawyer Brothers, Inc., investment bankers, and has had a wide experience in financial matters and banking affairs. He is Chairman of the Investment Committee of the Second National Bank of Malden, Mass.

Robert J. Barnett, Secretary and Treasurer of the Ninth Bank & Trust Co., of Philadelphia, has tendered his resignation to accept the position of First Vice-President of the East Orange Trust Co., East Orange, N. J. Mr. Barnett went to the Ninth Title & Trust Co. as Secretary and Treasurer at the time of its organization in 1920, and has held his present position since the Ninth Bank & Trust Co. succeeded that institution and the Ninth National Bank in October 1923. He assumes his new duties Nov. 1.

The board of directors of the Franklin Trust Co. of Philadelphia this week voted to issue the remaining \$500,000 of stock authorized at a meeting of the stockholders on July 26 1923. The present stockholders will be entitled to subscribe to one share of the new stock for every three shares of stock now held at the price of \$300 per share. There are now 15,000 shares of Franklin Trust Co. stock outstanding with par value of \$100 per share. The last public sale of Franklin Trust stock was at \$451 in December 1925. With the proceeds of the sale of the new stock the capital of the Franklin Trust Co. will be increased to \$2,000,000 and their surplus to \$3,750,000, or a total capital and surplus of \$5,750,000. The board also declared a semi-annual dividend of 7% payable on Oct. 1 to stockholders of record on Sept. 22 1926 and transferred \$250,000 to the surplus account, thus immediately increasing their surplus to \$2,750,000. In making this announcement, C. Addison Harris Jr., President, stated that the progress of the Franklin Trust Co. during the past year has been exceptionally gratifying; the deposits have increased about \$5,000,000 and the resources now total \$40,000,000. The Franklin Trust Co. claims to be the largest exclusively day and night bank in America.

On Sept. 9 the Market Street Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia (according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Sept. 10) declared a semi-annual dividend of 12½% and an extra dividend of 2½%, payable Nov. 1 to stockholders of record Oct. 15. The par value of the trust company's stock is \$50 a share. The last previous dividend paid by the institution, the Philadelphia paper said, was 10% regular and 5% extra. New stock, it was said, not paid in full May 1 1926 will receive the dividend pro rata, as provided in a resolution of the board of directors adopted at a meeting held Oct. 13 1925. It was further stated that the sum of \$150,000 was added to the bank's surplus and an extra compensation of 30% on their semi-annual salary was voted to the employees.

In regard to the affairs of the defunct Producers' & Consumers' Bank of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia "Record" of Sept. 17 printed the following:

All petitions for priority claims against the defunct Producers' & Consumers' Bank, Tenth and Chestnut streets, for money deposited between noon, May 2 1925 and 3 p. m. May 4, when the bank suspended business, were dismissed yesterday by Judge Lewis in Common Pleas Court, No. 2. Judge Lewis ordered, however, that all checks deposited in that period were to be paid in full, as they are recorded in the business of May 4.

It was explained, following the Judge's decision, that unless those claiming priority file exceptions to the court's decision, adjudicating the matter, Albert M. Greenfield, receiver of the bank, will proceed with payments. Ten days are allowed wherein to file exceptions.

A later reference to the bank's affairs was made in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Sept. 23, which said:

Depositors of the Producers' & Consumers' Bank, who did not continue as depositors in the Mitten Men & Management Bank & Trust Co., which took over the affairs of the defunct organization, will receive 60 cents on the dollar. Albert M. Greenfield, who effected the reorganization announced Wednesday (Sept. 22).

Checks will be sent out Friday (Sept. 24) to the amount of 60% of each depositor's savings at the time the bank failed last spring.

Mr. Greenfield said that action of the courts in adjudicating claims against the Producers' & Consumers' Bank have made possible payment of depositors who did not enter into the Mitten bank plan. He said depositors should not come to the bank for their money, but should wait and receive their checks through the mail.

In his statement Mr. Greenfield expresses gratitude to Peter G. Cameron, Secretary of the State Banking Department, who assisted in the reorganization of the defunct bank.

"The stockholders and depositors of the Producers' & Consumers' Bank, many of whom had their lifetime savings invested in and on deposit at the institution, indeed owe a debt of gratitude to Mitten Men & Management, who stepped into the breach at a very critical moment, when it seemed that the maximum that would be paid depositors would be in the neighborhood of 50 cents on the dollar, while the stockholders would lose all.

"Under the plan that we have evolved the depositors in the former institution who elected to continue as depositors in the new bank will ultimately receive payment in full, and even the stockholders of the defunct Producers' & Consumers' Bank, who would ordinarily be entitled to recover nothing, are entitled to share in the profits of the new bank under the Mitten Men & Management undertaking."

Mr. Greenfield, in his statement, says that he will accept no remuneration for the part he has played in the reorganization.

Our last reference to the affairs of the Producers' & Consumers' Bank, which failed in May 1925, and which has now been succeeded by the Mitten Men & Management Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, appeared in our issue of July 3, page 45.

The board of directors of the Franklin Trust Co. of Philadelphia on Sept. 21 declared a semi-annual dividend of 7%, payable on Oct. 1 to stockholders of record Sept. 22 1926. The board also directed that on Oct. 1 \$250,000 be transferred to surplus account. This will give the institution a surplus of \$2,750,000. Its capital is \$1,500,000. The directors further authorized the issuance of the balance of treasury stock of 5,000 shares to be offered to stockholders after Oct. 1 on the basis of one share for every three shares standing in their respective names as of Sept. 21 at \$300 per share, first payment of 25% to be made on or before Nov. 15 1926.

Lewis C. Rice, formerly Vice-President of the City Savings Bank of Baltimore, was elected President of the institution on Sept. 20 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. K. Rusk, Jr., according to the Baltimore "Sun" of Sept. 21. At the same meeting A. Clarence Dietrich was appointed Vice-President to succeed Mr. Rice, and James P. Reese was re-elected Treasurer. Mr. Rice, the new President, is one of the oldest trustees of the institution. He is also Chairman of the Board of the City Baking Co. of Baltimore. Mr. Dietrich, the new Vice-President, is President of E. Scott Payne & Co. of Baltimore.

An Associated Press dispatch from Parkersburg, W. Va., on Sept. 20, which appeared in the Pittsburgh "Gazette" of Sept. 21, stated that William M. Smith, former Cashier of the First National Bank of Parkersburg, who had been missing from his home since last April, voluntarily appeared before U. S. Commissioner F. B. Burk in Parkersburg on Sept. 20 and pleaded not guilty to a charge of embezzlement of \$35,000 from the bank. Mr. Smith gave \$25,000 bond for his appearance before the grand jury at the next term of the Federal Court to be held at Parkersburg, it was stated.

Plans for the consolidation of the Home Savings & Loan Co. of Cleveland Heights (a Cleveland suburb) with the Doan Savings & Loan Co., 5517 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, were approved by the directors of the latter institution on Sept. 16, according to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of Sept. 17. Continuing the Cleveland paper said in part:

Directors of the Home recommended the merger at an earlier meeting and the proposal will be placed before stockholders early in October. John R. Moxon, President of the Doan, said last night:

The Home Savings & Loan Co. represents the consolidation of six companies, including the Lee Road, Pay Day, Protection, Jefferson, Universal and the Home. It has assets approximating \$440,000 and will bring up total resources of the Doan to slightly more than \$2,000,000.

The Doan was organized 13 years ago and has never missed a dividend. Its statement of June 15 showed assets of \$1,671,037 including \$782,689 capital stock, \$34,000 reserve, \$45,352 undivided profits and \$697,642 of deposits. It is the intention to maintain the Home office as a branch.

The Indianapolis "News" of Sept. 20 stated that announcement was made on that day by Thomas D. Barr, State Bank Commissioner of Indiana, that his Department had approved a proposed merger of the Farmers' Trust & Savings Bank of Marion, Ind., with the First National Bank of that city. The enlarged First National Bank will be capitalized at \$250,000 and have resources of approximately \$3,500,000. George L. Cole, the present head of the First National Bank, will continue as President.

The Chicago "Tribune" of Sept. 21 reported that according to an announcement made the previous evening, a group of five, composed of the Foreman banks, Emil Seip, Walter Schmidt, Edwin L. Reed, and F. J. Macnish, had acquired

a substantial interest in the capital stock of the Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank, located at Broadway and Lawrence, one of the largest Chicago banks outside "the Loop," and which serves the uptown Chicago district. According to Mr. Read, who is the President of the institution, there will be no changes in the present organization. It is understood, however, that the number of directors will be increased to include representatives of the new interests. The "Tribune" went on to say:

There will be no changes in the present organization of the bank, according to Mr. Read, who is President. It is understood, however, that the number of the board of directors will be increased to include representatives of the new interests.

Mr. Read has spent the last fifteen years with the Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank, and to a large extent is responsible for its growth. Mr. Macnish (a Vice-President of the Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank) has been with the bank for many years, and devotes his entire time to it. The bank now has resources of over \$13,000,000.

The bank was organized in 1909. It first was located in a small store at 4611 Broadway. Because of the growth of business it found new quarters in 1913. At this time the bank purchased part of the triangular plot of ground bounded by Broadway, Leland and Racine avenues. Since that time its growth has become so rapid that it was necessary once again to arrange for larger quarters, and the bank is to-day located in its own eight-story bank and office building at the southeast corner of Lawrence Avenue and Broadway.

That a new bank, to be known as the Anchor State Bank, with capital of \$25,000, was being organized in West Milwaukee, was reported in the Milwaukee "Sentinel" of Sept. 14. The bank, it was stated, would be located on National Avenue in the vicinity of 34th or 35th avenues. The incorporators were given as H. C. Anton, Theodore H. Bohmann, William G. Fischer, E. J. W. Groth, Robert Roberts, Walter J. Weingart, Joseph J. Hagner, Gustav Niederstadt, J. Rebernik and Burne Pollock.

Failure of the Franklin State Bank of Franklin, Mo., on Sept. 13 caused, it was said, by the embezzlement of \$40,000 by its Cashier, F. A. Temple, was reported in a special dispatch from Boonville, Mo., on that date to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat." The bank, whose resources total approximately \$80,400, was the 42d State bank to close in Missouri this year, it was stated.

The proposed union of the Holston National Bank and the Third National Bank, Knoxville, Tenn. institutions, under the title of the latter, mention of which was made in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 14, page 806, was unanimously approved by the stockholders of both banks on Sept. 18, according to a press dispatch from Knoxville on that date, appearing in the Memphis "Appeal" of Sept. 19. The stockholders also unanimously approved the formation of a trust company to be owned by the stockholders of the new national bank and to be known as the Holston Trust Co. The consolidation of the institutions, it was stated, would go into effect Oct. 1. Continuing the dispatch said:

The new Holston National Bank will have a capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$1,350,000. Owners of stock in the two present banks will participate equally in the new bank in accordance with their present investments.

The Holston Trust Co. will be capitalized at \$200,000 and have a surplus of \$50,000.

Joseph M. Gaut, President of the Holston Bank, will continue as President of the new bank, and J. Basil Ramsey, Cashier of the Third National Bank, will be first Vice-President of the new bank.

At a meeting of the directors of the California Bank of Los Angeles on Sept. 10, Colonel J. B. Chaffey was elected a Vice-President of the institution, according to the Los Angeles "Times" of Sept. 11. Colonel Chaffey is also a Vice-President of the California Group Corporation, the recently formed holding company of the California Bank and its affiliations, and in his capacity as Vice-President of both institutions he will have charge of all the real estate activities of the banking group. Colonel Chaffey is a son of George Chaffey, pioneer banker and developer of Ontario, Cal., and the Imperial Valley, and a brother of Andrew Chaffey, President of the California Bank. He has been affiliated with the California Bank since Nov. 1 1922. Prior to 1922 he served in the United States Army with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

The following in regard to the pending consolidation of the Merchants' National Bank of Los Angeles and the Hellman Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of that city (to which reference was made in our June 5 issue, page 3169) appeared in the Los Angeles "Times" of Sept. 11. The institution which will result from the union of the above-mentioned banks will be known as the Merchants' National Trust & Savings Bank and will have a capital of \$4,000,000. Its deposits will amount to about \$125,000,000, and its total

resources will approximate \$135,000,000. Officers and directors of the new bank, it is understood, will be named following meetings of the stockholders of both banks on Oct. 7. The item said:

Terms under which the stockholders of the Merchants' National Bank and the Hellman Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, National Association of Los Angeles, will exchange their shares for stock of the new Merchants' National Trust & Savings Bank were announced yesterday (Sept. 10) in letters mailed to the stockholders of both banks. The letters also carried the announcement of the offer to stockholders of the right to subscribe to 5,000 additional shares in the consolidated bank at \$300 a share.

The capitalization of the new bank will be \$4,000,000, divided into 40,000 shares of \$100 par value. Stockholders of the Merchants' National Bank will be allowed to exchange share for share, giving them a total of 15,000 shares. Hellman bank stockholders will receive four new shares for every five now owned, or a total of 20,000 shares.

On the basis of the theoretical value, the rights to subscribe to the 5,000 additional shares will represent a privilege of considerable monetary importance to both groups of stockholders. Each stockholder is given the right to subscribe to one share for every seven of the new stock received under the terms of exchange. To the owner of 100 shares, for example, this will amount to fourteen and two-sevenths shares at the sale price of \$300 a share.

Giving the new stock of the Merchants' National Trust & Savings Bank a market value of \$360 a share the theoretical value of the rights is in the neighborhood of \$8. Stockholders will have the option of exercising their warrants to buy the new stock, or of selling the rights at the prevailing price on the Los Angeles Stock Exchange. Fractional rights will be purchased or sold at the head offices of both the Merchants' and the Hellman banks. Rights will expire on Oct. 4.

Officers and directors of the Merchants' National Trust & Savings Bank will be named following the stockholders' meeting on Oct. 7. Total resources of the bank will approximate \$135,000,000 and deposits about \$125,000,000.

The "Wall Street Journal" in its issue of Sept. 21 printed a dispatch from San Francisco which stated that the Mercantile Trust Co. of California of that city now in process of consolidation with the American Bank of San Francisco was to open a branch office in Honolulu.

The issuance of 50,000 shares of stock of the Bank of Italy, completing the full capitalization previously authorized, has been formally approved, according to an announcement by the directors. The new stock will be sold at \$450 per share and will give the institution, together with its affiliation, the Stockholders Auxiliary Corporation, a combined capital and surplus of approximately \$75,000,000. On the basis of the issue, each stockholder will have the right to subscribe for one share of the new stock for each four shares now owned. With the issuance of this stock the Bank of Italy, together with the Stockholders Auxiliary Corporation, will each have its fully authorized capital paid in, represented by 250,000 shares. An increase in the annual dividend rate to \$18 per share has been authorized by the directors of the Bank of Italy. This represents an additional \$2 per share over the previous dividend and is the second increase made during this past year. The new rate will become effective with the dividend payment, Oct. 1. Since the date of its organization in 1904 the Bank of Italy has increased its dividend upon ten occasions. Beginning with a declaration of \$5 per share, it has advanced the figure successively from \$5 to \$6, \$7, \$7½, \$10, \$12, \$13½, \$14, \$15, \$16 and \$18. The last two advances in the rate have been made since September 1925. In announcing the present increase, the bank points out that the action is in line with its policy of allowing the dividend to keep pace with the growth in earnings.

The election on Sept. 14 of O. J. Boos, Vice-President of the Boos Brothers' Cafeteria Co., as a director of the Seaboard National Bank of Los Angeles, was reported in the Los Angeles "Times" of Sept. 15. Mr. Boos succeeds on the bank's directorate the late Horace Boos, President of the Boos Brothers, Cafeteria Co., whose death occurred recently.

Fred I. Weber, heretofore Assistant Vice-President of the Hibernia Commercial & Savings Bank of Portland, Ore., on Sept. 15 was elected Cashier of the institution to succeed F. L. Beach, who resigned to accept a position with the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. at Detroit, Mich. Mr. Weber, according to the "Oregonian" of Sept. 16, has been with the Hibernia Commercial & Savings Bank for nineteen years, having entered its employ as a messenger boy in 1907. He gradually worked his way up and ten years ago was made an Assistant Cashier, an office he held until January of this year, when he was promoted to Assistant Vice-President, the position he now relinquishes for the Cashiership. Mr. Weber has been active in the work of the Portland Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, holding the office of President in 1917 and in recent years being one of the instructors.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Violent advances and sharp recessions have characterized the movements of the New York Stock Market this week. Interest has centered largely in the railroad shares, particularly in the stocks included in the so called Van Sweringen group, several of which have again made new high records. Many individual stocks in the industrial and motor groups have scored further advances, and a number of the specialties have likewise climbed to higher levels. The outstanding feature of the half day session on Saturday was the spectacular jump of Chesapeake & Ohio, which bounded upward 12 points to a new high at 171½ followed by a brisk forward movement in New York, Chicago & St. Louis which spurted upward 7 points while Southern Railway advanced 3 points. General Motors was also a feature of the trading and made a gain of more than 2 points over its previous close. Sharp upturns were also recorded in Mack Trucks and Hudson Motors. Violent declines characterized the early trading on Monday though there were some sharp advances also, particularly in Ches. & Ohio which made a new high record at 173 and Pere Marquette which scored a fresh advance of 3 points to 111½ though it receded a point or more later in the day. Motor shares were somewhat unsettled due in a measure to the break in Hudson Motors which followed the publication of an unfavorable earnings report for the quarter ending August 31.

The market turned upward on Tuesday and many of the more active stocks moved briskly upward to new high records. United States Steel common improved four points and General Motors reached a new peak above 159 at its high for the day, though it receded to 157¾ at the close. Hudson Motors and Dodge Bros "A" slipped backed fractionally. Railway equipment shares were somewhat lower, Baldwin Locomotive and American Locomotive moving downward a point or more. Railway stocks, on the other hand, were higher, Union Pacific moving up 2 points, and Norfolk & Western, Atchison, New York Central and New York Chicago & St. Louis each advancing a point or more. United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry had another sharp run up of 5½ points, and Allied Chemical equalled its previous high record with an advance of 7 points. The market moved down again on Wednesday, though for a time some of the more active stocks displayed considerable strength. Railroad stocks were fairly strong in the early trading, Atlantic Coast Line moving forward 3 points, followed by Union Pacific, Nickel Plate, and Wheeling & Lake Erie. Oil shares improved, Union Oil of California advancing 4 points to above 55 and fractional advances were recorded by Marland and Midcontinent Petroleum. Allied Chemical & Dye made a new top of 147 but yielded 2 points in the recession of the last hour.

The market again swung upward on Thursday, the most important movements of the day centering around the railroad issues. Chesapeake & Ohio and Nickel Plate were especially strong, the former making a further advance of 9 points to a new high at 178 and Nickel Plate bounding upward more than 6 points to a new top at 204½. Erie first preferred advanced a point or more and New York Central moved forward 1½ points. In the early trading Union Oil of California was the strong feature of the oil group and spurted forward 4 points to 58¾ at its high for the day, but lost all of its gains and closed ¼ point off. As the day advanced, United States Steel rebounded to 145½ and General Motors moved up to 157¾. On Friday railroad stocks moved into the foreground as the feature of the trading and substantial advances were recorded by several of the more active issues of the group. The strong stocks included Wheeling & Lake Erie, Southern Pacific, Chicago Rock Island & Pacific and Atlantic Coast Line. Specialties also were in sharp demand at improving prices, General Electric moving up 1½ points while American Ice advanced nearly 4 points. General Asphalt crossed 87 and Union Oil of California improved fractionally. The outstanding strong stocks of the day included Woolworth, up 4 points, Warner Bros. Pictures, with an advance of 9 points, and Mack Trucks, which moved up 4½ points. The final tone was good.

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

Week Ending Sept. 24	Stocks, No. Shares.	Railroad, &c. Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	776,957	2,581,000	\$1,158,000	\$431,950
Monday	1,831,700	4,992,000	1,787,000	548,950
Tuesday	1,702,641	5,430,000	2,274,000	594,100
Wednesday	1,532,940	4,495,500	2,403,000	254,950
Thursday	1,328,494	5,389,000	1,654,000	388,000
Friday	1,460,600	5,187,000	1,773,000	401,000
Total	8,633,332	\$28,074,500	\$11,049,000	\$2,618,950

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week ending Sept. 24.		Jan. 1 to Sept. 24.	
	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.
Stocks—No. of shares.	8,633,332	9,518,484	331,768,713	294,982,763
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$2,618,950	\$5,086,550	\$197,164,700	\$270,097,310
State & foreign bonds	11,049,000	15,924,000	477,275,950	516,943,500
Railroad & misc. bonds	28,074,500	37,498,500	1,480,332,700	2,355,843,775
Total bonds	\$41,742,450	\$58,509,050	\$2,154,773,350	\$3,142,884,585

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week ending Sept. 24 1926.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	11,778	\$15,000	9,504	\$36,000	347	\$9,100
Monday	23,742	38,000	17,448	13,000	1,464	22,600
Tuesday	20,434	5,000	16,296	17,000	1,189	4,000
Wednesday	16,254	7,500	15,743	16,900	758	36,800
Thursday	16,712	20,000	15,878	17,700	1,173	6,800
Friday	15,733	19,000	7,041	7,000	1,254	17,000
Total	104,653	\$104,500	81,910	\$107,600	6,185	\$96,300
Prev. week revised	137,732	\$162,850	124,527	\$118,200	6,514	\$86,900

THE CURB MARKET.

Trading in the Curb Market this week was in small volume and the movement of prices irregular. There was some improvement as the week closed, prices moving forward though business continued small. Utilities were the features. Amer. Gas & Elec., common, moved up from 101¼ to 110½ and ends the week at 109¾. Commonwealth Power, common, advanced from 40¼ to 42½. Mohawk Valley Co. moved up from 38½ to 41 and down finally to 40¼. In miscellaneous issues Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR. made a sudden jump on few transactions selling up from 160 to 178 and at 173 finally. Warner Bros. Pictures after a loss of some 10 points to 40½ ran up to 58, closing to-day at the high figure. Continental Tobacco gained a point to 20½. Du Pont (E. I.) de Nemour & Co. was strong, advancing from 156½ to 159¼ and reacting finally to 158¾. Durant Motors was active and rose from 12½ to 14¾, reacted to 12¼ and sold finally at 13. Fanny Farmer Candy Store gained almost 4 points to 27¾. Oils were very quiet and price changes narrow. Indiana Pipe Line sold up from 58 to 61 and ends the week at 60¾.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1622.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week ending Sept. 24.	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind. & Mts.	Oil.	Mining.	Domestic.	For'n Govt.
Saturday	47,867	35,010	90,430	\$815,000	\$104,000
Monday	143,614	98,150	48,830	1,756,000	151,000
Tuesday	112,058	91,880	89,800	1,931,000	930,000
Wednesday	142,251	85,485	47,650	1,689,000	202,000
Thursday	112,343	64,081	49,700	1,832,000	152,000
Friday	144,589	51,435	30,300	1,474,000	164,000
Total	702,722	426,041	356,710	\$9,497,000	1,703,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Sept. 8 1926:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 1st inst. amounted to £154,075,550, as compared with £153,399,420 on the previous Wednesday.

About £286,000 bar gold was available in the open market this week, and of this the Continent secured about £190,000 and the trade £60,000. The balance was taken on account of India.

The Bank of England has announced the following gold movements since our last issue:

	Received.	Withdrawn.
Sept. 2	nil	nil
Sept. 3	nil	nil
Sept. 4	nil	£510,000
Sept. 6	£400,000	£6,000
Sept. 7	nil	nil
Sept. 8	nil	£17,000

The receipt on the 6th inst. was in the form of sovereigns from South Africa. The destinations of the £527,000 sovereigns withdrawn were as follows: £500,000 set aside on account of the South African Reserve Bank, £10,000 to Holland, £1,000 to Singapore, and £7,000 to Spain. During the week under review £133,000 on balance has been withdrawn from the Bank, decreasing the net influx since Jan. 1 1926 to £10,573,000, and increasing the net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard to £1,022,000.

SILVER.

During the week China has been the chief seller, as America has been reluctant to follow the falling prices. Bear covering and some Indian shipment orders absorbed the fairly plentiful supplies.

The consignment from China, unusual in character and a record in size (valued by H. M. Customs at £917,000), to which we referred in our circular of July 21 last, has now arrived in London and has considerably swollen the floating stock in this market. This fact explains the larger discount on cash silver, and may exert a depressing effect upon the market in the long run, although the silver has already been sold for forward delivery.

The movements of the price of late would seem to show that the market, in spite of temporary resilience, has lost the power of remaining at the quotation level of the last few years. With a large body of speculative operations and with the chance of fresh speculative factors intervening one

way or the other, a tranquil market can hardly be anticipated. Fluctuations, unexpected and sharp, up or down, are more likely to occur. The ability of bears to maintain their position may be tested by attempts to corner deliveries, especially in India. American producers have lost their usual optimism—and rightly so—and they have begun to gauge the real condition of the silver market, and this must be reckoned as a factor. For instance, the following extracts appear in the Bulletin of the U. S. Mining Congress:

"Silver men claim that the outlook for production is worse than at any time within the last fifty years and that unless some practical remedy is obtained, producers will face harder times. . . . Some of the larger silver producers feel that the situation can be solved if there can be brought about an increased consumption of silver in the arts and as subsidiary coinage. Consideration has been given to an advertising campaign to popularize the use of silver plate and to replace in foreign countries paper money with silver coins. It is expected that the silver producers will map out a program to create a natural demand for silver."

United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ending the 1st inst. were:

Imports—	Exports—		
China	£917,205	France	£54,850
U. S. A.	66,280	Bombay	42,387
Mexico	33,230	Other countries	11,079
British West Africa	43,421		
Straits Settlements	52,615		
Other countries	15,787		
	£1,128,538		£108,316

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees)—	Aug. 15.	Aug. 22.	Aug. 31.
Notes in circulation	19907	19983	20053
Silver coin and bullion in India	9837	9913	9984
Silver coin and bullion out of India			2232
Gold coin and bullion in India	2232	2232	2232
Gold coin and bullion out of India			5738
Securities (Indian Government)	2100	2100	2099

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending the 31st ult. The stock in Shanghai on the 4th inst. consisted of about 72,400,000 ounces in sycee, 63,200,000 dollars and 9,800 silver bars as compared with about 72,400,000 ounces in sycee, 63,200,000 dollars and 9,380 silver bars on the 28th ult.

Quotations during the week:

Quotations	—Bar Silver Per Oz. Std.—	Bar Gold per Cash.	2 Mos.	Oz. Fine.
Sept. 2	28 11-16d.	28 13-16d.	84s.	11 1/2d.
Sept. 3	28 9-16d.	28 11-16d.	84s.	11 1/2d.
Sept. 4	28 3/4d.	28 1/4d.	84s.	11 1/2d.
Sept. 6	28 3/4d.	28 1/4d.	84s.	11 1/2d.
Sept. 7	28 5-16d.	28 7-16d.	84s.	10 1/2d.
Sept. 8	28 5-16d.	28 7-16d.	84s.	11 1/2d.
Average	28 43/7d.	28 56/2d.	84s.	11 1/2d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are each 1/2d. below those fixed a week ago.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will show a small 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, Sept. 25), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 2.7% larger than in the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$9,411,852,753, against \$9,162,180,943 for the same week in 1925. At this centre there is a gain for the five days of only 0.9%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended Sept. 25.	1926.	1925.	Per Cent.
New York	\$4,038,000,000	\$4,003,280,251	+0.9
Chicago	517,060,525	536,190,721	-3.6
Philadelphia	441,000,000	441,000,000	—
Boston	365,000,000	327,000,000	+11.6
Kansas City	123,340,647	113,922,394	+8.3
St. Louis	126,100,000	123,800,000	+1.8
San Francisco	158,394,000	157,000,000	+0.9
Los Angeles	*140,000,000	128,175,000	+9.2
Pittsburgh	156,854,398	143,134,707	+9.6
Detroit	163,772,871	156,626,043	+4.6
Cleveland	96,638,803	92,668,777	+4.3
Baltimore	82,407,573	87,100,905	-5.4
New Orleans	65,946,629	74,950,978	-12.0
Thirteen cities, five days	\$6,474,515,446	\$6,385,939,776	+1.4
Other cities, five days	1,202,028,515	1,145,907,545	+4.9
Total all cities, five days	\$7,676,543,961	\$7,531,847,321	+1.9
All cities, one day	1,735,308,792	1,630,333,622	+6.4
Total all cities for week	\$9,411,852,753	\$9,162,180,943	+2.7

* 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 Sept. 18. For that week there is a decrease of 2.8%, the 1926 aggregate of clearings being \$10,226,106,540 and the 1925 aggregate \$10,519,565,800. Outside of New York City the decrease is only 0.5%, the bank exchanges at this centre having shown a loss of 4.7%. 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 improvement of 6.9%, and in the Cleveland Reserve District of 5.6%, but in the New York Reserve District (including this city) there is a loss of 4.6%. In the Philadel-

phia Reserve District the totals are smaller by 1.7%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 16.7% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 21.6%. The St. Louis Reserve District shows 3.5% decrease, the Minneapolis Reserve District 11.2%, and the Dallas Reserve District 6.2%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are larger by 2.6%, in the Kansas City Reserve District by 3.0%, and in the San Francisco Reserve District by 6.2%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week Ended Sept. 18 1926, 1926, 1925, Inc. or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, etc.) and Outside N. Y. City, with dollar amounts and percentage changes.

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

Large table titled 'Clearings at - Week Ending September 18.' with columns: 1926, 1925, Inc. or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve District (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth) and then by city within each district.

Table titled 'Clearings at - Week Ending September 18.' with columns: 1926, 1925, Inc. or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows are organized by Reserve District (Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Eleventh, Twelfth) and then by city within each district.

Table titled 'Clearings at - Week Ended Sept. 16.' with columns: 1926, 1925, Inc. or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows are organized by Reserve District (Canada, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, etc.) and then by city.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Sept. 15. d Week ended Sept. 16. e Week ended Sept. 17. f Five days, no clearings Saturday account of hurricane. * Estimated.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Sept. 18 to Sept. 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High), and dates. Includes sections for Banks, Public Utilities, and Railroads.

CHARTER ISSUED. Sept. 15—12990—The Mechanics' Nat. Bank of Bayonne, N. J.—\$200,000 President, Dewitt Van Buskirk; Cashier, A. G. Beckman. VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS. Sept. 13—4411—The City National Bank of Paris, Texas. \$200,000 Effective Aug. 31 1926. Liquidating agent, the Liberty National Bank of Paris, Texas. Succeeded by the Liberty National Bank of Paris, Texas, No. 12651. Sept. 17—5579—The First National Bank of Farmington, Iowa—\$100,000 Effective Sept. 6 1926. Liquidating agent, J. F. Weber, Ottumwa, Iowa. Succeeded by First Trust & Savings Bank of Farmington, Iowa.

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 listing auction sales with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and \$ per right. Includes entries for 600 John Farnum Co., common, 24 par \$10, 200 Zinc Concentrating Co. (Del.), 10 Astoria Mahogany Co., Inc., preferred, etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston: Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 5 First National Bank... 336 ex. div. 6 Nashua Mfg. Co., common... 50 1/2 10 Androsoggin Mills... 52 25 Great Falls Mfg. Co... 19 1/2 12 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co... 159-159 1/2 ex-div. 15 Union Cotton Mfg. Co., com... 113 1/2-114 1/2 15 American Founders Trust, 7% preferred, par \$50... 45 1/2 5 E. E. Gray Co., preferred, par \$10 8 7 Boston Wharf Co., preferred... 112 30 Amerl Gue Co., common... 40

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia: Shares. Stocks. \$ per share. 2 Hestonv., Mantua & Fairmount Passenger Ry., pref... 40 1/2 5 Huntingdon Valley Tr. Co., Pa. 76 15 Phila. Life Ins. Co., par \$10... 14 1/2 40 Steimnetz Electric Motor Car Corp., pref... \$1 lot 80 Steimnetz Electric Motor Car Corp., com., no par... \$1 lot 550 National Life Preserver Co., par \$1... \$5 lot 2,000 Tex. Royalties Corp., par \$1... \$1 lot 30 Costikyan Carpet Co., pref., par \$50... \$6 lot 30 Costikyan Carpet Co., com... \$1 lot 100 Wayne Petroleum Co., par \$1... \$1 lot 16 Magna Metal Corp., com., par \$10... \$1 lot \$10 Copper Exploration, par \$10... \$1 lot 1,000 De Luxe Brush, par \$1... \$1 lot 5 Schwartz Royalties Co... \$3 lot 877 Dairy Equip. & Container Co., com., par \$10... \$4 lot 100 Dairy Equipment & Container Co., pref., par \$10... \$4 lot 5 Nat. Bank of Commerce... 260 5 Corn Exchange Nat. Bank... 666 5 Corn Exchange Nat. Bank... 665 1/2 3 Corn Exchange Nat. Bank... 664 1/2 35 Union National Bank... 255 10 Trademans Nat. Bank... 470 7 Kensington Nat. Bank, par \$50... 198 2 Nat. Bank of Phila... 220 5 First Nat. Bk. of Phila... 465

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo: Shares. Stocks. \$ per share. 5 Labor Temple Assoc. of Buffalo and Vicinity, Inc., par \$5... \$1 25 lot 1,000 Night Hawk, par \$1... 7c. 150 March Gold, par \$1... 15c.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo: Shares. Stocks. \$ per share. 6 Buif., Niag. & East. Pow., pref., par \$25... 24 1/2 1,000 Preston East Dome, par \$1... 7c. Bonds. \$1,000 Buffalo Athletic Club... 900

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Sept. 18 to Sept. 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High), and dates. Includes sections for Rights and Bonds.

* No par value. Note.—Sold last week and not reported: 10 Duquesne Light preferred at 115; 929 Oklahoma Gas, 29 1/4 @ 29 1/4; 119 Pittsburgh Coal pref., at 119 @ 119 1/4; 40 Stand. Plate Glass, prior pref., at 85 1/4; 30 Stand. Sanitary Mfg. com. at 98 1/4 @ 98 1/4; 20 Waverly Oil Works, cl. A, at 42 1/2; 3,210 Lone Star Gas "rights" at 2 1/4 @ 2 1/4.

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, Location, Capital. Includes entries for Sept. 15—First National Bank in Greenwich, Conn.; Sept. 15—The Montauk National Bank, Montauk, N. Y.; Sept. 15—New First National Bank of Colman, South Dakota.

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:

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Boston Revere Beach & Lynn (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 22	Byers (A. M.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Georgia RR. & Banking (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 15	Oct. 2 to Oct. 14	Canada Cement Co. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 16	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Manhattan Ry., 7% guaranteed (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 24a	Canada Dry Ginger Ale (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Midland Valley	\$1.25	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Canadian Cottons, com. (quar.)	2	Oct. 4	Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Missouri-Kansas-Texas, pref. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 4	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
New London Northern (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Sept. 30	Canadian Explosives, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Northern RR. of N. H. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a	Canadian Industrial Alcohol (quar.)	32c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Reading Company, common (quar.)	*\$1	Nov. 11	*Holders of rec. Oct. 14	Chicago Railway Equip., com. (quar.)	*75c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
West Jersey & Seashore	\$1.25	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a
Public Utilities.				Clinchfield Coal	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
American Gas of N. J. (quar.)	*2	Oct. 13	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Cohn-Hall-Marx Co., pref. (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 30	Sept. 26 to Sept. 30
Amherst Gas (quar.)	*\$1.50	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Conley Tank Car, com. (quar.)	2	Sept. 30	Sept. 26 to Sept. 30
Associated Gas & Elec., class A (quar.)	(1/2)	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 7a	Cornell Mills (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 20	*Holders of rec. Oct. 4
California Elec. Generating, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 4
Central Illinois Light, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Cudahy Packing, common (quar.)	*2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Central Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Dixon (Joseph) Crucible (quar.)	2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 4
Cin. Newport & Cov. L. & Tr., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Oct. 1 to Oct. 17	Dome Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Oct. 1 to Oct. 17	Eaton Axle & Spring, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Cincinnati Street Ry. (quar.)	*62 1/2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 24	Edmunds & Jones, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Commonwealth Power Corp., com. (qu.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 14	Edwards (William), pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Elyria Iron & Steel, pref. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Consumers Gas (Toronto) (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Filing Equipment Bureau, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
East Bay Water, pref. A (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Finance & Trading Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 27a
Preferred B (quar.)	(2)	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Flint Mills (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Eastern New York Utilities	*\$2.25	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 23	Foshay (W. R.) Co., com. (monthly)	2-3	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Easthampton Gas (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	7% preferred (monthly)	7-12	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Electric Light & Power of Abington & Rockland (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred A (monthly)	2-3	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
El Paso Electric Co. (Del.) com.	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17	Fraser Company, com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 26 to Sept. 30
Elmira Water, Light & RR., 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Preferred (quar.)	\$3	Oct. 1	Sept. 26 to Sept. 30
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Gary (Theodore) & Co., com. (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Sept. 26 to Sept. 30
General Public Service, conv. pf. (qu.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Preferred (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Greenfield Elec. Lt. & Pr., com. (qu.)	*\$2.50	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 23	Class B	30c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Preferred (quar.)	*\$7 1/2	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	General Fireproofing, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Houston Gas & Fuel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 4	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Internat. Utilities, class A (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	General Necessities Corp. (monthly)	1	Sept. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Monthly	1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
Kansas Electric Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Monthly	1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Kings County Lighting, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Monthly	1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Massachusetts Gas Cos., common (qu.)	*\$1.25	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Stock dividend	*25	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Memphis Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21	General Outdoor Advertising, com. (qu.)	*50c.	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 7
Montreal Telegraph (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	General Refractories (quar.)	*75c.	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Nevada-Calif. Elec. Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Globe-Wernicke Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
New Haven Gas Light (quar.)	62 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Gotham Silk Hosiery, 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
New Orleans Public Serv., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Hall Lamp (stock dividend)	*20	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 29
N. Y. & Richmond Gas, common (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Hamilton-Brown Shoe (monthly)	1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Harbauer Company (quar.)	45c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Ohio Edison, 6% preferred (quar.)	1.65	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Hart & Cooley Co. (quar.)	*\$1	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 25
6.6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Hayes Ionla Co. (monthly)	*10c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 25
7% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Monthly	*10c.	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 25
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Monthly	*10c.	Jan 1/27	*Holders of rec. Dec. 25
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Monthly	*10c.	Feb 1/27	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Peoples Lt. & Pow. Corp., com. A (mthly)	20c.	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Monthly	*10c.	Mar 1/27	*Holders of rec. Feb. 25
7% preferred (quar.)	7-12	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Heath (D. C.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 28
Philadelphia & Camden Ferry (quar.)	5	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Hazel-Atlas Glass (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 18
Philadelphia Rapid Transit, com. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. (mthly)	35c.	Oct. 29	Holders of rec. Oct. 22
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Monthly	35c.	Nov. 26	Holders of rec. Nov. 19
Phila. & Western Ry., pref. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Monthly	35c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Pittsburgh Utilities, common	(2)	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Extra	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 24
Preferred	3 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Hibernia Securities, pref. (quar.)	3 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 28
Preferred (extra)	2 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Holmes (D. H.) Co., Ltd. (quar.)	3 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 24
Porto Rico Rys., Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Holt, Renfrew Co., pref. (quar.)	3 1/2	Oct. 15	Oct. 2 to Oct. 15
Providence Gas (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Horn Silver Mines Co. of Utah	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Ridge Avenue Passenger Ry. (quar.)	\$3	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1	Howe Sound (quar.)	*35c.	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Southern Canada Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Hupp Motor Car, com. (quar.)	*70	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Southern Cities Utilities, pref. (quar.)	58 1/2-3c	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Common (payable in common stock)	62 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Southw. Gas & Elec., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Hussmann (Harry L.) Refr., com. (qu.)	37 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Southwest Power, preferred (quar.)	*\$2	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 23	Huttig Sash & Door, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Turners Falls Power & Elec. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 27	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Preferred (quar.)	62 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Utilities Securities, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Indiana Tire & Rubber, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Western Power Corp., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 22
West Kootenay Pow. & Lt., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 28	Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 22
Worcester Electric Light (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Extra	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Worcester Gas Light, common (quar.)	63c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 16a	Indus. Accept. Corp., 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 16a	Industrial Finance Corp., 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
York Railways, common (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 16	Oct. 7 to Oct. 15	7% pref. and deb. stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	62 1/2	Oct. 31	Oct. 7 to Oct. 15	Johanna Mills, Inc. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Banks.				Kaysor (Julius) & Co., common (quar.)	*75c.	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 18
Bowery & East River Nat. (quar.)	3 1/2	Sept. 30	Sept. 26 to Sept. 30	Kellogg Switchboard & Supp. com. (qu.)	32 1/2	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 9
Eastern Exchange (quar.)	1	Sept. 30	Sept. 21 to Sept. 29	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 9
Fifth Avenue (quar.)	6	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Kemper-Thomas Co., common (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Garfield National (quar.)	3	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 24	Knox Hat, Inc., prior pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Hanover National (quar.)	6	Oct. 1	Sept. 22 to Sept. 30	Laclede-Christy Clay Prod., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Municipal (Brooklyn) (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Sept. 21 to Sept. 30	Lawyers Mortgage Co. (quar.)	3 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 23
Nassau National (Brooklyn) (quar.)	3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23a	Lord & Taylor, 2d pref. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a
Peoples National (Brooklyn) (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14	Lowenstein (M.) & Sons, 1st pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Trust Companies.				Maple Leaf Milling, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 18	Holders of rec. Oct. 3
Empire Trust (quar.)	3	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	McCasky Register, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Title Guarantee & Trust (quar.)	4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 22	Second preferred (quar.)	*2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Extra	5	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 22	Second pref. (acc. accum. dividends)	*h2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
U. S. Mfg. & Trust (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 27	Mexican Petroleum, com. (quar.)	3	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Miscellaneous.				Preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Abraham & Straus, Inc., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Missouri-Illinois Stores, com. (quar.)	20c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Aero Supply Mfg., class A (quar.)	*\$37 1/2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 27	Missouri Portland Cement (extra)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23
Alabama Fuel & Iron (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Sept. 21 to Sept. 30	Mohawk Rubber, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Alles & Fisher (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23	Murray Ohio Mfg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23
Amer. Bond & Mortgage, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Nashua Mfg., pref. (quar.)	*75c.	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
American Coal (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Oct. 12 to Nov. 1	National Cash Register, class A (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Amer. Credit Indemnity (St. Louis) (qu.)	20c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	National Equipment, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Amer. Home Products Corp. (quar.)	*\$1	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21	National Fireproofing (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
American Investment, com.	*75c.	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 2	Newmont Mining	60c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Amer. Laundry Machinery, com. (quar.)	*25c.	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 2	N. Y. Title & Mortgage Co. (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 24
Common (extra)	*\$1	Mar 1/27	*Holders of rec. Feb. 21/27	Extra	1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 24
Common (quar.)	*\$1	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Niplising Mines Co. (quar.)	*15c.	Oct. 20	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
American Sales Book (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a	North & Judd (quar.)	*2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 22
American Sewing (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 27	Novadel Process Corp., pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Amer. Solvents & Chem., pref. (No. 1)	*75c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 27	Ohio Brass, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
American Surety (quar.)	4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Common (extra)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Arlington Mills (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Asbestos Corporation, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 24	Pan Am. Petr. & Tran., com. & com. B (qu.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Atlantic Ice & Coal, common (quar.)	3 1/2	Jan 1/27	Holders of rec. Sept. 24	Perfection Glass (Canada) (No. 1)	5	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Preferred	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Phelps-Dodge Corp. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 2	*Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Atlas Plywood (quar.)	56c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Pilgrim Mills (quar.)	2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a
Bancital Corp. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1					

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Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Tonopah Mining	*7 3/4c	Oct. 21	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Trumbull-Cliffs Furnace, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Tuckett Tobacco, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Tulip Cup Corp., com. (quar.)	37 3/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 24
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 24
Union Metal Mfg. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Extra	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
United Ice Service, pref. A (quar.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
U. S. Radiator, common (quar.)	*35c.	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Universal Leaf Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Utah-Idaho Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Vick Chemical (quar.)	17 3/4c	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 18
Wagner Electric Corp., pref. (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Western Grocers (Canada), pref. new (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Westmoreland Coal (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Whitman (William) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 28 to Oct. 1
Winnboro Mills, com. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of r c. Sept. 21
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 24
Woods Mfg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 27

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.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Akron Canton & Youngstown	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Alabama & Vicksburg	3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Bangor & Aroostook, common (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a
Preferred	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a
Beech Creek (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Boston & Providence (quar.)	2 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Boston & Albany (quar.)	2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Canadian Pacific, com. (quar.)	2 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Preferred	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio, com. (qu.)	75c.	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Stamped certificates	\$1.25	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Chesapeake & Ohio, com. (quar.)	3 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Preferred A	1 1/4	Jan 1 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 8a
Clev. Clin. Chic. & St. L., com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
Consolidated R.Rs. of Cuba, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Cuba R.R., common	\$1.40	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Preferred	3	Feb 1 '27	Hold. of rec. Jan. 15 '27a
Gulf Mobile & Northern, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Hoeking Valley, com. (quar.)	2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Kansas City Southern, pref. (quar.)	1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Lehigh Valley, common (quar.)	87 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a
Meadville, Conneaut Lake & Linesville	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Min. St. Paul & S. S. M. leased lines	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
New York Central R.R. (quar.)	2 3/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 16a
N. Y. Chicago & St. Louis, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 16a
Preferred A (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 16a
N. Y. Lackawanna & Western (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Northern Pacific (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Old Colony R.R. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Pere Marquette, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a
Prior preference (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Five per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Pittsburgh Bessemer & Lake Erie, com.	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Pitts. & West Virginia, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Common (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Hold. of rec. Jan. 15 '27a
Providence & Worcester (quar.)	2 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 8
Reading Company, 2d pref. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 14	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
St. Louis Southwestern, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Southern Pacific (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Sept. 22 to Oct. 12
Southern Railway, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Mobile & Ohio stock trust certificates	2 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Union Pacific, com. (quar.)	2 1/4	Oct. 7	Sept. 9 to Oct. 7
Preferred	2 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Vermont & Massachusetts	3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 7a
Vicksb. Shreveport & Pac., com. & pref.	2 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 7a
Western Pacific R.R. Corp., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 7a
Public Utilities.			
Alabama Power, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
All-America Cables (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 14	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
American & Foreign Power, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Com. & pref. allot. cts. 25% pd. (qu.)	43 3/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Amer. Gas & Elec., common (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Amer. Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11
American Public Service, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Amer. Public Utilities, prior pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Participating preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of r c. Sept. 15
Amer. Superpower Corp., com. A & B (qu.)	30c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
First preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
American Teleg. & Teleg. (quar.)	2 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Quarterly	2 1/4	pr 15 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Quarterly	2 1/4	pr 15 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Arkansas Central Power, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Arkansas Natural Gas (quar.)	8c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 22
Associated Gas & Elec., orig. pref. (qu.)	87 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 9a
Original preferred (extra)	112 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
\$7 dividend series pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Bangor Hydro-Elec. Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Barcelona Tr. L. & P., part. pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Bell Telephone of Canada (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 23a
Bell Telephone of Pa., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Binghamton L. H. & P., \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Birmingham Electric Co., pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Boston Elevated Ry., com. (quar.)	3 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 9
Second preferred	3 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 9
Brazilian Trac., Lt. & Pow., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Brooklyn-Manhat. Transit, pref. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Preferred series A (quar.)	1 1/4	an 15 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred series A (quar.)	1 1/4	pr 15 '27	Holders of rec. Apr. 1
Buff. Niagara & East. Pow., com. (qu.)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Preferred (quar.)	40c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Capital Trac., Washinton, D. C. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Carolina Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
6% preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Central Illinois Pub. Serv., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Central States Elec. Corp., com. (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Chicago City Ry. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Sept. 21 to Sept. 25
Chic. North Shore & Milw., pr. lien (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Chicago Rap. Tran., prior pf. (mthly.)	65c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a
Prior preferred (monthly)	65c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19a
Prior preferred (monthly)	65c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 16a
Chickasha Gas & Elec., com. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Sept. 25 to Oct. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 25 to Oct. 1
Cleveland Railway (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13
Coast Valleys Gas & El., 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
7% pref. series B (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Columbus Ry., Fr. & Lt., 1st pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Series B preferred (quar.)	\$1.63	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15

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Public Utilities (Concluded)			
Columbus Elec. & Power, com. (quar.)	2 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Preferred series B (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Consol. G. El. L. & P., Balt., com. (qu.)	62 3/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Series A preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Series B preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Series C preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Series D preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Consumers Power, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
6.6% preferred (quar.)	1.65	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
6.6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
6.6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	1.65	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Jan 2 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Continental Gas & El. Corp., com. (qu.)	\$1.10	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
7% prior preference (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Participating preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Participating preferred (extra)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Denver Tramway Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Detroit Edison (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Diamond State Teleg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Domlnon Power & Transm., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 23
Duke Power Co. (quar.)	1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Duluth-Superior Traction, pref. (quar.)	1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Eastern Mass. Street Ry., adj. stock	2 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Eastern Texas Electric Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Electric Bond & Share Securities (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Electric Bond & Share, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Electric Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Electric Power & Light, 40% paid	70c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
El Paso Electric Service, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
El Paso Electric Co., pref., ser. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Empire Gas & Fuel, 8% pref. (monthly)	66-2-3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Seven per cent preferred (monthly)	58-1-3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Empire Power, \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23
Participating stock	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23
Engineers Public Service, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 2a
Federal Light & Trac., com. (quar.)	20c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Common (payable in common stock)	15c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Florida Public Service, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Fort Worth Power & Ltg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
General Gas & Elec., com. A (quar.)	37 3/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
\$7 preferred class A (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred class B (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Gold & Stock Telegraph (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Haverhill Gas Light (quar.)	56c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Illinois Bell Telephone (quar.)	2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Illinois Power, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Illinois Power & Light, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Six per cent participating pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Illinois Traction, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Indianapolis Water Works, pref.	3 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a
Internat. Pow., Ltd. (Canada) 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Internat. Teleg. & Teleg. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 27a
Interstate Power pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 4a
Jamaica Public Service, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Jersey Central Power & Lt., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Kan. City Pow. & Lt., 1st pf., ser. A (qu.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Kansas Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Kentucky Securities Corp., com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Laurentide Power (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Long Star Gas (quar.)	43 3/4c	Sept. 30	Sept. 22 to Sept. 30
Long Island Lighting, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Louisville Gas & El., com. A & B (qu.)	43 3/4c	Sept. 25	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Maekay Companies, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Preferred (quar.)	1	Oct.	

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Public Utilities (Concluded).				Miscellaneous (Continued)			
Penn-Ohio Edison, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Ahumada Lead Co. (quar.)	7 1/2	Oct. 4	Holders of rec. Sept. 28
Pennsylvania Gas & El., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Sept. 18 to Sept. 30	Extra	17 1/2	Oct. 4	Holders of rec. Sept. 28
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Sept. 18 to Sept. 30	Air Reduction Co. (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Pennsylvania Power & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Extra	\$1.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Pennsylvania Water & Power (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Albany Perf. Wrapping Pap., com. (qu.)	50c.	Sept. 30	Sept. 24 to Sept. 30
Peoples Gas Light & Coke (quar.)	2	Oct. 18	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Sept. 24 to Sept. 30
Philadelphia Co., common (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Albion Pacific Grain Co. (monthly)	*21-30	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Monthly	*21-30	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Philadelphia Traction	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Monthly	*21-30	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Power Corporation, common (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Aldred & Co. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Portland Elec. Pow. Co., 6% 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Prior preference (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Allis Chalmers Mfg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Public Service Corp. of New Jersey—				Aluminum Manufacturers, Inc., com. (qu.)	50c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Common (quar.)	\$1.25	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 3a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 3a	Amerasia Corporation, common (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 3a	American Art Works, com. & pref. (qu.)	40c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 3a	American Bank Note, com. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Public Service Co. of Okla., com. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Sept. 25 to Oct. 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Prior lien stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Sept. 25 to Oct. 1	American Brake Shoe & Fdy., com. (qu.)	\$1.50	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 24a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Sept. 25 to Oct. 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 24a
Public Serv. Elec. & Gas, 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 3	Am. Brown Boveri El. Corp., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 27a
Six per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	American Car, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Public Service Elec. Power, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Amer. Can & Foundry, common (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Puget Sound Power & Lt., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Prior preference (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	American Cellulose & Chemical Mfg.			
Quebec Power Co., common (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	First participating preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	American Chain, class A (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Radio Corp. of America, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a	American Chile, com. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Republic Ry. & Light, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Savannah El. & Pr., deb. 1st pf. A (qu.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	American Cigar, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Debutante 1st pref., series B (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Amer. Cyanamid, old common (quar.)	1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred	3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	New common A & B (quar.)	20c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Shawinigan Water & Power (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Old common (extra)	1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Southeastern Pow. & Lt., \$7 pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	New common A & B (extra)	10c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Participating preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23	Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
South. Indiana Gas & Elec., 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23	American Express (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	\$1.65	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Amer. Furniture Mart Bldg., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 16a
6.6% preferred (quar.)	\$1.35	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1	American Hardware Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Southwestern Bell Telephone, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Quarterly	*2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Springfield Ry. & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Extra	\$1	Jan 1/27	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Standard Gas & Electric, com. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Amer. Home Products (quar.)	20c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Prior preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Amer. La France Fire Eng., com. (qu.)	25c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Common (payable in common stock)	\$1-200	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Common (payable in common stock)	\$1-200	Jan 25/27	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	American Linseed, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Tennessee Eastern Elec. Co.—				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
7.2% first preferred (quar.)	1.80	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 3/27	Holders of rec. Dec. 17a
6% first preferred (monthly)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr 1/27	Holders of rec. Mar 15/27a
7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	American Locomotive, com. (quar.)	\$2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Toledo-Edison Co., prior pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Twin City Rap. Tr., Minneap., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	American Mfg., common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
United Gas Improvement, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Stock dividend	725	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	American Plano, common (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
United Lt. & Pr., old com., cl. B & B (qu.)	60c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
New common, class A & B (quar.)	12c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Amer. Pneumatic Service, 1st pref.	*\$1.75	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Preferred, class A (quar.)	\$1.63	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	American Radiator, common (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred, class B (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a	American Railway Express (quar.)	\$1.50	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
United Utilities Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Amer. Rolling Mill, common (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Utah Gas & Coke, pref. & part. pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Utah Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$450c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 11	Preferred (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Utilities Power & Light, class A (quar.)	\$25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 11	American Safety Razor (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17	American Sander Corporation	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Virginia Public Service So., 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17	Amer. Seating Corp., com. (qu.) (No. 1)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Washington Water Power, Spokane (qu.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 24	Preferred (quar.) (No. 1)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Western States Gas & Elec., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Amer. Shipbuilding, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Western Union Telegraph (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Preferred (quar.)	3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
West Chester Street Ry., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	American Snuff, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
West Penn Elec. Co., class A (quar.)	\$1.75	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
West Penn Power Co., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Amer. Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Winnipeg Electric Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 20	*Holders of rec. Oct. 31	American Stores Corp. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Wisconsin River Power, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 20	*Holders of rec. Oct. 31	American Sugar Refining, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Banks.				American Type Founders, com. (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
America, Bank of (quar.)	3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
Amer. Exchange-Pacific Nat. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a	American Vitriol Products, com. (qu.)	50c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
Amer. Exch. Securities Corp., cl. A (qu.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21	Amer. Wholesale Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Class B (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Amer. Window Glass Mach., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23
American Union (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Sept. 21 to Oct. 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 23
Broadway Central (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Apo Manufacturing, class A (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Capitol National (quar.)	3 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a	Armour & Co., Illinois, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Chase National (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a	Armour & Co. of Delaware, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Sept. 18 to Oct. 1
Chase Securities Corp. (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Sept. 30	Armstrong Cork, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Sept. 18 to Oct. 1
Chatham & Phenix National (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17	Aerolite Corporation, com. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 22a
Colonial (quar.)	3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Associated Oil (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a
Commerce, National Bank of (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Extra	40c.	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a
First National (quar.)	20	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Auburn Automobile, common (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
First Security Co. (quar.)	5	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Stock dividend	65	Nov. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Franklin National (quar.)	3	Oct. 1	Sept. 21 to Sept. 30	Ault & Wiborg Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 11
Greenwich (quar.)	3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Babcock & Wilcox (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Harlem Bank of Commerce (qu.) (No. 1)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Quarterly	1 1/2	Jan 2/27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Manhattan Co., Bank of the (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 18a	Quarterly	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Mechanics (Brooklyn) (quar.)	3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23a	Balaban & Katz, common (monthly)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Mutual (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Common (monthly)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
National City (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17	Baltimore Gas, 1st pref. (ct. acc. div.)	43c.	Sept. 27	Holders of rec. Sept. 18
National City Company (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 18a	Bancroft (Joseph) & Sons (qu.) (No. 1)	62 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
New Netherlands (quar.)	6	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Bankart Brothers & Spindler—			
Park National (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 23a
Public National (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23	Barnsald Corp., class A and B (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Seaboard National (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Standard (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Bayuk Cigars, Inc., 1st pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Standard National Corp., common (qu.)	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Convertible second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Preferred (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	8% second preferred (quar.)	*2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
State (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Beatrice Creamery, com. (quar.)	*\$1.25	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
United States Bank of (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	60c.	Oct. 9	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a
Washington Heights (Bank of) (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Beech-Nut Packing, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Trust Companies.				Belging-Hemlinway Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 11	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
American (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Belgo-Canadian Paper, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 11	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Bank of Europe Trust Co. (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 24a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Sept. 4 to Sept. 5
Bank of New York & Trust Co. (quar.)	6	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Bendix Corporation, class A (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Banks (quar.)	5	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Belthelhem Steel Corp., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Brooklyn (quar.)	6	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Big Lake Oil	25	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Central Union (quar.)	7	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 24a	Bingham Mines	\$1	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Equitable (quar.)	3	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Borg & Beck (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Federation Bank & Trust (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Borne Strymer Co.	\$4		

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
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Bush Terminal Co., deb. pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Fair (The), common (monthly)	20c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Bush Terminal Buildings, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Common (monthly)	20c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Butte & Superior Minings (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
By-Products Coke, preferred (quar.)	2 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Fairbanks-Morse & Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Cambria Iron	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Common (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Canada Bread, 1st pref. & pref. B (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Canada Dry Ginger Ale stock div. (qu.)	6 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Fanny Farmer Candy Shops, Inc., pf. (qu.)	60c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Stock dividend (quar.)	6 1/4	Jan 15 '27	Holders of rec. Jan 1 '27a	Faultless Rubber (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Canadian Canners, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. S pt. 22	Federal Motor Truck, new no-par stock (quar.) (No. 1)	20c.	Oct. 1	Sept. 19 to Sept. 30
Canadian Car & Fdy., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 9	Holders of rec. Sept. 24	Stock dividend	2 1/4	Oct. 5	Sept. 19 to Sept. 30
Canadian Cottons, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Federal Purchase Corp., cl. A (qu.)	75c.	Nov. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Canadian General Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Class B (quar.)	25c.	Nov. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Canadian Locomotive, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Fifth Ave. Bus Securities (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 2a
Canadian Salt (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of r. c. Sept. 24	Financial Investing Co., Ltd., common	15c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Canfield Oil, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Sept. 21 to Oct. 4	Extra	15c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Sept. 21 to Oct. 4	Firestone Tire & Rubber, 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Case (J. I.) Thresh. Mach., pf. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a	First Investment Co., class A	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (acct. accum. dividends)	7	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a	Extra	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Central Aguirre Sugar, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25	First National Pictures, 1st pref. (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Central Alloy Steel, com. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	First National Stores, com. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	First preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Central Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Fleischmann Co., common (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Century Electric Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Sept. 21
Certain-teed Products, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Footo Bros., Gear & Machine, com. (qu.)	25c.	Oct. 1	Sept. 21 to Sept. 30
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 1 '27	Holders of rec. S pt. 20
Chandler-Cleve. Motors, pref. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Forhan Company, common (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Chesebrough Mfg. Cos. (quar.)	75c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Common, class A & B (quar.)	40c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Extra	25c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Fox Film Corp., com. A & B (quar.)	40c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Chicago Fuse (quar.)	62 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 16a	Franklin Res. & Disc. Corp., pf. (qu.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Chicago Mill & Lumber, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of r. c. Sept. 22a	French (Fred F.) Construction Co., pref.	3 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Chicago Motor Coach, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Gabriel Snubber Mfg., com. A & B (qu.)	62c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Chicago Yellow Cab Co. (monthly)	33 1/3c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Common A & B (extra)	62c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Monthly	33 1/3c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	General Amer. Tank Car, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Monthly	33 1/3c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 19a	General Baking, class A (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Chile Copper (quar.)	62 1/2c	Sept. 27	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a	Preferred (quar.)	2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Chrysler Corporation, com. (quar.)	75c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	General Electric (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 28	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Special stock (quar.)	15c.	Oct. 28	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Jan 3 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	General Cigar, debenture pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a
Cities Service Co., common (monthly)	3/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	General Ice Cream Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Common (monthly)	*3/4	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	General Motors, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 4a
Common (payable in common stock)	3/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Six per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 4a
Common (payable in common stock)	*3/4	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Six per cent debenture stock (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 4a
Preferred and preferred B (monthly)	3/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	General Railway Signal, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Preferred and preferred B (monthly)	*3/4	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Common (extra)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Bankers shares (monthly)	3/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Bankers shares (monthly)	3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	General Tire & Rubber, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
City Investing Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25	Gibson Art, common (quar.)	*65c.	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Cleveland Builders Supply (quar.)	62 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Cleveland Union Stock Yards (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Sept. 19 to Oct. 2	Gimbel Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	C. G. Spring & Bumper	72-10	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 8
Coca-Cola Co., common (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Common (in com. stk. on each 10 shs.)	73-10	Feb 15 '27	Holders of rec. Feb. 8 '27
Coca-Cola International, common (qu.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (in com. stk. on each 10 shs.)	73-10	Feb 15 '27	Holders of rec. Feb. 8 '27
Colt's Patent Fire Arms Mfg. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Glidden Company, common (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 16a
Commercial Credit Co., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 16a
6 1/2% 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Globe-Wernicke Co., common	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
7% preferred (quar.)	43 1/4c	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Common (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan 1 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
8% preferred (quar.)	3 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Goodrich (B. F.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Commercial Invest. Trust, com. (quar.)	90c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Goodyear Tire & Rubb. of Can., pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Seven per cent 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (accum. dividends)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
6 1/2% 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Goodyear Tire & Rubber, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Commercial Solvents Corp., cl. B (qu.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Prior preference (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Consolidated Cigar Corp., common (qu.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Gossard (H. W.) & Co., com. (m'thly)	33 1/3c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Consolidated Ice, Pittsburgh, pref.	1 1/4	Sept. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a	Common (monthly)	33 1/3c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Consolidated Lead & Zinc, class A (qu.)	62 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Common (monthly)	33 1/3c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 19
Continental Baking, com., cl. A (qu.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Common (monthly)	33 1/3c	Jan 3 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Gotham Silk Hosiery, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Continental Can, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Goulds Pump, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Converse Rubber Shoe, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Coty Inc. (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Grassell Chemical, common (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Craddock-Terry Co., com. (quar.)	3	Sept. 30	Sept. 16 to Sept. 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Crane Company				Great Lakes Steamship (quar.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Common (payable in common stock)	710	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Great Lake Towing, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Creamery Package Mfg., com. (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 10	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 10	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Great Western Sugar, com. (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Cresson Cons. Gold M. & M. (quar.)	10c.	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Crown Finance Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 2	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1	Greenfield Tap & Die, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Crown Willamette Paper, 1st pf. (qu.)	\$1.75	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	8% preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Cruible Steel, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Gref Bros., class A (quar.)	80c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Grennan Bakeries, common (quar.)	*25c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Cuban-American Sugar, com. (quar.)	25c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 4a	Group No. 1 Oil Corp.	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 4a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	\$750	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Cuneo Press, Inc. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 4	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Curlee Clothing, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Preferred (acct. accumulated divs.)	h2 1/2	Nov. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Dayfield Mills (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a	Gulf Oil Corp. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Oct. 1	Sept. 21 to Sept. 23
Dayfield Realty Corp., preferred	3 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Gulf States Steel, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Detroit & Cleveland Navigation (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Devoe & Reynolds, com., A & B (quar.)	60c.	Oct. 1	Sept. 21 to Sept. 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 27 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
First and second pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 21 to Sept. 30	Hamilton (Ontario) United Theatres, pf.	3 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Dobry (D. A.) Securities Co., 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Hammermill Paper, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
7% preferred (extra)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Hanes (P. H.) Knitting, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Dodge Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Harbison-Walker Refracc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 9a
Doehler Die-Casting, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 22	Hartman Corporation, class A (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 17
Dominion Glass, Ltd., com. & pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Class A (quar.)	50c.	Mar 12 '27	Holders of rec. Feb. 15 '27
Dominion Textile, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Class B (quar.) in class A stock	(0)	Mar 12 '27	Holders of rec. Nov. 17
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Class B (quar.) in class A stock	(0)	Jan 27 '27	Holders of rec. May 17 '27
Douglas-Peetin Corp. (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a	Class B (quar.) in class A stock	(0)	Jan 27 '27	Holders of rec. May 17 '27
Extra	50c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a	Hathaway Baking, pref. A (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Douglas (W. L.) Shoe Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Helme (George W.) Co., common (qu.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Draper Corporation (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 28	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Extra	12 1/2	Jan 15 '27	Holders of rec. Aug. 28	Hercules Powder, common (quar.)	2	Sept. 25	Sept. 16 to Sept. 25
Dunham (J. H.) & Co., common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Hibbard, Spender, Bartlett & Co. extra	20c.	Oct. 24	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Hollinger Consol. Gold Mines	*10c.	Oct. 7	Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Homestake Mining (monthly)	50c.	Sept. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
du Pont (E. I.) de Nemours & Co.	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Hood Rubber Co., common (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 30	Sept. 21 to Sept. 30
Debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 9a	Hudson Motor Car (quar.)	87 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Eagle-Picher Lead, common (quar.)	40c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Extra	30c.	Oct. 1	Sept. 12 to Sept. 30
Eastern Rolling Mill (quar.)	37 1/2c	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1	Hydraulic Press Brick, pref. (quar.)	20c.	Oct. 1	Sept. 12 to Sept. 30
Extra	12 1/2c	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1	Illinois Brick (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Eastern Steamship Lines, 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 24a	Imperial Tobacco of Canada, ordinary	1 1/4	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Oct. 4
Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 7a	Preferred	3	Sept. 30	
Eastman Kodak, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a	Independent Oil & Gas (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 18	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
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Intertype Corporation, 1st pref. (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Orpheum Circuit, Inc., com. (monthly)	16 2-3	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Island Creek Coal, com. (quar.)	\$4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23a	Common (monthly)	16 2-3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23a	Monthly	16 2-3	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Jewel Tea, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Monthly	16 2-3	Jan 2'27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Preferred (acet. accum. dividends)	72 3/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	*2	Jan 2'27	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Jones & Laughlin Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Octis Elevator (common (quar.))	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Jordan Motor Car, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Kalbfleish (The) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Kaufman Dept. Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Octis Steel, prior pref. (quar.) (No. 1)	1 1/4	Jan 15'27	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 2'27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Overman Cush on Tire, com., cl. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1
Kaynee Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Common, class B (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 19 to Oct. 1
Kayser (Julius) & Co., pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 19 to Oct. 1
Kelsey Wheel, common (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Owens Bottle Co., common (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Kennecott Copper Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 3a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Kerr Lake Mines, Ltd.	12 1/2c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Packard Motor Car (monthly)	20c.	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Kinney (G. R.) Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a	Palge-Detroit Motor, common (quar.)	20c.	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Kirby Lumber (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 10	Dec. 1 to Dec. 10	Preferred (quar.)	45c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Kirehbaum (A. B.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Paraffine Companies, common (quar.)	\$1.50	Sept. 27	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Kraft Cheese, com. (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Sept. 27	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Common (payable in common stock)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Park-Utah Consol. Mines (quar.)	15c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Kresge (S. S.) Co., common (quar.)	30c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Peabody Coal (monthly)	58c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Penick & Ford, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Kresge Department Stores, pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Penney (J. C.) Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Kress (S. H.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Pennox Oil Corporation (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Lambert Co. (quar.)	87 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Pet Milk Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
La Salle Extension Institute, com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Philadelphia Mulliken Co., 1st & 2d pt. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a
Laurentide Co. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 17	Phillips Petroleum (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 18a
Lawton Mills (quar.)	\$2.50	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Pick (Albert) & Co., pref. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Lawyers Title & Guaranty Co.	2 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Pick Bakeries of America, class A (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Lawyers Westchester Mortgage	2	Oct. 1	Sept. 17 to Oct. 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14	Pierce-Arrow Motor Car, pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Leonard, Fitzpatrick & Mueller Stores, preferred (No. 1)	*2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 18	Pittsburgh Plate Glass (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 18
Liberty Baking, pref. (qu.) (No. 1)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Extra	5	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 18
Life Savers, Inc. (quar.)	40.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Pittsburgh Steel Foundries, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Sept. 30
Liggett & Myers Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Portland Gold Mining (quar.)	2c.	Oct. 15	Oct. 7 to Oct. 15
Lion Oil Refining (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 27	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Plymouth Oil (monthly)	50c.	Sept. 30	Sept. 21 to Sept. 23
Liquid Carbonic Corporation (quar.)	*90c.	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Prairie Pipe Line (quar.)	25c.	Sept. 30	Sept. 21 to Sept. 23
Loew's, Inc. (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Pratt & Whitney, pref. (quar.)	*2	Oct. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Long Beach Lumber, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Preferred (acet. accum. divs.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 16a
Loose-Wiles Biscuit, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a	Premier Gold Mining (quar.)	8c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a	Pressed Steel Car, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Lord & Taylor, common (quar.)	2 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Price Bros., common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Lorillard (P.) Co., com. (in com. stock)	7/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Procter & Gamble Co., 8% pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Sept. 26 to Oct. 13
Ludlum Steel (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Pro-phy-lac-tic Brush, common (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
MacAndrews & Forbes Co., com. (qu.)	65c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Provincial Paper Mills, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Mack Trucks, Inc., common (quar.)	\$1.50	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Pure Oil, 5 1/4% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
First & second pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Macy (R. H.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a	8% preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Mauma Copper Co. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Quaker Oats, common (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Mallinson (H. R.) & Co., Inc., pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Manhattan Electrical Supply (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Quisset Mills, preferred (quar.)	3	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Manhattan Shirt, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Rand-Kardex Bureau, Inc., com. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 9	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Manning, Maxwell & Moore (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Manufactured Rubber (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 11	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Real Silk Hosiery, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Margay Oil Corporation	25c.	Oct. 9	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Marland Oil (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 18a	Reece Buttonhole Machine (quar.)	35c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Marlin-Rockwell Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23a	Reese Folding Machine (quar.)	5c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23a	Regal Shoe, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 21 to Sept. 30
Matheson Alkali Works, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Reld Ice Cream Corp., com. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Reis (Robert) & Co., first pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21
May Department Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Remington Noiseless Typew., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Maytag Co. (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Remington Typewriter, 1st pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1
McCall Corp., com. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	2d preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1
McCord Radiator & Mfg., class A (qu.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Sept. 23 to Sept. 30	Reo Motor Car (quar.)	20c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
McCrothers Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	Extra	20c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Medart (Fred) Mfg., pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21	Republic Iron & Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Merchants & Mfrs. Securities, com. (qu.)	62 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Reynolds (R. J.) Tob., com. & com. B (qu.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Common (payable in common stock)	1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Rice-Stix Dry Goods, common (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Participating preferred (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	First & second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Participating preferred (in com. stock)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Richardson & Boynton Co., part. pf. (qu.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Merk & Co., preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Richman Bros., common (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Mengenthaler Linotype (quar.)	25	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 3a	Royal Baking Powder, com. (quar.)	2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Extra	\$1.25	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 18a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Merrimac Chemical (quar.)	\$1.25	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 18a	Ryan Car, preferred (quar.)	2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Metropolitan Paving Brick, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Safety Car Heat & Lighting (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Mexican Investment, preferred	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 18	Safeway Stores, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Midland Steel Products, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23	St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 20
Common (extra)	49c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23a	Extra	25c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23a	St. Louis National Stock Yards (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Sept. 24 to Sept. 30
Preferred (extra)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 23a	St. Louis Rocky Mt. & Pac. Co., com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Midvale Company	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Mill Factors Corp. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	St. Maurice Valley Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Extra	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	St. Regis Paper, com. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Montgomery Ward & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Class A (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Salt Creek Consol. Oil (quar.)	20c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Morgan Lithograph, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 18a	Savage Arms, 1st pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Mortgage-Bond Co. (quar.)	*2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Motion Picture Capital Corp., pref. (qu.)	50c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Schlesinger (B.F.) & Sons, Inc., com. cl. A	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Motor Meter Co., Inc., cl. A (quar.)	90c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Motor Wheel Corp. (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Schultz Retail Stores, pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Mountain & Gulf Oil (quar.)	2c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Schwartz (Bernard) Cigar Corp. A (qu.)	20c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13
Extra	1c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Seaboard Oil, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Mountain Producers Corp., com. (quar.)	60c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Sefton Manufacturing, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Munyon Remedy Co. (quar.)	15c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Shaffer Oil & Refining, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
National Biscuit, common (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Shattuck (Frank G.) Co. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
National Brewers, common (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Shell Union Oil Corp., com. (quar.)	35c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 7a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Sherwin-Williams Co., Can., com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
National Casket, common	\$1.50	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Shreveport-El Dorado Pipe Line (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
National Dairy Products, com. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Sieloff Packing, common (quar.)	30c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Preferred A & B (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Simmons Company, common (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Nat. Enameling & Stamping, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Singer Manufacturing (quar.)	2 1/2	Sept. 30	Sept. 11 to Sept. 30
Nat. Fabric & Finishing, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Extra	1	Sept. 30	Sept. 11 to Sept. 30
National Fuel Gas (quar.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
National Grocer, preferred	3	Jan 1'27	Dec. 21 to Dec. 31	Smith (L. C.) & Corson Typew., com. (qu.)	*50c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
National Lead, common (quar.)	2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
National Licoirce, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 14	Smith (Howard) Paper Mills, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
National Lock Washer, (stock dividend)	50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. July 20a				

Weekly Returns of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.

The following shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Sept. 18. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Table with columns: Week Ending, New Capital Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Rows include Members of Fed., State Banks, Trust Companies, and Grand Aggregates.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general totals above were as follows: Average total Sept. 18, \$32,418,000. Actual totals Sept. 18, \$55,837,000; Sept. 11, \$13,069,000; Sept. 4, \$13,071,000; Aug. 28, \$13,074,000; Aug. 21, \$16,226,000; Aug. 14, \$18,936,000.

* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footing as follows: National City Bank, \$165,915,000; Chase National Bank, \$11,248,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$23,231,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$66,966,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$3,356,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$72,392,000.

c Deposits in foreign branches not included. The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES

Table with columns: Members Federal Reserve banks, Trust companies, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows show data for Sept. 18, Sept. 11, Sept. 4, and Aug. 28.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Sept. 18, \$15,749,010; Sept. 11, \$16,240,950; Sept. 4, \$16,681,260; Aug. 28, \$16,633,710; Aug. 21, \$16,788,300.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like Stern Bros., Stone (H. O.) & Co., etc., with their respective financial details.

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	a Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*.....	6,411,000	4,279,000	10,690,000	11,001,960	-311,960
Trust companies*.....	2,550,000	6,168,000	8,718,000	8,752,350	-34,350
Total Sept. 18.....	8,961,000	550,832,000	559,793,000	584,966,610	-25,173,610
Total Sept. 11.....	9,451,000	628,702,000	638,153,000	587,665,100	50,487,900
Total Sept. 4.....	9,186,000	564,267,000	573,453,000	586,303,440	12,850,440
Total Aug. 28.....	8,909,000	535,164,000	544,073,000	586,729,430	7,343,570

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.
 a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Sept. 18, \$15,689,820; Sept. 11, \$16,099,800; Sept. 4, \$16,602,000; Aug. 28, \$16,703,640.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City *not in the Clearing House* as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK; NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.
 (Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

	Sept. 18.	Differences from Previous Week.
Loans and investments.....	\$1,195,676,000	Inc. \$5,644,800
Gold.....	4,442,800	Dec. 170,500
Currency notes.....	23,717,500	Dec. 514,400
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York.....	96,349,200	Inc. 2,585,300
Total deposits.....	1,204,980,500	Inc. 269,100
Deposits eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchange, & U. S. deposits.....	1,131,143,400	Dec. 10,247,900
Reserve on deposits.....	165,016,700	Inc. 5,534,800
Percentage of reserve, 20.8%.		

RESERVE.

	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault.....	\$41,077,200 16.70%	\$83,432,300 15.27%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.....	12,533,400 05.05%	27,973,800 05.12%
Total.....	\$53,610,600 21.75%	\$111,406,100 20.39%

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Sept. 18 was \$96,349,200.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Week Ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
May 22.....	\$ 6,582,432,800	\$ 5,589,923,100	\$ 84,136,900	\$ 733,073,700
May 29.....	6,521,167,600	5,540,622,800	84,670,600	84,670,600
June 5.....	6,587,304,700	1,585,988,300	83,233,000	736,347,100
June 12.....	6,523,491,400	5,560,053,300	85,162,900	728,322,700
June 19.....	6,526,804,700	5,557,458,800	81,127,100	727,750,500
June 26.....	6,513,234,700	5,509,256,100	81,499,400	715,419,000
July 3.....	6,680,126,900	5,701,049,700	85,751,100	754,610,700
July 10.....	6,690,909,700	5,619,613,100	89,326,100	736,547,200
July 17.....	6,590,587,300	5,537,899,000	87,442,700	730,145,100
July 24.....	6,484,762,300	5,511,878,400	81,662,300	702,008,100
July 31.....	6,568,100,000	5,497,566,600	82,039,100	723,588,600
Aug. 7.....	6,649,515,100	5,562,538,500	81,793,500	727,017,800
Aug. 14.....	6,574,966,900	5,7 0,305,900	83,952,500	712,571,100
Aug. 21.....	6,544,607,200	5,437,978,000	80,536,800	709,242,000
Aug. 28.....	6,538,084,700	5,522,021,300	82,328,600	708,699,500
Sept. 4.....	6,588,168,500	5,512,541,300	83,086,700	105,865,300
Sept. 11.....	6,593,206,900	5,569,556,300	87,287,200	713,794,700
Sept. 18.....	6,625,391,700	5,607,019,600	85,257,300	725,144,400

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Capital.	Net Profits.	Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.
Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,883	13,531	45	1,140	7,615	3,868
Grace Nat Bank.....	1,000	1,883	13,531	45	1,140	7,615	3,868
Total State Banks.....	1,000	1,883	13,531	45	1,140	7,615	3,868
Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank.							
Bank of Wash. Hts.....	300	1,060	9,671	790	399	6,54	2,864
Colonial Bank.....	1,200	2,990	33,635	3,600	1,767	29,221	5,157
Total.....	1,500	4,050	43,306	4,390	2,166	35,875	8,021
Trust Company.							
Not Member of the Federal Reserve Bank.							
Mech. Tr., Bayonne.....	500	610	9,249	509	35	3,476	5,944
Total.....	500	610	9,249	509	35	3,476	5,944
Grand aggregate.....	3,000	6,545	66,086	4,944	3,341	46,966	17,833
Comparison with prev. week.....			-11	-29	-82	+764	+39
Gr'd agr., Sept. 11.....	3,000	6,545	66,097	4,973	3,423	46,202	17,794
Gr'd agr., Sept. 4.....	3,000	6,545	64,931	4,826	3,397	44,902	17,730
Gr'd agr., Aug. 28.....	3,000	6,545	64,646	4,501	3,301	44,337	17,713
Gr'd agr., Aug. 21.....	3,000	6,545	64,532	4,611	3,244	44,768	17,765

a United States deposits deducted, \$58,000.
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances, and other liabilities, \$1,720,000,
 Excess reserve, \$247,710 decrease.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Sept. 21 1926.	Changes from Previous Week.	Sept. 15 1926.	Sept. 8 1926.
Capital.....	\$ 69,500,000	Unchanged	69,500,000	69,500,000
Surplus and profits.....	95,602,000	Dec. 20,000	94,022,000	94,024,000
Loans, disc'ts & Invest.....	1,069,221,000	Inc. 12,022,000	1,057,799,000	1,036,407,000
Individual deposits.....	689,713,000	Inc. 1,847,000	687,866,000	671,559,000
Due to banks.....	128,251,000	Dec. 1,199,000	129,450,000	124,528,000
Time deposits.....	242,798,000	Dec. 2,428,000	245,226,000	245,016,000
United States deposits.....	36,580,000	Inc. 18,420,000	18,160,000	13,685,000
Exchanges for C'g H'se.....	25,054,000	Dec. 1,535,000	26,589,000	22,982,000
Due from other banks.....	81,319,000	Inc. 1,326,000	79,993,000	77,158,000
Res'v in legal depositories.....	80,636,000	Dec. 245,000	80,881,000	79,112,000
Cash in bank.....	10,299,000	Dec. 106,000	10,405,000	9,930,000
Res'v excess in F.R.Bk.....	373,000	Dec. 141,000	914,000	553,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Sept. 18, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week Ended Sept. 18 1926.			Sept. 11 1926.	Sept. 4 1926.
	Members of F.R. System.	Trust Companies.	1926 Total.		
Capital.....	49,975.0	5,000.0	54,975.0	54,975.0	54,975.0
Surplus and profits.....	150,610.0	17,605.0	168,215.0	168,215.0	168,215.0
Loans, disc'ts & Invest'm'ts.....	945,585.0	49,652.0	994,637.0	990,250.0	980,473.0
Exchanges for Clear House.....	36,852.0	516.0	37,368.0	31,313.0	35,667.0
Due from banks.....	111,020.0	19.0	111,039.0	101,391.0	101,391.0
Bank deposits.....	139,557.0	837.0	140,394.0	137,017.0	134,739.0
Individual deposits.....	630,313.0	30,207.0	660,520.0	654,064.0	655,578.0
Time deposits.....	154,039.0	2,117.0	156,156.0	154,356.0	152,804.0
Total deposits.....	923,909.0	33,161.0	957,070.0	945,437.0	943,121.0
Res'v with legal depositories.....		4,299.0	4,299.0	3,109.0	3,776.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank.....	68,400.0		68,400.0	69,928.0	69,182.0
Cash in vault *.....	10,385.0	1,452.0	11,837.0	11,578.0	11,496.0
Total reserve & cash held.....	78,785.0	5,751.0	84,536.0	84,615.0	84,454.0
Reserve required.....	68,837.0	4,681.0	73,518.0	74,018.0	73,291.0
Excess res. & cash in vault.....	9,948.0	1,070.0	11,018.0	10,597.0	11,163.0

* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

—The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Sept. 22 1926 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Resources—	Sept. 22 1926.	Sept. 15 1926.	Sept. 23 1925.
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent.....	\$ 292,143,000	\$ 352,238,000	\$ 300,728,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury.....	10,695,000	11,831,000	10,202,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes.....	302,738,000	364,069,000	310,930,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board.....	303,823,000	232,842,000	268,325,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank.....	381,333,000	389,493,000	347,076,000
Total gold reserves.....	987,894,000	986,404,000	926,331,000
Reserves other than gold.....	25,765,000	25,481,000	24,422,000
Total reserves.....	1,013,659,000	1,011,885,000	950,753,000
Non-reserve cash.....	13,743,000	11,946,000	18,295,000
Bills discounted—			
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	119,440,000	98,767,000	159,791,000
Other bills discounted.....	69,412,000	47,630,000	72,974,000
Total bills discounted.....	188,852,000	146,397,000	232,765,000
Bills bought in open market.....	45,915,000	37,631,000	27,151,000
U. S. Government securities—			
Bonds.....	1,822,000	2,641,000	1,257,000
Treasury notes.....	27,048,000	27,236,000	58,492,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	26,094,000	156,207,000	755,000
Total U. S. Government securities.....	54,964,000	186,084,000	60,504,000
Foreign loans on gold.....			2,187,000
Total bills and securities (See Note).....	289,731,000	370,112,000	322,607,000
Due from foreign banks (See Note).....	648,000	648,000	707,000
Uncollected items.....	184,701,000	215,709,000	149,676,000
Bank premisses.....	16,739,000	16,739,000	17,159,000
All other resources.....	2,192,000	2,220,000	3,375,000
Total resources.....	1,521,413,000	1,629,259,000	1,462,572,000
Liabilities—			
Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation.....	373,635,000	380,992,000	349,210,000
Deposits—Member bank, reserve acc't.....	857,977,000	941,795,000	859,457,000
Government.....	28,634,000	32,000	14,841,000
Foreign bank (See Note).....	6,292,000	12,295,000	5,809,000
Other deposits.....	8,932,000	17,079,000	10,180,000
Total deposits.....	901,835,000	971,201,000	890,287,000
Deferred availability items.....	146,620,000	177,834,000	128,780,000
Capital paid in.....	35,746,000	35,732,000	31,949,000
Surplus.....	59,964,000	59,964,000	58,749,000
All other liabilities.....	3,613,000	3,536,000	3,597,000
Total liabilities.....	1,521,413,000	1,629,259,000	1,462,572,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Res'v note liabilities combined.....	79.5%	74.8%	76.7%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	12,491,000	11,595,000	8,549,000

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," now made up of Federal intermediate credit bank debentures, has been changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets," to "Total bills and securities." The latter term has been adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which are the only items included herein.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Sept. 23, 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 1571, 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 SEPTEMBER 22 1926.

	Sept. 22 1926.	Sept. 15 1926.	Sept. 8 1926.	Sept. 1 1926.	Aug. 25 1926.	Aug. 18 1926.	Aug. 11 1926.	Aug. 4 1926.	Sept. 23 1925.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	\$ 1,384,679,000	\$ 1,429,247,000	\$ 1,408,431,000	\$ 1,395,311,000	\$ 1,442,912,000	\$ 1,453,356,000	\$ 1,453,356,000	\$ 1,431,397,000	\$ 1,405,694,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	58,339,000	61,894,000	53,954,000	53,622,000	55,153,000	61,936,000	49,729,000	53,189,000	48,726,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,443,018,000	1,491,141,000	1,462,385,000	1,448,933,000	1,498,065,000	1,515,292,000	1,503,085,000	1,484,586,000	1,454,420,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	743,656,000	696,619,000	734,727,000	732,717,000	681,297,000	661,402,000	674,266,000	685,170,000	719,341,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks	639,323,000	644,901,000	634,353,000	646,661,000	661,244,000	657,629,000	659,833,000	667,192,000	591,784,000
Total gold reserves	2,825,997,000	2,832,661,000	2,831,465,000	2,828,311,000	2,840,606,000	2,834,323,000	2,837,184,000	2,836,948,000	2,765,545,000
Reserves other than gold	131,643,000	132,404,000	130,501,000	138,032,000	137,281,000	137,897,000	137,433,000	139,640,000	105,394,000
Total reserves	2,957,640,000	2,965,065,000	2,961,966,000	2,966,343,000	2,977,887,000	2,972,220,000	2,974,617,000	2,976,588,000	2,870,939,000
Non-reserve cash	52,275,000	52,352,000	45,483,000	49,328,000	52,918,000	50,812,000	51,968,000	51,338,000	51,872,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	319,076,000	268,609,000	324,831,000	320,675,000	291,408,000	268,161,000	289,027,000	281,268,000	337,649,000
Other bills discounted	342,560,000	296,926,000	289,436,000	305,673,000	279,230,000	266,383,000	259,984,000	266,337,000	303,078,000
Total bills discounted	661,636,000	565,535,000	614,267,000	626,348,000	570,638,000	534,544,000	549,011,000	547,605,000	640,727,000
Bills bought in open market	270,407,000	262,480,000	265,984,000	253,481,000	254,616,000	254,122,000	230,968,000	228,492,000	238,493,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds	51,409,000	49,093,000	45,459,000	45,605,000	45,632,000	84,209,000	83,351,000	83,262,000	55,610,000
Treasury notes	146,213,000	147,435,000	220,418,000	217,702,000	216,956,000	217,192,000	223,959,000	228,582,000	251,603,000
Certificates of indebtedness	107,546,000	291,493,000	46,407,000	55,657,000	58,629,000	58,617,000	58,372,000	58,376,000	15,919,000
Total U. S. Government securities	305,168,000	488,021,000	312,284,000	318,964,000	321,217,000	360,018,000	365,682,000	370,220,000	323,132,000
Other securities (see note)	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000	2,420,000
Foreign loans on gold	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8,100,000
Total bills and securities (see note)	1,240,911,000	1,319,736,000	1,196,235,000	1,202,493,000	1,150,171,000	1,151,884,000	1,148,861,000	1,149,517,000	1,212,872,000
Due from foreign banks (see note)	648,000	648,000	669,000	744,000	693,000	681,000	684,000	697,000	707,000
Uncollected items	749,939,000	895,695,000	667,549,000	620,052,000	616,510,000	701,434,000	630,072,000	629,828,000	685,239,000
Bank premises	60,001,000	59,991,000	59,938,000	59,931,000	59,931,000	59,914,000	59,896,000	59,850,000	61,399,000
All other resources	13,901,000	13,476,000	16,754,000	16,696,000	16,628,000	17,992,000	17,539,000	17,459,000	18,044,000
Total resources	5,075,315,000	5,303,963,000	4,948,594,000	4,915,587,000	4,874,736,000	4,954,937,000	4,883,637,000	4,885,277,000	4,901,072,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,716,087,000	1,724,068,000	1,746,524,000	1,702,902,000	1,692,637,000	1,685,791,000	1,682,214,000	1,678,088,000	1,670,348,000
Deposits—									
Member banks—reserve account	2,230,591,000	2,339,136,000	2,207,185,000	2,223,902,000	2,203,634,000	2,215,239,000	2,225,644,000	2,216,700,000	2,207,090,000
Government	67,613,000	4,084,000	5,565,000	24,326,000	25,618,000	32,857,000	15,202,000	28,108,000	32,169,000
Foreign banks (see note)	14,840,000	15,641,000	11,339,000	15,166,000	12,436,000	7,646,000	10,793,000	8,600,000	7,464,000
Other deposits	18,959,000	28,485,000	18,235,000	18,926,000	16,291,000	16,579,000	16,237,000	15,826,000	20,731,000
Total deposits	2,332,003,000	2,417,346,000	2,242,324,000	2,282,320,000	2,257,979,000	2,272,321,000	2,267,876,000	2,269,234,000	2,267,454,000
Deferred availability items	663,202,000	802,314,000	596,902,000	568,299,000	561,967,000	635,591,000	572,872,000	577,963,000	614,787,000
Capital paid in	123,839,000	123,787,000	123,711,000	123,490,000	123,467,000	123,441,000	123,108,000	122,991,000	116,433,000
Surplus	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	217,837,000
All other liabilities	19,874,000	19,138,000	18,823,000	18,266,000	18,376,000	17,483,000	17,257,000	16,691,000	14,213,000
Total liabilities	5,075,315,000	5,306,963,000	4,948,594,000	4,915,587,000	4,874,736,000	4,954,937,000	4,883,637,000	4,885,277,000	4,901,072,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	69.8%	68.5%	71.4%	70.9%	71.9%	71.6%	71.8%	71.8%	70.3%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	73.1%	71.6%	74.3%	74.4%	75.4%	75.1%	75.3%	75.4%	72.9%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	45,124,000	44,228,000	44,824,000	44,875,000	47,785,000	49,776,000	50,807,000	51,877,000	34,027,000
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 day bills bought in open market	\$ 83,679,000	\$ 81,131,000	\$ 90,732,000	\$ 68,967,000	\$ 72,070,000	\$ 68,190,000	\$ 70,754,000	\$ 75,269,000	\$ 74,270,000
1-15 days bills discounted	494,841,000	409,370,000	456,632,000	462,142,000	410,640,000	378,798,000	394,322,000	389,578,000	492,635,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	337,000	192,000,000	730,000	---	---	---	---	---	865,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
16-30 days bills bought in open market	55,581,000	49,684,000	49,831,000	52,065,000	52,228,000	50,599,000	46,397,000	40,225,000	46,240,000
16-30 days bills discounted	46,492,000	50,160,000	46,671,000	42,356,000	34,495,000	32,775,000	31,334,000	31,195,000	38,323,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
16-30 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
31-60 days bills bought in open market	70,409,000	63,460,000	65,387,000	67,797,000	74,669,000	74,810,000	66,224,000	62,911,000	58,431,000
31-60 days bills discounted	69,102,000	62,940,000	66,823,000	69,268,000	71,868,000	67,667,000	62,574,000	61,502,000	62,630,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
31-60 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
61-90 days bills bought in open market	51,565,000	56,445,000	48,682,000	55,138,000	47,931,000	52,158,000	41,023,000	43,476,000	49,444,000
61-90 days bills discounted	45,354,000	35,802,000	36,325,000	42,264,000	42,803,000	43,717,000	46,688,000	49,707,000	41,407,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	39,138,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,684,000
61-90 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	9,173,000	11,760,000	11,352,000	9,514,000	7,718,000	8,365,000	6,570,000	6,608,000	10,108,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	5,847,000	7,263,000	7,816,000	10,318,000	10,832,000	11,587,000	14,093,000	15,623,000	5,732,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness	68,071,000	34,463,000	45,677,000	55,657,000	58,629,000	58,617,000	58,372,000	58,376,000	13,370,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
F. R. notes received from Comptroller	2,923,819,000	2,912,691,000	2,863,816,000	2,871,780,000	2,865,326,000	2,856,503,000	2,849,660,000	2,860,503,000	2,950,946,000
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	856,912,000	841,328,000	807,709,000	835,734,000	837,424,000	844,024,000	839,866,000	838,086,000	963,786,000
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks	2,066,907,000	2,071,363,000	2,056,107,000	2,036,046,000	2,027,902,000	2,012,479,000	2,009,794,000	2,022,417,000	1,987,160,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	306,634,000	304,134,000	304,134,000	300,983,000	300,983,000	300,984,000	300,982,000	301,984,000	307,901,000
Gold redemption fund	107,211,000	92,072,000	102,055,000	105,023,000	102,911,000	103,221,000	96,509,000	106,631,000	105,346,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	970,834,000	1,033,041,000	1,002,242,000	989,305,000	1,039,018,000	1,049,151,000	1,055,865,000	1,022,782,000	992,447,000
By eligible paper	895,994,000	800,852,000	855,953,000	855,009,000	798,336,000	760,119,000	751,834,000	755,993,000	838,938,000
Total	2,280,673,000	2,230,099,000	2,264,384,000	2,250,320,000	2,241,248,000	2,213,475,000	2,205,190,000	2,187,990,000	2,244,632,000

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," now made of Foreign Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, has been changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter item 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.

*R—vised figures

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 22 1926

Two ciphers (00) omitted. Federal Reserve Bank of—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
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RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phlla.	Cleveland.	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Other securities	\$	\$	\$ 2,000.0	\$	\$	\$ 700.0	\$	\$	\$ 1,000.0	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3,700.0
Total bills and securities	73,188.0	289,731.0	89,437.0	111,200.0	64,969.0	93,054.0	158,718.0	73,356.0	43,711.0	59,624.0	56,181.0	127,742.0	1,240,911.0
Due from foreign banks	648.0	648.0											648.0
Uncollected items	64,226.0	184,701.0	64,895.0	75,011.0	63,792.0	34,779.0	94,670.0	33,499.0	14,306.0	42,786.0	30,455.0	46,819.0	749,939.0
Bank premises	4,068.0	16,739.0	1,597.0	7,409.0	2,364.0	2,944.0	7,933.0	4,111.0	2,943.0	4,666.0	1,793.0	3,434.0	60,001.0
All other resources	64.0	2,192.0	321.0	944.0	311.0	1,467.0	1,648.0	617.0	2,495.0	550.0	303.0	2,989.0	13,901.0
Total resources	391,172.0	1,521,413.0	346,620.0	498,821.0	226,686.0	297,198.0	669,705.0	179,910.0	142,096.0	213,819.0	155,349.0	432,526.0	5,075,315.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	148,764.0	373,635.0	112,500.0	204,290.0	76,182.0	175,975.0	208,892.0	47,300.0	63,665.0	66,962.0	48,195.0	189,727.0	1,716,087.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acc't.	147,202.0	857,977.0	135,775.0	183,678.0	66,666.0	69,351.0	327,054.0	80,250.0	51,667.0	90,613.0	56,025.0	164,333.0	2,230,591.0
Government	5,423.0	28,634.0	3,990.0	5,490.0	6,666.0	7,441.0	16,666.0	5,292.0	3,102.0	4,189.0	4,301.0	1,529.0	67,613.0
Foreign bank	895.0	6,292.0	1,119.0	1,260.0	624.0	471.0	1,613.0	506.0	377.0	459.0	412.0	812.0	14,840.0
Other deposits	105.0	8,932.0	224.0	778.0	66.0	99.0	975.0	299.0	1,324.0	1,324.0	28.0	18,959.0	
Total deposits	153,625.0	901,835.0	141,108.0	191,206.0	71,696.0	77,362.0	330,329.0	82,725.0	53,424.0	94,578.0	61,571.0	172,544.0	2,332,003.0
Deferred availability items	61,953.0	146,620.0	59,178.0	65,199.0	59,478.0	28,778.0	80,392.0	33,822.0	13,171.0	38,016.0	32,693.0	43,902.0	663,202.0
Capital paid in	8,800.0	35,746.0	12,465.0	13,551.0	6,109.0	5,029.0	16,666.0	5,292.0	3,102.0	4,189.0	4,301.0	1,529.0	123,839.0
Surplus	17,020.0	59,964.0	20,464.0	22,894.0	11,919.0	8,700.0	30,613.0	9,570.0	7,501.0	8,979.0	7,615.0	15,071.0	220,310.0
All other liabilities	1,010.0	3,613.0	905.0	1,681.0	1,302.0	1,354.0	2,813.0	1,201.0	1,233.0	1,095.0	974.0	2,693.0	19,874.0
Total liabilities	391,172.0	1,521,413.0	346,620.0	498,821.0	226,686.0	297,198.0	669,705.0	179,910.0	142,096.0	213,819.0	155,349.0	432,526.0	5,075,315.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	80.5	79.5	74.5	76.2	62.6	63.6	73.6	49.9	66.3	64.4	59.1	68.4	73.1
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspond'ts	3,416.0	12,491.0	4,270.0	4,810.0	2,382.0	1,798.0	6,158.0	1,933.0	1,438.0	1,753.0	1,573.0	3,102.0	45,124.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation)	34,544.0	105,018.0	41,602.0	23,394.0	13,286.0	31,125.0	36,691.0	4,237.0	7,120.0	6,869.0	5,524.0	41,410.0	350,820.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 15 1926.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York.	Phlla.	Cleveland.	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
(Two Ciphers (00) omitted.)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller	239,808.0	771,973.0	188,102.0	274,524.0	116,743.0	273,010.0	427,700.0	73,217.0	86,388.0	113,551.0	71,966.0	286,837.0	2,923,819.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	56,500.0	293,320.0	34,000.0	46,840.0	27,275.0	65,910.0	182,117.0	21,680.0	15,603.0	39,720.0	18,247.0	55,700.0	856,912.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank	183,308.0	478,653.0	154,102.0	227,684.0	89,468.0	207,100.0	245,583.0	51,537.0	70,785.0	73,831.0	53,719.0	231,137.0	2,066,907.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.:													
Gold and gold certificates	35,300.0	171,698.0		8,780.0	28,805.0	14,238.0		7,945.0	13,212.0		16,656.0	10,000.0	306,634.0
Gold redemption fund	16,821.0	24,445.0	10,325.0	12,552.0	4,934.0	8,010.0	3,080.0	1,533.0	1,835.0	4,194.0	3,142.0	16,340.0	107,211.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board	94,000.0	96,000.0	88,777.0	160,000.0	9,000.0	98,000.0	175,644.0	6,300.0	39,000.0	45,860.0	4,000.0	154,253.0	970,834.0
Eligible paper	63,181.0	213,696.0	56,181.0	75,114.0	56,950.0	90,473.0	111,580.0	53,833.0	19,449.0	31,544.0	35,146.0	88,847.0	895,994.0
Total collateral	209,302.0	605,839.0	155,283.0	256,446.0	99,689.0	210,721.0	290,304.0	69,611.0	73,496.0	81,598.0	58,944.0	269,440.0	2,280,673.0

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 695 member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 12 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our Department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 1571.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business SEPTEMBER 15 1926. (Three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phlla.	Cleveland.	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks	38	94	5	75	68	36	99	31	24	67	48	65	695
Loans and discounts, gross:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	7,702	69,536	19,888	21,711	5,133	6,377	21,194	7,269	3,382	4,088	3,998	7,416	158,694
Secured by stocks and bonds	376,774	2,329,414	499,488	571,701	145,367	104,415	902,194	189,966	71,970	122,421	70,445	257,622	5,581,757
All other loans and discounts	648,071	2,725,616	388,602	704,146	369,935	400,643	1,275,912	325,978	161,420	322,281	239,556	923,629	8,575,830
Total loans and discounts	1,032,547	5,115,556	808,978	1,386,558	520,485	511,425	2,199,300	523,213	236,772	448,790	313,999	1,218,658	14,316,281
Investments:													
U. S. Government securities	153,043	1,011,502	91,906	294,961	71,660	48,015	318,523	64,735	67,503	105,871	54,871	259,903	2,542,493
Other bonds, stocks and securities	242,855	1,163,445	267,801	358,623	68,389	58,609	462,698	113,975	47,904	90,273	24,710	212,879	3,112,161
Total investments	395,898	2,174,947	359,707	653,584	140,049	106,624	781,221	178,710	115,407	196,144	79,581	472,782	5,654,654
Total loans and investments	1,428,445	7,290,503	1,168,685	2,040,142	660,534	618,049	2,980,521	701,923	352,179	644,934	393,580	1,691,440	19,970,935
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank:													
Cash in vault	90,844	822,844	85,154	135,536	41,766	40,942	271,724	49,788	22,762	56,389	29,174	110,467	1,767,390
Net demand deposits	20,862	78,909	15,880	32,852	14,061	10,836	53,832	7,933	5,556	11,270	10,802	20,569	283,362
Time deposits	911,052	5,676,457	771,158	1,084,170	381,731	343,003	1,897,464	413,145	209,779	522,790	270,117	793,426	13,274,292
Government deposits	431,802	1,283,263	244,680	821,087	209,232	220,938	1,050,273	217,680	119,263	150,344	99,115	835,841	5,683,518
Bills payable and redts. with F. R. Bk.:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	13,320	84,584	8,815	21,268	5,394	4,011	20,458	6,182	2,530	3,840	2,030	29,340	201,772
All other	15,684	38,158	10,649	8,728	16,853	25,833	12,733	12,819	2,515	2,933	9,115	12,505	168,525
Total borrowings from F. R. Bank	29,004	122,742	19,464	29,996	22,247	29,844	33,191	19,001	5,045	6,773	11,145	41,845	370,297
Bankers' balances of reporting member banks in F. R. Bank cities:													
Due to banks	129,588	1,095,749	178,170	55,318	30,802	16,923	385,096	82,064	45,481	107,641	25,718	117,098	2,269,648
Due from banks	40,902	108,645	62,839	27,117	17,271	12,908	170,043	25,710	23,890	44,394	26,313	57,470	617,502

2. Data of reporting member banks in New York City, Chicago, and for the whole country.

	All Reporting Member Banks.			Reporting Member Banks in N. Y. City.			Reporting Member Banks in Chicago		
	Sept. 15 1926.	Sept. 8 1926.	Sept. 16 1925.	Sept. 15 1926.	Sept. 8 1926.	Sept. 16 1925.	Sept. 15 1926.	Sept. 8 1926.	Sept. 16 1925.
Number of reporting banks	695	697	727	56	57	61	46	46	46
Loans and discounts, gross:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	158,694,000	141,484,000	177,392,000	57,110,000	45,059,000	60,770,000	14,861,000	13,396,000	22,892,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	5,581,757,000	5,551,695,000	5,123,533,000	2,050,802,000	2,058,415,000	1,984,543,000	687,336,000	686,984,000	618,058,000
All other loans and discounts	8,575,830,000	8,504,894,000	8,296,995,000	2,382,992,000	2,349,828,000	2,245,549,000	714,059,000	703,800,000	676,208,000
Total loans and discounts	14,316,281,000	14,198,073,000	13,597,920,000	4,490,904,000	4,453,302,000	4,290,862,000	1,416,256,000	1,404,180,000	1,317,158,000
Investments									
U. S. Government securities	2,542,493,000	2,469,541,000	2,526,828,000	894,474,000	898,025,000	895,942,000	170,988,000	162,274,000	173,111,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	3,112,161,000	3,135,080,000	2,936,682,000	854,397,000	877,773,000	846,682,000	216,859,000	212,531,000	191,773,000
Total investments	5,654,654,000	5,604,621,000	5,463,510,000	1,748,871,000	1,775,798,000	1,742,624,000	387,84		

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Sept. 24 1926.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1593.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Sept. 24, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Industrial & Misc., and various stock listings.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and company names.

* Banks marked (*) are State banks. (t) New stock. (z) Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing realty and surety companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and company names.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked.

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

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices. Table with columns: Bond Name, High, Low, Close, and sales figures for various dates from Sept. 18 to Sept. 24.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table showing registered bond transactions with columns for bond name and sales figures.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange continued quiet and a shade easier, on light transactions. The Continental exchanges were also inactive, but irregular, being strong and weak by turns, with sharp changes reported in francs and lire.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 84 13-16 @ 4 84 1/2 for checks and 4 85 5-16 @ 4 85 3/4 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 84 11-16 @ 4 84 1/2; sixty days, 4 80 11-16 @ 4 81 1/2; ninety days, 4 78 13-16 @ 4 78 1/2, and documents for payment (sixty days), 4 80 15-16 @ 4 81; cotton for payment, 4 84 11-16 @ 4 84 1/2, and grain for payment, 4 84 11-16 @ 4 84 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 2 76 1/2 @ 2 77 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.02 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 174.45 fr.; week's range, 173.50 fr. high and 176.50 fr. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling Actual, Checks, Cables, Paris Bankers' Francs, and German Bankers' Marks.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$1.484375 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 1594.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1622.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Thomas M. Claffin, Gorham Hubbard and Frank Jenkins announce the formation of a corporation for the transaction of a general investment business under the name of Claffin, Hubbard & Jenkins Co., with offices at 50 Congress Street, Boston. They also announce that Ralph F. Carr, formerly with Paine, Webber & Co., is associated with them in charge of the trading department.

—Announcement has been made by G. Vincent Grace and Albert F. Ritter of the formation of a copartnership under the firm name of G. V. Grace & Co., with offices at 34 Pine Street, New York, for the transaction of a general investment business, specializing in the underwriting and distribution of securities of water companies and other public utilities.

—Farr & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, New York City, are distributing a new circular summarizing Consolidated Railroads of Cuba preferred stock, with revised map showing railroad construction completed to end of fiscal year, June 30 1926, and new railroad property acquired.

—Meyer, Connor & Co. announce the opening of offices at 208 South La Salle St., Chicago, for the transaction of a general business in investment securities. Ben Franklin Meyer, President, was formerly Sales Manager for Federal Securities Corp. and Russell Brewster & Co.

—Wood, Gundy & Co. have just issued for distribution, a 14-page circular which describes a broad selection of Canadian Government, municipal, corporation and public utility securities with yields ranging up to 7.22%.

—The National City Bank of New York has been appointed exchange agent of the 6% debenture bonds of the Dartmouth Club Real Estate Corp. and registrar of the common and preferred stock of the General Bond & Share Corp.

—Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc., New York and Grand Rapids, announce the opening of offices in the Kohl Building, San Francisco, under the management of Thornton E. Grimes.

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* Bid and asked prices. z Ex-Dividend.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.							Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926 On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925		
Saturday, Sept. 18.	Monday, Sept. 20.	Tuesday, Sept. 21.	Wednesday, Sept. 22.	Thursday, Sept. 23.	Friday, Sept. 24.	Shares		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest			
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share							\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
*52 1/2	55	55	55	55	55	57 1/2	2,400	Abraham & Straus	No par	43 May 20	57 1/2 Sept 24			
*109 1/4	111	*109 1/4	111	*109 1/4	111	*109 1/4	111	Preferred	100	104 1/8 Mar 19	109 May 22			
*27	27 1/2	*27	27 1/2	*27	27 1/2	*27	27 1/2	Albany Perf Wrap Pap	No par	27 May 4	27 1/2 June 23			
*145	148	*142	148	*142	148	*142	148	All America Cables	100	131 Jan 6	155 July 24	119 Jan	133 1/4 Oct	
*119	121	121	123	123 1/2	123 1/2	130	136	Adams Express	100	99 1/8 Mar 18	138 Sept 22	90 Apr	117 1/4 Oct	
15	15	15 1/4	16 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4	16	17 1/2	Advance Rumely	100	10 Mar 19	22 Sept 24	13 Apr	20 Oct	
55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	57	59 1/2	Preferred	100	48 1/4 May 11	65 1/2 Sept 24	47 Feb	62 Oct	
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	Ajuda Lead	100	7 1/2 Sept 14	9 1/8 Jan 4	7 1/2	Oct 12 1/2 May	
127 1/2	128 1/2	*128	129	127	131	130 1/2	137 1/2	Air Reduction, Inc.	No par	107 1/2 May 19	145 1/2 Aug 9	86 1/4 Jan	117 1/2 Dec	
*1 1/2	1 1/2	*1 1/2	1 1/2	*1 1/2	1 1/2	*1 1/2	1 1/2	Ajax Rubber, Inc.	No par	7 1/2 May 11	16 Feb 10	9 1/2 Dec	15 1/2 Jan	
136 1/2	139 1/2	137	140 1/2	137	144 1/2	142 1/2	147	Alaska Juneau Gold Min.	10	1 Sept 16	2 Jan 4	1 Jan	2 1/2 Oct	
119 1/2	120	121	121	*120	121	120 1/2	121	Allied Chemical & Dye	No par	106 Mar 30	147 Sept 22	80 Mar	116 1/2 Dec	
*88 1/2	89	88	88	87 1/2	88 1/2	88	88	Preferred	100	118 1/2 Mar 20	122 1/4 Aug 17	117 Jan	121 1/4 Nov	
*109 1/2	110	*109 1/2	110	*109	110	*109	110	Allis-Chalmers Mfg.	100	78 1/4 Mar 26	94 1/2 Jan 14	71 1/2 Jan	97 1/2 Dec	
31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	32	31 1/2	32 1/2	Preferred	100	105 Apr 7	110 1/2 May 24	103 1/4 Jan	109 Dec	
*16	17	*16 1/2	17	16 1/2	16 1/2	16	16 1/2	Amer Brown Boveri EL	No par	24 1/2 May 20	32 1/2 Aug 9			
55 1/4	55 1/4	55	55	53 1/2	54 1/2	53	53	Amer Agricultural Chem.	100	15 May 20	34 1/2 Jan 14	13 1/2 Mar	29 1/2 Oct	
39 1/2	39 1/2	40	40	*39 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	Preferred	100	51 May 20	96 1/2 Jan 14	36 1/2 Mar	82 1/2 Dec	
*51 1/4	55	*51 1/2	55	*51 1/2	55	*51 1/2	55	Amer Bank Note, new	10	34 1/2 Mar 31	43 1/2 Jan 8	39 1/2 Dec	44 1/2 Dec	
23	23	*22 1/2	24	*22 1/2	24	*22 1/2	24	Preferred	50	55 Jan 15	58 1/2 July 10	53 1/2 Jan	58 1/2 Sept	
63	63	60	60	*60	64	*61	64	American Beet Sugar	100	20 1/2 Sept 13	38 1/2 Feb 5	29 1/2 Oct	43 Jan	
20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	21	20 1/2	20 1/2	20	20 1/2	Preferred	100	59 1/2 Sept 14	83 Feb 24	78 Dec	87 1/2 Jan	
136	136	135	136	135 1/2	136	136	136	Amer Bosch Magneto	No par	16 May 19	34 1/2 Jan 4	26 1/2 Mar	54 1/2 Jan	
*115	119 1/2	*115	119 1/2	*115	118	*115	118	Am Brake Shoe & F	No par	110 May 19	180 Feb 2	90 1/4 Mar	156 Dec	
45	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	Preferred	100	110 1/4 Mar 24	128 1/2 Feb 18	107 1/2 Jan	114 1/2 Dec	
*96 1/2	97	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	97	96 1/2	97	Amer Brown Boveri EL	No par	30 1/4 Mar 29	50 Aug 9	47 1/2 Dec	53 1/2 Oct	
53 1/2	54 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2	Preferred	100	86 1/2 Mar 31	97 1/8 Jan 16	90 1/8 Feb	98 Oct	
*123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	124	124	122 1/2	124	American Can w	100	86 1/2 Mar 31	97 1/8 Jan 16	47 1/2 Dec	49 1/2 Dec	
99 1/2	97	99 1/2	101	100	100	99 1/2	99 1/2	Preferred	100	121 Jan 4	126 1/2 July 27	115 Jan	121 1/2 Sept	
*124 1/2	128	126	126	*124 1/2	126 1/2	*124 1/2	127	American Car & Fdy	No par	91 1/2 Mar 31	114 1/2 Jan 22	97 1/2 Apr	115 1/2 Sept	
25 1/2	25 1/2	*24 1/2	25	25	25	25	25	American Chain, class A	25	123 1/2 Apr 7	129 1/2 June 23	120 1/2 Apr	128 July	
*38 1/4	39	*38 1/4	38 1/2	*37 1/2	38	*37 1/2	38	American Chain, class B	25	23 1/2 Mar 30	26 1/2 July 20	22 1/2 Oct	27 Feb	
*34 1/2	37	*33 1/2	37	*32 1/2	37	*32 1/2	37	American Chicle	No par	37 1/8 Mar 31	51 Jan 4	37 Jan	62 Apr	
9 1/8	9 1/4	9 1/8	9 1/4	9	9	9	9	Do certificates	No par	34 1/2 Mar 31	47 1/4 Jan 7	37 Jan	58 1/2 Apr	
125	125	124	126	124	129 1/2	128 1/2	129	Amer Drugists Syndicate	10	4 1/4 Jan 5	10 1/2 Aug 19	4 1/4 Dec	6 1/2 Jan	
18	18 1/2	17 1/4	18 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	American Express	100	105 1/2 Mar 31	140 Jan 6	125 Apr	166 Jan	
*87	88 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	87	88	Amer & For'n Pow new	No par	15 1/4 May 19	42 1/2 Jan 2	27 1/4 Apr	51 1/2 Sept	
8	8	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	Preferred	100	86 1/2 Sept 10	98 Feb 13	87 Jan	94 Feb	
*40	43	40 1/2	40 1/2	*40 1/2	42	40 1/2	40 1/2	American Hide & Leather	100	7 May 10	17 1/2 Feb 9	8 1/2 Mar	14 1/2 Dec	
*25	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	*25 1/2	26	25 1/2	25 1/2	Preferred	100	33 1/2 May 7	67 1/2 Feb 9	58 1/2 Sept	75 1/2 Jan	
125	125 1/2	125 1/2	126	125	126	127	127	Amer Home Products	No par	24 1/2 May 20	26 1/2 Apr 29			
*83	83 1/2	83	83	83 1/2	83 1/2	*83	83 1/2	American Ice	100	109 Mar 31	136 June 8	83 Mar	139 Dec	
33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	34	33 1/2	34	Preferred	100	82 1/2 Sept 9	86 1/2 June 1	74 1/2 Mar	86 July	
13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	Amer International Corp	100	31 1/4 July 19	46 1/2 Feb 16	32 1/2 Mar	46 1/2 Nov	
39	39	39	41 1/4	38 1/4	39 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	American La France F E	10	12 1/4 Sept 2	15 1/2 Jan 4	11 1/4 Jan	20 Nov	
*75	79	79 1/2	79 1/2	79	79 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	American Linseed	100	28 1/4 Apr 21	52 1/2 Jan 4	20 Mar	59 1/4 Nov	
104 1/2	107 1/2	104 1/2	106	103 1/2	105	104 1/2	105 1/2	Preferred	100	75 Mar 31	87 Jan 4	53 Jan	83 Dec	
*115 1/4	117	*116	117	*116	117	*116	117	American Locom new	No par	90 1/4 Mar 31	119 1/2 Jan 4	10 1/2 Jan	14 1/2 Mar	
*121 1/2	125	*121 1/2	125	*121 1/2	125	*121 1/2	125	Preferred	100	116 Mar 31	120 1/2 Feb 11	115 Aug	124 Feb	
50	50	*50	50	*50	50	*50	50	Amer Macine & Fldy	No par	7 1/4 Aug 5	8 1/2 Aug 16			
*113	115	*112	115	*112	116	*112	116	Amer Metal Co Ltd	No par	114 July 15	122 Aug 23			
68	69 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2	68	67	67 1/2	Preferred	100	47 Mar 30	57 1/2 Feb 16	45 1/2 Mar	57 1/2 Oct	
115	115	115 1/2	115 1/2	114	115	114 1/2	115	Am Power & Light	No par	113 1/2 Apr 15	120 Feb 6	111 Mar	119 Nov	
*81	84	81 1/4	81 1/4	*82	84	*82	84	16,900	Amer Radiator	25	101 1/4 May 19	122 1/2 Aug 9	89 1/2 Jan	122 1/2 Nov
*56 1/2	58	*56 1/2	60	*56 1/2	60	*55	57	2,200	Amer Railway Express	100	77 1/2 Mar 31	84 1/2 Sept 21	27 1/2 Sept	84 Jan
61 1/2	61 1/2	61	61 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	100	American Republics	No par	50 June 15	74 Jan 5	48 Jan	79 1/2 Dec
*64	64 1/2	61	61 1/2	61	61 1/2	61	61 1/2	14,100	American Safety Razor	100	42 Apr 14	70 1/4 Aug 17	36 1/2 Jan	76 1/2 Nov
145 1/4	149	143 1/2	147 1/2	144	146	142 1/2	145 1/2	1,100	Amer Ship & Comm	No par	5 1/2 Jan 2	11 1/2 Mar 12	5 1/2 Dec	14 1/2 Feb
113 1/2	118 1/2	*119	119 1/2	*118 1/2	119 1/2	*118 1/2	119 1/2	135,400	Amer Smelting & Refining	100	109 1/2 Apr 21	152 Aug 17	90 1/2 Mar	144 1/2 Dec
129 1/2	129 1/2	126 1/2	129 1/2	125 1/2	129 1/2	124	127	500	Preferred	100	112 1/2 Mar 31	120 Aug 17	105 1/2 Jan	115 1/2 Oct
43 1/4	44	43 1/4	44	43 1/4	44	43 1/4	44	700	American Snuff	100	122 June 28	175 Feb 16	138 1/4 Apr	154 Nov
*110 1/4	112 1/2	*110 1/4	112 1/2	*110 1/4	112 1/2	*110 1/4	112 1/2	1,600	Amer Steel Foundries	No par	40 Mar 1	47 Aug 3	37 1/2 Feb	47 1/2 Dec
73 1/2	74	73 1/2	74	73 1/2	76	75 1/2	76	8,700	Amer Steel Foundries	No par	110 1/4 Sept 21	115 Feb 23	105 Jan	113 1/2 Oct
*102	104	*102	104	*102	104	*102	104	200	Amer Sugar Refining	100	65 1/4 Apr 14	82 1/2 Feb 5	47 1/2 Jan	77 1/2 Dec
35	37 1/4	35 1/2	37 1/2	35 1/2	37 1/2	35	36 3/4	8,100	Preferred	100	100 June 19	107 1/2 Aug 13	91 1/4 Jan	104 1/4 Nov
*30 1/2	31 1/2	*30	31 1/2	*30	31 1/2	*30 1/2	31 1/2	100	Am Sun Tob new cts	No par	29 1/4 Aug 13	38 1/2 Sept 15		
146 1/4	147	146 1/4	147	146 1/4	147	146 1/4	147	100	Option A cts	100	14 1/2 Apr 23	36 Aug 19		
123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	9,100	Amer Telegraph & Cable	100	25 1/2 July 6	41 1/2 Feb 10	37 1/2 June	47 Feb
*110 1/4	111	*110 1/4	111	*110 1/4	111	*110 1/4	111	4,400	Amer Telep & Teleg	100	139 1/2 June 18	150 1/2 Feb 15	130 1/2 Jan	145 Dec
122 1/2	122 1/2	122	123 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	122	122 1/2	110	American Tobacco	100	11 1/2 Mar 31	124 1/2 Sept 8	8 1/2 Feb	12 1/2 Oct
118 1/2	118 1/2	118	118 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2	3,600	Common Class B	50	10 1/2 Jan 4	113 May 26	10 1/2 Jan	11 1/2 Nov
58 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	59 1/2	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	58	1,900	American Type Founders	100	114 Jan 22	135 Feb 13	103 Apr	135 1/2 Nov
*103 1/4	106 1/2	*103 1/4	106 1/2	*103 1/4	106 1/2	*103 1/4	106 1/2	4,500	Am Water Works & Elec	20	43 1/4 Apr 13	74 Jan 4	34 1/2 Jan	76 1/2 Dec
30 1/2	30 1/2	29 1/4	31	30 1/2	30 1/2	29 1/4	30	100	1st preferred (7%)	100	101 1/2 Mar 3	108 1/4 Jan 27	97 1/4 Aug	103 Feb
82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82	82 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/4	6,600	American Woolen	100	19 June 9	42 1/2 Jan 13	34 1/4 May	64 1/4 Jan
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2,300	Preferred	100	66 Apr 30	89 1/2 Jan 4	69 1/2 May	96 1/2 Jan
*63 1/2	64	*63 1/2	64	*63 1/2	64	*63 1/2	64	3,400	Amer Writing Paper pref	100	1 1/2 Aug 13	5 1/2 Jan 13	1 1/2 Dec	7 1/2 Jan
*32	34	*3												

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third 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 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stock symbols and their corresponding prices.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926. On basis of 100-share lots' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.' (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stock symbols and their price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

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; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. Rows list various stocks like General Electric, General Gas & Elec, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. n Ex-dividend one share of Standard Oil of California new.

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, Sept. 18.	Monday, Sept. 20.	Tuesday, Sept. 21.	Wednesday, Sept. 22.	Thursday, Sept. 23.	Friday, Sept. 24.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest		
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
55 1/2 56 1/2	55 5/8 56 1/8	54 5/8 55 1/8	55 5/8 56 1/8	55 5/8 56 1/8	55 5/8 56 1/8	22,900	Sears, Roebuck & Co new	44 1/2 Mar 29	58 3/8 Sept 7	44 1/2 Mar 29	58 3/8 Sept 7	
58 1/2 58 1/2	57 5/8 58 1/8	57 5/8 58 1/8	57 5/8 58 1/8	57 5/8 58 1/8	57 5/8 58 1/8	500	Shattuck (F G) No par	47 Mar 30	69 3/8 Jan 4	40 1/2 Mar 29	92 Aug 12	
42 3/4 43	42 3/4 43	42 3/4 43	42 3/4 43	42 3/4 43	42 3/4 43	500	Shell Transport & Trading, £2	47 1/2 July 26	48 3/4 Jan 4	39 1/2 Sept 4	49 Dec 28	
29 29 1/2	28 3/4 29 1/8	28 3/4 29 1/8	28 3/4 29 1/8	28 3/4 29 1/8	28 3/4 29 1/8	18,600	Shell Union Oil No par	24 Mar 3	30 1/2 Sept 3	21 5/8 Aug 28	21 5/8 Dec 28	
*107 1/2 108	*107 1/2 108	108 108	*107 1/2 108	108 108	107 107 1/2	600	Preferred	103 Mar 3	114 July 2	99 1/2 Jan 10	106 1/2 Nov 9	
18 18	18 1/2 18 3/4	18 1/2 18 3/4	18 1/2 18 3/4	18 1/2 18 3/4	18 1/2 18 3/4	10,400	Simms Petroleum	15 1/2 Aug 18	28 3/8 Jan 2	17 1/2 Sept 26	26 1/2 Jan 10	
33 1/2 34	33 3/4 34 1/2	32 3/4 33 1/2	33 3/4 34 1/2	33 3/4 34 1/2	33 3/4 34 1/2	3,200	Simmons Co No par	32 1/2 Aug 25	54 1/2 Jan 4	31 1/4 Mar 5	54 1/2 Nov 9	
*106 3/4 108	*106 3/4 107 1/2	*106 3/4 107 1/2	*106 3/4 107 1/2	*106 3/4 107 1/2	*106 3/4 107 1/2	100	Preferred	107 Sept 9	109 1/2 July 2	100 1/2 Jan 10	106 1/2 Dec 28	
20 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 3/4	20 1/2 20 3/4	20 1/2 20 3/4	20 1/2 20 3/4	20 1/2 20 3/4	30,100	Sinclair Cons Oil Corp No par	19 3/4 Apr 13	24 1/2 Feb 23	17 Jan 24	24 1/2 Feb 23	
96 97	96 1/2 97 1/2	97 1/2 98 1/2	96 1/2 97 1/2	97 1/2 98 1/2	97 1/2 98 1/2	300	Preferred	90 Mar 30	99 1/2 June 24	78 3/4 Jan 9	94 1/2 Feb 9	
33 1/2 33 3/4	33 3/4 34	33 3/4 34	33 3/4 34	33 3/4 34	33 3/4 34	31,300	Skelly Oil Co	26 3/8 Mar 30	37 1/8 June 28	21 1/2 Mar 31	32 1/2 Nov 9	
128 128	125 125 1/2	125 125 1/2	125 125 1/2	127 127	127 127	100	Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron 100	103 Apr 12	142 1/2 Aug 10	80 1/2 Mar 14	143 1/2 Dec 28	
113 113	112 1/2 112 1/2	113 113	114 1/2 115 1/2	113 113	113 113	3,300	South Porto Rico Sugar	92 Apr 15	147 1/2 Feb 2	62 1/2 Mar 10	109 1/2 Dec 28	
*106 117 1/4	*106 117 1/4	*106 117 1/4	*106 117 1/4	*106 117 1/4	*106 117 1/4	6,200	Preferred	112 May 4	117 1/2 Feb 2	98 3/4 Jan 11	113 1/4 Dec 28	
31 3/8 31 7/8	31 1/2 31 3/4	31 1/2 31 3/4	31 1/2 31 3/4	31 1/2 31 3/4	31 1/2 31 3/4	4,300	Southern Calif Edison	30 1/2 July 14	33 July 19	27 1/2	27 1/2	
50 1/4 50 7/8	49 1/4 49 3/4	49 1/4 49 3/4	49 1/4 49 3/4	49 1/4 49 3/4	49 1/4 49 3/4	10,800	Southern Dairies cl A No par	43 Mar 31	55 1/2 July 17	22 Mar 31	35 1/2 Mar 11	
27 3/4 28 1/2	27 1/2 27 1/2	26 3/4 27 1/2	26 3/4 27 1/2	26 3/4 27 1/2	26 3/4 27 1/2	100	Class B No par	22 Mar 31	35 1/2 Mar 11	11 June 2	17 1/2 Feb 19	
*111 1/2 141 1/2	*111 1/2 141 1/2	*111 1/2 141 1/2	*111 1/2 141 1/2	*111 1/2 141 1/2	*111 1/2 141 1/2	100	Spear & Co No par	11 June 2	17 1/2 Feb 19	13 1/2 Dec 24	24 May 92	
*76 80	*76 80	*90	*76 80	*76 80	*76 80	100	Preferred	72 Apr 20	82 1/2 Jan 13	78 1/2 Dec 92	92 May 9	
24 24 1/2	23 1/2 24 1/2	23 3/4 24 1/2	23 1/2 24 1/2	23 1/2 24 1/2	24 25 3/8	8,900	Spicer Mfg Co No par	18 1/4 Apr 19	31 1/2 Feb 5	15 1/2 Feb 36	36 3/8 Sept 7	
*104 105	*102 1/2 104	*102 1/2 104	*102 1/2 104	*102 1/2 104	*102 1/2 104	100	Preferred	191 Jan 12	105 1/2 Sept 7	112 Jan 12	108 July 9	
54 1/2 54 7/8	54 1/2 55 1/4	54 1/2 54 7/8	54 1/2 55 1/4	54 1/2 55 1/4	54 1/2 55 1/4	10,300	Standard Gas & El Co No par	51 Mar 2	69 Feb 8	40 1/2 Jan 6	61 Oct 9	
56 1/4 56 1/4	56 56	56 56	56 56	56 56	56 56	1,000	Preferred	53 3/4 Mar 30	57 1/2 Feb 9	50 1/2 Mar 56	56 Nov 9	
*69 1/2 73	*69 73	70 70 3/8	70 70 3/8	70 70 3/8	71 72	1,100	Standard Milling	67 3/4 May 19	92 1/2 Feb 4	62 May 88	88 Dec 28	
*83 88	*83 88	*83 88	*83 88	*83 88	*83 88	100	Preferred	80 Mar 2	90 Feb 5	81 Jan 86	86 Dec 28	
60 3/8 61 1/2	60 1/2 61 1/2	60 3/8 60 5/8	59 7/8 60 3/8	60 3/4 61 1/2	60 3/4 61 1/2	45,600	Standard Oil of Cal new No par	52 3/8 May 14	63 3/8 Sept 8	38 1/2 Mar 47	47 1/2 Feb 9	
42 3/8 42 3/8	42 3/8 42 3/8	42 3/8 42 3/8	42 3/8 42 3/8	42 3/8 42 3/8	42 3/8 42 3/8	26,600	Standard Oil of New Jersey 25	40 1/2 Mar 3	46 3/8 Jan 2	38 1/2 Mar 47	47 1/2 Feb 9	
*116 116 1/8	116 116 1/8	116 116 1/8	116 116 1/8	116 116 1/8	116 116 1/8	2,400	Standard Oil of New Jersey 25	115 1/4 Aug 26	119 1/8 May 18	116 1/4 July 11	119 Feb 9	
4 5 1/4	4 5 1/4	4 5 1/4	4 5 1/4	4 5 1/4	4 5 1/4	1,000	Stand Plate Glass Co No par	4 3/4 May 21	10 1/8 Feb 24	5 5/8 Jan 16	10 1/8 Jan 16	
*88 88 3/4	*88 88 3/4	*88 88 3/4	*88 88 3/4	*88 88 3/4	*88 88 3/4	3,800	Sterling Products No par	75 Mar 27	91 3/8 Sept 24	62 1/4 Mar 82	82 Dec 28	
66 1/4 67	63 1/4 64 3/8	63 1/4 64 3/8	63 1/4 64 3/8	63 1/4 64 3/8	63 1/4 64 3/8	63,200	Stewart-Warn Sp Corp No par	61 1/2 Sept 23	92 1/2 Jan 2	55 Mar 96	96 Dec 28	
*62 63	*61 1/2 62 1/2	*61 1/2 62 1/2	*61 1/2 62 1/2	*61 1/2 62 1/2	*61 1/2 62 1/2	700	Stromberg Carburetor No par	59 1/2 May 19	77 1/4 Jan 4	61 Mar 89	89 Oct 28	
58 58 3/4	57 1/2 59 1/2	57 1/2 59 1/2	57 1/2 59 1/2	57 1/2 59 1/2	57 1/2 59 1/2	42,900	Studebaker Corp (The) new No par	47 Mar 18	62 Sept 15	41 1/4 Jan 68	68 Nov 9	
*119 119 3/4	*119 119 3/4	*119 119 3/4	*119 119 3/4	*119 119 3/4	*119 119 3/4	100	Preferred	114 1/2 Feb 23	122 1/2 June 23	112 Jan 12	125 Sept 7	
2 2	2 1/8 2 1/8	2 1/8 2 1/8	2 1/8 2 1/8	2 1/8 2 1/8	2 1/8 2 1/8	22,000	Sun Oil Co No par	1 1/2 July 27	3 1/2 July 21	3 1/2 Oct 3	3 Oct 3	
35 35 1/4	34 3/4 34 3/4	34 3/4 34 3/4	34 3/4 34 3/4	33 3/4 33 3/4	33 3/4 33 3/4	1,900	Sun Oil Co No par	30 3/8 Mar 30	41 1/8 Jan 4	38 1/8 Nov 43	43 Nov 9	
*11 2	*1 1/8 1 1/8	1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	2	Superior Oil No par	1 July 29	4 1/4 Jan 8	2 Dec 6	6 Feb 9	
29 1/2 29 3/4	30 30	*29 3/4 30 1/2	*29 3/4 30 1/2	*29 3/4 30 1/2	*29 3/4 30 1/2	1,200	Superior Steel	19 1/2 Apr 12	34 3/8 Sept 7	20 May 4	41 1/8 Jan 20	
16 3/8 16 3/8	16 3/8 16 1/2	16 3/8 16 1/2	16 3/8 16 1/2	16 3/8 16 1/2	16 3/8 16 1/2	1,300	Sweets Co of America	8 3/4 Apr 13	17 3/8 Sept 13	5 7/8 Mar 15	15 1/2 Oct 9	
*84 88	*84 88	*84 88	*84 88	*84 88	*84 88	2,800	Symington temp cfts No par	7 1/2 May 14	14 1/2 Jan 4	10 1/2 Jan 20	20 Sept 9	
*164 17	*164 17	*164 17	*164 17	*164 17	*164 17	600	Class A temp cfts No par	16 June 28	20 1/2 Feb 4	19 1/2 Dec 26	26 Sept 9	
12 1/2 12 1/2	*12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	470	Telatograph Corp No par	11 Apr 5	14 1/8 Jan 19	11 Aug 16	16 Nov 9	
12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	11 3/4 12	11 3/4 12	8,200	Tenn Cough & C No par	10 7/8 Mar 31	16 Feb 5	7 1/8 Apr 16	16 Dec 9	
53 3/8 54 1/8	54 54 3/8	53 3/8 54 1/8	53 3/8 54 1/8	54 1/2 55 1/8	55 1/2 55 7/8	37,200	Texas Company (The) 25	48 Mar 30	58 Aug 31	42 1/2 Jan 55	55 Dec 28	
165 1/2 167 1/2	166 167 1/2	166 167 1/2	166 167 1/2	167 1/4 169 1/2	169 1/2 175 1/2	28,800	Texas Gulf Sulphur	119 1/2 Jan 12	175 1/2 Sept 24	97 1/2 Feb 12	126 Feb 9	
15 16	15 15 1/4	14 3/4 15 1/2	15 15 1/4	15 15 1/4	15 15 1/4	14,800	Texas Pacific Coal & Oil 100	15 1/2 Mar 2	19 1/2 Jan 7	10 7/8 Aug 23	23 Feb 9	
900 925	*850 920	900 920	895 899	900 940	945 978	491	Texas Pacific Land Trust 100	510 Mar 19	1035 May 27	255 Apr 65	67 Dec 28	
*28 28 1/4	27 3/4 28	27 3/4 28	27 3/4 28	27 3/4 27 3/4	27 3/4 28	1,000	The Fair No par	27 1/8 Mar 31	34 Jan 14	32 1/4 Sept 39	4 Oct 28	
49 49	48 3/4 49 1/4	48 3/4 49 1/4	48 3/4 49 1/4	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	3,000	Thompson (J R) Co 25	42 1/4 May 7	50 1/2 Sept 16	49 Sept 10	101 Oct 9	
*30 31	*30 29 3/4	*30 29 3/4	*30 29 3/4	30 30	30 30	200	Tide Water Oil 100	30 Aug 13	39 1/4 Jan 25	30 1/4 Sept 36	36 Dec 28	
91 1/2 91 1/2	90 1/2 90 3/4	90 1/2 90 3/4	90 1/2 90 3/4	90 1/2 90 3/4	90 1/2 90 3/4	400	Preferred	90 Mar 31	103 Jan 25	90 Sept 10	101 Oct 9	
62 1/4 62 3/4	61 3/4 63	61 3/4 62 3/4	61 3/4 62 3/4	62 1/2 62 1/2	62 1/2 62 3/4	7,300	Timken Roller Bearing No par	44 1/4 Mar 3	64 3/8 Sept 9	37 3/4 Mar 59	59 Oct 9	
113 1/2 114 1/2	112 1/2 114 1/2	113 1/2 114 1/2	113 1/2 114 1/2	114 1/2 115 1/2	114 1/2 115 1/2	68,200	Tobacco Products Corp 100	95 1/4 Apr 12	116 1/2 Sept 22	70 Jan 10	109 1/2 Nov 9	
116 1/2 116 1/2	116 1/2 116 1/2	116 1/2 116 1/2	116 1/2 116 1/2	116 1/2 116 1/2	116 1/2 116 1/2	5,000	Class A	103 Mar 3	118 3/8 Sept 21	93 1/8 Jan 11	110 1/2 Nov 9	
15 15	*15 16	*15 16	*15 16	*15 16	*15 16	24,600	Transoceanic Oil new No par	3 1/2 July 27	5 1/2 July 21	3 1/2 Sept 3	5 1/2 May 9	
*52 1/2 53 1/2	*52 52 1/2	*52 52 1/2	*52 52 1/2	*52 1/2 53	51 1/2 52 1/2	1,400	Underwriter Typewriter 25	51 1/8 Mar 30	63 1/4 Jan 7	38 1/8 Mar 65	65 Nov 9	
48 48 1/4	46 1/2 48 1/4	47 47 1/4	47 47 1/4	47 1/2 47 1/2	48 48	1,500	Union Bag & Paper Corp 100	35 May 21	71 1/4 Jan 5	36 Apr 86	86 Oct 9	
88 88	88 1/2 89	87 3/4 88 1/2	88 88 1/2	88 88 1/2	88 88 1/2	15,600	Union Carbide & Carb No par	77 1/2 Mar 29	93 Sept 3	33 Oct 43	43 Feb 9	
51 51 5/8	51 52	50 1/2 51 1/2	51 51 1/2	51 51 1/2	51 51 1/2	116,100	Union Oil California	37 1/4 Jan 20	58 3/8 Sept 23	33 Oct 43	43 Feb 9	
117 118 1/2	115 1/2 116	115 1/2 116	115 1/2 116	115 1/2 116	115 1/2 116	1,300	Union Tank Car	84 1/4 Mar 31	120 Sept 16	94 Dec 13	134 June 9	
*114 116	*115 1/2 116	115 1/2 116	115 1/2 116	114 1/2 115 1/2	114 1/2 115 1/2	3,900	United Alloy Steel No par	25 1/2 Jan 21	35 3/8 July 15	24 May 36	36 Mar 20	
96 1/2 96 1/2	97 97 3/8	96 1/2 97 3/8	97 97 3/8	97 98 1/4	98 1/2 98 3/4	100	United Cigar Stores 25	83 1/8 Feb 4	109 3/4 Aug 17	60 1/4 Jan 11	115 1/2 Nov 9	
*122 127	*122 126	*122 125	*122 125	*122 126	*122 126	100	Preferred	114 7/8 Mar 4	125 June 30	115 Dec 13	134 Oct 28	
165 165	166 166	164 3/4 165	165 166	164 1/4 164 1/4	164 165	2,400	United Drug	134 Mar 30	171 Sept 8	110 7/8 Feb 16	162 Dec 9	

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 Description, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other market data. Includes sections for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Govt. & Municipals, and Railroad.

55—£. b July. d Due Aug. g Due Nov. s Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. Includes sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

Due Jan. Due Feb. Due May. Due Oct. Due Dec. Option sale.

BONDS										BONDS											
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE											
Week Ended Sept. 24.										Week Ended Sept. 24.											
Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Bonds	Range	Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Bonds	Range	Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Bonds	Range				
Percent	Friday,	Range or	Since	Sold	Since	Percent	Friday,	Range or	Since	Sold	Since	Percent	Friday,	Range or	Since	Sold	Since				
	Sept. 24.	Last Sale	Jan. 1		Jan. 1		Sept. 24.	Last Sale	Jan. 1		Jan. 1		Sept. 24.	Last Sale	Jan. 1		Jan. 1				
	84d	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	Low	High	No.	Low	High	84d	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High		
Kansas City Term 1st 4s	1960	J	86 3/4	86 3/4	51	85	85 3/4	N Y Central & Hudson River	1997	J	79 1/8	80	79 1/8	80 1/4	27	76 1/8	81 1/8				
Kentucky Central gold 4s	1987	J	86 7/8	89	86 1/4	87 1/2	86	91	1997	J	77 3/8	79 3/8	78	78 3/4	41	76 3/8	80 3/8				
Kentucky & Ind Term 4 1/2s	1961	J	82 1/4	84 1/4	91 1/2	81	91 1/2	Mortgage 3 1/2s	1997	J	96	96	94 1/2	96	41	94 1/4	96 1/4				
Stamped	1961	J	87 1/8	88	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	Registered	1997	J	94 5/8	95	94 1/2	95	20	92 1/4	93 1/4				
Lake Erie & West 1st g 5s	1937	J	101 3/4	102 1/4	101 3/4	102 1/4	100	103	Debuture gold 4s	1994	M	92 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	93 3/4	20	92 1/4	97			
2d gold 5s	1941	J	99 1/4	100	97 3/4	99 3/4	11	98 3/4	Registered	1994	M	92 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	93 3/4	20	92 1/4	97			
Lake Shore gold 3 1/2s	1997	J	79 1/4	79 5/8	79 1/4	79 5/8	2	78 3/4	30-year debenture 4s	1942	J	92 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	93 3/4	20	92 1/4	97			
Registered	1997	J	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 3/4	78	7	77	Lake Shore coll gold 3 1/2s	1998	F	77 1/2	78	77 1/2	77 1/2	4	75 7/8	80			
Debenture gold 4s	1928	M	99	99	98 3/4	99	79	98 3/4	Registered	1998	F	77 1/2	77	77 1/2	77 1/2	4	75 7/8	80			
25-year gold 4s	1931	M	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 3/4	97	39	96 1/4	Mich Cent coll gold 3 1/2s	1998	F	79 1/2	80	78 3/4	79 1/2	12	77	84			
Registered	1931	M	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 3/4	97	39	96 1/4	Registered	1998	F	78 1/2	79	78 1/2	78 1/2	10	77	80			
Lsh Val Harbor Term 5s	1954	F	84	84 1/2	84	84 1/2	2	83 1/2	N Y Chic & St L 1st g 4s	1937	A	94 1/2	95	94 1/2	94 1/2	2	92 1/2	95			
Lsh Val N Y 1st gu g 4 1/2s	1946	F	97 5/8	98 1/4	97 3/4	97 3/4	3	90	Registered	1937	A	93 7/8	94	93 7/8	93 7/8	2	92 1/2	94 1/2			
Lsh Val (Pa) cons g 4s	2003	M	85	85	85	85	35	85 3/8	2d Ser A B C	1931	M	96	96 7/8	96	96	2	93 1/2	97 1/4			
Registered	2003	M	85	85	85	85	35	85 3/8	Refunding 5 1/2s Series A	1974	M	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	103	45	102 3/4	105 1/4			
General cons 4 1/2s	2003	M	95	95 1/4	95	95 1/4	9	92	Refunding 5 1/2s Ser B	1975	A	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	105	98 1/2	104 1/2			
Lehigh Val RR gen 5s Series 2003	2003	M	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 3/8	103 3/8	2	100 3/4	Refunding 5 1/2s Ser C	1975	A	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	42	93 1/2	98 3/4			
Leh V Term Ry 1st gu g 5s	1941	A	102	105	102	102	104	102	N Y Connect 1st gu g 4 1/2s	1953	F	94 7/8	95	95 1/4	95 1/4	1	90 1/4	104			
Leh & N Y 1st gu g 4s	1945	M	89 7/8	90	89 3/4	89 3/4	18	85 1/2	1st gu 5s Series B	1953	F	91	102 3/8	102 3/8	102 3/8	1	89 1/4	91			
Lex & East 1st 50-yr 5s gu	1965	A	107	107	107 1/8	107 1/8	18	105 1/2	N Y & Erie 1st ext gold 4s	1947	M	91	91	91	91 1/2	26	89 1/2	91			
Little Miami 4s	1952	M	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 1/2	86 1/2	7	84 3/4	3d ext gold 4 1/2s	1933	M	98	98	98	98 1/2	26	98	98			
Long Dock consol g 6s	1935	A	109	110 1/2	109 3/8	109 3/8	2	109	4th ext gold 5s	1930	A	100 1/8	100 1/8	100 1/8	100 1/8	26	100 1/8	100 1/8			
Long laid 1st con gold 5s	1931	Q	100 7/8	101	101	101	100	100 1/8	5th ext gold 4s	1928	J	98 1/4	99 1/2	99	99 1/2	26	98 3/4	99 1/2			
1st consol gold 4s	1931	Q	96 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	10	94 1/2	N Y & Green L gu g 5s	1946	M	99 1/8	99 1/2	99	98 1/2	26	98 3/4	99 1/2			
General gold 4s	1938	J	91 1/2	92	92	92	90 3/8	93	N Y & Harlem gold 3 1/2s	2006	M	79 3/8	79 3/8	79 1/4	79 1/4	26	79 1/4	79 1/4			
Gold 4s	1932	J	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	1	104	N Y Lack & W 1st & ref 6s	1973	M	91	91	91	91 1/2	26	89 1/2	91			
Unfied gold 4s	1949	F	88 1/2	89 1/4	88 1/2	89	7	84 3/4	1st & ref 4 1/2s	1973	M	100	100	101	101 1/2	26	99 3/4	101 1/2			
Debenture gold 4s	1934	J	99 1/2	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	2	97 3/8	N Y L E & W 1st 7s ext.	1930	M	100 1/8	100 1/8	100 1/8	100 1/8	26	100 1/8	101 1/2			
20-year p m deb 5s	1937	M	96 1/2	97 3/8	97 1/4	97 1/4	2	94	N Y & Jersey 1st 5s	1932	F	100 3/8	101 1/8	100 3/8	100 3/8	26	100 3/8	101 1/2			
Guar refunding gold 4s	1949	F	87	88	87	88	9	85	N Y & Long Branch gen 4s	1941	M	90 3/8	92	90	90 1/2	26	88	90			
Nor Sh B 1st con g 5s	1932	Q	100	101	100	100	2	99 3/8	N Y & N E Boston Term 4s	1939	A	91	91	91	91 1/2	26	88	88			
Louisiana & Ark 1st g 5s	1927	M	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	100 1/2	2	99 3/8	N Y N H & Hart n-c deb 4s	1947	M	75 1/8	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	26	70 1/2	77 1/2			
Lou & Jeff Bdge Co gu g 4s	1946	M	85 3/8	89	87 3/8	87 3/8	6	86 3/8	Registered	1947	M	75 1/8	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	26	70 1/2	77 1/2			
Louisville & Nashville 6s	1937	M	103 1/2	103 3/4	103 3/8	103 3/8	6	102 1/2	Non-conv debenture 3 1/2s	1947	M	67 1/2	73	70	70 1/2	26	62 1/2	76			
Unfied gold 4s	1940	J	95	95	94 1/2	95 1/2	60	93 1/4	Non-conv debenture 4s	1955	J	68	68	68	68 1/2	10	63 1/2	68			
Collateral trust gold 5s	1931	M	100 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/8	101 1/8	3	101 1/8	Non-conv debenture 4s	1955	J	73	73	73	73 1/2	26	66 3/4	75 1/4			
10-year secured 7s	1930	M	105 3/8	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	3	105 1/8	Conv debenture 3 1/2s	1956	M	73 3/8	73 3/4	74	74	2	67 3/4	75			
1st refund 5 1/2s Series A	2003	A	108 1/4	108 1/2	108 1/4	108 1/4	15	103 1/4	Conv debenture 3 1/2s	1956	M	67 3/4	67	67 1/4	67 1/4	4	61	74			
1st & ref 5s Series B	2003	A	104 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/8	105 1/8	11	96	Conv debenture 6s	1948	J	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	34	97 1/4	104 1/4			
1st & ref 4 1/2s Series C	2003	A	98 1/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	15	96	Registered	1948	J	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	34	97 1/4	104 1/4			
N O & M 1st gold 6s	1930	J	103 1/4	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	1	104	Collateral trust 6s	1940	A	100 1/4	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	93	96	100 1/4			
2d gold 6s	1930	J	103 1/4	104 3/4	103 3/8	103 3/8	1	103 3/8	Debenture 4s	1957	M	67 1/2	72	67 1/2	67 1/2	20	63	70			
Paducah & Mem Div 4s	1946	F	92	92 3/4	92	92	1	91 3/8	Harlem R & Pt Ches 1st 4s	1954	M	89 1/8	89 3/4	89	89 1/2	26	84 3/4	89			
St Louis Div 2d gold 3s	1940	M	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	2	85 1/2	N Y & Northern 1st g 5s	1927	A	100	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	26	100	100 3/4			
Mob & Montg 1st g 4 1/2s	1945	M	99	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	6	98 3/4	N Y O & W ref 1st g 4s	1992	M	73 3/8	73 3/8	74 1/4	74 1/4	14	67 3/4	76			
South Ry Joint Term 4s	1952	J	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	91 1/2	3	89 1/4	General 4s	1955	J	68 1/4	68 1/4	68 1/4	68 1/4	7	62 1/2	71			
Atl Knox & Clin Div 4s	1955	M	99	99 3/4	99	99 3/4	3	99 1/4	N Y Providence & Boston 4s	1942	A	87 1/2	88	87 1/2	87 1/2	26	86 1/2	87 1/2			
Louv Cin & Lex Div 4 1/2s	1932	J	101 3/8	101 3/8	101 3/8	101 3/8	7	101 3/8	N Y R B 1st con gu 4s	1993	A	85	89 3/8	87 1/2	87 1/2	26	86 1/2	87 1/2			
Mahon Coal RR 1st 5s	1934	J	64 1/2	65	64 1/2	64 1/2	7	60 1/2	N Y S usq & West 1st ref 5s	1937	J	87 1/2	88	87 1/2	87 1/2	26	86 1/2	87 1/2			
Manila RR (South Lines) 4s	1939	M	71 1/4	71 3/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	5	62 1/2	2d gold 4 1/2s	1937	J	69 1/4	70	69 1/4	69 1/4	26	67 3/4	74 1/4			
1st 4s	1939	M	71 1/4	71 3/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	5	62 1/2	General gold 5s	1940	F	69 1/4	70	69 1/4	69 1/4	26	67 3/4	74 1/4			
Manitoba Colonization 6s	1934	J	100	100	100	100	4	100	Terminal 1st gold 5s	1943	M	99	100 3/4	99	99 1/2	26	97 3/4	99			
Man G B & N W 1st 3 1/2s	1941	J	83 1/8	85	84 1/2	84 1/2	2	85	N Y W Ches &												

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday Sept. 24), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. Includes sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'INDUSTRIALS'.

Due Jan. Due May. Due June. Due July. Due Aug. Due Nov. Option Sale

BONDS										BONDS										
N Y STOCK EXCHANGE										N Y STOCK EXCHANGE										
Week Ended Sept. 24.										Week Ended Sept. 24.										
Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Range	Range	Range	Range	Range	Range	Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Range	Range	Range	Range	Range	Range	
Period	Friday	Range or	Since	Since	Since	Since	Since	Since	Since	Period	Friday	Range or	Since	Since	Since	Since	Since	Since	Since	
	Sept. 24.	Last Sale	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1		Sept. 24.	Last Sale	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	
	Bid Ask	Low High	Low High	Low High	Low High	Low High	Low High	Low High	Low High		Bid Ask	Low High	Low High	Low High	Low High	Low High	Low High	Low High	Low High	
Central Steel 1st g s 8s.....1941	M N	121	120 3/4	121 1/2	123 1/4	123 1/4	123 1/4	123 1/4	123 1/4	Kings County El 1st g 4s.....1949	F A	79 1/2	79 1/2	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
City & Conn Ry 5s.....1927	A O	52 1/4	53 3/8	53	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	Stamped guar 4s.....1949	F A	79 1/2	80 3/8	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
Ch G L & Coke 1st gu g 6s.....1937	J J	101 3/4	103	101 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4	Kings County Lighting 5s.....1954	J J	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Chicago Ry 1st 5s.....1927	J J	77 3/4	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	1st & ref 6 1/2 s.....1954	J J	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4
Chile Copper 6s Ser A.....1932	F A	106	106	106 3/8	106 3/8	106 3/8	106 3/8	106 3/8	106 3/8	Klinney (G R) & Co 7 1/2 % notes '36	J D	101 1/2	105	102	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4
Cincinnati Gas & Elec 1st con 5s.....1932	A O	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	Kresge Found col tr 6s.....1936	J J	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4
5 1/2 % Ser B due Jan 1.....1961	A O	103 3/8	104 1/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	Lackawanna Steel 1st 5s A.....1950	M B	98 1/2	98 3/8	97 7/8	98 1/8	98 1/8	98 1/8	98 1/8	98 1/8	98 1/8
Cities Serv Pow & L s f 6s.....1944	M N	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	Lac Gas L of St L ref & ext 6s.....1934	A O	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Clearfield Bit Coal 1st 4s.....1940	J J	78	82	May 26	82	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	Coll & ref 5 1/2 s Series C.....1953	F A	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Colo F & I Co gen s f 5s.....1942	F A	95 3/8	96	95 3/8	95 3/8	95 3/8	95 3/8	95 3/8	95 3/8	Lehigh C & Nav s f 4 1/2 s A.....1954	J J	98	100	97	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Col Indus 1st & coll 5s.....1934	F A	88 1/2	88 1/2	89	89	89	89	89	89	Lehigh Valley Coll 1st & 2d 5s.....1933	J J	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Columbia G & E 1st 5s.....1927	J J	99 3/8	100	99 3/8	100	100	100	100	100	1st & ref 5 s.....1954	F A	99 3/4	100	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4
Stamped	J J	99 3/8	100 1/4	100	100	100	100	100	100	Lex Ave & P F 1st gu g 5s.....1993	M S	124	124 1/2	123	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
Col & 9th Av 1st gu g 5s.....1993	M B	10	10	Oct 25	10	10	10	10	10	Liggett & Myers Tobacco 7s.....1944	A O	117	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
Columbus Gas 1st gold 5s.....1932	J J	97	99 1/2	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	Registered	A O	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Commercial Cable 1st g 4s.....2397	Q J	80 1/4	80 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	Registered	F A	98	99 1/8	99 1/8	99 1/8	99 1/8	99 1/8	99 1/8	99 1/8	99 1/8
Commercial Credit 5s.....1934	M N	99	98	98 1/2	99	99	99	99	99	Liquid Carbonic Corp 6s.....1941	F A	99	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Col tr s f 5 1/2 % notes.....1935	M N	93	93	94 1/4	94	94	94	94	94	Lorrillard Co (P) 7s.....1944	A O	118	118	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
Commonwealth Power 6s.....1947	J J	104 1/4	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	Registered	F A	98 1/4	100	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8
Computing-Tab-Rec s f 6s.....1941	J J	104 1/2	105	104 5/8	104 5/8	104 5/8	104 5/8	104 5/8	104 5/8	Registered	F A	94 1/4	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
Conn Ry & L 1st & ref g 4 1/2 s 1951	J J	94	94	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	Registered	F A	98 1/4	100	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8
Stamped guar 4 1/2 s.....1951	J J	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	Registered	F A	94 1/4	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
Cons Col of Md 1st & ref 5s.....1950	J D	82 3/8	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	Louisville Gas & Electric 6s.....1952	M N	99 3/8	100	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Consol Gas (N Y) deb 5 1/2 s.....1945	F A	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	Louisville Ry 1st con 5s.....1930	J J	92	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
Cont Pap & Bag Mills 6 1/2 s.....1944	F A	75	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	Lower Austrian Hydro-Elec Co	F A	85 1/2	85	86	86	86	86	86	86	86
Consumers Gas of Chic gu 6s.....1936	J J	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	1st s f 6 1/2 s.....1944	F A	85 1/2	85	86	86	86	86	86	86	86
Consumers Power 1st 5s.....1932	J J	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	Manst Sugar 7 1/2 s.....1942	A O	98 1/2	98 1/2	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8
Copenhagen Teleg ext 6s.....1950	A O	103 1/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	Manhat Ry (N Y) cons g 4s.....1920	A O	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
Corn Prod Refs s f 5s.....1931	A O	103 1/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	2d 4s.....2013	J D	57	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
1st 25-year s f 5s.....1934	M N	103 1/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	Manila Elec Ry & Lt s f 5s.....1953	M S	93 3/8	97	97 1/8	97 1/8	97 1/8	97 1/8	97 1/8	97 1/8	97 1/8
Crown Cork & Seal 1st s f 6s.....1944	F A	93 1/2	93	94 1/4	94	94	94	94	94	Market St Ry 7s Series A.....1940	Q J	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4
Crown-Williamette Pap 6s.....1951	J J	99 3/8	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Met Ed 1st & ref g 6s Ser B.....1940	J J	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Cuba Can Sugar con 7s.....1954	J J	94	94	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	Morris & Co 1st s f 4 1/2 s.....1939	J J	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Conv deben stamped 3%.....1930	J J	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	Met West Side El (Chic) 4s.....1940	F A	73 1/4	74	73 1/4	73 1/4	73 1/4	73 1/4	73 1/4	73 1/4	73 1/4
Cuban Am Sugar 1st col 8s.....1931	M S	107 1/2	108	107 1/2	108	108	108	108	108	Mid-Cont Petr 1st 6 1/2 s.....1940	M S	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4
Cuban Dom Sug 1st 1/2.....1944	M S	98	98	97 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	Midvale Steel & O conv s f 5s.....1936	M S	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
Cumb T & T 1st & gen 1.....1937	J J	102	102 3/8	102	102 3/8	102 3/8	102 3/8	102 3/8	102 3/8	Milw Elec Ry & Lt ref & ext 4 1/2 s '31	J J	97 3/8	98 1/8	97 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8
Cuyamel Fruit 1st 6s Int et s.....1947	A O	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	General & ref 5s A.....1951	J D	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Davison Chemical deb 6 1/2 s.....1931	J J	93	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 3/8	93 3/8	93 3/8	93 3/8	93 3/8	1st & ref 5s B.....1961	J D	96 3/4	97 3/8	97 3/8	97 3/8	97 3/8	97 3/8	97 3/8	97 3/8	97 3/8
Deny City Tram 1st con 6s.....1932	A O	96 1/2	97 3/4	96 1/2	96 3/4	96 3/4	96 3/4	96 3/4	96 3/4	1st & ref 6s Series C.....1953	M N	99 3/8	99 3/8	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Den Gas & E L 1st & ref s f 6s.....1931	M N	97	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	Milwaukee Gas Lt 1st 4s.....1927	M N	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Stamped	M N	78 1/2	79 3/8	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	Montana Power 1st 5s A.....1942	J J	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4
Dery Corp (D G) 1st s f 7s.....1942	J J	101	101	101 1/8	101 1/8	101 1/8	101 1/8	101 1/8	101 1/8	Montreal Tram 1st & ref 6s.....1941	J J	92 3/4	93 3/4	93	93	93	93	93	93	93
Detroit Edison 1st col tr f 6s.....1933	M S	102	102	102	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	Gen & ref s f 5s Ser A.....1954	A O	86	86 1/4	86	86 3/8	86 3/8	86 3/8	86 3/8	86 3/8	86 3/8
1st & ref 5s Series A.....1940	A O	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	Mortgage-Bond Co 4s Ser 2.....1966	A O	80	81	81	May 26	81	81	81</		

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Table with columns: NY STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Sept. 24, Bid, Ask, Low, High, Range Since Jan. 1, Bonds Sold. Includes entries like Pressed Steel Car conv g 5s, Prod & Ref s 8s (with warrants), etc.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked

Table with columns: Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, Tobacco Stocks, Sugar Stocks, Ind. & Miscellaneous. Includes entries like Anglo-American Oil, Atlantic Coast Line, etc.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ New stock. †† Flat price. ‡‡ Last sale. ††† Nominal. ‡‡‡ Ex-dividend. †††† Ex-right. ††††† Ex-50% stock dividend. †††††† Sale price. ††††††† Nominal quotation.

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 stock prices. Includes various stock symbols and prices.

Table with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE', 'Range Since Jan. 1 1926' (Lowest, Highest), and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925' (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks and their performance.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a Assessment paid. b Ex-stock dividend. c New stock. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. s Ex-dividend and rights.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Sept. 18 to Sept. 24, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Andes Copper 7s, All G & W 1 SS L 5s, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Sept. 18 to Sept. 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Abbots Al Dairy pref., American Stores, etc.

* No par value. a Ex-dividend.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Sept. 18 to Sept. 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Wholesale pref., Arundel Corp new stock, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Ga So & Fla 1st pref., Hare & Chase pref., etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Sept. 18 to Sept. 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Adams Royalty Co com., All American Radio Cl A, etc.

Stocks (Continued) Par	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Morgan Lithograph Co. *	63 3/4	62 3/4	63 3/4	2,650	42 1/2	Mar 65 Feb
Mo ser Leather Corp, com	-----	16 1/2	16 1/2	82	16	July 16 1/2 Aug
Nat Elec Power A w l. *	-----	23	23 3/4	250	19 1/2	Mar 26 1/2 July
Preferred	-----	94	94	100	92	July 96 1/2 Feb
National Leather	-----	2 1/2	2 1/2	575	2 1/2	May 4 1/2 Jan
National Standard	-----	31 1/4	30 3/4	5,600	26	May 32 Sept
North American Car, com *	-----	28 1/2	29 1/2	160	26	Mar 32 Jan
Nor West Util pr in pref 100	-----	97	96 3/4	175	93	Jan 99 Jan
7% preferred	-----	100	95 1/2	100	91 1/2	May 97 1/2 Aug
Novadel, pref A w l. *	-----	100	26 1/2	95 1/2	100	26 Sept 25 June
Omnibus, pref A w l. *	-----	100	88 1/2	88 1/2	12	88 1/2 Sept 9 1/2 Feb
Voting trust otis w l. a. *	-----	100	14 1/2	15	525	14 1/2 May 21 1/2 Feb
Penn Gas & Elec w l. *	-----	20 1/2	20 1/2	1,600	19 1/2	June 24 Feb
Plek, Barth & Co, pref A. *	-----	21	21	440	19	May 23 Aug
Pines Winterfront A. *	-----	56	56	575	33 1/2	Mar 60 1/2 Aug
Pub Serv of Nor Illinois. *	-----	132	131 1/2	230	128 1/2	Apr 140 June
Pub Serv of Nor Illinois. 100	-----	132	132	15	129 1/2	Apr 143 June
Preferred	-----	101	102	41	100 1/2	Jan 106 July
7% preferred	-----	100	114 1/2	10	112	Jan 116 1/2 Mar
Quaker Oats Co. *	-----	100	175	175	10	128 Jan 185 Aug
Preferred	-----	100	107	60	105	Feb 108 1/2 July
Q R S Music, com. *	-----	100	27 1/2	27 1/2	145	25 1/2 Aug 29 Aug
Real Silk Hosiery Mills. 10	-----	49 1/2	49 1/2	4,040	31 1/2	June 58 1/2 Jan
Ryan Car Co (The) .25	-----	11	11	100	10 1/2	Jan 16 Jan
So Colo Pow Elec A, com 25	-----	24 1/2	24 1/2	65	22	Apr 25 1/2 Jan
Sprague Sells. 30	-----	28 1/2	27 3/4	170	27 3/4	Sept 30 1/2 June
South Gas & El, pref. 100	-----	95	96	110	93	Apr 98 Mar
South City Util of "A" com	-----	34 1/2	34 1/2	50	34 1/2	Sept 42 July
Stewart-Warner Speedom *	-----	63 1/2	61 1/2	66 1/2	13,010	61 1/2 Sept 93 Jan
Swift & Co. 100	-----	115	115 1/2	700	110	Apr 117 Feb
Swift International. 15	-----	20 3/4	21 3/4	3,480	14 1/2	Apr 22 1/2 Jan
Thompson (J R) .25	-----	48 1/2	49 1/2	1,600	42 1/2	Apr 50 1/2 Sept
Union Carbide & Carbon. *	-----	88	90	840	72 1/2	Jan 92 1/2 Sept
United Biscuit Works A. *	-----	40 1/2	41	115	38	Mar 58 1/2 Jan
United Iron Works v t c. 50	-----	13 1/2	14	170	13 1/2	Apr 26 Feb
United Lt & Pr A w l new. *	-----	19	19	40	15	Apr 31 Mar
B w l new. *	-----	86 1/2	88 1/2	530	81 1/2	Mar 92 Mar
Prof class A w l. a. *	-----	50 1/2	52	160	42 1/2	Apr 52 Sept
Prof class B w l. a. *	-----	18 1/2	18 1/2	60	18 1/2	Sept 38 Mar
United Paper Board. 100	-----	151	151	920	125	Mar 171 July
U S Gypsum. 20	-----	119	119	50	113 1/2	Apr 121 Aug
Univ Theatres Conc cl A. 5	-----	8	8	125	3	Apr 8 Sept
Vesta Battery Corp. 10	-----	21 1/2	15 1/2	3,485	8 1/2	Apr 25 Jan
Ward (Montgom'y) & Co 10	-----	110	110	100	58 3/4	Mar 81 1/2 Jan
Class A. 100	-----	110	100 1/2	325	107 1/2	May 114 Aug
Williams Oil-O-Mat com. *	-----	17 1/2	17 1/2	830	14 1/2	May 23 1/2 Feb
Wolf Mfg Corp. *	-----	7	7	100	7	Aug 10 1/2 Feb
Wolverine Portland Cem 10	-----	6 1/2	7	800	5	Aug 9 1/2 Jan
Wrigley Jr. 52 1/2	-----	52 1/2	53	510	49	Apr 55 1/2 Jan
Yates Machines part pfd. *	-----	30 1/2	28 1/2	30 3/4	11,850	26 Mar 32 Feb
Yellow Tr & Ceh Mfg B. 10	-----	32 1/2	30 3/4	36 3/4	7,610	21 May 39 1/2 Sept
Yellow Cab Co Inc (Chlc) *	-----	45 1/2	46	490	42 1/2	Mar 50 1/2 Feb

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Sept. 18 to Sept. 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Bank Stocks—							
Boatmen's Bk. 100	-----	156	156	8	153	Jan 160 1/2 May	
Nat'l Bank of Comm'ce 100	-----	164	165	13	155	Jan 171 Feb	
Trust Company Stocks							
St Louis Union Trust. 100	-----	325	325	100	316	Jan 330 Aug	
Title Guaranty Trust. 100	-----	41	42	100	40	June 52 Mar	
Street Railway Stocks							
St. Louis Public Service. *	-----	17	17 1/2	117	16 1/2	July 20 May	
Miscellaneous Stocks—							
Amer Credit Indemnity. 25	-----	53	53	13	49	Mar 55 July	
Boyd-Welsh Shoe. 41 1/2	-----	41 1/2	42 1/2	35	35 1/2	Mar 44 1/2 Feb	
Brown Shoe, pref. 100	-----	109	109	25	107 1/2	July 111 Jan	
Curlee Cloth, pref. 100	-----	101	111	20	101	Sept 104 Mar	
E L Bruce, com. 100	-----	38 1/2	38 1/2	7	38 1/2	Sept 53 1/2 Jan	
Preferred. 100	-----	97	97	25	97	Sept 101 1/2 Mar	
Ely & Walker D G, com. 25	-----	31 1/2	32 1/2	72	28 1/2	May 35 Aug	
First preferred. 100	-----	108	108	5	107 1/2	June 109 Apr	
Hamilton-Brown Shoe. 25	-----	45	45	10	43	May 57 Jan	
Hussmann Refr., com. *	-----	36 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	20	34 Aug 41 Jan	
Hydr Press Brick, com. 100	-----	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	125	3 1/2 Apr 6 1/2 Feb	
Preferred. 100	-----	81 1/2	81 1/2	83 1/2	66	80 Aug 97 1/2 Jan	
Indep Packing, com. *	-----	25	25	40	25	Sept 29 Feb	
Preferred. 100	-----	107	107	10	105 1/2	May 107 1/2 Apr	
Internat'l Shoe, com. *	-----	160	159 1/2	160 1/2	161	135 May 175 1/2 Jan	
Preferred. 100	-----	107 1/2	107 1/2	108	20	107 June 111 1/2 Jan	
Johansen Shoe. 34	-----	58	58	10	53	June 98 1/2 Jan	
Johansen S & S Shoe. 100	-----	86 1/2	86 1/2	35	84 1/2	Mar 90 July	
Laclede Gas Light, pref 100	-----	57	57	35	48 1/2	Mar 67 Jan	
Mo Portland Cement. 25	-----	76 1/2	76 1/2	2	70	Apr 92 Feb	
Nat Candy, common. 100	-----	32	32	10	27	May 39 Jan	
Pedigo-Weber Shoe. *	-----	32 1/2	32	3	31 1/2	May 37 1/2 Feb	
Polar Wave Ice & A. *	-----	22 1/2	22 1/2	23	140	21 1/2 Aug 25 1/2 Feb	
Rice-Stix D G's, com. *	-----	42	42	44	40	Apr 45 Mar	
Securities Inv, common. *	-----	26	26	27 1/2	45	24 May 29 1/2 Jan	
Sheffield Steel, common. *	-----	52	52	57	84	Apr 59 Jan	
Skouras Bros, "A" . *	-----	48	45	48	335	42 1/2 June 52 1/2 Feb	
Southern Bell & Sul, com. *	-----	113	115 1/2	148	112 1/2	Apr 115 1/2 Sept	
S'western Bell Tel pref. 100	-----	50	50	10	46	Apr 59 1/2 Jan	
St Louis Amusement "A" . *	-----	93 1/2	93 1/2	5	90	May 97 Jan	
St Louis Car, pref. 100	-----	17 1/2	17 1/2	370	13 1/2	July 34 1/2 Jan	
Wagner Electric, com. *	-----	68	66	68	65	61 1/2 July 85 June	
Wagner Elec Corp, pref 100	-----	48	48	49 1/2	205	40 Apr 49 1/2 Sept	
Wm Walthe, common. 100	-----	108	108	5	104	Apr 108 Sept	
Preferred. 100	-----	23 1/2	23 1/2	24	457	23 Aug 28 Mar	
Mining Stocks—							
Consol Lead & Zinc Co. *	-----	86	86	\$2,000	83 1/2	Jan 87 Aug	
Street Railway Bonds—							
St Louis & Sub Co 5 1/2 1932	-----	83	83	1,000	79 1/2	Apr 95 Mar	
St L & Sub Ry gen 5 1/2 1923	-----	76 1/2	76 1/2	5,000	75	Jan 78 1/2 Apr	
United Railways 4s. 1934	-----	76 1/2	76 1/2	13,000	74	Jan 78 1/2 Apr	
4s C-D. 1934	-----	76 1/2	76 1/2	13,000	74	Jan 78 1/2 Apr	

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Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Stock Exchanges.—For this week's record of transactions on the Pittsburgh and St. Louis Stock Exchanges see page 1597.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Sept. 18 to Sept. 24, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists. As noted in our issue of July 2 1921, the New York Curb Market Association on June 27 1921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet which forms the basis of the compilations below.

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Indus. & Miscellaneous.							
Aetna Life Insur Co. 100	-----	600	635	3	600	Sept 635 Sept	
Ala Great South, com. 50	-----	126	129	410	95	Mar 180 1/2 Feb	
Preferred. 50	-----	127	128 1/2	110	94 1/2	Mar 184 Aug	
Allied Packers, prior pt. 100	-----	21 1/2	23	225	9 1/2	May 29 Jan	
Preferred. 100	-----	6 1/2	6 1/2	50	6 1/2	Sept 10 July	
Alpha Portland Cement. *	-----	37	37	40	200	37 Sept 45 1/2 July	
Aluminum Co, com. 100	-----	69 1/2	71 1/2	400	54 1/2	Feb 76 Feb	
Preferred 6% .100	-----	102	102 1/2	400	98 1/2	May 102 1/2 Sept	
American Arch Co. 100	-----	111 1/2	112	75	106 1/2	Aug 132 1/2 Feb	
American Cigar, com. 100	-----	130	130	134	30	110 Feb 137 Aug	
Amer Electric Corp, cl A. 25	-----	21	21 1/2	200	20	July 24 1/2 Feb	
Amer Electric Corp v t c. *	-----	7	8 1/2	600	6 1/2	Sept 11 1/2 Feb	
Amer Gas & Elec, com. *	-----	109 1/2	101 1/2	27,800	64	Mar 110 1/2 Sept	
Preferred. *	-----	95 1/2	95 1/2	200	90 1/2	Apr 96 1/2 July	
American Hawaiian SS. 100	-----	8	8 1/2	300	7 1/2	July 11 1/2 Jan	
American Insurance Co. 5	-----	22	22 1/2	200	22	Sept 23 1/2 Sept	
Amer Lt & Trac, com. 100	-----	212	210	219	1,150	195 Mar 264 Jan	
Preferred. 100	-----	108 1/2	108 1/2	100	105	Mar 115 1/2 Jan	
Amer Multi-graph, com. *	-----	19 1/2	19 1/2	100	19 1/2	Apr 23 1/2 Feb	
Amer Pow & Lt, pref. 100	-----	98	96 1/2	98	520	92 Apr 99 Aug	
Amer Rayon Products. *	-----	13	15	2,700	11	July 35 1/2 Jan	
Amer Rolling Mill com. 25	-----	47 1/2	47 1/2	20	45 1/2	July 59 1/2 Feb	
Preferred. 100	-----	109	109	100	106	Jan 109 1/2 Aug	
Am Seating (new corp) v t c. *	-----	37	36 1/2	37 1/2	5,800	32 1/2 July 38 1/2 Sept	
Convertible preferred. *	-----	38 1/2	37 1/2	3,700	37 1/2	July 40 1/2 June	
Amer Superpow Corp, A. *	-----	32	30 1/2	31 1/2	2,300	19 1/2 Mar 37 1/2 Jan	
Class B. *	-----	30	30 1/2	7,600	21 1/2	Mar 39 Jan	
Prior preferred. 25	-----	26	25 1/2	600	23	Mar 26 1/2 Sept	
Preferred. 100	-----	95	94	95 1/2	93	Mar 95 1/2 Sept	
Amer Thread, pref. 5	-----	3 1/2	3 1/2	200	3 1/2	Aug 3 1/2 Jan	
Amer Writ Pap, new pf vt. *	-----	30 1/2	30 1/2	100	30	Aug 34 Sept	
Assoc Gas & Elec, class A. *	-----	35	35	3,000	25 1/2	Mar 38 1/2 Aug	
Atlantic Fruit & Sugar. *	-----	1 1/2	1 1/2	5,000	89c	Jan 2 1/2 Feb	
Auburn Automobile, com 25	-----	53	53	200	41 1/2	Mar 73 Mar	
Babcock & Wilcox Co. 100	-----	116 1/2	116 1/2	50	114	Apr 149 Jan	
Balaban & Katz com v t c. 25	-----	63	63	50	63	Sept 70 1/2 June	
Beaverboard Cos, pref 100	-----	40	40	100	34	Mar 45 Aug	
Bell Tel of Pa, 6 1/2% pref. 100	-----	111 1/2	111 1/2	20	111	July 113 July	
Blackstone V G & E, com. 50	-----	97	102 1/2	1,000	90 1/2	Apr 118 1/2 Jan	
Blaw & Knox Co, com. 25	-----	77	80	100	50 1/2	Apr 80 Sept	
Bliss (E W) & Co, com. *	-----	24 1/2	21 1/2	3,900	16 1/2	May 25 1/2 Feb	
Blyn Shoes Inc com. 10	-----	3 1/2	3 1/2	200	3 1/2	Sept 3 1/2 Feb	
Borden Company. 50	-----	95	95	2,600	91 1/2	Mar 110 Jan	
Bradley Fireproof Prod. 1	-----	53c	53c	100	50c	May 1 1/2 Jan	
Bridgeton Machine, com. *	-----	6 1/2	6 1/2	200	6	Sept 15 1/2 Jan	
Brill Corp (new), class A. *	-----	32	32	806	32	Sept 57 1/2 Jan	
Class B. *	-----	13	13	500	13	Sept 33 Jan	
Brit-Amer Tob ord bear. 1	-----	23	23 1/2	1,800	21 1/2	July 31 1/2 June	
Brooklyn Mot Trk, com. *	-----	41 1/2	42 1/2	300	24 1/2	Apr 42 1/2 Sept	
Brooklyn City RR. 10	-----	7	6 1/2	4,900	6 1/2	Sept 9 1/2 Feb	
Bucyrus Co com. 100	-----	230	230	50	179	Jan 335 Feb	
Buifn'g & East Pow, com. *	-----	30	30 1/2	200	23 1/2	July 38 1/2 Jan	
Preferred. 100	-----	25	25	200	24	Feb 31 1/2 July	
Burdines, Inc, com. 100	-----	15	15	100	15	Sept 15 1/2 Jan	
Celluloid Co, com. 100	-----	15	15	240	15	Feb 26 Apr	
Preferred. 100	-----	68	68	100	51	Feb 75 Aug	
Celotex Co, com. 100	-----						

Other Oil Stocks (Concluded)	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Bonds (Concluded)—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.		Low.	High.		
Sapulpa Refining.....5	20 1/4	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	75c	June	1 1/2	Sept	98 1/2	98 1/2	5,000	97 1/4	July	98 1/2	Sept
Shreveport El Dorado P L 25	19 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	100	11	Jan	22 1/2	Aug	89	89	9,000	83	Apr	89 1/2	Aug
Tidal Osage voting stock.*	18 1/2	17 1/2	20	11,900	7 1/2	Apr	25	Sept	97 1/2	98 1/2	137,000	90 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	Sept
Non-voting stock.*	18 1/2	16 1/2	19 1/2	8,400	8 1/4	May	22 1/2	Sept	100	100	4,000	98	Jan	101 1/2	Jan
Tide Water Assoc Oil.....	23	22	24	29,400	21	Apr	27 1/2	Mar	93 1/2	93 1/2	64,000	93	Mar	95 1/2	Feb
Preferred.....100	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	2,500	97 1/2	Mar	99 1/2	Mar	93 1/2	93 1/2	104	103 1/2	July	105	Jan
Venezuelan Petroleum.....	6	5 1/2	6 1/2	4,700	4 1/2	Jan	7 1/2	Mar	103 1/2	107 1/2	1,000	103 1/2	July	108 1/2	Jan
Witkop Oil & Gas new.....*	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	5,000	22	Mar	36 1/2	June	107 1/2	107 1/2	1,000	106 1/2	May	105 1/2	Apr
Woodley Petroleum Corp.*	8	8	8 1/2	1,000	4 1/2	May	9 1/2	Sept	100	100	70,000	93 1/2	Mar	103 1/2	Aug
"Y" Oil & Gas.....1	22c	21c	27c	36,000	5c	Jan	35c	May	99	98 1/2	274,000	97 1/2	July	99 1/2	May
Lons Isld Ltz Co 6s.....1945	101 1/2	101 1/2	102	14,000	101 1/2	July	101 1/2	July	96	96 1/2	29,000	94 1/2	Apr	98	Apr
Manitoba Power 5 1/2s.....1951	96	96	96 1/2	29,000	96	July	96 1/2	Aug	99 1/2	99 1/2	44,000	94	May	101	June
Mansfield Min & Smelting (Germany) 7s.....1941	99 1/2	99	99 1/2	44,000	94	May	101	June	102	102 1/2	39,000	99 1/2	Jan	103 1/2	Jan
Mass Gas Cos 5 1/2s.....1940	102	102	102 1/2	39,000	102	Jan	102 1/2	Jan	99 1/2	99 1/2	9,000	99	Sept	99 1/2	Sept
McCallum Hosiery 6 1/2s '41	92 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	55,000	92 1/2	July	93 1/2	July	92 1/2	92 1/2	55,000	92 1/2	July	93 1/2	July
Missouri Pacific RR 5s '27	100	100	100 1/2	4,000	100	Jan	100 1/2	Jan	97 1/2	97 1/2	36,000	97	July	98 1/2	Aug
Montgomery Ward 5s.....1946	97 1/2	97 1/2	98	102 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	23,000	102 1/2	97	97	2,000	95	June	99	Jan
Morris & Co 7 1/2s.....1930	102 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	23,000	102 1/2	Sept	105 1/2	Apr	98 1/2	98 1/2	41,000	98	Aug	98 1/2	Sept
Nat Dist Prod 6 1/2s.....1945	97	97	97	2,000	95	June	99	Jan	93 1/2	94	54,000	93 1/2	Aug	95 1/2	Aug
Nat Pow & Light 6s A 2026	98 1/2	98	98 1/2	41,000	98	Aug	98 1/2	Aug	93	93	28,000	91 1/2	June	99	June
Nevada-Cali Elec 6s.....1956	93 1/2	93	94	54,000	93 1/2	Aug	93 1/2	Aug	100 1/2	100 1/2	57,000	100	Aug	101	Sept
Nevada Cons 5s.....1941	93	93	94	28,000	91 1/2	June	99	June	100 1/2	100 1/2	20,000	108	Mar	104 1/2	Jan
New Or Tex & M RR 5s '56	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	57,000	100	Aug	101 1/2	Jan	102 1/2	102 1/2	108	104 1/2	Jan	104 1/2	Jan
Nor States Pow 6 1/2s.....1933	111	111	113 1/2	20,000	102 1/2	Feb	102 1/2	Feb	97 1/2	97 1/2	15,000	94	Jan	101 1/2	Jan
Ohio Power 6s Ser B.....1952	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	15,000	94	Jan	95 1/2	Jan	99	99	16,000	97 1/2	June	100	June
4 1/2s Series D.....1956	89 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2	97,000	80 1/2	Aug	93 1/2	Aug	100 1/2	100 1/2	3,000	100	Jan	103 1/2	Jan
Ohio River Edison 5s.....1951	95 1/2	95 1/2	96	265,000	94 1/2	June	96 1/2	Aug	103 1/2	103 1/2	160,000	93 1/2	Sept	99	June
Oklahoma Natural Gas 6s.....1941	99	99	99	42,000	99	Sept	99 1/2	Sept	100 1/2	100 1/2	181,000	99 1/2	Apr	105	July
Otis Steel 6s.....1941	95	94 1/2	95 1/2	160,000	93 1/2	Sept	99	June	96	96	11,000	94	Mar	97	July
Pan Amer Petrol 6s.....1940	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	181,000	99 1/2	Apr	105	July	96	96	3,000	96	Mar	98 1/2	Feb
Park Ave Bldg, Mayfair House, N. Y. 6s.....1940	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	3,000	100 1/2	May	102 1/2	May	99	99	3,000	96	Mar	98 1/2	Feb
Park & Tilford 6s.....1936	96	96	96	3,000	96	Mar	98 1/2	Mar	99 1/2	99 1/2	5,000	97 1/2	Mar	100	May
Penn-Ohio Edison 6s.....1950	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	87,000	98	Apr	98 1/2	Apr	99	99	16,000	97 1/2	June	100	June
Penn-Del Cement 6s.....1941	99	99	99 1/2	2,000	99	Sept	99 1/2	Sept	99	99 1/2	5,000	97 1/2	Mar	100	May
Penn Pow & Light 6s A 2026	99	99	99 1/2	16,000	97 1/2	June	100	June	100 1/2	100 1/2	3,000	100	Jan	103 1/2	Jan
5s series D.....1953	99	99	99 1/2	16,000	97 1/2	June	100	June	100 1/2	100 1/2	8,000	96	May	102 1/2	Jan
Phila Electric Co 6s.....1941	107	107	107	3,000	106	Jan	108 1/2	Jan	101	101	138,000	96 1/2	Jan	101	Sept
Phila Elec Pow 5 1/2s.....1972	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	173,000	100 1/2	Mar	103 1/2	Mar	100 1/2	100 1/2	6,000	97 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Jan
Phila Rapid Tran 6s.....1962	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	6,000	97 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	101 1/2	82,000	98	Aug	99 1/2	June
Pub Serv Corp N J 5 1/2s '56	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	82,000	98	Aug	99 1/2	Aug	103 1/2	103 1/2	26,000	102 1/2	Jan	104 1/2	Aug
Pure Oil Co 6 1/2s.....1933	103 1/2	103	104	26,000	102 1/2	Jan	104 1/2	Jan	114	115	3,000	101 1/2	Jan	118	Jan
Rand-Kardex Bur 6 1/2s '31	114	114	115	3,000	101 1/2	Jan	102 1/2	Jan	95 1/2	96 1/2	11,000	94	Mar	97	July
Sauda Falls Co 5s.....1955	95 1/2	95 1/2	96	11,000	94	Mar	97 1/2	July	93 1/2	93 1/2	229,000	91 1/2	Aug	93 1/2	Sept
Saxon Public Wks 6 1/2s.....1951	93 1/2	93	93 1/2	229,000	93	Aug	93 1/2	Aug	94 1/2	94 1/2	10,000	92	Apr	95 1/2	Apr
Schulte R E Co 6s.....1935	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	10,000	92	Apr	95 1/2	Apr	99 1/2	99 1/2	10,000	85	Apr	90	July
6s without com stk.....1935	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	10,000	92	Apr	95 1/2	Apr	101 1/2	101 1/2	60,000	99 1/2	Apr	109	June
Servel Corp 6s.....1931	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	60,000	99 1/2	Apr	101 1/2	Apr	100	100	8,000	96	May	102 1/2	Jan
Shawshen Mills 7s.....1931	101	100 1/2	101	138,000	96 1/2	Jan	101	Sept	101 1/2	101 1/2	19,000	94	Jan	102 1/2	Sept
Siemens & Halske 7s.....1928	101	101 1/2	102	19,000	94	Jan	95 1/2	Sept	102 1/2	102 1/2	10,000	102	Jan	103 1/2	Jan
7s.....1935	101 1/2	101 1/2	102	19,000	94	Jan	95 1/2	Sept	103 1/2	103 1/2	1,000	101 1/2	Aug	104 1/2	May
Silesian-American 7s.....1941	95	94 1/2	95 1/2	518,000	94 1/2	Sept	95 1/2	Sept	94 1/2	94 1/2	10,000	102	Jan	103 1/2	Jan
Sloss Sheffield S & T 6s.....1929	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	10,000	102	Jan	103 1/2	Jan	94 1/2	94 1/2	174,000	89	Mar	95 1/2	June
Solvay & Cie 6s.....1934	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	1,000	101 1/2	Aug	104 1/2	May	94 1/2	94 1/2	11,000	96 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Jan
Southeast P & L 6s.....2025	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	174,000	89	Mar	95 1/2	June	97 1/2	97 1/2	11,000	96 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Jan
Without warrants.....	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	174,000	89	Mar	95 1/2	June	97 1/2	97 1/2	11,000	96 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Jan
Sou Calif Edison 5s.....1944	101	101	101	11,000	97 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	105 1/2	34,000	105 1/2	Jan	107 1/2	Jan
Stand Oil of N Y 6 1/2s.....1923	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	34,000	105 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	Jan	102	104	5,000	102	Sept	120	Jan
Star Motor of Am 7 1/2s '37	102	102	104	5,000	102	Sept	102	Sept	99 1/2	99 1/2	12,000	97 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	June
Sun Oil 5 1/2s.....1939	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	12,000	97 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	Apr	97 1/2	97 1/2	61,000	96	Jan	98 1/2	Apr
Swift & Co 5s Oct 15 1932	97 1/2	97 1/2	98	61,000	96 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	Apr	101 1/2	101 1/2	27,000	93	Jan	102 1/2	Jan
Thyssen (Aus) I & S 7s.....1930	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	27,000	93	Jan	102 1/2	Jan	104	104	13,000	103 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	Jan
Tidal-Osage Oil 7s.....1931	104	104	104	13,000	103 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	Jan	96	97	13,000	91	June	99	May
Trans-Cont'l Oil 7s.....1930	96	96	97	13,000	91	June	99 1/2	May	91 1/2	91 1/2	43,000	84	May	91 1/2	Sept
United Elec Westphal Power Corp (Germany) 6 1/2s '50	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	43,000	84	May	91 1/2	Sept	99	99	1,000	30	Aug	45	Feb
United Oil Prod 8s.....1931	99	99	100	109 1/2	98 1/2	Jan	112 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	101 1/2	7,000	100 1/2	Mar	102 1/2	Mar
United Rys of Hav 7 1/2s '36	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	7,000	105 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	Jan	102	102	20,000	101	July	102 1/2	Jan
U S Rubber 6 1/2s.....1937	101	101	102 1/2	20,000	101	July	102 1/2	Jan	102	102	3,000	101	Aug	103 1/2	Apr
United Steel Wks Burach Serial 6 1/2s notes.....1929	102	102	102 1/2	1,500	101	July	102 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	101 1/2	15,000	101	Sept	102 1/2	Jan
Serial 6 1/2s notes.....1930	101 1/2	101 1/2</													

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we complete our summary of the earnings for the second week of September:

Second Week of September.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	\$ 358,900	\$ 369,422		\$ 10,522
Canadian National	5,130,105	5,077,516	52,589	
Canadian Pacific	3,822,000	4,049,000		227,000
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	98,921	121,433		22,512
Georgia & Florida	44,900	47,100		2,200
Great Northern	3,257,000	3,180,172	76,828	
Mobile & Ohio	368,782	400,649		31,867
Minneapolis & St Louis	342,818	439,425		96,607
Mineral Range	5,215	5,162	53	
Nevada-California-Oregon	11,392	12,411		1,019
Southern Railway System	4,053,085	4,196,578		143,493
St Louis Southwestern	482,300	555,433		73,133
St Louis San Francisco	1,967,581	2,060,592		103,011
Texas & Pacific	652,591	769,350		116,759
Western Maryland	532,282	397,442	134,840	
Total (15 roads)	21,117,872	21,681,685	264,310	828,123
Net decrease (2.66%)				563,813

For the third week of September only one road has as yet reported earnings. Its figures are as follows:

Third Week of September.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	384,853	367,423	15,430	

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

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
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
3d week July (15 roads)	19,558,751	18,149,032	+1,409,719	7.82
4th week July (15 roads)	28,153,394	26,762,794	+1,390,600	5.19
1st week Aug. (15 roads)	19,791,756	18,665,206	+1,126,550	6.03
2d week Aug. (14 roads)	23,509,600	22,158,613	+1,350,987	6.09
3d week Aug. (15 roads)	20,284,661	19,377,682	+906,979	4.68
4th week Aug. (15 roads)	29,857,268	28,327,016	+1,530,252	5.40
1st week Sept (15 roads)	19,862,065	19,068,090	+793,975	2.99
2d week Sept. (15 roads)	21,117,872	21,681,685	-563,813	2.66

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.
Aug.	\$ 554,559,318	\$ 507,537,554	+47,021,764	\$ 166,558,666	\$ 134,737,211	+31,821,455
Sept.	564,443,591	540,063,587	+24,381,004	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.	523,041,764	504,460,580	+18,581,184	134,445,634	124,090,958	+10,354,676
Jan.	480,062,657	484,022,695	-3,960,038	102,270,877	101,323,883	+946,994
Feb.	459,227,310	454,198,055	+5,029,255	99,480,650	99,518,658	-38,008
March	528,905,183	485,236,559	+43,668,624	139,642,754	109,081,102	+24,561,652
April	498,448,309	472,629,820	+25,818,489	114,685,151	102,920,855	+11,764,296
May	516,467,480	487,952,182	+28,515,298	128,581,586	112,904,074	+15,677,512
June	538,758,797	506,124,672	+32,634,035	149,492,478	130,920,896	+18,571,582
July	555,471,276	521,596,191	+33,875,085	161,070,612	139,644,601	+21,426,011

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been 1925—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.; June, 14.18% inc.; July, 15.35% inc.

In August the length of road covered was 236,750 miles in 1925, against 236,546 miles in 1924; in September, 236,752 miles, against 236,587 miles; in October, 236,724 miles, against 236,564 miles; in November, 236,726 miles, against 235,917 miles; in December, 236,959 miles, against 236,057 miles; in January 1926, 236,944 miles, against 236,599 miles in 1925; in February, 236,839 miles, against 236,529 miles; in March, 236,774 miles, against 236,500 miles; in April, 236,518 miles, against 236,526 miles; in May, 236,833 miles, against 236,858 miles; in June, 236,510 miles, against 236,243 miles; in July, 236,885 miles, against 235,348 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.	1926.	1925.
Ann Arbor—						
August	494,532	515,383			97,432	108,367
From Jan 1	3,815,308	3,757,776			852,204	937,540
Central Vermont—						
August	811,271	789,925	166,396	186,762	147,270	167,667
From Jan 1	5,957,466	5,602,886	884,105	392,140	731,164	238,844
Chicago & Alton—						
August	2,953,625	2,856,037			*505,712	*519,950
From Jan 1	20,363,916	19,868,462			*2,126,509	*2,653,589
Chicago Great Western—						
August	2,376,111	2,290,774			610,936	600,656
From Jan 1	16,372,148	15,476,024			3,248,218	2,391,232
Delaware Lackawanna & Western—						
August	7,909,773	7,655,229			*2,078,894	*1,733,499
From Jan 1	57,319,906	59,002,003			*12,009,542	*11,391,602
Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville—						
August	93,656	106,804	29,626	36,853	21,786	29,014
From Jan 1	815,467	852,810	279,683	280,238	216,963	217,511
Kansas City Southern (incl Texarkana & Ft Smith)—						
August	1,878,798	1,836,570	628,773	606,088	505,178	495,986
From Jan 1	14,638,934	13,788,461	5,029,403	4,111,692	4,031,045	3,226,856
Monongahela Connecting—						
August	190,698	158,521	60,532	26,121	49,542	22,096
From Jan 1	1,494,404	1,441,562	378,394	214,943	319,857	178,301
New Orleans Great Northern—						
August	285,110	245,959	91,019	82,172	70,339	67,153
From Jan 1	2,088,522	1,903,333	657,365	564,250	503,598	408,301
New York Chicago & St Louis—						
August	4,718,826	4,677,896	1,264,347	1,320,172	998,073	1,075,246
From Jan 1	36,096,115	35,525,062	9,736,524	9,682,981	7,690,103	7,071,554
Min St Paul & Sault Ste Marie Ry Co—						
August	2,346,198	2,486,568	530,399	713,283	353,430	535,557
From Jan 1	16,764,986	16,848,598	3,350,182	3,412,181	2,115,682	2,163,916

	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Montour—						
August	118,412	64,481	14,607	-5,051	7,997	-8,820
From Jan 1	642,680	677,398	-64,547	-29,420	-93,267	-64,103
Pittsburgh & West Virginia—						
August	451,596	440,999			156,982	137,127
From Jan 1	3,325,123	3,140,196			929,758	828,646
Southern Pacific System—						
August	26,918,089	25,469,453	8,735,271	7,730,959	*6,311,729	*5,531,973
From Jan 1 1923-2003	18,749,973	18,749,973	48,332,100	48,332,100	10,914,236*	24,348,088
The Pullman Co—						
July	7,375,673	7,562,378	1,708,549	2,578,402	1,275,078	2,104,981
From Jan 1	47,301,744	45,470,004	8,332,208	9,351,906	5,812,901	6,940,325
Union Pacific System—						
August	20,025,637	18,161,823	7,293,544	5,079,913	6,051,888	4,103,828
From Jan 1 127943,170	117293,707	34,104,898	29,111,888	29,111,888	24,050,582	19,863,986
Wabash—						
August	6,460,685	6,134,213			*1,492,090	*1,454,198
From Jan 1	46,490,741	44,906,912			*9,061,438	*8,737,160
Western Maryland—						
August	2,226,118	1,771,126	701,955	611,315	606,955	546,315
From Jan 1	15,001,022	12,921,025	4,533,855	3,918,859	3,878,855	3,408,859
Wisconsin Central Ry Co—						
August	1,947,823	1,973,478	590,098	637,493	510,764	545,303
From Jan 1	13,347,636	13,289,628	2,825,447	3,204,319	2,162,767	2,468,835

					Total Net	Fixed	Balance.
					Income.	Charges.	\$
Fonda Johnstown & Gloversv	Aug '26	*35,031			31,834		3,197
	'25	*43,633			31,456		12,177
From Jan 1 to Aug 31	'26	*265,857			257,916		7,941
	'25	*259,665			255,727		3,938
Western Maryland	Aug '26	*570,346			251,932		318,414
	'25	*555,989			251,281		304,708
From Jan 1 to Aug 31	'26	*3,666,566			1,985,763		1,680,803
	'25	*3,123,593			2,024,599		1,098,994

* 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.
Alabama Power Co	Aug 1,050,848	1,082,929	*518,941	*439,126
12 mos ended Aug 31	12,818,958	10,448,907	*6,047,606	*4,995,515
Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co, Ltd	Aug 3,476,995	2,805,346	1,962,354	1,585,830
12 mos ended Aug 31	26,034,604	19,273,760	14,891,080	11,020,919
cSouthwest Pr & Lt Co	July 1,235,998	1,142,687	*577,250	*535,962
12 mos ended July 31	14,866,275	13,778,992	*7,168,472	*6,679,911

* After taxes. c Earnings of subsidiary companies only.

Companies.									
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co	Aug '26	138,445	76,567	29,233	47,334				
	'25	131,329	66,364	27,127	39,237				
12 mos ended Aug 31	'26	1,657,975	865,422	328,370	537,052				
	'25	1,552,520	822,333	312,429	509,904				
Bklyn City RR Co	Aug '26	890,373	112,668	46,984	65,684				
	'25	904,853	140,326	59,311	81,015				
2 mos ended Aug 31	'26	1,829,063	266,778	94,433	166,245				
	'25	1,829,316	315,236	117,207	198,029				
B M T Corp	Aug '26	3,830,682	*						

Companies.	Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ohio Edison Company	Aug '26 131,313	50,299		
	'25 107,992	36,743		
12 mos ended Aug 31	'26 1,741,189	730,585	85,637	644,948
	'25 1,496,533	581,349	111,090	470,259
Pacific Pr & Lt Co	July '26 298,828	*134,431	69,967	64,464
	'25 286,383	*123,120	64,245	58,775
12 mos ended July 31	'26 3,717,373	*1,708,571	801,031	907,540
	'25 3,308,221	*1,430,030	768,536	661,494
Phila & Western Ry Co	Aug '26 70,844	327,190	415,296	11,264
	'25 75,461	311,651	415,920	15,731
Portland Electric Power Co	Aug '26 923,866	329,030	205,342	123,688
	'25 859,162	315,829	205,624	110,205
12 mos ended Aug 31	'26 11,437,754	4,562,148	2,466,747	2,095,401
	'25 10,944,224	4,378,801	2,436,107	1,942,694
Portland Gas & Coke Co	July '26 325,297	*125,113	55,084	70,029
	'25 321,670	*125,335	46,836	78,499
12 mos ended July 31	'26 4,098,932	*1,476,157	618,041	858,116
	'25 3,957,585	*1,427,955	496,782	931,173
Republic Railway & Light Co	Aug '26 1,023,623	381,845	338,385	43,460
	'25 854,316	295,872	275,961	19,111
12 mos ended Aug 31	'26 12,150,492	4,971,797	3,607,346	1,364,451
	'25 10,926,665	3,555,327	2,791,569	763,758
Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co	Aug '26 219,263	82,086		
	'25 207,161	82,415		
12 mos ended Aug 31	'26 2,820,681	1,166,021	399,756	766,265
	'25 2,632,035	1,033,321	416,631	616,690
Tennessee Elec Power Co (incl Nashv Ry & Light Co)	Aug '26 936,746	407,455		
	'25 896,569	304,023		
12 mos ended Aug 31	'26 11,865,020	5,334,006	2,231,886	3,102,120
	'25 10,791,659	4,908,154	2,166,865	2,741,289
Texas Power & Light Co	July '26 554,919	*209,285	88,396	120,889
	'25 503,027	*188,447	83,212	105,235
12 mos ended July 31	'26 7,234,157	*3,003,258	1,010,887	1,992,371
	'25 6,624,322	*2,990,311	931,928	2,058,383
Utah Power & Light Co	July '26 846,245	*469,092	176,926	292,166
	'25 795,488	*414,101	177,249	236,852
12 mos ended July 31	'26 10,256,969	*5,689,964	2,127,275	3,562,689
	'25 9,602,030	*5,218,427	2,139,709	3,078,718
Washington Water Power Co	Aug '26 519,026	264,104	47,772	216,332
	'25 513,706	309,311	64,276	245,035
8 mos ended Aug 31	'26 3,988,994	2,338,989	354,391	1,984,598
	'25 3,672,398	1,984,598	448,501	1,702,426
York Utilities Co	Aug '26 14,642	*-1,010	3,703	-4,712
	'25 14,523	*-1,108	4,037	-4,205
12 mos ended Aug 31	'26 137,671	*1,708	330,997	-28,889
	'25 126,120	*1,555	332,686	-21,131

* Includes other incomes. c After depreciation. e Including amortization of debt discount and expense. j Before taxes. k Includes taxes. l Includes guaranteed dividends on stock of subsidiary companies. * Includes other income. b After rents. z Includes dividends on Nashville Ry. & Light Co. pref. stock not owned by the Tennessee Electric Co. y Fixed charges prior to Feb. 1 1925 have been computed for comparative purpose to include interest of the Northern Ohio Power Co. for expired periods of 1925 and include interest charges and dividends on outstanding preferred stock of subsidiary companies.

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Hendler Creamery Co.	1512	Potomaska Mills (New Bedford)	1391
Household Products, Inc.	1513	Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc.	1515
Independent Oil & Gas Co.	1513	Real Silk Hosiery Mills.	1516
Indian Refining Co., Inc.	1245	Reid Ice Cream Corp.	1391
Interstate Iron & Steel Co.	1388	Replogle Steel Co.	1124
Iron Cap Copper Co.	1121	St. Joseph Lead Co.	1516
Jewel Tea Co., Inc.	1122	Schulte Retail Stores Corp.	1124
(B. F.) Keith Corp.	1122	Schumacher Wall Board Corp.	1124
Kelsey Wheel Co., Inc.	1121, 1256	(Bernard) Schwartz Cigar Corp.	1125, 1259
(F. R.) Kinney Co.	1513	(The) Serval Corp. (Del.)	1498
Laurentide Company, Ltd.	1379	Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.	1516
Leslie Co., Lyndhurst, N. J.	1129	Shawsheen Mills.	1391
Lion Oil Refining Co.	1256	Shreveport-El Dorado Pipe Line.	1259
(The) Liquid Carbonic Corp.	1122	Singer Manufacturing Co.	1516
McCallum Hosiery Co.	1513	'Sinia Viscosa,' Turin, Italy.	1392
McCull Bros., Ltd., Toronto, Ont.	1122	Southern Dairies, Inc.	1516
McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.	1389	Spanish River Pulp & Paper Mills.	1260
(R. H.) Macy & Co., N. Y. City.	1389	Sperry Flour Co.	1393
(H. R.) Mallinson & Co., Inc.	1123	(C. G.) Spring & Bumper Co.	1125
Mary Lee Candy Shops, Inc.	1256	Standard Milling Co.	1246
Mexican Petroleum Co.	1514	Stanley-Rowland-Clark Corp.	1516
Miller Rubber Co., Akron, O.	1257	Stromberg Carbuoretor Co. of Amer.	1125
Morgan Properties Co.	1123	Sullivan-Smithfield Co. (Phila.)	1260
Morgan's, Inc.	1123	Telautograph Corp.	1125
Mortgage-Bond Co. (New York)	1257	Tidal Osage Oil Co.	1125
Motor Wheel Corp.	1258	(The) Torrington Co. (of Conn.)	1498
Murray Body Corp.	1257	Transcontinental Oil Co.	1517
National Tea Co.	1123	Trumbull-Vanderpool Elec. Mfg.	1260
New England Oil Refining Co.	1390	Union Tank Car Co.	1126
New England Southern Mills.	1123	United States Dairy Products Corp.	1517
North Atlantic Oyster Farms.	1258	Universal Leaf Tobacco Co.	1261, 1392
Oil Well Supply Co.	1258	Universal Pictures Co., Inc.	1517
165 Broadway Building (Benenss)	1124	Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corp.	1244
Corp., New York)	1124	Walcen Detinning Co.	1261
Walworth Co.	1261, 1393	Walworth Co.	1261, 1393
Orpheum Circuit Co., Inc.	1390	Wanner Malleable Castings Co.	1517
Ost Steel Co.	1124, 1515	Ward Baking Corp.	1517
Pacific Coast Biscuit Co.	1515	Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.	1517
Pan-American Petrol. & Trans. Co.	1124	Washburn-Crosby Co.	1246
Pandem Oil Corp.	1390	(C. F.) Weber & Co.	1393
Paragon Refining Co.	1258	White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.	1517
Park Utah Consolidated Mines	1259	Williams Oil-O-Matic Heat'g Corp.	1517
(David) Pender Grocery Co.	1124	Woodley Petroleum Co.	1517
Penick & Ford, Ltd., Inc.	1378	Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co.	1126

The Pullman Company.

(51st Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ending July 31 1926.)

Pres. E. F. Carry, Chicago, Sept. 20, wrote in substance:

Gross receipts from the operation of sleeping and parlor cars for the year amounted to \$90,831,275, making it the largest year in the history of the company from the point of total receipts and number of cars operated. An important factor in this result was the greatly increased long haul convention and vacation travel to the Pacific Coast and unusually heavy travel to southern points.

The records and experience of over half a century show the service life of a Pullman car to be approximately 20 years. Therefore, company uses an annual depreciation rate of 5% of the original cost to provide for the retirement of equipment. The sleeping car business is a highly specialized and exacting one and obsolescence is a vital factor in depreciation and also in standard of service.

In the period of six years and five months which has elapsed since the property was released (March 1 1920) from Federal control, the sum of \$81,473,101 has been invested in new equipment. During the year just closed, \$17,274,313 of this amount was expended for the 546 new cars added to company's equipment, and still company's facilities have been taken to their limit. Company has been able to finance this expansion of its facilities to meet the requirements of the railroads and of the traveling public, without issuing interest-bearing obligations.

Company is giving exceptionally high-grade service to the public at decidedly low rates. While the service has been steadily improved and has more than kept pace with modern requirements, the rates are only 20% higher (increased granted May 1 1920) than they were over half a century ago. The cost of operating company's cars has increased more than 60% over the pre-war period (labor alone advancing approximately 100%). It would be difficult, if not impossible, to find any other extensive undertakings which furnish such up-to-date service with so negligible an advance over pre-war prices. The ability of the company to furnish improved service with such a relatively small increase in its rates compared with so large an increase in cost of operations is due to its ability to co-ordinate and unify throughout the country the operation and maintenance of its equipment.

Government securities and cash held in the treasury at the close of the year amounted to \$25,471,608. In addition company's holdings of other bonds, stock and equipment trust notes, exclusive of the stock of the Pullman Car & Mfg. Corp., which is shown separately, had a book value of \$7,679,453 and a sound market value greatly in excess of that amount, or a total value of more than \$34,000,000.

The fiscal year of the Pullman Car & Mfg. Corp. does not coincide with that of the Pullman Co., but for the 12-month period which ended July 31 1926 the Manufacturing corporation has furnished a statement showing net earnings of \$6,826,599 after all charges. Out of these earnings Pullman Co. has received, as the sole stockholder of the Manufacturing corporation (exclusive of directors' shares), the sum of \$2,999,970 as dividends, which is at the rate of 6%. Company's business with the Manufacturing corporation approximates about one-third of that company's output.

As of July 31 1926 the Pullman Car & Mfg. Corp. had in its treasury \$19,482,410 of cash and Government securities, and \$2,868,156 of equipment trust notes and other securities, a total of \$22,350,566.

During the fiscal year just closed 36,231,488 revenue passengers were carried in Pullman cars, an increase of 1,716,223 over the preceding year. These passengers traveled in the aggregate during the year 14,479,249,784 miles (an increase of 1,056,938,251 miles in the year), or an average distance of 400 miles per passenger, an increase of 11 miles per passenger over the preceding year. The daily average of Pullman travel is approaching the 100,000 mark, the average of 99,264 for the year just closed being an increase of 4,702 over the preceding 12 months.

The handling of this vast volume of travel was made possible only by the greatest efficiency in the manipulation of the various equipment units, as indicated by the fact that each Pullman car operated during the year traveled an average distance of 154,100 miles, or approximately 422 miles per day. The average annual mileage per car operated increased 4,460 miles—equal to a daily increase of over 12 miles.

The gross revenue as a result of car operation was \$90,831,275. Of this amount, \$70,739,062 was spent in conducting the business, \$9,701,867 was paid to the railroads as their share of Pullman revenue (this does not include surcharge payments which amounted to \$40,000,000), leaving as the net result of sleeping and parlor car operations for the year the sum of \$10,390,406.

This net income of \$10,390,406 was equivalent to approximately 29c. for each revenue passenger carried; 7c. for each revenue passenger carried 100 miles, or 7-100ths of a cent per passenger mile, and only \$3 28 per day for each car owned by the company. It represents a net return of not more than 5% on a fair value of the properties used in conducting the carrier business of the company.

"Housekeeping" supplies for the operation of Pullman cars last year cost \$2,273,031. Over 4,000,000 pieces of linen were purchased, including 1,876,681 hand towels, 875,248 sheets and 976,834 pillow slips. Notwithstanding an extension of company-owned laundries, by which it effects a substantial saving over commercial prices, its laundry bill for the year amounted to \$3,314,701. Material used in car cleaning cost \$258,743.

Current depreciation on cars is not sufficient to meet the present-day cost of new equipment to replace cars retired because of wear and obsolescence, and an appropriation of \$1,000,000 has been set aside to meet the increased cost.

Because of the increase in the number of cars operated, it has become necessary to provide additional facilities for keeping cars up to Pullman standard. In order to expedite repairs and maintenance, and to reduce

costs, a repair and maintenance shop is under construction at Atlanta, Ga., to cost approximately \$1,000,000; and company's shop at Chicago (Calumet plant) is being extended and its facilities improved at an expenditure of \$1,250,000.

Directors have also appropriated \$1,000,000 as an addition to the pension reserve. The sum of \$205,368 was distributed in pensions during the year.

In addition to the pension disbursements, company paid out during the year, under its death benefit plan, the sum of \$212,236 to widows and dependents of deceased employees. The pension and death benefit plans do not require any contribution on the part of employees.

Company's plan of employee representation has been amplified and extended, and continues to function to the satisfaction of employer and employees. During the year a new wage agreement, bringing to porters and maids an advance of \$1,000,000 per annum, was negotiated by the elected representatives of the porters and maids and representatives of the management.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED JULY 31.

	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Earnings of cars	\$90,831,275	\$83,927,749	\$81,240,688	\$76,906,665
Other income	5,906,205	6,390,570	7,904,426	5,967,678
Gross income	\$96,737,480	\$90,318,319	\$89,145,114	\$82,874,343
Oper. expenses & taxes	x\$61,590,833	\$58,016,270	\$57,286,330	\$50,548,901
Depreciation of cars	9,148,169	7,954,685	7,264,565	7,004,633
Reserve for defer. maint.				3,000,000
Propor'n of rev. accr. to railroad companies under oper'g agreement	9,701,867	8,575,388	8,991,156	8,433,239
Reserve for pensions	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Reserve for excess cost of replacement of cars	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Add'n to res'v for depr'n				y670,633
Dividends (8%)	10,749,894	10,738,872	10,703,221	10,799,852
Balance, surplus	\$3,546,717	\$3,033,104	\$2,899,842	\$2,417,084

x Includes maintenance, \$20,272,080; conducting car operations, \$34,126,430; general expenses, \$2,890,652, and taxes, \$4,301,671. y Addition to reserve for depreciation to complete provision for depreciation on cars in service prior to 1910.

PROPERTY ACCOUNT AS OF JULY 31 (SHOWING DEPREC'N. &c.).

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Total number of cars	8,739	8,510	7,791	7,665
Cars and equipment	x196,841,691	184,747,763	162,010,301	152,439,487
Reserve for depreciation		\$1,805,150	73,877,320	74,355,396
Total	196,841,691	102,942,614	88,132,981	78,084,091
Repair shops	x6,368,874	5,762,924	5,500,725	5,314,763
Reserve for depreciation		1,457,896	1,351,246	1,211,983
Total	6,368,874	4,305,027	4,149,478	4,102,780
Pullman Building	x1,138,189	1,133,361	1,120,107	1,099,774
Reserve for depreciation		165,895	147,462	129,029
Total	1,138,189	967,466	972,645	970,745
Other real estate	3,160	1,140	1,140	1,140
Total property acct.	x204,351,915	108,216,247	93,256,244	83,158,756

x At cost. Total depreciation of cars, &c., set aside on July 31 1926 amounted to \$88,549,592.

BALANCE SHEET JULY 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Property acct. (see above)	204,351,915	108,216,247	Capital stock	135,000,000	135,000,000
Oper'g supplies, linen, &c.	8,753,752	8,627,759	Accounts payable	19,381,401	19,781,946
Unexpired insur	113,566	22,846	Accr. dividends	2,688,386	2,684,734
Equip'm't notes	3,790,025	6,457,502	Ins'ce, pension, &c. res.	10,605,340	8,058,367
Securities	3,889,428	4,103,859	Depr. of cars, &c.	88,549,592	29,720,579
Cash & Govt. sec	25,471,608	25,237,669	Net surplus	33,267,296	29,720,579
Bills & accts. rec	6,341,758	5,779,779			
Pullm'g Car&Mfg. Corp. cap. stk	36,779,964	36,779,964			
Total	289,492,016	195,225,626	Total	289,492,016	195,225,626

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1925.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Property & plant	x\$29,236,764	9,810,864	Capital stock	\$50,000,000	4,682,511
Inventories	9,810,864	144,943	Accounts payable	174,579	8,225,359
Unexpired insurance, &c., & deferred charges	144,943	7,472,912	Ins., pension, &c., res.	8,225,359	6,806,564
Notes & accts. receivable	7,472,912	1,085,663	Net surplus	6,806,564	
Equipment trust notes	1,085,663	560,090			
Marketable securities	560,090	20,421,005			
Cash & Govt. bonds	20,421,005	1,156,772			
Invest. in sub. cos	1,156,772				
Total	\$69,889,013		Total (each side)	\$69,889,013	

x Real estate, buildings, machinery, equipment, &c., as appraised by American Appraisal Co., Dec. 31 1922, with subsequent additions at cost, \$43,386,839; less, reserve for depreciation, \$14,150,075.—V. 123, p. 1259.

Brooklyn City Railroad Company.

(72d Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1926.)
[Including Brooklyn City Development Corp.]

Pres. H. Hobart Porter Sept. 22 wrote in substance:

Results—Gross revenues from transportation were \$11,399,374, an increase of \$36,093 as compared with the previous year. Total operating expenses decreased from \$9,077,698 for the previous year to \$8,963,105, a total of \$114,593.

Interest charges showed an increase from \$282,688 to \$500,811, due to the interest on the \$1,627,000 1st consol. mtge. 5% bonds sold on July 1 1925, and the interest on the equip. trust series "A" 5% certificates issued in Jan. 1925. The proceeds from the sale of these securities were used to make payments on account of the new cars, to reimburse the company for expenditures on its shops, to purchase materials and supplies and for other corporate purposes. This increase was in part offset by a reduction in the amount paid for rentals of cars and tracks from \$204,832 to \$79,275, due to the use during a portion of the year of the newly purchased cars in lieu of others previously rented.

The net income available for dividends on the stock of the company was \$1,422,736 as compared with \$1,411,576, an increase of \$11,160. There were declared during the year four dividends of 20 cents per share on the outstanding full shares of 1,600,000 shares of stock, a total of \$1,279,870.

Damage Claims—Charges for injuries to persons and property were greater than the previous year, largely due to the increase in vehicular traffic. The increased cost of injuries and damages is not confined to this company, but is general with all of the surface street railways operating in New York. Every effort is being made to decrease the number of accidents and beginning Aug. 1 1926 a plan was put in effect under which all employees operating their cars for certain periods without an accident will receive a bonus. It is expected that this plan will prove of advantage to the employees, the public and the company.

New Equipment—All the 335 new modern type cars contracted for in 1925 were delivered and placed in operation during the summer and fall of 1925, and with the 200 new cars placed in service during 1923 and 1924 have greatly improved the service rendered the traveling public.

Passengers Carried—During the year 230,355,382 revenue passengers were carried, as compared with 229,613,538 in the preceding year. A higher standard of service was accorded the public, the seat miles per car mile increasing from 45.71 to 47.12.

Joint Maintenance Agreement Terminated—As of Jan. 1 1926 various agreements having to do with the joint expense of maintenance of track, roadway and cars by this company and the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. were terminated by mutual agreement and this company is now doing all such maintenance work itself. It is believed this arrangement will

prove advantageous. The reduction in the maintenance of equipment as compared to previous years is largely due to the newer and more modern type of cars.

Appraisal—Pursuant to order of the Transit Commission dated May 24 1925, the company is proceeding with the inventory and appraisal of its property and it is expected that the same will shortly be completed and ready for presentation.

Sale of Office Building—In April 1926 the general office building on Clinton St., running from Montagu St. to Remsen St. was sold. Under the terms of the sale company has the right to occupy the building for two years from the date of the closing of the title. Negotiations for new office space are under way and it is expected that more desirable offices will be obtained at an advantageous rental prior to the expiration of this two-year period.

Construction Suit—Since the last annual report there has been no change in the status of the so-called "construction suit."

Bus Service—Company jointly with the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. has offered to supply supplemental bus service in the Borough of Brooklyn on terms which the officers believe are more advantageous to the general public than any other suggestion that has been laid before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Passenger revenue	\$11,399,284	\$11,363,196	\$11,774,853	\$11,715,814
Other car revenue	90	85	75	150
Total transp. revenue	\$11,399,374	\$11,363,281	\$11,774,928	\$11,715,964
Advertising & other priv	\$96,666	\$96,000	\$100,818	\$85,871
Rent of land, buildings, tracks, terminals, &c.	181,055	202,882	184,662	182,414
Miscellaneous revenue	821	1,516	2,691	2,004
Total oper. revenue	\$11,677,916	\$11,663,679	\$12,063,099	\$11,986,253
Maint. of way & struc.	\$1,327,310	\$1,407,398	\$1,243,751	\$1,246,177
Maint. of equipment	1,216,428	1,441,866	1,584,102	1,404,316
Power	1,047,849	953,423	1,026,069	1,023,283
Operation of cars	4,219,641	4,143,845	4,111,428	3,865,306
Injuries to person & prop	636,748	583,184	361,893	419,436
General & misc. expenses	515,130	547,982	530,008	512,592
Total oper. expenses	\$8,963,105	\$9,077,698	\$8,857,250	\$8,471,109
Income before taxes	\$2,714,811	\$2,585,981	\$3,205,849	\$3,515,144
Taxes assignable to oper	768,707	775,364	849,553	889,532
Operating income	\$1,946,104	\$1,810,617	\$2,356,296	\$2,625,612
Non-operating income	92,855	101,941	163,160	120,942
Gross income	\$2,038,958	\$1,912,558	\$2,519,456	\$2,836,553
Interest	\$500,811	\$282,688	\$308,158	\$367,493
Rent of cars, tracks, &c.	79,276	204,833	209,578	213,885
Other deductions	36,136	13,461		
Dividends paid	1,279,870	x1,339,855	1,200,000	720,000
Net income	\$142,866	\$71,721	\$810,720	\$1,535,215

x In addition, in Sept. 1924, a stock dividend of 33 1-3% was paid.

CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 (Incl. Brooklyn City Develop't Corp.).

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Fixed capital	a39,895,867	36,220,034	Capital stock	16,000,000	16,000,000
Cash	288,761	652,158	1st cons. mtge. ss.	6,000,000	6,000,000
Deposit with trustee under equip. trust agreement	39,808	3,269,091	Ref. mtge. 4s.	925,000	925,000
Bd. & mtge. owned, gen. office bldg.	600,000		5% equip. tr. cfts.	3,375,000	3,750,000
Special deposits	272,190	227,402	Prov. for pay'ts to city for paving	4,854	43,526
Accts. receivable	82,671	127,830	Interest accrued	87,353	102,439
Prepayments	54,022	27,746	Matured coupons	152,950	112,862
Mat'ls & supplies	475,446		Accounts payable	592,006	227,811
Reacquired secur's: 1st cons. bonds		1,627,000	Unpd. wages & dep	107,119	12,601
Ref. mtge. bds.	400,000	400,000	Matur. divs. unpd	6,675	3,181
Unadjusted debit items	455,731	255,606	Prov. for Federal, State & city tax	b1,213,706	1,222,230
			Notes payable		1,250,000
			Reserves	1,130,410	1,383,441
			Def'd or unadjust. credit items	1,085,543	28,865
			Prop. & liab. leasehold suspense	7,800,000	7,800,000
			Special surplus	1,283,380	1,283,380
			Surplus	2,800,499	2,661,529

Total (each side) \$42,564,496 42,806,867
a Fixed capital: The Brooklyn City RR. Co. at value set by the company April 1 1924, together with additions since that date. b In the provision for Federal, State and city taxes is included \$50,680 in respect of N. Y. State special franchise taxes and interest in dispute.—V. 123, p. 841.

American Ship Building Co.

(27th Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1926.)
INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Gross income, all props., after mfg. expenses	\$2,128,834	\$2,455,165	\$1,316,939	\$2,010,091
Other income	392,515	395,596	390,736	691,228
Total income	\$2,521,349	\$2,850,761	\$1,707,675	\$2,701,319
Deduct—Gen., &c., exps.	490,184	588,791	619,429	637,743
State, county & miscellaneous taxes	238,793	253,884	290,054	303,025
Sundry charges (net)	182,153	169,233	52,499	41,897
Depreciation	424,726	428,306	333,446	505,165
Maintenance & repairs		271,702	341,672	353,843
Net loss sub. co.	35,371			
Fed'l taxes, &c. (est.)		15,000		60,000
Alterations				34,530
Net income for year	\$1,150,122	\$1,123,844	\$70,576	\$765,114
Previous surplus	6,033,231	5,770,711	7,024,758	7,221,388
Miscellaneous credits	242,682	45,781	924,362	453,380
Total	\$7,426,035	\$6,940,336	\$8,019,696	\$8,439,882
Miscellaneous charges	x659,070	557,825	1,016,841	182,981
Prof. dividends (7%)	52,934	54,992	54,992	54,992
Common dividends	(6%)876,864 (2%)294,288 (8)1,177,152 (8)1,177,152			
Prof. & loss bal. for'd.	\$5,837,167	\$6,033,231	\$5,770,711	\$7,024,758

x Includes \$600,000 charged to reduce Type Eleven ships to inventoried value at June 30 1926.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Plants, prop., &c.	6,965,384	7,490,340	Stock, preferred	785,600	785,600
Good-will	5,492,166	5,492,166	Stock, common	14,714,400	14,714,400
Chf. of dep. & int.	1,405,144		Accounts payable	213,580	247,422
Gov't securities	5,193,213	5,294,598	Accr. int., tax, &c.	91,117	97,451
Inventory	1,018,278	539,783	Unpaid pref. divs.	13,132	13,748
Accts & notes rec.	999,506	1,597,408	Unpaid com. stock dividends	292,288	588,576
Cash	1,017,942	1,409,838	Prepaid rentals	821	821
Deferred assets: Bldgs., mach'y, equip'm't, &c.	x739,737	815,250	Reserves: Workmen's comp-pensa'n insur.	354,155	341,566
Prepaid exp. & Treasury stock	106,981	84,742	Est. Fed'l taxes & add. amort.	1,849,932	1,870,922
Completed ships	200,000	800,000	Repairs		

The Cuba Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1926.)

Pres. H. C. Lakin, Aug. 25, wrote as follows:

During the fiscal year there was no change in the land holdings of the company as its ownership of the stocks and debentures of Compania Cubana, but the number of preferred shares of Consolidated Railroads of Cuba owned by the company was decreased from about 92% of the total issue to about 75% and the number of common shares (represented by voting trust certificates) was increased from about 61% to about 94%.

The subsidiary companies made various additions to property investments which are reflected in the condensed balance sheet. Consolidated Railroads of Cuba acquired all the stock of Ferrocarril Esprituanu, a public service railroad extending from a connection with the Cuba RR. at Sancti Spiritus to Tunas de Zaza on the south coast of Cuba, and a considerable amount of equipment (cars and locomotives) has been acquired for use of the railroads. These purchases will be financed by a mortgage of \$1,376,000 covering the Esprituanu RR. and other property. This financing was arranged before the close of the fiscal year, but had not at that date gone into effect. The Esprituanu RR. will eventually be consolidated with Cuba RR. The work of improving the roadbed and track of the Cuba RR. has progressed apace and the Cuba Northern has completed about half of its Santa Clara extension, and done a considerable part of the work on the remainder thereof. It will complete its line into Santa Clara by the end of the calendar year 1927. Altogether the railroads added about \$3,000,000 to their property investments, and Compania Cubana nearly as much. Compania Cubana acquired valuable additional lands and a full complement of rolling stock and made some important permanent improvements to its factories. The plans for development and expansion of Compania Cubana made in 1919 have now been completed, so that its capital expenditures will be small for some time to come. The net increase in reserves for depreciation for all companies was \$1,898,500. The railroads expended in addition in special maintenance work nearly \$650,000 which had previously been set aside as a reserve for that purpose.

The combined income statement reflects the various adverse circumstances affecting Cuban general business during the 12 months, chiefly due to the low price of Cuba's staple crop, sugar. The railroad earnings were also decreased by strikes, by reduction in some freight rates and by the Governmental edict bringing the crop to an abnormally early termination. By the close of the fiscal year, however, labor conditions had become normal and traffic was once more moving freely, thus improving railroad earnings. By increasing the number of bags of sugar produced from 822,149 in 1925 to 888,118 in 1926, Compania Cubana was able to make nearly as good a net showing as in the previous year, in spite of lower prices for both sugar and molasses. The Cuban Governmental restriction on the size of the sugar crop prevented the company from making a crop of nearly 1,000,000 bags, which is the present capacity of the two mills of the company and of their appurtenant cane fields now under cultivation.

The Cuba Company retired through its sinking fund \$250,000 10-year bonds. The railroads retired the regular amount of equip. trust certificates and other installment payments, so that the net funded and other long-term debt was considerably reduced.

Since the close of the fiscal year on June 30 there have been in process several changes in capitalization, which are of interest to the stockholders. Prior to 1924 Cuba Co. had no minority associates in the control of the subsidiary companies, because it and its stockholders owned all their common stocks. Therefore surplus funds of Cuba Co. and its subsidiaries were loaned back and forth interchangeably among the companies. With the formation of Consolidated Railroads of Cuba, various persons became interested in that company who had no interest in Cuba Co. This circumstance raised the natural question whether railroad money ought thenceforth to be loaned for purposes of Compania Cubana or Cuba Co. It so happened that Compania Cubana was in need of funds for important land and equipment purchases; and at the same time Cuba Northern Rys. required funds with which to complete the Santa Clara extension under its contract with the Cuban Government. On the other hand, Cuba Co. had for years caused its subsidiary companies to put earnings back into extensions and improvements.

Compania Cubana, in order to round out its properties and bring them up to modern standards, had borrowed heavily from Cuba RR. without undertaking any public financing. The consolidation with the Cuba Northern Rys. brought into the organization another company which required funds for extensions. In view of the fact that the Cuba Northern Rys. formed a part of Consolidated RRs. of Cuba, in which there were minority interests, whereas Compania Cubana was the sole property of Cuba Co., it was decided that Compania Cubana should undertake public financing in order to pay off its debts to Cuba RR. and put the latter company in funds for lending financial assistance to Cuba Northern Rys. Accordingly Compania Cubana has sold an issue of \$5,000,000 3-year 6% notes guaranteed by Cuba Co. (V. 123, p. 1118). The proceeds will be used to pay off the floating debt of Compania Cubana and will also supply working capital which Compania Cubana has never heretofore had.

The Cuba RR., upon being paid by Compania Cubana, will undertake to finance the needs of Cuba Northern Rys. This Compania Cubana note issue, together with the above mentioned equipment trust of Cuba Northern Rys. in the amount of \$400,000 and the above mentioned railroad bond issue of \$1,376,000, will, it is believed, take care of all necessary financing for several years to come and supply sufficient funds with which to complete all contemplated improvements and extensions of all the railroads. Therefore, as Compania Cubana has already completed its plan of extension and improvement, Cuba Co. is now for the first time in its existence in a position where its earnings and those of its subsidiaries can be employed in payment of dividends, if deemed advisable, instead of in making improvements and extensions. Giving effect to the completion of this permanent financing, current assets will be about \$16,600,000 and current liabilities about \$6,900,000, stated as of June 30 1926. It appears from the combined balance sheet that Cuba Co. had at June 30 disposed of some of its holdings of Consolidated RR. of Cuba preferred stock and had acquired additional common shares of said company represented by voting trust certificates. This was accomplished by exchange of preferred for common on the basis of 2 common shares for 1 preferred share. This process of exchange has continued since the close of the fiscal year and at the present time over 96% of the common stock has been delivered or promised to Cuba Co. As a result, Cuba Co. is once more virtually in the position of having sole control of the voting shares of its subsidiaries. The Cuba Co. has an option to purchase in June 1930 any outstanding common stock of Consolidated Railroads of Cuba. To purchase 39% of 156,000 shares, would have required a large sum of money and probably would have involved public financing. The Cuba Co. will be able to purchase in 1930 the common stock remaining in outside hands with the expenditure of a very small amount of money and without resorting to public financing.

Thus it is that unless new properties shall be acquired, Cuba Co. and its subsidiaries are not likely to be in the market for additional financing for some years to come.

The balance sheet shows that the Cuba Co. organization has a large surplus. This surplus was earned by Cuba Co. and its subsidiaries, and the earnings were largely invested in improvements and extensions. Such investment of earnings by Cuba RR. accounts for the price obtained by Cuba Co. for common stock of Cuba RR., the price being paid in preferred and common stock of Consolidated Railroads of Cuba. In order to give to the stockholders of the Cuba Co. the benefit of some of the accumulated surplus, an opportunity has been given to them to buy pro rata on Sept. 8 1926 256,000 cumulative 6% preferred shares of Consolidated RRs. of Cuba at \$40 per share. A part of these shares were held as collateral security for \$10,000,000 of 10-year 6% bonds of Cuba Co. Those bonds were redeemable. They have been redeemed since June 30 through a temporary loan which will be paid off out of the proceeds of the sale of the 256,000 preferred shares of Consolidated RRs. of Cuba.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 (INCL. SUB. & AFFIL. COS.)

	1926.	1925.
Gross Revenues—		
Railroad operations	\$22,955,475	\$25,592,037
Sugar mill operations	6,638,329	8,978,867
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000
Total	\$29,594,805	\$34,571,903
Expenses—		
Railroad operations	15,131,542	15,856,093
Sugar mill operations	6,201,680	8,492,498
Administrative & general expenses	196,887	206,914
Net revenue from operations	\$8,064,695	\$10,016,398

	1926.	1925.
Other Income Credits—		
Interest on bonds & notes owned, &c.	161,928	318,580
Profit from comm'l dept.—Compania Cubana	2,243	13,510
Non-operating railroad income (net)	117,710	157,402
Rentals of leased lands	307,939	303,499
Profit from land dept.—Compania Cubana	28,919	59,967
Profit from ice plants	12,129	5,483
Cancellation of res. for int. on Cuban Govt. acct.	18,933	—
Refunds of Cuban Govt. taxes, prior years, net	82,528	—
Miscellaneous (net)	22,472	17,755
Gross income	\$8,819,496	\$10,892,596

	1926.	1925.
Income Charges—		
Interest on funded debt	2,817,771	2,531,425
Interest on other indebtedness	384,597	516,967
Amortization of debt discount & expense	183,404	174,156
Cuban & U. S. Govt. taxes	1,022,886	1,021,725
Other taxes	58,382	55,553
Loss from purch. of bonds for redemption	187,243	—
Additional Federal income tax	2,692	—
Miscellaneous	25,827	17,789
Net income	\$4,136,694	\$6,574,980

	1926.	1925.
Subsidies from the Cuban Government	14,174	214,699
Total	\$4,150,868	\$6,789,679
Divs. on pref. stocks of Cuba RR. Co.	\$599,940	\$600,000
Divs. on pref. stock of Consol. RRs. of Cuba	295,771	—

	1926.	1925.
Consolidated surplus	\$3,255,156	\$6,189,679
Cuba Co.'s proportion of consolidated surplus at beginning of period	\$32,342,367	\$33,346,818
Cuba Co.'s proportion of consol. surplus for year	3,145,072	4,523,222
Total	\$35,487,439	\$37,870,040

Dividends on preferred stock 175,000 175,000
Dividends on common stock 2,560,000 2,560,000
Cuba Co.'s proportion of consol. surplus June 30 \$32,752,439 \$35,135,040
* After a net reduction of \$2,792,673 due to changes in stock ownership in subsidiary companies.

CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 (INCL. SUB. & AFFIL. COS.)

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Assets—				
Prop. investm'ts	\$130,870,289	\$125,155,794		
Cash	2,183,479	3,331,579		
Remit. in transit	18,554	82,153		
Cash on deposit for payment of coupons	387,075	376,910		
Traffic bal. rec.	382,275	522,031		
Notes & accts. rec. &c.	1,412,562	1,449,734		
Adv. to colonos	959,144	826,802		
Accts. rec. aris'g from town site sales—unpaid install	201,092	209,969		
U. S. Govt. bds.	9,050	9,050		
Invent. of Compania Cubana	2,755,955	3,347,077		
Mat'ls & suppl.	3,291,409	3,069,888		
Other invs.—mtes. rec'd. Sk. fd. securities	141,626	152,536		
Contract acct.	—	748,655		
Due from Cuba Govt. for subs. & services	1,019,452	481,094		
Unamort. disc'ts	2,974,671	3,329,721		
Oper. exp'ts—sugar crop	189,700	206,685		
Rent applic. to future sugar crops	145,901	286,368		
Other def. assets	850,331	918,649		
Total	147,792,566	144,054,696		
Liabilities—				
Capital stock:				
Cuba Co. pref. do Com. stk. (640,000 shs. no par value)	2,500,000	2,500,000	9,142,400	9,142,400
Cuba RR. pref. do Com. stk. (9,999,000 shs. no par value)	9,999,000	9,999,000	9,999,000	9,999,000
Minority int. in subsidiaries	10,514,236	6,947,175	—	—
Notes & loans payable	3,815,198	582,769	—	—
Aud. vouchers, wages & accts. payable	2,318,132	1,600,989	—	—
Int. due & acor'd	605,502	536,997	—	—
Sinclair-Cuba Oil Co. eq. conv. contract	190,652	667,998	—	—
Acer. U. S. & Cuban tax., &c.	887,651	1,025,907	—	—
Pref. stk. divs.—Cuba RR.	599,940	600,000	—	—
Pref. stk. divs.—Cons. RR. of Cuba	149,366	—	—	—
Fund. & other long term debt	47,613,372	54,009,303	—	—
Bank loan	4,992,160	—	—	—
Repub. of Cuba	2,500,000	2,500,000	—	—
Res. for deprec.	17,642,983	15,744,485	—	—
Maint. of track reserve	—	648,034	—	—
Res. for replanting cane fields	536,841	570,946	—	—
Contingencies & miscell. res.	349,445	433,662	—	—
Deferred credits	447,263	530,492	—	—
Surplus	32,988,425	36,014,539	—	—
Total	147,792,566	144,054,696	147,792,566	144,054,696

* Railroads and equipment, \$111,706,580; sugar mills and plantations, \$18,219,995; lands and town sites, \$842,060; live stock, \$101,654. y Compania Azucarea y de Momento Agricola. z To be repaid by charges for freight, passenger and mail service as rendered.
a Consolidated Railroads of Cuba, pref., \$9,975,473; common, \$522,263 (22,008 shares no par value); Cuba Northern Rys., \$16,500. b Proportion of Cuba Co., \$32,752,439; minority int. in Consolidated RRs. of Cuba and its subsidiary, \$235,986.—V. 123, p. 1511.

International Agricultural Corporation.

(17th Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended June 30 1926.)

Pres. John J. Watson Jr. says in substance:

The corporation has no bank loans at present, having only current liabilities for monthly purchases of raw material, payment for which is made when due, or discounts taken whenever possible.

The net earnings for the year, after charges for depreciation of plants, depletion of phosphate rock deposits, interest paid on borrowed money and on bonds outstanding and after deduction of reserves for doubtful accounts, were \$1,284,127, as compared with 1,100,838 for the previous year. There was, however, a recovery in the final settlement of the German debt of \$121,952, making the total net profit for the year \$1,406,079, being \$234,045 in excess of the net profit of the previous year.

Reserves have been set up for the full amount of all accounts and notes receivable dating from the period prior to June 30 1923.

On Jan. 26 1926 directors declared a dividend of 1 3/4% on the prior preference stock, payable on March 1 1926, and regular quarterly dividends have been paid since that date.

The selling season opened with indications for a large increase in the sale of mixed fertilizer, but keen competition and price cutting developed to such an extent that our tonnage of complete fertilizer fell short of our sales for the previous year. We mined and sold, however, a larger tonnage of phosphate rock, so that the total tonnage of business done by the corporation showed an increase for the year.

We are developing several by-products such as mineral stock and poultry feed, which are meeting with marked success and which promise to be a source of satisfactory profit to the corporation in the future.

Crop conditions in the territory served by this corporation are favorable and should assure a good demand for our products this coming year.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Gross profit on oper.	\$3,364,085	\$3,201,601	\$1,929,114	\$1,650,092
Operating, &c., exp.	1,293,585	1,255,670	1,255,408	1,357,328
Net earnings	\$2,070,499	\$2,045,931	\$673,706	\$292,764
Dividends earned	83,249	—	—	—
Total income	\$2,153,748	\$2,045,931	\$673,706	\$292,764
Bond interest	411,415	411,415	411,415	429,322
Interest on loans	61,987	193,439	519,895	920,774
Amort. of bond discount, organization exp., &c.	—	—	—	92,841
Profit on bds. purchased	—	—	—	Cr. 85,572
Depreciation & depletion	396,219	340,240	291,404	304,219
Rec'v. from German dt.	Cr. 121,952	Cr. 71,197	—	—
Balance, surplus	\$1,406,079	\$1,172,035	def \$549,008	df \$1,368,820

CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 (INCL. AFFILIATED COS.).

1926.		1925.		1926.		1925.	
Assets—	\$	\$		Liabilities—	\$	\$	
Real est., plant, &c	23,978,911	23,767,149		Prior pref. stock	10,000,000	10,000,000	
Investments	646,291	538,533		Common stock	2,250,000	2,250,000	
Cash	2,210,572	1,144,809		1st mtg. bonds	8,228,300	8,228,300	
Acc'ts, notes, &c., rec. (less res'v'e)	3,575,739	5,112,105		Accounts payable	360,400	452,782	
Inventories	2,596,903	1,743,820		Loans & notes pay.	—	252,500	
Due from jointly owned corps.	1,652,237	1,497,613		Interest on bonds and loans accrd'd.	—	—	
Deferred charges	203,340	138,777		Ac.	205,554	256,597	
Cash in sink fund	599	599		Special reserves	5,451,505	5,263,090	
U. S. Liberty bds.	50,000	50,000		Excess assets	8,533,244	7,477,165	
Overburden from unlined phos- phate property	114,412	187,029					
Total	35,029,004	34,180,434		Total	35,029,004	34,180,434	

x Declared capital, 450,000 shares of no par value. y Excess assets over required declared capital. Amount at June 30 1925. \$7,477,165; less dividends paid on preference stock, \$350,000; plus profit for year ended June 30 1926. \$1,406,079; total, \$8,533,244.
Note.—No dividends on the prior preference stock were paid from Dec. 1 1923 to Nov. 30 1925. 7% per annum has been paid since.—V. 123, p. 589.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Surplus Cars.—Class I railroads on Aug. 31 had 161,478 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 7,406 cars compared with Aug. 22, at which time there were 168,884 cars. Surplus coal cars in good repair on Aug. 31 totaled 38,967, an increase of 154 within approximately a week, while surplus box cars totaled 88,967, a decrease of 7,981 cars during the same period. Reports also showed 15,880 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 399 cars under the number reported on Aug. 22 while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 11,414, an increase of 566 cars within the same previous period.

Car Shortage.—No car shortage is being reported. On Sept. 8 there were 141,096 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, a decrease of 20,382 cars compared with Aug. 31, at which time there were 161,478 cars. Surplus coal cars in good repair on Sept. 8 totaled 33,039, a decrease of 5,928 within approximately a week, while surplus box cars totaled 76,629, a decrease of 12,338 cars during the same period. Reports also showed 14,393 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 1,487 cars under the number reported on Aug. 21, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 10,974, a decrease of 440 cars within the same previous period.

Repair of Freight Cars.—Freight cars in need of repair on Sept. 1 totaled 161,396, or 70% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 8,369 cars under the number reported on Aug. 15, at which time there were 169,765, or 7.4%. It also has a decrease of 35,782 cars compared with the same date last year. Freight cars in need of heavy repairs on Sept. 1 totaled 121,931, or 5.3%, a decrease of 5,052 cars compared with Aug. 15, while freight cars in need of light repair totaled 39,465, or 1.7%, a decrease of 3,317 compared with Aug. 15.

Repair of Locomotives.—Locomotives in need of repair on Sept. 1 totaled 9,031, or 14.4% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 402 locomotives under the number in need of repair on Aug. 15, at which time there were 9,433, or 15.1%. Of the total number of locomotives in need of repair on Sept. 1 this year, 4,761, or 7.6%, were in need of classified repairs, a decrease compared with Aug. 15 of 429, while 4,270, or 6.8%, were in need of running repairs, an increase of 27 compared with the number in need of such repairs on Aug. 15. Serviceable locomotives in storage on Sept. 1 totaled 5,432, compared with 5,581 on Aug. 15.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Sept. 18.—(a) Revenue freight or loading breaks all records—reaches 1,151,346 cars in latest week, p. 1435.

Boston & Albany RR.—New Director.

Leverett Saltonstall succeeds Reginald Foster as a director.—V. 122, p. 2794.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Two Contentions Raised by Critics of Road Clarified.

Two of the last remaining contentions raised by critics of the road and its receivership difficulties have been clarified considerably as a result of the hearings just closed in New York by the I.-S. C. Commission according to a summary of these proceedings issued Sept. 17 by O. W. Dynes, General Counsel for the company.

One of these points was the charge in effect that wasteful methods were used in the construction of the Puget Sound extension. The other, the claim advanced by those opposing the receivership reorganization plan that electrified operation of that part of the system has cost the railway more than steam would have cost and was uneconomical.

The outstanding feature of the hearings in New York was the testimony of E. J. Pearson, President of the New York New Haven & Hartford, who was called by the Commission," said Mr. Dynes. "Mr. Pearson was chief engineer in charge of the construction of the Puget Sound lines to the Pacific Coast.

"Mr. Pearson was very clear in his testimony that only contractors of experience, efficiency and integrity were employed; that sub-contractors' work was very carefully checked by the railroad's engineering force constantly on the ground as the work progressed, and he was convinced that the construction work was done at as low a cost for each class of work as it was possible to obtain. He stated that the items of cost in these respects compared very favorably with those encountered by numerous other roads conducting large construction programs in the Far Northwest at the same time. He mentioned that a careful check was maintained continuously to guard against errors of classification and overpayment in all parts of the construction work under his supervision.

"The Commission also called its own experts as witnesses to check up the correctness of the evidence previously introduced by the railway company in respect of the savings accomplished by the electrification as compared with steam operation over the five mountain ranges. In substance, the witnesses testified they found no errors in the study by the company's engineers which was made the basis of the railway's evidence.

"Their conclusion was that the evidence showed a saving of approximately \$1,000,000 for the year 1923, comparing the electrified service with the steam service it had displaced and they expressed the opinion that the most modern steam locomotives of the present day could not do the work on the electrified lines more economically than it is being done at present.

"The I.-S. C. Commission's experts also gave as their opinion that as the volume of tonnage increases on the electrified portion of the system the economy of electricity over steam operation will be still greater than at present.—V. 123, p. 1499.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—New Equipment.

A dispatch from Chicago states that this company plans to spend between \$12,000,000 and \$13,000,000 for new equipment as follows: 100 steel passenger cars, 23 baggage and smoking cars, 10 steel baggage cars and the rebuilding of 35 steel passenger units; 1,000 automobile cars; 500 steel hopper cars; 500 stock cars; 250 steel ore cars; 100 gondolas; 100 flat cars; 25 cabooses and 2 special gun cars.—V. 123, p. 575.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Minority Stockholders File Suit to Prevent Lease—Deposits.

Seeking to enjoin the proposed lease of the road to the New York Central, a suit was filed in the U. S. District Court at Cincinnati Sept. 17 by a committee of minority stockholders.

The committee asked that an injunction be granted restraining the majority stockholders from voting their stock at the meeting called for Sept. 27, and also that the directors of the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis be enjoined from executing the lease.

New York attorneys appearing in the U. S. District Court at Cincinnati, Sept. 23 for the New York Central R.R. in a suit brought to prevent absorption of the Big Four by the former declared that the Cincinnati court had no jurisdiction in the case.

Following suggestion of counsel for the New York Central it was agreed that the stockholders of the Big Four should take no action on a proposed lease of its property to the New York Central, at a meeting held in Cincinnati, Sept. 27. The agreement followed the presentation of arguments before United States Judge Hickenlooper. The proposed lease is for 99 years, and according to counsel for the plaintiff is in reality a perpetual lease.

Action on the lease was postponed for at least 30 days, by agreement between counsel, and this was concurred in by the Court, who announced that a written opinion on the temporary injunction would be handed down at that time.

Common stockholders have received a notice from the protective committee (Ten Eyck Wendell, Chairman) stating that no deposit of stock will be received after Oct. 20 except with the special consent and upon such terms as the committee may impose. Minority holders are informed that the committee will represent only those stockholders who deposit their stock with the Central Union Trust Co., New York, depository, and are urged to deposit at once that their interests may be protected.—V. 123, p. 1379, 1111.

Cumberland & Pennsylvania RR.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$4,105,700 on the property of the company as of June 30 1918.—V. 120, p. 1087.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—To Defer Interest Due Nov. 1 on the General Mortgage 5% Bonds.

The directors on Sept. 24 voted to defer payment of interest due Nov. 1 1926 on the general mortgage 5% bonds.

Interest during the period prior to Feb. 1 1929 is payable only in the discretion of the board out of the net income of the company as ascertained and defined by the provisions of the general mortgage.—V. 123, p. 1379.

Frankfort & Cincinnati Ry.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,182,950 on the property of the company as of June 30 1917.—V. 121, p. 3000.

Graysonia Nashville & Ashdown RR.—Securities.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Sept. 14 authorized the company to issue 1,000 share of common stock (par \$100) and \$100,000 of general mtg. bonds. The proposed issue of stock and bonds is to enable the company to purchase the railroad between Ashdown and Nashville, approximately 27 miles.

The report of the Commission says in part: The road to be acquired formerly belonged to the Memphis Dallas & Gulf R.R., the property of which included 115 miles of road in Arkansas. By our order of July 14 1922 we authorized the receiver to abandon approximately 51 miles of the road. Thereafter in Aug. 1922 the road was sold under foreclosure, in sections, to representatives of the Heilbron Syndicate, the total selling price of the sections being fixed by the court at \$115,000.

In order to buy in the property, the Heilbron Syndicate, through its representative, J. K. Riffel, purchased certain outstanding stocks and bonds of the Memphis Dallas & Gulf R.R., which were owned by banks in St. Louis, Mo., and pooled with Edward Whitaker of the Boatmen's Bank of that city. These securities embraced \$240,000 of 1st mtg. bonds which were to be sold to the I.-S. C. Commission from Ashdown to Nashville, and \$1,000,000 of bonds secured by a 2d mtg. thereon and by a 1st mtg. on the other lines of the Memphis Dallas & Gulf R.R. These securities were purchased for \$75,000, plus interest of \$2,469, a total of \$77,469. J. K. Riffel also purchased receiver's certificates and current accounts payable having a lien prior to the bonds at a total cost of \$95,278. The Heilbron Syndicate through its representatives then paid into court \$55,000, which represented the agreed difference between the amount of claims purchased by it and the total amount of claims outstanding. The total price paid for the property amounted to \$227,748. All obligations against the property were canceled. Subsequently various sections were sold or junked, the total price received from these sales amounting to \$137,069, making the actual cost of the line to be acquired \$90,679.

The applicant was organized in 1922 and took over and operated without formal lease the road it seeks to acquire. It is represented that \$61,148 has been expended for rehabilitation of the line. It appears that attorney's fees, court costs, &c., amounted to over \$14,000 in 1923. The sum of \$10,000 for organization expenses and \$35,000 for working capital seems to us an equitable amount for these items. This brings the total capitalizable assets to \$196,826, which, in our opinion, should be equally divided between stock and bonds. The applicant bases its proposed issue of securities in the amount of \$600,000 on a valuation of the property made by its engineer, which at present-day prices is claimed to be \$900,000.

The general mortgage bonds to be issued will be secured by a mortgage to be executed by the applicant to the Planters Bank & Trust Co. of Nashville, Ark., trustee. They will mature in 20 years from date and will bear interest at 6% per annum, payable semi-annually. The stock will be common and will consist of 1,000 shares, par of \$100 a share.—V. 122, p. 1915

Indianapolis Union Ry.—Tenders.

The Farmers Loan & Trust Co., trustee, 22 William St., N. Y. City, will until Sept. 30 receive bids for the sale to it of gen. & ref. mtg. bonds, dated Jan. 1 1915, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$81,382, at a price not exceeding 103 and int.—V. 119, p. 2282.

Michigan Central RR.—Lease Restrained.

The proposed leasing of the road to the New York Central R.R. for 99 years was temporarily restrained by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 18 upon a petition by minority stockholders of the Michigan Central. Stockholders of the Michigan Central were scheduled to meet in Detroit Sept. 22 to act upon the proposed merger, but the injunction prevented any final action pending a hearing of the complaint by the Federal Court, which has been set for Oct. 11 at Cincinnati.

The Central Securities Co. of Jersey City, N. J., instituted a minority owners' suit in the District Court at Detroit, where it was first dismissed by Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle. The present decision was upon an appeal of that ruling.

The meeting of stockholders called for Sept. 22 to vote on the proposed lease to the New York Central R.R. has been adjourned until Nov. 4. Ad-journment was taken on account of the restraining order of the Continental Securities Corp.—V. 123, p. 1500, 1111.

Missouri Pacific RR.—New Vice-President.

E. M. Durham Jr., formerly Assistant to the President, has been elected Vice-President of the Greater Missouri Pacific System, including the Missouri Pacific R.R., the Gulf Coast Lines and the International-Great Northern R.R., with headquarters at St. Louis.—V. 123, p. 1380.

New Jersey Indiana & Illinois RR.—Stock Dividend.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Sept. 14 authorized the company to issue as a stock dividend \$44,353 of common stock. The authorized capital consists of \$825,000, of which there is now outstanding \$356,639. Company also has outstanding \$250,000 1st lien mtg. 5% bonds and \$434,607 of equipment obligations.—V. 118, p. 2042.

Pennsylvania Tunnel & Terminal RR.—Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$120,885,852 on the owned, and \$121,101,453 on the used properties of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 84, p. 1552.

Smoky Mountain Ry.—Abandonment.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Sept. 11 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon, as to Inter-State and foreign commerce, its line of railroad which extends from a connection with the Carolina & Tennessee Southern Ry. at Ritter in a general northeasterly direction to Bone Valley, a distance of 9.6 miles, all in Swain County, N. C.

The railroad was built in 1909 to furnish transportation facilities from the territory drained by the watershed of Hazel Creek. The principal traffic has consisted of lumber and forest products from the sawmill and lumbering operations of the W. M. Ritter Lumber Co. From Jan. 1 1921 to June 30 1926 the total traffic was 166,010 tons, of which 136,326 tons were forest products. The lumber company has discontinued production

in this locality and is now shipping out the lumber on hand, as well as its machinery, supplies and other property. There are no other industries on the line.

Southern Railway.—Preferred Stockholders Lose Suit.—Judge Beverly T. Crump in Law and Equity Court at Richmond, Va., Sept. 18, denied the petition of Arthur Lyman and other preferred stockholders for an injunction preventing the company from paying more than 5% dividends on its common stock until the claims of the preferred stock for any excess earnings above that amount have been discharged. The petition was directed against the 1¼% quarterly dividend declared Dec. 10 last on the common stock or any amount declared in excess of 1¼% a share quarterly until preferred stockholders have participated in the ½ of 1% difference. Counsel for the plaintiffs gave notice that an appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court of Virginia.

In denying the petition, Judge Crump summarized the opinion as follows:

Upon the whole case I am constrained to the conclusion that the contract by which the rights of the preferred stockholders in common stockholders are expressed to the effect that when the preferred stockholders receive their full dividend up to the limit of 5% out of the earnings for any one year, then the board of directors can declare out of the surplus of such net earnings remaining after the full preferred dividend has been paid, such dividends upon common stock as in their discretion they may deem proper and right. The contract was so written and the court has no right to change it.

The injunction prayed for, therefore, is denied.

In the opinion of Judge Crump reviewed the history of the Southern Railway's financial structure and of the incidents which gave rise to the litigation—declaration by the board of directors in 1925 of 5½% dividends on common shares out of 1924 net earnings. He then continues:

The contention of the plaintiffs is that as holders of preferred stock they should have the right to participate ratably in all excess dividends declared by the board of directors out of the profits for any one year, after the board has satisfied a 5% preference which attaches to their stock and has paid the common stock a like dividend of 5%; in other words, that the preferred stock is what is ordinarily called participating stock.

The defendant's claim, on the other hand, is that after the preferred stock has received its 5% dividend in any one year from the net profits of that year, then the board of directors has no right to declare a further dividend on the preferred stock in addition to the 5% dividend, but that the surplus net profit remaining after the payment of the 5% preferred dividend is subject to such dividend payment in favor of common stock holders as the board of directors may declare. Defendant, therefore, claims that the preferred stock is non-participating stock.

Pertinent clauses in the stock contract and in the charter of the company were quoted in full, and the contentions of the two parties are reviewed in considerable detail from points of fact and of law. He maintained that the court could not limit the expressed powers of the board of directors by deciding that the board may not declare such a dividend on common stock, as was declared out of 1924 earnings. A ruling to this effect, he held, would be to write something into the stock contract that was not there. He continued:

There is no question here of limitation of usual rights attaching to stock. On the contrary, the court is asked to limit a dividend right expressly given to other stock than the preferred, which can only be done by adding a restrictive provision not in the contract.

These contract provisions should not be too technically viewed in deciding the question at issue in this case, but we should interpret the language as the average man in the investing public would interpret it.

The court interpreted the contract as meaning exactly what it said, and expressed the firm belief that the draughtsmen of the contract originally had not intended for the preferred stockholders to participate. He said:

The earnings of the Southern Railway have been in the past two or three years seems exceedingly large, so seems to have been the case with a number of trunk lines of the country in these days of apparently overwhelming prosperity.

This seems to put the common stockholder of the defendant company in a very advantageous position, if the preferred stockholder is confined to the 5% dividend. It may be well, and I have no doubt it, a fact that in 1894 it was never contemplated by the organizers of the Southern Railway, or by its stockholders, that the corporation would earn net profits subject to distribution among its stockholders as it is now earning. It must be remembered that the defendant company is a public service corporation, that it is not only subject to the vicissitudes of trade and the depreciation of business and consequent lessening of all traffic, but it is also subject to public control in regard to its earnings as well as its operating functions.—V. 123, p. 1248, 708.

Texas-Mexican Ry.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$2,088,500 on the owned and used properties of the company as of June 30 1919.—V. 121, p. 1458.

Toledo Angola & Western Ry.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$138,230 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1917.—V. 121, p. 2400.

Weatherford Mineral Wells & Northwestern Ry.—Equipment Trust.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Sept. 14 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$572,000 equip. trust certificates, series A, to be issued by the Bank of North America & Trust Co. under an agreement to be dated Aug. 1 1926 and delivered to the American Car & Foundry Co. in connection with the procurement of the following equipment: 250 steel underframe furniture freight cars without end doors and 50 steel underframe furniture freight cars with end doors.

The company is a subsidiary of the Texas & Pacific Ry., and it is its purpose to sublease to that company the above equipment. The sublessee will pay as rental a sum sufficient to enable the company to pay the principal of, and dividends on, the proposed certificates as they mature and certain other expenses.—V. 119, p. 326.

West Jersey & Seashore RR.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 2½% on the stock, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 1. Including the distribution of 3% made on April 1 last, this will make a total of 5½% in dividends paid this year, as compared with a total of 5% for 1925.—V. 122, p. 2644.

West Virginia Southern RR.—Inter-State Commerce Commission Enjoined from Using Valuation Placed on Road Pending Decision.—

See under "Current Events and Discussions" in issue of Sept. 11, p. 1344.

Western New York & Pennsylvania Ry.—Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$41,400,000 on the owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 123, p. 205.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

American Electric Power Co.—Changes in Personnel.—The company's executive offices, which have remained in Philadelphia since control of the company was acquired by the American Gas & Electric Co. in May 1924, are being closed and transferred to Third and Church Sts., N. Y. City, the headquarters of the A. G. & E. Co.

R. E. Breed, Chairman of the A. G. & E. Co., has been elected to a similar office in the American Electric Power Co., a newly created position. Van Horn Ely, who has just entered the banking business in Philadelphia, remains President, and C. L. S. Tingley will go to New York to continue as a Vice-President. Frank B. Ball has been elected Secretary and Treasurer, and H. D. Anderson as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. E. Clarence Miller and Walter H. Lippincott, Philadelphia bankers identified with the former management, resigned last week and the membership in the board will be reduced by that number.—V. 122, p. 2037.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Conversion Privilege of Bearer Scrip Certificates for Fractional Shares of Common Stock Expires Sept. 30.—

The company has sent a letter to its stockholders calling their attention to the fact that bearer scrip certificates for fractional shares of common stock dated Sept. 30 1925 and also bearer scrip certificates representing half shares of common stock issued in connection with the plan to consolidate its electric subsidiaries are convertible into shares of common stock of the company only up to and incl. Sept. 30 1926.

On Oct. 1 1926, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the company will sell for cash, on the New York Stock Exchange, the number of shares of its common stock represented by the total amount of such scrip certificates outstanding on Oct. 1. Thereafter, such scrip certificates may not be consolidated and holders will be entitled only to receive in cash their pro rata share of the net proceeds of such sale but without interest.

Power Output for Month and Eight Mos. Ended Aug. 31.

Net power output of the company for August 1926 was 120,804,848 k.w.-hours, comparing with 105,992,578 k.w.-hours for the corresponding month of 1925, a gain of 14,812,270 k.w.-hours, or 14%. For the first eight months of 1926 the net power output reached a new high figure of 952,653,505 k.w.-hours, against 844,517,856 k.w.-hours for the first eight months of 1925, an increase of 108,135,649 k.w.-hours, or practically 13%.—V. 123, p. 980, 840.

Androscoggin & Kennebec Ry.—2d Pref. Divs. Resumed.

A dividend of 1% has been declared on the non-cumul. 2nd pref. stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. The company in 1924 paid two semi-annual dividends of 2½% each on this issue; none since.—V. 122, p. 1916.

Arkansas Water Co.—New Financing.—

W. C. Langley & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., have purchased from the American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., an issue of about \$3,000,000 1st mtge. 5% bonds, Series "A," due July 1 1956, of the Arkansas Water Co., which supplies water for domestic, municipal and commercial purposes in Little Rock, North Little Rock and Palaski Heights, Ark. Interest charges on this 1st mtge. bond issue, it is stated, are being earned over 2½ times. The bankers will shortly make a public offering.—V. 119, p. 2067.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Offer Made to Richmond Light & RR. Co. Bondholders—Common Dividend.—

See Richmond Light & RR. Co. below. The quarterly dividend of 1-40th of a share of Class "A" stock which is payable Nov. 1 on the Class "A" stock to holders of record Sept. 30, is equivalent to about \$3.70 cash per share per year based on the present market price of about \$37. The stockholders may also purchase or sell sufficient scrip to make full shares at the rate of \$1 above or below, respectively, the sale price of Class "A" stock.—V. 123, p. 1501.

Associated Telephone Co. (Calif.).—New Control.—

See Associated Telephone Utilities Co. below.—V. 123, p. 322.

Associated Telephone Utilities Co.—Bonds Sold.—Paine, Webber & Co., New York, and Mitchum, Tully & Co., San Francisco, have sold at 99 and interest \$1,500,000 15-year 6% convertible gold debentures, series A.

Date Sept. 1 1926; due Sept. 1 1941. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable M. & S. in New York and Chicago. Redeemable at any time, all or part, on 30 days' notice, at 105 up to and including Sept. 1 1936, and thereafter at 1% less for each succeeding year or portion thereof, plus accrued interest in all cases. Company agrees to reimburse, if requested within sixty days after payment, the Penn., Conn. and Calif. 4 mill tax and the Mass. income tax up to 6%. Interest payable without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee.

Convertible at any time prior to redemption or maturity into no par value \$7 cumulative prior preferred stock upon basis of one share of stock for each \$100 of debentures.

Preferred Stock Offered.—Paine, Webber & Co., New York, and Mitchum, Tully & Co., San Francisco, are offering at 98 and dividend, to yield 7.14%, 10,128 shares \$7 cum. prior pref. stock (no par value).

Divs. are cumulative and are payable Q.-M. Preferred as to both assets (\$115 per share in voluntary liquidation) and divs. over the common stock. Red. at any time upon 30 days' notice at \$115 per share and divs. National Shawmut Bank, Boston, and Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, transfer agents. First National Bank, Boston, and First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, registrars.

Data from Letter of Marshall E. Sampson, President of the Company.

Capitalization (Upon Completion of Present Financing)

Commonwealth Telep. Co. 1st mtge. 5½%, 1945	\$325,000
Associated Telep. Co. mtge. & coll. trust 6s, 1950	1,599,600
Minority stock in hands of public	257,000
15-year 6% convertible debentures, 1941	1,500,000
\$7 cumulative prior preferred stock (no par value)	10,128 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	32,300 shs.

Company.—Incorporated in Delaware. Controls through stock ownership a group of public utility properties serving without competition a total population in excess of 220,000 in California, Wisconsin and Illinois. The subsidiary companies are engaged primarily in the telephone business, operating 35,764 stations having toll connections with the Bell System.

The principal properties consist of independent telephone systems serving at the present time 35,764 stations. These properties are all in excellent operating condition. Those in Long Beach and San Bernardino, Calif., are practically new as Long Beach was changed over to full automatic service in 1922 and San Bernardino in 1925. In each of these cities the operating company owns new central office buildings which were built with the idea of providing for the substantial increase in business anticipated during the next five years. A new central office building was completed and equipment installed in Belvidere, Ill., a few months ago and in Mineral Point, Wis., in 1924.

Consol. Income Account—Year Ended June 30 1926 (After Financing).

Gross earnings	\$1,076,764
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	522,031
Net earnings	\$554,733
Interest and amortization, subsidiary company bonds	120,557
Minority stock interest	65,408
Annual interest charge on debentures	90,000
Balance available for dividends and reserves	\$278,769
Annual div. requirement on \$7 cum. prior pref. stock (this issue)	70,896

Balance.—

Franchises.—The subsidiary properties are operated under valid franchises and rights. In the opinion of counsel, the franchise situation is satisfactory and imposes no burdensome restrictions upon the company. The subsidiary companies operate under the supervision of State regulatory commissions.

Broad River Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. and Pyncheon & Co. are offering at 93½ and int., to yield over 5.45% \$1,000,000 additional 1st & ref. mtg. 5% gold bonds, series A. Dated Sept. 1 1924; due Sept. 1 1954 (see description in V. 122, p. 746).

Company.—Organized in South Carolina. Owns and operates the properties supplying electric power and light service to Columbia, S. C., and other communities in the central section of the state, including Eau Claire, Batesburg, Leesville, Lexington, Trenton and Johnston. Total population served in the Columbia district is over 100,000 of which more than 50,000 are in the city of Columbia. Company has recently completed and placed in operation 70 miles of double circuit steel tower 110,000 volt transmission lines extending from the new steam power plant at Parr Shoals to the district around Spartanburg, S. C., thereby enabling the company to obtain a considerable amount of desirable power business. Company also owns the gas works and distributing system in Columbia and in addition substantially all the stock of the company operating the electric street railway system.

Company controlled by General Gas & Electric Corp., together with other interconnected companies operating in South Carolina controlled by that corporation, forms the basis of an important superpower system in the territory served.

Company owns and operates steam and hydro-electric generating stations with a total installed generating capacity of 69,185 k.w. The new steam power plant at Parr Shoals with 42,500 k.w. present installed capacity is designed to use powdered fuel in accordance with most modern developments for economical and efficient operation. Extremely favorable operating results have been obtained from this station, the second unit of which was placed in operation in Aug. 1926. Additional units will be added to this station from time to time as additional generating capacity is required. Company in addition to its electric properties owns gas properties having a daily capacity of 5,500,000 cubic ft. and 64 miles of gas mains, and produced 203,340,000 cubic ft. of gas during 1925. Company owns valuable sites for further hydro-electric power development on both the Broad and Saluda Rivers.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st & ref. mtg. 5% bonds, series A, due 1954 (incl. this issue).....	a	\$4,985,000
10-year 6½% sinking fund gold bonds due 1934 (closed).....	a	1,471,000
Divisional mortgage bonds.....	b	5,599,000
10-year gold notes, due 1930.....	(closed)	322,600
7% cumulative preferred stock.....	\$10,000,000	2,952,600
Common stock.....	10,000,000	2,400,000

a Bonds may be issued without limit as to amount subject, however to the restrictions of the mortgage. b Closed except for pledge under the 1st & ref. mtg.

Purpose.—These bonds are issued in connection with the company's construction and expansion program, including the acquisition of new properties, construction of a new steam power plant, transmission lines, &c., and for other corporate purposes.

Earnings of properties now owned and on which the 1st & ref. bonds are a mortgage lien:

12 Months Ended:	Dec. 31'24.	Dec. 31'25.	Aug. 31'26.
* Gross earnings (incl. other income).....	\$1,403,198	\$1,793,344	\$2,166,801
Oper. exps., maint. & taxes.....	526,816	856,004	1,085,292

Net earnings..... \$876,382 \$937,340 \$1,081,509

Annual int. on 1st & ref. bonds and div. mtg. bonds to be outstanding with the public, incl. this financing, requires..... 529,870

* Includes interest during construction during the above periods: \$17,202, 1924; \$111,350, 1925; \$126,921, 1926.

Of the net earnings from operations for the 12 months period ended Aug. 31 1926, approximately 84% was derived from the sale of electric current for power and light and 16% from the sale of gas.—V. 123, p. 322.

Buffalo General Electric Co.—Obituary.—President Charles R. Hunt died last week at Lancaster, N. Y.—V. 123, p. 579.

Carolina Power & Light Co.—Permanent Bonds Ready.—Permanent 1st & ref. mtg. 5% bonds, series of 1956, are now ready for delivery at the Irving Bank & Trust Co., New York City, in exchange for present outstanding interim receipts. (For offering, see V. 122, p. 1607).—V. 123, p. 1381, 1249.

Central Maine Power Co.—Tenders.—The State Street Trust Co., Boston, trustee, will until Sept. 27 receive bids for the sale of it of sufficient 1st mtg. bonds dated Nov. 1 1909 to exhaust \$44,541.—V. 122, p. 3452.

Chicago Surface Lines.—Lisman's Plan to Solve Chicago's Transportation Problem.—Mention was made in last week's "Chronicle" page 1502 of the "Lisman plan" which was presented Sept. 13 to Mayor Dever and members of the Committee on Local Transportation of the City Council of Chicago. The plan is drawn up with a view to solve Chicago's transportation problem by the unification of its transportation system within the limitations of the present law. F. J. Lisman & Co. in submitting their proposal state that they represent a syndicate of New York, Chicago and other bankers, which is prepared to finance the proposition, as presented to the Chicago officials.

Digest of Plan of F. J. Lisman & Co. & Associates.—
Surface Lines and New Motorbus Lines.

New Company.—A new company to be organized and empowered to acquire, construct, establish, lease, maintain and operate street railways, motorbus lines and passenger subways. The City to pass in favor of such new company an ordinance which shall contain, among others, suitable provisions to the following effect:

New 20-Year Franchise.—The new ordinance to grant a permit, good for 20-years, not only to acquire and operate street railways and to establish motorbus lines in all streets now being used for street railway purposes, but also to establish and operate motorbus lines in all other streets, in which it may be deemed advisable that motorbus lines be operated in connection with the new company's lines in streets now being used for street railway purposes such permit to become operative Feb. 1 1927, or as soon thereafter as such new ordinance shall be duly accepted by the new company, the time allowed for such acceptance to be fixed in the new ordinance.

Bond Issues.—The new ordinance to authorize and require the new company (a) to execute an open first mortgage covering all its property, tangible and intangible, and its net earnings, to secure not only all its bonds hereinafter referred to as "first mortgage 20-year gold bonds," but also its bonds hereinafter referred to as "1st mtg. 50-year 5% gold bonds," and (b) also, but in all respects subject and subordinate to said first mortgage, to execute a general mortgage on all the new company's said assets to secure its bonds hereinafter referred to as general mortgage 5% gold bonds.

\$50,000,000 First Mortgage Bonds to Be Issued for Improvements.—The new ordinance to obligate the new company to supply, for extensions, improvements and new equipment of and for the surface lines and motorbus lines, new money up to the amount of cash realized from the sale of \$50,000,000 1st mtg. 20-year gold bonds (first series) all to be dated as of the day of the beginning of said 20-year franchise, to mature 20 years thereafter, to bear interest at not less than 5% per annum, to be secured by said first mortgage on all the new company's property and net earnings and to have a cumulative sinking fund adequate to retire said bonds at maturity.

[The bankers state that under present money market conditions they will purchase the entire first series of 1st mtg. 20-year bonds up to \$50,000,000 at not less than 85 if the rate of interest is 5%, or at not less than 91 if the rate of interest shall be 5½%, as soon as the new company shall receive its ordinance.]

Additional 1st Mtg. Bonds in Case of Extension of Ordinance.—The new ordinance shall provide also (a) that, if at any time during its life, it shall be found that new money in excess of the avails of said first series of 1st mtg. 20-year gold bonds, is or will be required for making additional extensions and other capital improvements such as new equipment, &c., and if the

city shall then duly extend the life of such new ordinance for the further period of 20 years from the date of the passage of such extension ordinance, then the new company, upon acceptance thereof, shall thereupon become and be obligated to provide and expend for such additional extensions and capital improvements all the cash that can then be realized from a second series of 1st mtg. 20-year gold bonds totaling in their par value a sum equal to the amount then in the sinking fund provided for the retirement at maturity of said first series of 1st mtg. 20-year gold bonds, and to bear interest at a rate not less than 5% per annum; such second series of 1st mtg. 20-year gold bonds to be dated the day of the passage of such extension ordinance, to be payable in 20 years thereafter and to have a cumulative sinking fund, adequate to retire the same at maturity; and (b) that in case of subsequent further extensions of the new ordinance for 20-year periods, the new company shall be similarly obligated to provide new money as needed, the only limitations being that each new series of 1st mtg. 20-year gold bonds shall bear interest at the rate of not less than 5% per annum, shall be dated the day of the passage of the then latest extension ordinance, shall be dated 20 years thereafter, that no new series of such 20-year bonds shall exceed at par the amount then in the sinking fund provided for the then next preceding series and each series shall have its cumulative sinking fund adequate to retire that series at maturity.

Exchange of New Bonds for Present Issues.—The new company to be obligated and authorized by the new ordinance to issue its 1st mtg. 50-year 5% gold bonds (to be likewise secured by said first mortgage) to an amount not exceeding the total outstanding 1st mtg. gold 5s of the Chicago Railways, the Chicago City Ry. and the Calumet & South Chicago Ry., respectively, and to give the same in exchange at par to those holders of outstanding 1st mtg. gold 5s who by timely deposit of their bonds (under the deposit agreement to be attached to and made a part of the new ordinance) shall have elected to make such exchange; the 1st mtg. 50-year 5% gold bonds to be so exchanged within such time as may be specified in the new ordinance after the new company shall have acquired possession of the street railway properties of the existing companies and the right to operate the same and to have priority over all obligations of the new company except the 1st mtg. 20-year gold bonds; the new company to retain a specified per cent out of the 1st mtg. 50-year 5% gold bonds to cover the expenses and charges incident to such refunding operation. There shall be a cumulative sinking fund for the 1st mtg. 50-year 5% gold bonds adequate to retire the entire issue thereof in 50 years.

New General Mortgage 5s.—The new company to be likewise obligated and authorized by the new ordinance (a) to issue its general mortgage 5% gold bonds (to be secured by the general mortgage), to an amount not exceeding the difference between the total of the city purchase prices (under the existing ordinances) of the street railway properties of the last-mentioned three companies and the Southern Street Ry., and the total of the outstanding first mortgage gold 5s of those of the companies that have any such bonds outstanding; and (b) to give the general mortgage 5% gold bonds in exchange to those holders of direct or indirect junior interest in, liens upon, or enforceable claims against, the property of the companies or either of them who, by timely deposit under the deposit agreement, of their junior bonds, stock certificates or other evidences of such junior interests, duly assigned in blank, shall have elected to accept; in exchange therefor, general mortgage 5% gold bonds on such basis of exchange as shall be prescribed and fixed, after due hearing pursuant to the provisions of the plan of reorganization and readjustment mentioned in the deposit agreement; the general mortgage 5% gold bonds to be so exchanged within a reasonable specified time after such fixing of the basis of such exchange and after the new company shall have acquired possession of the street railway properties of the existing companies and the right to operate the same; the new company to retain a specified per cent of the general mortgage 5% gold bonds to cover expenses and charges incident to such a refunding operation. There shall be a cumulative sinking fund for the general mortgage 5% gold bonds, adequate to retire the entire issue thereof in fifty years.

Bonds Become Due if Company Ceases Operation.—If and whenever the new company's right to operate the street railway lines shall cease, either at the end of twenty years from Feb. 1 1927 or at the end of any extension period, the maturity of the first mortgage 50-year 5% gold bonds and of the general mortgage 5% gold bonds shall be accelerated and all of both said issues shall automatically become and be forthwith due and payable.

Improvements.—Improvements and extensions of surface lines shall be made and constructed by the new company at actual cost plus 10% construction profit.

Ceding of Property at End of Fifty Years.—If the new company shall be allowed by such new ordinance and successive extensions thereof to operate the street railway and motorbus lines for the full period of fifty years from Feb. 1 1927, then the new company, at the end of the fifty years, will forthwith transfer, set over, quitclaim and convey to the City of Chicago, for a consideration of \$1, all the street railway lines, extensions thereof, equipment appertaining thereto and all its motorbuses and equipment, together with all the properties belonging to the new company and used in connection with the operation of the street railway and motorbus lines.

City's Right to Acquire Property.—The city, however, if thereunto enabled by popular vote in accordance with law, shall have the right to purchase and take over all the properties of the new company for city operation at any time during the life of the new ordinance or any extension thereof. The terms of purchase by the city in such event to be now agreed upon and clearly set forth in the new ordinance.

Rate of Fare, &c.—The lines are not to be run for profit; but service is to be given at cost as nearly as may be.

The rate of fare shall be enough, but only enough, to pay the cost of efficiently and adequately maintaining and operating all the new company's lines; to meet the requirements of the sinking funds, renewals and depreciation fund and other funds, and deductions from gross earnings, specified and directed by the new ordinance to be made and to pay the annual interest on all outstanding bonds of the new company. Accordingly the fare shall be lowered or increased as may from time to time become possible or necessary and in the meantime the fare shall remain, as at present, seven cents.

There shall be free interchange of transfers at points of intersection of the different lines operated by the new company, whether surface, subway or motor bus lines. The lines of the new company shall exchange transfers with the elevated lines at intersecting points if, as and when required by the city and consented to by the elevated lines.

Maintenance, Repairs, &c.—Provisions for maintenance and repairs and for renewals and depreciation similar to those in the ordinances of 1907, except that, in the light of experience, the renewals and depreciation fund should be not more than 6% instead of 8% of the gross earnings, and, with proper public authorization from time to time, moneys in that fund not needed for renewals and depreciation, should be made available for extensions and new equipment. Thus the sinking funds above provided for will not entail any additional burden upon the car riders. The percentage of gross earnings to be contributed to the renewals and depreciation fund may be increased either by agreement between the new company and the city, or in case of inability to agree, by expert arbitration.

How Net Earnings Shall Be Ascertained.—Net earnings shall be ascertained and determined as follows:

From the gross earnings of the street railway, subway and motor-bus lines, operated by the new company, there shall be deducted (a) all expenses of operation, including maintenance and repairs and renewals and depreciation; (b) all amounts contributed during the fiscal year and then held in reserve under provisions of the ordinance for the establishment of sinking funds, renewals and depreciation fund and other funds; (c) all amounts paid out for taxes and assessments, levied and imposed upon the real and personal property of the new company, including all capital stock and franchise taxes levied, or assessed after Jan. 31 1927, but not including any taxes which may, by any court, be ordered to be levied, assessed or collected after Jan. 31 1927 on account of the failure of any company, person, firm or corporation, owning or having any interest in the street railway properties, to pay any taxes which should have been paid for or on account of the street railway properties prior to Jan. 31 1927; (d) all salaries and expenses, if any, by the new ordinance expressly or impliedly authorized; (e) a sum equal to the accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all the authorized outstanding bonds of the new company; and (f) an amount equal to a fraction of 1% paying passenger to be divided between the city and the new company in the ratio of 55% to the city (to be allowed to accumulate for use in building subway extensions and, in the purchase of use, to be invested, at the discretion of the City Comptroller, and 45% to the company, which the new company shall be authorized to retain and appropriate to its own use by way of compensation for its services and in lieu of any interest in the net earnings to be derived from said lines operated by the new company; and (g) an amount sufficient to make good the shortage, if any, with respect to any of the foregoing items in any previous year or years.

To Stabilize Fare.—To stabilize the fare, to insure the making of the payments required by the new ordinance to be made out of gross receipts and to supply working capital, a fund of \$5,000,000 shall be provided and maintained liquid by the issue and sale of such 1st mtge. 20-year gold bonds. All interest earned by the stabilization fund shall belong to that fund itself. And if, in any year, the net earnings from operation of the lines of the new company shall not be sufficient to pay all amounts so authorized to be deducted or paid therefrom, then the deficiency, temporarily supplied out of the stabilization fund, shall be made up out of the excess earnings from operation of the next following year or years and paid back into the stabilization fund until that fund shall have been fully reimbursed the amount of such deficiency at any time previously supplied from that fund.

Sinking Fund.—All surplus of net earnings as above ascertained and determined, remaining at the end of each year, and all moneys in excess of \$5,000,000 at the end of any year in the stabilization fund, are to be forthwith paid as additional contributions into the sinking fund or funds appertaining to the next maturing bond issue or issues if such contributions shall be more than sufficient to complete the payment of the then earliest maturing issue. If, whenever and as often as there shall be in any sinking fund an amount exceeding the sum then proportionately necessary for the retirement at maturity of all the bonds of the particular issue to which such sinking fund appertains, then the new company may, with such excess amount then in such sinking fund, buy at the market price, but not above par, for the account of such sinking fund, any bonds of that particular issue, and the bonds so purchased may, at the discretion of the company, be canceled forthwith or if that issue shall have been retired, then such excess may be applied in like manner with respect to bonds of the then next maturing issue.

Limiting Amount of First Mortgage Bonds That May Be Issued.—Unless and until the State of Illinois shall, by valid legislation, grant or shall authorize and empower the City of Chicago to grant an indeterminate franchise or permit, terminable only for material breach of covenant, on the part of the grantee, or by city purchase, and unless and until under such new legislation there shall have vested in the company such an indeterminate franchise or permit to replace the franchise or permit by the new ordinance granted, the amount of such first mortgage 20-year gold bonds at any time outstanding shall not exceed \$50,000,000 in excess of the total aggregate amount then in all the sinking funds for first mortgage 20-year gold bonds. If and when such enabling legislation shall have been passed and, thereunder, there shall have vested in the new company such an indeterminate franchise or permit, then such first mortgage gold bonds thereafter to be issued shall be 50-year bonds and the cumulative sinking funds therefor shall be adequate to retire the same in fifty years.

Note.—[Simultaneously with the negotiations for such new ordinance the bankers will also negotiate with the city a form of ordinance for a terminable permit and the new company, if granted a permit good for twenty years under existing laws, will obligate itself in and by the new ordinance, to surrender such 20-year permit and to accept in lieu thereof such terminable permit, if and when the same shall be granted by the city under new enabling legislation.]

Subways.

We are ready to sign, as soon as it can be prepared, a contract to build for the city its subways upon a basis affording us a reasonable construction profit and under the most rigid expert supervision that can be devised and applied. That it may be clearly understood that we mean exactly what we say in this connection, we beg leave to inform you that we have already retained as our engineers to be placed in charge of the subway construction work, the firm of Parsons, Klapp, Brinckerhoff & Douglas, who, universally known for their ability, skill and reliability, are perhaps specially well known to the City of Chicago, where members of that firm, in association with Bion J. Arnold, have made important comprehensive investigations and valuable reports on the construction of subways in Chicago. If the City is prepared now to furnish drawings and specifications for the subways it desires to have built, we are ready immediately to discuss and settle the details of a construction contract, and to execute the same and commence work without any delay. So far as we are concerned, there is no reason why the work could not be begun and well under way before the new year.

But the new company will obligate itself to operate its lines through the subways if and as desired by the city regardless of when or by whom the subways shall be constructed.

The Elevated Lines.

We are ready to take over the elevated lines if their owners are willing to sell or lease them upon a fair and reasonable basis. If so, the new company will either purchase or lease those lines; and in either event we are ready to modify and enlarge our financial program to fit the requirements of such a step. If, on account of excessive demands, purchase or leasing is not now feasible, then the new company will pledge itself in the most effective manner which can be devised by apt provisions in the new ordinance to make such purchase or lease on an equitable basis, and, pending such purchase, or lease, to enter into a fair operating agreement with the elevated lines that will as nearly as possible give the public the improved transportation facilities and benefits which the public would have if the surface lines and elevated lines were owned and operated by one company as a unified system.

Purchase or leasing of the elevated lines or such an operating agreement with them will never be delayed by any unreasonable demand on our part or on the part of the new company to be formed by us; but we cannot control, determine or even influence the attitude in either respect of the elevated lines.

We will add, however, that if the new company to be formed by us shall ever acquire, through purchase or otherwise, control of the elevated lines, it will obligate itself so soon as the central subway shall be constructed and the elevated lines afforded the opportunity to pass through or around the portions of the city now covered by the elevated loop, the new company will remove the elevated loop if the city shall so desire, and that, too, without any claim for reimbursement or damage beyond the actual expense of such removal and the restoration of street pavements, &c., all of which probably, would be covered by the scrap value of the structure. (See also V. 123 p. 1502.)

Cities Service Co.—Stock Sold.—Pearsons-Taft Co., Henry L. Doherty & Co., Hunter, Dulin & Co., California Co. and Russell-Colvin Co. this week sold 50,000 shares 6% cum. pref. stock (par \$100) at market, to yield about 6.70%. This offering, it is stated, will not increase the amount of pref. stock outstanding. Total authorized, \$150,000,000; outstanding, \$97,064,908.

Company.—Owns directly or through subsidiaries a majority of the common stock of each of more than 60 public utilities comprising a large and successful system of electric light and power, manufactured and natural gas, heat, water, ice and street railway companies, and of more than 40 companies representing an important system of oil production, transportation, refining and marketing.

The public utility properties comprise a diversified group operating in 17 states and the Dominion of Canada, serving a population of more than 3,000,000 in over 600 communities. These companies, having an installed capacity of over 670,000 h.p., sold in 1925 more than 1,200,000,000 kw. of electric energy for light and power, and distributed in excess of 70,000,000,000 cu. ft. of manufactured and natural gas.

The principal oil properties produce daily about 30,000 barrels of crude oil, and the subsidiaries operate about 1,000 miles of oil pipe lines and refineries having a total rated capacity of 31,500 barrels daily. The reserves of oil and gas lands are located in what is commonly known as the Mid-Continent field in Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, and the natural gas business is conducted principally in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Earnings 12 Months Ended July 31.

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$21,883,727	\$18,463,237	\$17,134,511
Expenses	866,724	760,973	565,441
Interest & disc. on debentures	2,578,621	2,046,215	2,218,949
Net to stocks & reserves	\$18,438,381	\$15,656,048	\$14,350,120
Divs. pref. and preference stocks	5,711,406	5,149,957	5,054,229
Net to common stock & reserves	\$12,726,974	\$10,506,091	\$9,295,891

The net earnings for 12 months ended July 31 1926 were \$21,017,002. After paying interest on the debenture debt, there remained \$18,438,381 available for dividends and reserves, equivalent to 3.23 times the dividends on the preferred and preference stocks outstanding.—V. 123, p. 1502, 1112.

Cleveland Painesville & Eastern RR.—Service Discontinued.—

Passenger and freight service ceased operation on Feb. 27 last, following foreclosure of a mortgage by the Cleveland Trust Co.—V. 123, p. 453.

Commonwealth Power Corp.—Sub. Acquires Pow. Co.—The Southern Michigan Light & Power Co., a subsidiary, has consummated the purchase of the Ravenna-Conklin-Marne Power Co., which serves these villages and also Eastmanville, Mich.

	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$47,680,562	\$41,788,758
Operating expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance	25,950,052	23,629,107
x Fixed charges	11,862,121	10,706,839
Dividend, preferred stock	2,196,544	2,180,874
Provision for retirement reserve	3,288,333	3,023,888
Balance	\$4,383,513	\$2,248,050

Note.—This statement is prepared on the basis of giving effect for the full two-year period of the acquisition of the control of Tennessee Electric Power Co. under plan which became effective in July 1925.

x Includes interest, amortization of debt discount and earnings accruing on stock of subsidiary companies now owned by Commonwealth Pow. Corp. The activity of general business in the territory served is indicated by the increasing sales of electricity and gas. August sales of electricity of 121,644,762 k.w.h. and gas of 477,961,200 cu. ft. were the highest of any August in the history of the company—increases of approximately 20% and 9%, respectively, over August last year. During the first eight months of 1926 electric sales were 941,729,665 k.w.h. and gas sales 3,848,517,500 cu. ft. as compared with 812,645,156 k.w.h. and 3,432,233,800 cu. ft. in same period last year—an increase of 15.88% and 12.13%, respectively. For the year ended Aug. 31 1926 sales of electricity amounted to 1,406,637,431 k.w.h. and of gas 5,727,257,600 cu. ft.—increases of 21.41% and 17.41%, respectively, over sales for 12 months ended Aug. 31 1925.—V. 123, p. 1250.

Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.—Notes Offered.—First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, is offering \$2,500,000 5% serial gold notes at prices ranging from 98½ and int. to 100 and int., to yield from 5 to 5.40%, according to maturity.

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due serially Sept. 1 1927-1930. Int. payable M. & S. at First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee, trustee, or at First National Bank, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Callable, all or part, on 30 days' notice on any int. date by paying the principal and a premium of ½ of 1% for each year or portion thereof between the call date and the fixed maturity of the notes called. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100.

Data from Letter of George W. Mead, President of the Company.

Company.—Is one of the largest producers in this country of newsprint paper, wallpaper and high-grade sulphite fibre and is also an important manufacturer of towels, napkins, wrapping paper and tissue paper. Company has mills at Wisconsin Rapids, Biron, Stevens Point and Appleton, Wis., with a combined daily output in excess of 400 tons. The properties of the company are complete and well balanced and are modern and efficient. Company will own all of the capital stock of the following companies:

- (1) Consolidated Water Power Co., owns 3 hydro-electric developments on the Wisconsin River with a total installed capacity of 34,210 h.p. and with average annual output for the years 1922 to 1925 incl. of 94,285,000 k.w.h. Consolidated Water Power Co. has outstanding \$2,000,000 1st mtge. 5½% gold bonds (V. 122, p. 2797).
- (2) Thunder Bay Paper Co., Ltd., a Canadian corporation, owns a ground wood pulp mill at Port Arthur, Ont., with a present daily capacity of 110 tons of ground wood pulp. Company is now building an additional paper-making unit which will have a daily capacity of 100 tons of finished paper. Thunder Bay Paper Co. has received by grant from the Canadian Government the right to timber upon 2,000 sq. miles of Government lands conveniently located with respect to the company's mills.
- (3) Newaygo Co., Ltd., a Canadian corporation. Will own in fee approximately 350,000 acres of timber land forested with timber suitable for use as pulp wood. Canadian laws do not prohibit the exportation of this timber. Newaygo Co. holds this timber as a reserve for Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co. mills in this country.
- (4) Newaygo Tug Line, Inc., owns tugs, barges and other marine equipment and is engaged in the business of transporting pulp and pulpwood.

Purpose.—Funds received from the sale of these notes will be used in part to purchase stock of Thunder Bay Paper Co., Ltd., and of Newaygo Co., Ltd., and the balance will be used for working capital.

Security.—Notes will be a direct obligation of company and will be secured by a trust agreement containing adequate provisions for the protection of the note holders. As additional security the following stocks will be pledged with the trustee: \$2,000,000 common stock Thunder Bay Paper Co., Ltd.; \$1,000,000 common stock Consolidated Water Power Co.; \$800,000 common stock Newaygo Co., Ltd.; \$100,000 common stock Newaygo Tug Line Co.

	Capitalization.
5% serial gold notes (this issue)	\$2,500,000
Common stock (par \$100)	8,000,000

Earnings.—Combined annual net income of the company and its subsidiaries available for interest charges after ample depreciation but before Federal taxes and charges for borrowed capital averaged \$1,309,497 for the 5 years and 7 months ending July 31 1926, or more than 5½ times maximum interest charges on these notes and the \$2,000,000 1st mtge. 5½% bonds of Consolidated Water Power Co.—V. 122, p. 2797.

Delaware River Water Co.—Bonds Offered.—Damon & Bolles Co., Boston, are offering at 97 and int., to yield over 5¼%, \$250,000 1st mtge. 5½% gold bonds, series A.

Dated May 1 1926; due May 1 1946. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at office of the Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., trustee. Red. as a whole on 60 days' notice to and incl. May 1 1930 at 105 and int.; thereafter to and incl. May 1 1934 at 104 and int.; thereafter to and incl. May 1 1937 at 103 and int.; thereafter to and incl. May 1 1940 at 102 and int.; thereafter to and incl. May 1 1943 at 101 and int.; thereafter at 100 and int. Int. payable without deduction of any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refund of the Pa., Conn., Kan., and Calif. taxes not to exceed four mills, Maryland 4½-mills tax, Mich. 5-mills exemption tax, Ky. 5-mills tax, Va. 5½-mills tax, and Mass. income tax not to exceed 6%.

Issuance.—Authorized by the New Jersey P. U. Commission.

Data from Letter of William C. Jones, President of the Company.

Company.—Company, or its predecessors, has been supplying a portion of the territory suburban to the City of Camden, N. J., for 42 years with water for domestic and industrial purposes. Company supplies water, without competition, to Beverly, Riverside, Edgewater Park, Beverly Township and Delran Township, N. J. The population served by the company has increased from approximately 11,000 in 1921 to a present population of over 15,000. During this period the number of consumers, all of whom are now supplied by metered services, has increased over 25%.

Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing).

First mortgage 5½% gold bonds, series A	\$250,000
Common stock (no par value)	4,000 shs

Security.—This issue, constituting the only funded debt of the company, is secured by a first mortgage on the entire property. The value of the property for rate-making purposes as of Dec. 31 1923 as determined by the P. U. Commission, plus additions to April 30 1926, is more than \$385,000.

	Earnings for the 12 Months Ended March 31 1926.
Gross earnings	\$67,840
Oper. exp., maint., taxes (other than Federal tax)	40,152
Balance	\$27,688
Ann. int. on the company's entire funded debt (this issue)	13,750

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire the entire funded debt heretofore outstanding and partially to reimburse the company for extensions and betterments made to the properties.

Electrical Securities Co.—Tenders.

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Oct. 4 receive bids for the sale to it, at prices not exceeding 103 and int., of collat-

eral trust sinking fund 5% bonds in amount sufficient to exhaust the following respective sums: 5th series, due 1937, \$53,418; 10th series, due 1941, \$37,664; 12th series, due 1943, \$89,579; 13th series, due 1943, \$84,681, and 14th series, due 1946, \$63,488.—V. 123, p. 580.

Empire Gas & Fuel Co.—Listing, etc.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$20,000,000 1st & ref. gold bonds, 6 1/2% series (authorized all series, \$150,000,000), maturing April 1 1941, making the total amount applied for: 1st & ref. conv. 15-year 7 1/2% gold bonds, series A, \$35,549,000; 1st & ref. gold bonds, 6 1/2% series, \$20,000,000.

Consolidated Income Account—Years Ended. Table with columns for June 30 '26, Nov. 30 '25, Nov. 30 '24, Nov. 30 '23. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. & maintenance, Net earnings, Non-oper. income, Total income, Int. on funded debt, Int. on floating debt, Amortiz. of discount, Sundry deductions, Min. int. in subsidiaries, Deprec. & depletion, Divs. on preferred stock, Net to common stock, Earned per share on common stock.

Of the gross earnings for the year ended June 30 1926, approximately 46% is derived from refining and marketing, 27% from oil, 18% from natural gas, 3% from gasoline, 3% from oil pipe line and 3% from miscellaneous sources.

Consolidated Balance Sheet. Table with columns for June 30 '26, Nov. 30 '25. Rows include Assets (Properties, pipe line, refineries, Trustees' funds, Misc. invest'ns, Cash, Stores & supplies, Inventories, Accounts rec'ble, Notes & accept. receivable, Accts. rec. susp., Oil & gas accts. rec. in litigation, Due fr. affil. cos., Prep'd ins., royalties, rentals, taxes, interest, etc., Bd. dist. & exp., Sund. def. chgs., Prop. in course of abandonment or replacem't.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, Bonded debt, Mtge. & purch. money obliga., Fiscal agt. notes, Notes payable, Loan sec. by pledge of crude & refined oil, Accts. payable, Accts. pay., affil. companies, Wages & salaries accrued, Acct. int., royalties, taxes, & Divs. on pref. stock, Fiscal agt. acct. payable, Due affil. cos., not current, Lease bonuses pay., conting., Cust.'s deposits, Sun. def. items, Reserves: Depr. & depl., Crude & ref'd oil price fluctuation, Loss on accounts & notes rec., Earns. rec. in sus. (contra), Injuries and damages, Bond conver'n, Miscellaneous, Min. int. in subs, Surplus).

Total 308,166,791 297,231,479. Permanent 1st & ref. (now 1st mtge. & collat. lien) gold bonds, 6 1/2% series, due 1941, are now ready and exchangeable for the interim certificates of Halsey, Stuart & Co., originally issued. (For offering of bonds see V. 122, p. 1770.)—V. 122, p. 3081.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Listing.
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Oct. 1 of not exceeding \$60,794 common stock (par \$15 each) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$6,140,231 common stock.

Consolidated Statement of Income (Inter-Company Items Eliminated). 6 Mos. Ended June 30—1926. 1925. Operating revenue, Operating expenses, maint., Federal, & c. taxes, Administration, & c. expenses.

Table with columns for 1926, 1925. Rows include Gross corporate income, Interest to public, Preferred dividends—subsidiary companies, do Federal Light & Traction Co., Balance.

Balance Sheet as of June 30 1926. Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Stocks and bonds of subs, Organization, Securities of other cos, Office furniture and fixtures, Sinking fund cash, Notes receivable, Cash on hand and in banks, Cash to pay coupons, Miscell. accounts receivable, Due from subsidiary cos, Unadjusted debits, Preferred stock, Common stock, Funded debt, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Coupons payable, Accrued interest payable, Unadjusted credits, Corporate surplus.

Total \$21,100,015. Total \$21,100,015. —123, p. 1382.

Federal Water Service Corp.—Debentures Sold.—G. L. Ohlstrom & Co., Inc., New York, have sold at 96 and int., to yield over 6 1/4%, \$5,000,000 6% convertible gold debentures, Series "A."

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due Sept. 1 1996. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable in New York City. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice to and incl. Sept. 1 1986 at 110 and int.; thereafter, to and incl. Sept. 1 1991, at 105 and int.; thereafter, at their principal amount and int. Interest payable without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refund of Penn., Conn., Minn., Kansas and Calif. taxes not to exceed 4 mills, Maryland tax not to exceed 4 1/2 mills, Kentucky and District of Columbia taxes not to exceed 5 1/2 mills, and Mass. income tax not to exceed 6%, to resident holders upon timely and proper application. Central Union Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Convertible into the Class A stock at \$27 50 per share to and including Sept. 1 1936; Sept. 1 1931; at \$30 per share thereafter and to and including Sept. 1 1936; at \$35 per share thereafter and to and including Sept. 1 1941; at \$40 per share thereafter and to and including Sept. 1 1946; at \$50 per share thereafter and to and including Sept. 1 1956; adjustment in cash to be made of accrued interest, dividends, and fractional parts of a share.

Data from Letter of C. T. Chenery, President of the Corporation.

Business.—The constituent companies now owned and presently to be acquired supply water for domestic and industrial purposes to various communities in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and California. In addition, sewer service is rendered in Ocean City, N. J. The total population of the territories served is in excess of 620,000.

The physical properties are in excellent condition, and according to engineers who have investigated the properties, the water supply is adequate for the present needs and, with the installation of normal additions, for the future needs of the communities served. The water supply is divided between 133,950,000 gallons per day of estimated well capacity and 30,750,000 per day of effective yield of gravity systems, making a total of 164,700,000 gallons effective daily supply, not including the sources from rivers or lakes supplying the systems in Charleston, W. Va., Seneca Falls, N. Y., and Streator, Ill. The pumping capacity through steam, hydraulic and electrical pumping equipment, is over 146,000,000 gallons, which, with the capacity of the gravity systems, makes a total effective daily capacity of over 176,000,000 gallons, compared with a total present daily consumption of 56,103,000 gallons. The total storage capacity for reserve and pressure equalizing purposes is over 988,310,000 gallons. The distribution systems total over 1,190 miles of mains, afford fire protection with 5,978 hydrants, and serve a total of 104,936 active consumers.

Table with columns: Years, Gross Earnings, Miles of Mains, Hydrants, Consumers. Rows for 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, *1926.

* As of June 30 1926 (partially estimatec). Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding. 6% convertible debts., Series "A" \$5,000,000 2,500,000 7% cumulative preferred stock \$350,000 65,000 shs. Class A stock (no par value) 100,000 shs. 50,000 shs. Class B stock (no par value) 100,000 shs. 50,000 shs.

Security.—Debtures will be the direct obligations of the company and will represent its only funded debt. Indenture will provide that no additional debentures may be issued thereunder, except for refunding purposes, unless the net income as defined in the indenture for 12 consecutive calendar months within the preceding 15 calendar months shall have been at least 2 1/2 times the annual interest charges upon all outstanding funded debt, including the debentures to be issued.

Consolidated Earnings of the Properties. Year Ended—June 30 '26, Dec. 31 '25. Gross revenues, Oper. exps., maint. & deprec. as provided in sub. op. mtges., and taxes other than Federal taxes.

Table with columns for June 30 '26, Dec. 31 '25. Rows include Net operating income, Int. & divs. paid on sub. co. securities and pref. stocks held by the public, Balance, Interest requirements, this issue.

The earnings, after making provision for Federal income taxes and dividends on the pref. stock of the corporation, are equivalent to \$3 80 per share on the outstanding Class A stock.

Acquisition.—It is announced that the corporation has acquired the Streator Acqueduct Co., in Illinois. The latter was incorporated in Illinois in 1886, and supplies water to the City of Streator and suburbs. It owns and operates 50 miles of water mains. The population served is approximately 20,000 and the number of consumers 4,475.

The Streator company is at present constructing a new dam which will provide storage capacity of 399,000,000 gallons. The dam is to contain 6,200 cubic yards of concrete, a 24-inch cast iron pipe 1,150 feet long to convey the water from the dam to the suction well located at the pumping station. A considerable amount of auxiliary equipment also is being installed.

Conclusion of a purchase agreement between the Federal Water Service Corp. and the American Gas & Electric Co. for the acquisition of the West Virginia Water & Electric Co. from the American Gas & Electric Co. is announced by C. T. Chenery, President of Federal corporation. The initial payment under the purchase agreement has been made and the properties, which serve Charleston, W. Va., and suburban districts, will be paid for with part of the proceeds from the sale of \$5,000,000 of debentures offered by G. L. Ohlstrom & Co. (see above). Included in the purchase agreement are utility properties in Welch, W. Va.; Butler, Montpelier, Albany, Ind., and Three Oaks, Mich. The Federal Water Service system now embraces 22 companies operating in New York, California, West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana.—V. 123, p. 1502, 1382.

Florida Power & Light Co.—Hurricane Causes Slight Damage to Properties.

Dispatches from this company, which supplies electric power and light service to a large area in Florida, indicate that the first reports of damage resulting from the hurricane have been largely over-stated. The company's service extends to 87 communities in Florida, including a large number of cities and towns on the east coast from Miami on the south to St. Augustine on the north, and a number of cities in the southwestern section of the State. Except for the lower section on the east coast, extending from Miami to West Palm Beach, service apparently was not seriously affected.

The company's two principal electric generating stations in the affected area are in Miami and West Palm Beach. Both of these stations were forced to cease operations temporarily, but service was resumed in both cases Sunday (Sept. 19) noon. The company also supplies gas and water service in Miami and the gas works resumed service Sunday morning and at the same time water supply was made available to a part of Miami. The company's electric generating station on the causeway at Miami Beach was flooded, but telegraphic dispatches stated that it was expected to be put back in service on Sept. 20.

The company is building two superpower stations, one near Fort Lauderdale and one near Sanford. The latter plant was entirely out of the storm area. The Fort Lauderdale plant suffered no damage, except that the temporary construction camp was partially wrecked. The damage to the company's property in the storm of last July was less than \$50,000 and although it is not possible at this time to make any estimate of the cost of the present storm, the officers of the company believe that the current reports as to damages are much exaggerated.—V. 123, p. 1382.

Georgia Power Co.—Organized.
See Southeastern Power & Light Co. below.

Grand River Valley Ry., Colo.—New Control.
Henry L. Doherty & Co., New York City, recently purchased all the properties of the Grand River Valley Ry., Grand Junction Elec. Gas & Light Co. and Grand River Gas Co. at Grand Junction, Colo. Gas, light, transportation and ice plants are included. The railway, comprising 27 miles, operates between Grand Junction and Fruita.—V. 104, p. 1701.

Houston Gulf Gas Co.—New Gas Well Completed.

The company has just completed a new gas well on its Lambert lease property in the Refugio area, estimated to be producing 50,000,000 cubic feet daily, according to O. R. Seagraves, Vice-President and General Manager. This is considered a most important development in that it is an extension of approximately 3 miles of the present field, adding a big reserve to the company's supply and proving several hundred acres of leases and land owned in fee by the company. The company has just recently closed a contract and built an extension to the Crown Central Refining Co., located on the Houston Ship Channel, the present deliveries of the company into the Houston district are approximately 40,000,000 cubic feet daily. The Houston Gas & Fuel Co., with which the Houston Gulf has an exclusive contract for all domestic and industrial distribution, within the corporate limits of Houston, is spending several hundred thousand dollars on the construction of pipe lines to provide deliveries of gas to large industries within the City of Houston.—V. 122, p. 3605.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Expenditures.—The directors have approved expenditures of \$2,232,072 for new plant in Chicago and \$1,581,540 in Illinois outside of Chicago. Total expenditures authorized for year to date amount to \$24,486,123.—V. 123, p. 1382.

Indiana Hydro-Electric Power Co.—Tenders.—The Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Chicago, Ill., will until Sept. 30 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 30-year s. f. gold bonds, series A and B, dated Dec. 1 1921, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$60,000 at a price not exceeding 107½ and interest.—V. 119, p. 818.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	—Month of August—	—2 Mos. End. Aug. 31—	—2 Mos. End. Aug. 31—	—2 Mos. End. Aug. 31—
	1926	1925	1926	1925
Gross rev. from all sources	\$4,518,118	\$4,387,903	\$8,534,420	\$9,647,116
Exp. for oper. and maintaining the property	2,853,361	2,959,591	6,435,127	5,918,921
Taxes payable to city, State and U. S.	301,596	260,252	601,357	526,329
Rentals payable city for original subways	221,500	221,200	443,000	442,400
Rentals payable as int. on Manh. Ry. bonds	150,687	150,687	301,373	301,373
Miscellaneous rentals	23,688	23,253	50,221	46,787
Net income	\$967,286	\$772,920	\$703,341	\$2,411,305
Int. I. R. T. 1st M. 5s	674,205	672,726	1,348,410	1,345,451
Int. I. R. T. 7% secured notes	197,441	198,070	394,882	396,140
Int. on I. R. T. 6% 10-year notes	45,446	41,291	90,892	82,581
Int. equip. trust certifs.	21,513	27,520	43,025	51,647
Sink. fund, I. R. T. 1st mortgage bonds	194,521	184,757	389,042	369,513
Other items	9,212	9,760	18,424	19,019
7% div. Manh. Ry. stk. not assenting to "plan of readjustment"	25,395	19,392	50,790	38,784
5% div. on assenting Manh. Ry. stock	231,861	236,389	463,722	472,298
Deficit	\$432,307	\$616,983	\$2,095,846	\$364,127

The net result for the two months was a deficit of \$2,095,845. This is \$1,731,718 greater than the deficit for the corresponding period of last year. The comparison with last year is influenced by the strike during the month of July of this year, as well as the fact that in July of last year there was a lump sum payment of \$770,000 on account of the new advertising contract against which there was no similar payment this year.—V. 123, p. 1502.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Earnings.—

	Quarter Ended	6 Mos. End.	6 Mos. End.
	June 30 '26	Mar. 31 '26	June 30 '26
Tel. oper. rev. & gross prof. on sales	\$4,323,820	\$4,117,135	\$8,440,955
Fees for service	375,351	313,575	688,926
Dividends	84,568	87,116	171,684
Interest	282,911	253,702	536,613
Miscellaneous	Dr. 45,578	172,130	126,552
Total earnings	\$5,021,072	\$4,943,660	\$9,964,730
Oper., gen. & sell. exp. & taxes & depr.	2,601,950	2,562,119	5,164,069
Net earnings	\$2,419,122	\$2,381,541	\$4,800,660
Deduct—Charges of sub. cos.:			
Interest charges	280,102	256,933	537,035
Preferred stock dividend	110,070	109,421	219,491
Min. stockholders' equity in net inc.	226,247	350,192	576,439
Int. on debenture bonds	343,750	343,750	687,500
Net income	\$1,458,950	\$1,321,245	\$2,780,195

The consolidated surplus account follows: Earned surplus Jan. 1 1926, \$5,367,956; net income as above, \$2,780,195; total, \$8,148,151; deduct dividends paid or accrued, \$1,190,771; sundry charges, \$26,313; balance earned surplus, June 30 1926, \$6,931,067; capital surplus, \$859,731; total surplus June 30 1926, \$7,790,798.—V. 123, p. 1251.

Interstate Utilities Corp. (Del.)—New Control.—See Southeastern Power & Light Co. below.—V. 123, p. 1382.

Metropolitan Edison Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,000,000 additional 1st & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, series C, due Jan. 1 1953, making the total amounts applied for as follows: Series B 6%, \$6,080,000; series C 5%, \$7,650,000.

Consolidated Income Account (Company & Sub. Cos.).

	6 Mos. End.	Year End.
	June 30 '26	Dec. 31 '25
Operating revenue	\$4,708,510	\$8,675,748
Operating expenses and depreciation	2,501,950	4,659,811
Taxes	204,945	3,280,808
Rentals	33,099	66,198
Operating income	\$1,968,516	\$3,616,930
Other income	126,593	207,711
Total income	\$2,095,109	\$3,824,641
Interest on funded debt	810,028	1,579,043
Other interest	23,486	44,512
Amortization or discount & expense	53,236	117,038
Miscellaneous deductions	7,332	14,663
Net income	\$1,201,028	\$2,069,385
Surplus at beginning of period	\$2,604,208	\$2,684,346
Total surplus	\$3,805,236	\$4,753,732
Preferred dividends	461,512	850,617
Common dividends	292,146	519,368
Additional depreciation	97,546	587,253
Miscellaneous deductions	123,422	192,286
Surplus at end of period	\$2,830,613	\$2,604,208

Consolidated General Balance Sheet as of June 30 1926.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Property	Capital stock
Securities owned	Funded debt
Sinking, &c., funds	Subscribers for pref. stk.
Cash	Notes payable
Notes & loans receivable	Accounts payable
Accounts receivable	Consumers' deposits
Materials & supplies	Adv. by consumers for ext
Miscell. current assets	Miscell. current liabil.
Unamort. disc. & exp.	Accrued liabilities
Unam. adj. of prop. acct	Res., general deprec.
Undistrib. debit items	Miscellaneous reserves
	Surplus
Total (each side)	\$61,481,848

—V. 123, p. 710.

Milledgeville (Ga.) Lighting Co.—New Control.—See Southeastern Power & Light Co. below.—V. 121, p. 2038.

Mohawk-Hudson Power Corp.—Seeks to Acquire Interest in Troy Gas Co.—The company has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to acquire 10% or more of the capital stock of the Troy Gas Co. The corporation proposes that for one share of Troy company stock there will be issued five-sixths of a share of \$7 cuml. pref. stock and one share of common stock of the corporation, with provision for purchase and sale of fractional shares of pref. stock at \$105 a share.—V. 123, p. 1113.

Montreal Light, Heat & Power Consol.—To Recapitalize. Vice-President J. S. Norris says in substance: "Regarding our refinancing, we originally planned to place half our capital on a fixed interest basis and

for that purpose divided our shares into preferred and common—the preferred to carry a 6% dividend, (V. 123, p. 581). Since issuing this preferred we have found a medium of still further reducing our capital charges, namely, by redeeming the preferred and substituting bonds, to carry a lower interest rate. "The directors on Sept. 15 adopted a by-law for the creation of an issue of \$75,000,000 1st ref. & collat. trust bonds, to be formed in series as required for the general purposes of the company. It is intended shortly to issue approximately \$30,000,000 of this authorized amount in the form of 25-yr. 5% bonds in connection with the contemplated redemption of the preferred stock." A special general meeting of the shareholders will be held on Sept. 29, to ratify this by-law.—V. 123, p. 1382.

National Power & Light Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—[Being, for the period from July 1 1924 to Dec. 7 1925, the earnings of the former National Power & Light Co. and of the present National Power & Light Co. from its organization on the latter date until June 30 1926, and the earnings for all periods shown of all the subsidiaries now controlled by National Power & Light Co.]

	June 30 '26	Dec. 31 '25	June 30 '25
Gross earnings of subsidiaries	\$31,640,117	\$29,800,043	\$28,002,124
Net earnings of subsidiaries	12,291,060	11,535,545	10,716,320
Gross earnings of Nat. Pow. & Lt. Co. and undistributed income of subs. applicable to Nat. Pow. & Lt. Co. after renewal and replacement, appropriations a	5,149,057	4,640,270	4,269,689
Expenses of Nat. Pow. & Lt. Co.	74,864	85,607	126,476
Int. deductions of Nat. Pow. & Lt. Co.	653,202	653,525	675,887
Bal. appl. to Nat. Pr. & Lt. Co. divs.	\$4,420,991	\$3,901,138	\$3,467,326
Prof. divs. of Nat. Pr. & Lt. Co.	556,252	279,650	274,579
Common divs. of Nat. Pr. & Lt. Co.	875,162	732,471	732,498
Combined undistributed income	\$2,989,577	\$2,889,017	\$2,460,249

A Renewal and replacement (depreciation) appropriations for the 12 mos. ended June 30 1926, were \$2,658,274; for the 12 mos. ended Dec. 31 1925, they were \$2,529,494, and for the 12 mos. ended June 30 1925, they were \$2,420,649.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

	June 30 '26	Dec. 31 '25	June 30 '26	Dec. 31 '25
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Investments	\$47,516,467	\$45,851,822	Cap. stk (no par)	\$46,349,244
Cash & call loans receivable	1,956,669	254,944	50-Yr. 7% inc. bds	\$8,417,100
Notes & loans rec.	8,792,388	4,711,440	Dividends declared	255,012
Accts. receivable	477,359	439,672	Notes & loans pay.	2,397,000
Deferred debits	43,348	4,998	Accounts payable	99,744
			Accrued interest	104,848
			Reserve	264,867
			Surplus	3,400,264
Total	\$58,786,231	\$51,262,875	Total	\$58,786,231
x Stock Outstanding—			June 30 1926	Dec. 31 1925
\$7 Preferred stock			140,298 shares	40,298 shares
Common stock			2,543,815 shares	2,544,150 shares

—V. 123, p. 982, 581.

New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$40,000,000 1st mtge. 4½% gold bonds, series B, due May 1 1961.

Income Statement for Year Ending June 30 1926.

Oper. rev., \$60,030,111; oper. exp., \$43,691,820; net oper. rev.	\$16,338,291
Deduct—Taxes, \$3,987,661; uncollectibles, \$492,372	4,480,034
Total operating income	\$11,858,257
Net non-operating revenues	623,899
Total gross income	\$12,482,156
Rent & miscell., \$516,935; interest on funded debt, \$2,508,169; debt discount & exp., \$83,514; other int., \$1,940,512	5,049,131
Dividend appropriations	6,903,813
Balance for corporate surplus	\$529,212

Balance Sheet as of June 30 1926.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Land and buildings	Capital stock
Other telephone plant	Funded debt
General equipment	Deb. notes, 4% 1930
Investment securities	Deb. notes, 5% 1932
Adv. to system corp.	1st M. 5s, ser. A, 1952
Miscell. investments	1st M. 4½s, B, 1961
Cash & deposits	Notes secured by real estate mortgage
Marketable securities	Accounts payable
Bills receivable	Accrued liab. not due
Accounts receivable	Liab. for empl. benefit fd
Materials & supplies	Res. for accrued deprec.
Deferred debit items	Corporate surplus
Total	\$254,718,826

—V. 123, p. 1382, 843.

North American Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Oct. 1 of \$994,920 additional common stock, on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend.—V. 123, p. 1382.

Northern Ohio Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—

12 Mos. End.	Aug. 31—	1926	1925	1924	1923
Gross earnings	\$11,833,328	\$11,106,087	\$9,768,249	\$10,160,304	
Operating exp., taxes & maintenance	8,791,735	8,353,708	7,705,884	7,701,155	
Fixed charges	1,626,829	1,538,587	1,368,589	1,330,311	
Div. pref. stock	457,872	435,267	428,006	400,608	
Balance	\$956,891	\$781,255	\$265,770	\$728,230	

—V. 123, p. 1114.

Northern New York Utilities, Inc.—Bonds Sold.—The sale of an additional issue of \$1,235,000 1st lien & ref. 5% gold bonds, series E, was announced Sept. 22 by F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc., and E. H. Rollins & Sons at a price of 99 and int., to yield over 5%. The bonds are dated July 1 1925 and are due July 1 1955 (see previous offering in V. 121, p. 926).

Issuance.—Approved by the New York P. S. Commission.

Capitalization.

Divisional 5% bonds	Authorized	Outstanding
1st mtge. & ref. 5% bonds	(Closed)	\$2,539,500
1st lien & ref. bonds (incl. this issue)	(Closed)	\$2,009,500
Common stock (without par value)	400,000 shs.	160,000 shs.
x No further bonds may be issued under this mortgage, except for deposit under the 1st lien & ref. mtge. In addition to bonds held in escrow to provide for retirement of underlying divisional bonds and those canceled by sinking fund, there are pledged \$6,086,000 principal amount with the trustee of the 1st lien & ref. mtge.		

Company.—Owns and operates electric light, power and gas properties, serving without competition a territory of about 105,000 population in northern and central New York. It provides the entire electric light and power service in Watertown, Rome and about 60 adjacent communities, and the entire gas service in Watertown and Rome. Company owns and operates 14 hydro-electric plants, and leases and operates 3 hydro-electric plants, making available a total of 140,000 hydro-electric horse power. In addition, it owns 2 stand-by steam stations, with installations totaling 9,775 h.p. During 1925 over 99% of the electric power produced by the company was generated in the hydro-electric plants. Company has high-tension inter-connections with the Mohawk-Hudson Power Corp. (through the Utica Gas & Electric Co.), and the Buffalo Niagara & Eastern Power Corp. (through the Niagara Lockport & Ontario Power Co.), with the St. Lawrence County Utilities, Inc., and with the Oswego River Power Corp.

Control.—Over 99% of the common stock is controlled by Northeastern Power Corp.

Security.—Secured by a direct mortgage on all the properties of the company now or hereafter owned and by the pledge of \$6,086,000 1st mtge. & Ref. 5% bonds, or more than 74%, thus sharing to that extent in the lien of that mortgage which is a direct 1st mtge. on substantially all the property of the company.

Earnings Year Ended Aug. 31 1926.

Gross earnings.....	\$3,828,056
Oper. exp., maint. and taxes (except Federal taxes).....	1,831,220
Net earnings.....	\$1,996,836
Annual interest on all outstanding bonds, including this issue.....	894,421
Balance.....	\$1,102,415

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company's treasury in part for expenditures for additions and extensions.—V. 123, p. 711, 83.

Ohio Central Telephone Co.—Notes Offered.—Thompson, Kent & Grace, Inc., Chicago, are offering at 99 and int., to yield 6%, \$425,000 collateral 5% gold notes, series "A."

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due Sept. 1 1927. Red. at any time on 30 days' notice at 100 1/4 and int. Company agrees to pay normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000.

Company.—Owns and operates telephone properties through its subsidiaries in central and southern Ohio. The principal communities served are Lebanon, Mason, Morrow, Wayneville, Mt. Gilead, Cardington, Johnsville, Sparta, Marengo, Iberia and Mount Sterling. The companies operate in excess of 7,249 miles of telephone lines and approximately 5,000 telephones and serve a population of nearly 60,000 in an area of 1,127 sq. miles. Company also operates very valuable toll lines which are the source of a large revenue.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire all outstanding bonds and pref. stocks of the subsidiary companies and to provide for extensions and improvements of the subsidiary companies and for other corporate purposes.

Security.—Secured by a deposit with the trustee of an amount in excess of 99% of the total outstanding capital stock of the sub. cos., which companies will be entirely free as a result of this financing of all funded debt or pref. stocks. The reproductive value of the properties of the sub. cos. is in excess of \$993,464 and the depreciated sound values in excess of \$808,386. The companies have been in successful, uncompetitive operation for more than 20 years.

Earnings.—The aggregate gross income of the companies for the period, Jan. 1 1923 to June 30 1926, was \$453,107, or an annual average in excess of \$129,400. The aggregate net earnings available for interest on this issue were \$218,971, or an annual average of \$62,563, which is approximately three times the interest charges on this note issue.

Operations for 12 Months Ended June 30 1926.

Gross income.....	\$130,749
Operating expenses, including maintenance charges.....	66,301
Net income, available for interest.....	\$64,447

Ohio Service Co.—Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding 1st mtge. sinking fund 6% gold bonds dated Nov. 1 1917 have been called for redemption Nov. 1 next at 103 and int. at the Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall Street, N. Y. City.—V. 122, p. 3341.

Oklahoma Natural Gas Co.—Dividend of 45 Cents.—Checks are being mailed to stockholders of record of Sept. 21 for 45 cents a share in accordance with the sale agreement ratified by the stockholders in July. This provided that earnings of the company from the last dividend period up to the date of sale be distributed at a rate not exceeding 8%. See also V. 123, p. 1383.

Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp.—Trustee.—The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$15,000,000 1st mtge. 6% series "A" gold bonds, due July 1 1946.—V. 123, p. 1383.

Peoples Light & Power Corp.—Dividend Increased.—The annual dividend rate was increased from \$2 per share to \$2.40 per share on the Class "A" common stock. This dividend is paid monthly at the rate of 20 cents per share.—V. 123, p. 1115.

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.—Acquisition.—The company has acquired the Mauch Chunk (Pa.) Gas Co.—V. 123, p. 844.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Stock Increase.—The stockholders on Sept. 22 increased the authorized preferred stock from \$18,000,000 to \$23,000,000.

Mayor Kendrick of Philadelphia in a message to the City Council announced that the P. R. T. has agreed to increase its rental of the Frankford Elevated Line, which would have the effect of increasing the city's borrowing capacity about \$14,000,000. As a result of the agreement reached by P. R. T. and city officials, the City Council will be able to float a \$5,000,000 loan in the near future for financing the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition.

The proceeds of the new issue are to be used as follows: \$1,550,000 toward the retirement of underlying securities, including P. R. T. bonds and car trust certificates and similar securities of P. R. T. underlying companies; \$1,700,000 for normal capital expenditures for track improvements and extensions, improvements and additions to car houses, substations, transmission and distribution system, etc.; and \$1,750,000 for additional motor buses, with necessary service equipment and garaging.

It is proposed to sell the new stock to car riders as was done with the previous issues of preferred stock. The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange has ruled that transactions in P. R. T. common stock, unless made specifically for cash, shall be ex-rights Sept. 30 to subscribe to preferred stock. Rights will expire Oct. 14.—V. 123, p. 1383.

Pittsburgh Utilities Corp.—Extra Dividends.—The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividends of 3 1/2% and an extra dividend of 2 1/2% on the pref. stock, and the regular semi-annual dividend of \$1 per share and an extra dividend in the total amount of \$187,500 on the common stock, all payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 10. All of the common stock of the corporation is owned by the United Railways Investment Co.

Similar distributions were made on the respective issues on May 1 and Nov. 2 1925 and on May 1 1926.—V. 123, p. 583.

Rapid Transit in N. Y. City.—Denies Writ to Stop Vote on 5-Cent Fare.—

The application of Frank J. McCabe for an injunction restraining the Board of Elections from submitting to the voters at the coming election, the Municipal Assembly proposal for a referendum on the 5-cent fare was denied Sept. 22 by Justice Valentine of the New York Supreme Court. The decision sweeps aside all questions of plicy or finance involved, and is made almost entirely on the right of the Municipal Assembly to enact the law in question and the authority of the courts to interfere with the legislative branch of the Government.

The case will be appealed immediately by Louis Marshall, who filed the suit in behalf of Mr. McCabe, suing as a voter, who, it was asserted in the argument before Justice Valentine, was acting in behalf of one or more of the large traction companies.

The Appellate Division Justices may arrange to hear the appeal before their regular session on Oct. 5, but in any event the case will reach the Court of Appeals before the election on Nov. 2.—V. 123, p. 1506.

Richmond Light & RR. Co.—Offer Made to Holders of 4% Purchase Money Bonds.—

Pres. H. C. Hopson, Aug. 17, in a letter to the holders of 1st & coll. trust 4% purchase money bonds, due July 1 1952, says:

"This company has secured for the holders of the above bonds the privilege of exchanging the same into \$7 dividend series preferred stock of Associated Gas & Electric Co. upon the following basis: nine shares of said stock for each \$1,000 of 1st & coll. trust 4% purchase money bonds, due July 1 1952, with cash adjustment for accrued interest and accrued

dividends to the date of receipt of the bonds for exchange. By making this exchange the holder of a \$1,000 4% bonds will increase his return from \$40 to \$63.

"The present dividend policy of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. gives holders of its preferred stock the option of receiving dividends thereon in class A stock upon a basis which, at current market prices, will amount to more than the cash dividend rate; and, through the exercise of this option, the return will exceed the figures mentioned above.

"This privilege is subject to change or withdrawal at any time, without notice."—V. 118, p. 1521.

Sharon & New Castle (Pa.) St. Ry.—Line Discontinued.—Operation of the company's line between New Castle and Ohio State Line has been ordered discontinued after Oct. 8 by Judge Schoonmaker in Federal Court. The order was made on an application of Rufus Moses, receiver, who set forth that the railway was being operated at a loss.—V. 123, p. 712.

Southeastern Power & Light Co.—Forms New Holding Company for Georgia Properties.—

The company has organized the Georgia Power Co. under Georgia laws as an owning and operating company for all its public utility properties in that State. The new company will issue 2,000,000 shares of no-par value capital stock.

The properties to be operated by the new co. will include the Georgia Ry. & Power Co., the Georgia Ry. & Electric Co., the Athens Ry. & Electric Co., the Athens Gas Light & Fuel Co., the Rome Ry. & Electric Co., the Georgia Utilities Co., the Georgia Southern Power Co. and the Milledgeville Lighting Co.

The Southeastern Power & Light Co. recently acquired the Inter-state Utilities Corp., a holding company, which had as operating subsidiaries the Milledgeville (Ga.) Lighting Co., the Georgia Southern Power Co. of Dublin and the Oklawaha Power Co. of Leesburg, Fla.—V. 123, p. 1384.

Southern Cities Utilities Co.—Definitive Debentures.—Ames, Emerich & Co. announce that definitive 6% convertible gold debentures, series A, are now exchangeable for outstanding interim receipts at the office of the Fidelity Trust Co., 120 Broadway, N. Y. City. (For offering see V. 123, p. 456.)—V. 123, p. 844.

Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc.—New Directors.—C. S. Ruffner, President, and C. S. Brewer, Chairman of the board of Mohawk-Hudson Power Corp., and Crandall Melvin have been elected directors of the Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc., succeeding representatives of the United Gas Improvement Co.—V. 123, p. 583.

Troy (N. Y.) Gas Co.—Interest in Company to Be Acquired by Mohawk-Hudson Power Corp.—See Mohawk-Hudson Power Corp. above.—V. 123, p. 583.

United Gas Improvement Co.—25% Stock Div., &c.—The stockholders on Sept. 23 (a) increased the authorized capital stock (par \$50) from 1,639,941 shares to 2,036,528 shares; and (b) authorized the directors to declare a stock dividend of 25% and to issue for that purpose 407,306 shares of capital stock, being the amount of the present unissued capital stock plus such increase. The dividend is payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 15.—V. 123, p. 583, 208.

Virginia Electric & Power Co.—To Enlarge System.—This company, a subsidiary of Engineers Public Service Co., will spend about \$5,000,000 in enlarging its power generating and distributing system at Norfolk, Va., according to a statement by C. W. Kellogg, President of the latter company. The contract has just been awarded Stone & Webster, Inc., to design and construct an extension to the Norfolk power plant, the new equipment including one 30,000-k.w. turbo-generator, three 1,700-h.p. boilers, with coal-handling apparatus and other auxiliaries. The enlarged power supply will take care of the growth of the industrial demand in the Norfolk-Portsmouth district for some time to come. Work will start immediately and on its completion the Norfolk plant will be the largest electric generating station in Virginia with about 100,000 h.p. capacity. The entire Virginia Electric & Power Co. generating system will then total nearly 200,000 h.p.—V. 123, p. 1253.

West Penn Power Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$18,500,000 first mortgage gold bonds, series G, 5%, due June 1 1958, making the total amount of first mortgage gold bonds applied for, \$47,000,000, consisting of \$8,500,000 series A 5%, \$12,500,000 series E 5%, \$7,500,000 series F 5%, and \$18,500,000 series G 5%.

Consolidated Income Account.

	Year Ended 7 Mos. End	
	Dec. 31 '25	July 31 '26
Gross earning.....	\$14,780,921	\$9,344,890
Operating expenses.....	6,880,058	4,163,354
Reserve for renewals and replacements.....	1,142,142	873,494
Federal taxes.....	409,431	325,250
State taxes.....	296,019	180,950
Fixed charges.....	2,380,954	1,414,528
Net income.....	\$3,672,276	\$2,387,315
Preferred dividends.....	929,816	578,952
Common dividends.....	2,256,000	1,128,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$486,460	\$680,363

Consolidated Balance Sheet (Company and Subsidiaries)

		Dec. 31 '25		July 31 '26	
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—					
Plant, prop. and investment.....	68,886,642	83,933,913			
Cash depos. & in banks and on hand.....	1,327,832	9,382,609			
Notes receivable.....	1,946	1,946			
Acc'ts receivable.....	1,209,380	1,133,072			
Materials & supp.....	1,585,965	1,467,812			
Due from sub-scrib'rs to pref. stock.....	26,889	337,464			
Due from affil'd companies.....	856,074	1,915,451			
Disc. on bonds & notes, &c.....	4,313,294	4,824,004			
Unclassified chgs.....	95,498	390,251			
Comm'n & exp. on sale of stk.....	284,582	459,792			
Liabilities—					
Preferred stock.....	14,756,900	17,707,700			
Common stock.....	14,100,000	18,600,000			
Funded debt.....	36,978,900	53,844,500			
Notes payable.....		120,319			
Acc'ts payable.....	1,667,548	691,537			
Matured int. on funded debt.....	24,054	13,442			
Matured funded debt.....	60,420	26,800			
Divs. payable on pref. stock.....	276,327	292,066			
Accrued liabli'ty.....	1,496,033	1,980,568			
Deferred liabli'ts.....	1,177,298	1,183,308			
Due to affil. cos.....	529,242	453,683			
Reserves.....	6,532,733	7,214,926			
Surplus.....	988,647	1,717,465			
Total (each side)	78,588,101	103,846,314			

West Virginia Water & Elec. Co., Charleston, W. Va. See Federal Water Service Corp. above.—V. 122, p. 2500.

Wisconsin Power & Light Co.—Merger.—The Central Wisconsin Power Co., a subsidiary, has been merged into the Wisconsin Power & Light Co.—V. 123, p. 845.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Refined Sugar Prices.—Arbuckle Bros. on Sept. 18 advanced price 5 pts. to 5.70c. per lb. On Sept. 20 the following companies each advanced price 10 pts. to 5.90c. per lb., American, McCahan, National and Warner. Arbuckle on same date advanced 5 pts. to 5.75c. per lb. On Sept. 22 Arbuckle advanced 5 pts. to 5.80c. per lb. and Revere, 10 pts. to 5.90c. per lb.

Tire Prices Reduced.—Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. reduced prices ranging from 7 1/2% to 10% on "original equipment business" to automobile manufacturers.—N. Y. "Evening Post" Sept. 23, p. 23.

Amoskeag Mfg. Co. Employees Refuse Wage Proposition.—Under proposed plan, the workers would have accepted temporary wage reductions in order to enable mill owners to obtain contracts through low bids.—N. Y. "Evening Post" Sept. 23, p. 25.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Sept. 18: (a) Proposed inactive stock list of N. Y. Stock Exchange.—p. 1457. (b) Women's wear lines offered for spring—Prices fixed on a variety of weaves shown by the Pacific Mills.—p. 1440.

Abitibi Lands & Forests, Ltd.—New President.—T. A. McDonald has been elected President of this company, of which he has been manager for about 3 years.—V. 115, p. 990.

Advance-Rumely Co., La Porte, Ind.—Outlook.—President Mount says in substance: Our net sales for the full year, I am now quite certain, will be ahead of last year, though by just what percentage I cannot tell yet. It is as yet too early to estimate how net income will come out. We have benefited this year from a general comeback of farm equipment buying. Business in the Southwest was good, and our sales in Canada to date have been better than last year. Shortage of farm hands in Canada at present should encourage a movement toward machine methods in that country which our industry has seen coming for the past few years. "While Canadian crops and equipment business fully came up to expectations, poor crops in our Northwest naturally affected our business there to a considerable extent. South Dakota has only a third of a wheat crop, but it is becoming quite a corn state and will not be in such bad shape if its corn gets away from frost. Great losses in unthreshed grain from rainy weather this month would have led to a greater demand for threshers than we could have filled had they been foreseen eight weeks ago. The thresher selling season is past now, but this condition will be reflected in next year's thresher sales, and should also lead to further spread in the use of the combine-harvester."—V. 122, p. 1757.

American Agricultural Chemical Co.—New Director.—John Foster Dulles, of Sullivan & Cromwell, has been elected a director to succeed the late Royall Victor.—V. 123, p. 1253, 1245.

American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.—Acquires Plant. The following statement is understood by the "Chronicle" to be correct: The company has purchased from the Pennsylvania Casting & Machine Works, formerly the Monongahela Casting Co., a site containing 76,151 sq. ft., with brick, iron-clad and frame factory buildings, office building equipment, &c., on Preble Ave., 27th Ward, Pittsburgh, Pa. The transfer has been authorized by the stockholders of the Pennsylvania Casting & Machine Works.

New Subsidiary Company.—The American Brake Material Corp. has been organized as a subsidiary of the American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co. With the formation of the new subsidiary the company enters the automobile industry with a new braking material and brake shoe for motor vehicles. Production will be centred at the Lancaster, N. Y., plant of the American Malleables Co., also a subsidiary of American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.—V. 122, p. 1314.

American Car & Foundry Co.—Equipment Order.—The American Refrigerator Transit Co. has placed an order for 2,000 refrigerator cars, viz.: 1,000 to American Car & Foundry Co. and 500 each to the Pressed Steel Car and General American Tank Car companies.—V. 123, p. 1253.

American Laundry Machinery Co.—Extra Dividend—Common Stock Also Placed on a \$4 Annual Div. Basis.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. a share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. a share on the common stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 2.

The directors also placed the common stock on an annual \$4 basis by declaring a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 21.

Early in 1926 the company paid a 25% stock dividend on the common stock.—V. 121, p. 3006.

American Safety Razor Corp.—Capital Increased.—The stockholders on Sept. 21 increased the authorized capital stock to 250,000 shares of no par value from 200,000 shares of \$100 par.—V. 123, p. 1117.

American Solvents & Chemical Corp.—Initial Div.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the conv. partic. pref. stock (no par value), payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 27. (See also V. 123, p. 208.)—V. 123, p. 1253.

American Type Founders Co.—New Director.—Albert W. Finlay of Boston has been elected a director, succeeding Raymond D. McGrath of Lazard Freres.—V. 123, p. 1117.

Androscoggin Mills.—Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
May 31 '26	Sept. 5 '25	May 31 '26	Sept. 5 '25
Real est. & mach.	\$1,436,735	Capital stock	\$2,000,000
Merchandise	1,254,666	Accts. payable	16,899
Cash	330,074	Notes payable	450,000
Accts. receivable	428,551	Reserve for taxes	26,552
Securities	17,683	Surplus	978,451
Prepaid interest	4,194		1,234,022
Total	\$3,471,902	Total	\$3,471,902

—V. 122, p. 216.

Anglo-American Corp. of South Africa.—Rights.—The corporation is offering to its shareholders Rand Selection Corp. 5s shares at 16s. 3d. per share in the proportion of one Rand Selection share for every four Anglo-American shares held. The Anglo-American Corp. obtained control of the Rand Selection Corp. in 1920 through the exchange of 11 shares of Anglo-American for 11 shares of Rand Selection Corp. stock.—V. 123, p. 1509, 1253.

Armour & Co. (Ill.).—Brief Filed in Packers' Case.—The Department of Justice has filed a brief in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, defending the validity of the consent decree of Feb. 27, 1920 entered by the District Supreme Court against the five packers, Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Morris & Co., Wilson & Co. and the Cudany Packing Co., it was announced on Sept. 17.

The decree was obtained by the Department of Justice in 1920 at the request and consent of the packers as a settlement of various civil and criminal proceedings which were then being initiated by the Government. Its principal provisions included, among others, injunctions restraining the packers from owning stock in public stock yards market companies, terminal railroads and market newspapers, and from handling so-called "unrelated lines" consisting of wholesale groceries, canned food, &c. At the time of its entry the Department of Justice officials consented to the insertion of a clause in the preamble to the decree, denying that the decree adjudicated the defendants guilty of any violation of laws, and late in 1924, the packers used this, together with certain other features of the decree as a basis for a motion in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to have it vacated and declared null and void because in excess of that court's jurisdiction.

Changes Fiscal Year.—The directors on Sept. 17 voted to make the fiscal year correspond with the natural cycle of business rather than with the calendar year. Accordingly, the company's books will be closed on Oct. 31, which is the general practice of the industry, and the current year will include but 10 months' operations.—V. 123, p. 1117.

Atlas Plywood Corp.—Balance Sheet June 30 1926.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Plant, property, equip., &c. (less depr. & depl.)	\$2,967,876	Capital stock (50,000 shs. no par value)	\$2,674,212
Miscell. investments	18,450	First mortgage 6½%	1,473,500
Good-will	1	Notes payable	50,000
Cash	153,166	Accounts payable	35,400
Notes receivable	27,843	Accrued expenses	23,393
Accts. rec., less res.	219,708	Int. payable July 1 1926	48,750
Life ins. surrender value	5,655	Div. payable July 15 1926	50,000
Inventories	1,003,058	Res. for Fed. taxes and contingencies	83,558
Adv. on lumber & logging operations	95,358	Surplus	116,850
Accts. rec., employees homes purchase contr.	5,191	Total (each side)	\$4,555,753
Sinking fund assets	829		
Deferred charges	58,618	receivable discounted,	\$54,417.

Note.—Contingent liability, notes
—V. 123, p. 984.

Barnsdall Corp.—Buys Service Stations.—The corporation has purchased at a receivers' sale the properties of the Interstate Refineries Corp., Inc., consisting of 8 service stations at Kansas City, Mo. With this addition the Barnsdall Corp. will own and operate 20 service stations in Kansas City.—V. 123, p. 1385.

Bethlehem (Pa.) Foundry & Machine Co.—Call.—Sixteen 1st mtge. 20-year 6½% s. f. gold bonds, dated Oct. 1 1924, have been called for redemption Oct. 1 at 102 and int. at the E. P. Wilbur Trust Co., sinking fund agent, Bethlehem, Pa.—V. 121, p. 1465.

Booth Fisheries Co., Chicago.—New Director.—K. L. Ames Jr., has been elected a director, succeeding T. A. Spence.—V. 123, p. 458.

Borin Bros., Inc., Detroit.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Small & Co. and Union Trust Co., Detroit are offering at prices to yield from 5% to 6% according to maturity \$250,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1926; due serially May 1 1927-1936. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable M. & N. at Union Trust Co., Detroit, trustee, without deduction for taxes, except any Federal income tax in excess of the normal income tax of 2%. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days notice, at 103 and int.

Company.—A Michigan corporation. Was organized to do a retail coal and wholesale ice business in the northeastern section of Detroit. Has just completed a new 150 ton plant for the manufacture of artificial ice. The Westminster plant has a daily capacity of 100 tons. Company does not do a retail ice business but sells at its platforms to independent distributors for cash.

Bonds.—Bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage on all fixed assets of the company. The real estate alone has been appraised by the Union Trust Co. as follows: Land, \$188,500; buildings, \$311,500; total, \$500,000. In addition to this real estate the company has other fixed assets under this mortgage which are carried on its books at over \$250,000.

Earnings.—Net earnings after depreciation and Federal taxes for the year ended Dec. 31 1925 applicable to interest charges on this issue of bonds, amounted to \$58,437 or over 3.8 times maximum interest requirements.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay for part of the cost of construction of the company's new artificial ice manufacturing plant.

Sinking Fund.—There will be a monthly sinking fund beginning in May, 1926, payable to the trustee of at least one-twelfth of the next maturing principal installment, and one-sixth of the next semi-annual interest payment.

Botany Consolidated Mills, Inc.—Earnings.—The company reports for the six months ended June 30 1926 a net loss of \$3,588,968, after interest, depreciation, inventory reserves and all other charges. During this period a strike has been in progress affecting the entire textile industry at Passic, N. J.—V. 123, p. 585.

Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co.—Sales, &c.—

President E. B. Bensingler is quoted as follows: "Sales for the year are estimated at \$27,000,000, compared with \$23,321,968 in 1925. For the first 8 months of 1926 sales totaled \$15,750,000, compared with \$13,000,000 in the same period of last year. August sales were \$2,850,000 and earnings before taxes for the same month amounted to \$530,000, making total for the 8 months of \$1,200,000 before taxes. 60% of our entire year's volume is earned during the last 4 months.

"Our business is about equally divided between the billiard-bowling alley department and our phonograph and record department. The financial position of the company has been materially strengthened. Current assets total about \$25,000,000, against liabilities of \$5,000,000. Cash on hand exceeds \$1,000,000. Surplus as of Sept. 1 amounted to \$2,700,000, as against \$1,736,478 at the close of 1925.

"Prospects for 1927 are most encouraging, because we will be in volume production in all our lines by that time. The year should be better than 1926, as it must be kept in mind that we were deprived of the sale of our new instrument for almost 6 months of this year."—V. 122, p. 2334.

(A. M.) Byers & Co.—Rights, &c.—The directors announced the offering of rights to common stockholders to subscribe for one share of additional preferred stock at par for each 8 shares of common stock held. The proceeds will be used to retire the 1st mtge. 6% bonds at 103 and int. on Dec. 1.

The regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on preferred stock has been declared, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15.—V. 123, p. 1385.

Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc. (Del.).—Divs.—

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 50c. a share payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 1. This is in addition to the stock dividend of 1¼% payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 1; which represents one-quarter of the 5% stock dividend declared in advance by the directors on March 23 (see V. 122, p. 1768).

Addressing the board of directors, President P. D. Saylor stated that profits from the company's record-breaking sales for July alone were considerably more than enough to meet all dividend requirements on outstanding stock for the complete quarter.—V. 123, p. 1385, 847.

Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd.—New Bond Issue.—

The shareholders will vote Sept. 30 on authorizing and empowering the directors to create an issue of not exceeding \$50,000,000 1st & gen. mtge. gold bonds, of which \$18,000,000 shall be known as 1st & gen. mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A.

The stockholders will also be asked to authorize the directors to limit the amount to be borrowed by the company under the trust deed entered into between it, under its then name of Canada Transportation Lines, Ltd., and Prudential Trust Co., Ltd., as trustee, dated Oct. 8 1913, and trust deeds supplemental thereto, and to close the mortgages securing the 5% debenture stock and (or) 5% bonds issued under said principal trust deed and supplemental trust deeds at the principal sum not exceeding \$4,617,905 outstanding. See also V. 123, p. 1510.

Canada-West India Products Corp., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—

Credit-Canada, Ltd., Montreal, is offering \$300,000 7% 5-year collateral gold bonds at 100 and int., carrying a bonus of 10 shares of common stock (no par value) with each \$100 of bonds. Purchasers will also receive a right certificate entitling the holder thereof to subscribe on or before March 1 1931 for 15 shares of no par value common stock for each \$100 of bonds, payable either in cash or in bds.

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due Sept. 1 1931. Bonds are payable in Canadian gold coin at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Montreal, Canada, or at its branch in New York in United States coin, or its equivalent, or at its branches at Kingston, Jamaica and London, Eng., at the rate of \$4 86 2-3 per pound sterling. Int. payable M. & S. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red., all or part, on any int. date at 30 days' notice at 102 and int. Quebec Savings & Trust Co., trustee.

Capitalization.

	Authorized.	Issued.
7% 5-year collateral gold bonds	\$500,000	\$300,000
7% non-cum. pref. shares (par \$25)	300,000	150,000
Common stock (no par value)	200,000 shs.	200,000 shs.

Company.—Incorp. under the laws of the Dominion of Canada for the purpose of acquiring the business and interests of the Canadian Suppliers Co., Ltd., and the West India Fruit Co., with head office in Kingston, Jamaica, and sales offices in Montreal. The purchase includes all the assets, good-will, contracts and established trade marks of these companies, which were organized by P. R. Cumming as a private concern 6 years ago. Canadian Suppliers Co. was incorp. under Jamaica charter on May 1 1925 with Mr. Cumming as President, and has shown an increasing and profitable growth. For the year ending April 30 1926, after payment of over head, taxes, bank interest and all other charges, the company was able to pay a dividend of 10% on the outstanding capital stock of \$70,000 and carry forward a substantial surplus to reserve account.

Purposes.—Proceeds will provide funds primarily for working capital and to develop and extend the business of the company to British Guiana, the Bahama Islands, British Honduras and Canada; to provide for the erection of modern packing plants in Jamaica, and enabling the proper grading, wrapping and packing of citrus fruits, the canning and preserving of trop.

ical fruits, &c. The undertaking and assets of the companies taken over by the Canada-West India Products Corp. have been acquired for preferred and common shares of this company.

Earnings.—It is estimated that with the additional capital provided by this issue of securities the business of the company during the first year of operations should exceed \$3,000,000. Net earnings during the first year should amount to not less than \$100,000, or nearly 5 times the interest charges, leaving a substantial surplus available for dividends on the common stock.

Cellulose Products, Inc.—Pref. Stock Sold.—Watson & White, New York, have sold 30,000 shares (no par value) convertible preference stock. The stock was offered in units of 10 shares of pref. stock and 5 shares of common stock at \$300 per unit.

Preference stock is preferred as to assets up to \$30 per share. Is entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2.50 per share per annum. Is convertible at any time into common stock, share for share. Is callable at \$35 per share plus divs. and has equal voting rights with common stock, share for share. Registrars, National Rockland Bank, Boston, and Seaboard National Bank, New York City. Transfer agents, State Street Trust Co., Boston, and Bankers Trust Co., New York.

Data From Letter of Pres. J. T. Barron New York Sept. 23.
Company.—Has been organized in Massachusetts to acquire the property, plants and business as a going concern of American Powder Mills (Mass.) organized in 1883, which has been engaged in the manufacture of black and smokeless sporting powders and the nitrating of cotton from which smokeless powders are made; to acquire from Major M. J. Connolly certain secret formulae and processes for the economic production of nitro-cellulose solutions, lacquers, &c., and to engage in the purification and nitrating of cotton and the manufacture of a diversified line of cellulose products therefrom, including pyroxylin lacquers, brush and spray lacquer paint, coatings for leather and artificial leather and any other cellulose products.

Company will produce the following: (1) Purified cotton; (2) nitrated cotton under any specifications; (3) solutions under its own specifications or under specifications of others; (4) finished clear and pigmented lacquers; (5) dope for leather coatings; (6) dope for artificial leather coatings; (7) black powder, and (8) smokeless sporting powder.

The lands, buildings, plants and equipment to be acquired from American Powder Mills include approximately 1,000 acres of land, administration and laboratory buildings, employee dwellings, black and smokeless powder mills and magazines, a plant for nitrating cotton, several miles of tramway, a hydro-electric plant, 2 steam plants, transmission lines, railroad connections and a large supply of needed pure water and are appraised by Arthur D. Little, Inc., chemists and engineers, Cambridge, Mass., at \$1,646,000. Contracts have been made for the improvement and increase in capacity of the plant for nitrating cotton and the installation of a cotton purifying plant and a plant with equipment for cellulose solutions, lacquers, paints and dopes at a total cost of approximately \$200,000 to \$225,000.

Earnings.—The management estimates that the net earnings for 12 months after all the plants are in full production will be in excess of \$750,000. The management expects to have all the plants equipped for production on or about Jan. 1 1927.

Capitalization.—
 Convertible preference stock (no par value)..... Authorized. Outstanding.
 Common stock (no par value)..... 50,000 shs. 30,000 shs.
 x 50,000 shares of common stock are reserved for the conversion of an equal number of shares of convertible preference stock.

Sinking Fund.—As a sinking fund for the purchase of convertible pref. stock, the company will pay to a national bank or trust company in New York, as sinking fund trustee, from surplus (including earnings) remaining after the payment of all accumulated dividends on outstanding convertible preference stock and after the reservation of moneys sufficient to pay the dividend on such stock for the current quarter the sum of \$20,000 per year for two years commencing Jan. 1 1927, \$30,000 per year during the next succeeding five years, and \$50,000 per year thereafter until all convertible preference stock shall have been retired. The above payments will be made Nov. 1 in each year and shall be cumulative, and no dividends shall be paid on any common stock while the company is in default with respect to any such payment. These sums will be increased proportionately if convertible preference stock in excess of 30,000 shares shall be outstanding. These sums will be used to purchase in the open market at not exceeding \$35 per share such shares as may be offered prior to the expiration of two months from the date of the payment thereof to the sinking fund trustee. Any of such sums not used for such purpose within such period, owing to the fact that no shares are offered at or below such maximum price, shall be repaid by the sinking fund trustee to the company to be used by it for its corporate purposes. The sinking fund can take credit at the rate of \$35 per share for stock bought by the company subsequent to Jan. 1 1927, and deposited with the sinking fund trustee. All shares purchased for the sinking fund shall be retired according to law.

Directors.—John T. Barron, M. J. Connolly, E. Fay Heywood, E. F. Johnston, John M. Merriam, T. M. R. Melkham, Payton D. Saylor, Theodore S. Watson and E. Laurence White.

Central Investment Corp. (Los Angeles-Biltmore Hotel Corp.)—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20. Extra dividends of 25 cents per share, it is understood, have been paid quarterly for some time past.—V. 120, p. 833.

Childs Company.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Oct. 1 of 3,407 shares additional of its common stock without par value, on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 345,167 shares.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

[Childs Co., Childs' Dining Hall Co., Childs Co. of Providence.]			
June 30'26, Dec. 31'25.		June 30'26, Dec. 31'25.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Estab. & plants.....	11,991,847	Preferred stock.....	5,000,000
Real estate.....	8,963,677	Common stock.....	5,000,000
Real estate cos.:		Fractional scrip.....	14,124
Capital stock.....	1,757,922	Sub. co. minor stk.....	1,200
Mtges., notes & accounts.....	790,570	Real est. mtges.....	3,691,750
Leaseholds, good-will, &c.....	3,916,297	5-year 6% notes.....	2,000,000
Cash.....	996,441	Real est. cos. acct's	45,007
Govt. & State bds.....	487,340	Notes payable.....	425,000
Other securities.....	18,575	Accts. payable and accrd liabilities.....	1,276,599
Notes & accts. rec.....	92,135	Reserve for taxes.....	357,897
Misc. inventories.....	324,845	Deferred credits.....	128,085
Deferred charges.....	1,547,903	Res'v for conting.....	1,000,000
		Special reserve.....	1,940,080
		Surplus.....	5,885,403
			5,938,808
Total.....	30,887,602	Total.....	30,887,603

—V. 123, p. 1386.

City Ice & Fuel Co.—Guaranty.

See Federal-Hygienic Refrigerating Act below.—V. 123, p. 1510.

Clinchfield Coal Corp.—Dividends Resumed.

The directors on Sept. 20 declared a dividend of \$1 a share on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 25. This is the first disbursement on the issue since Dec. 1925, when a payment of 50c. a share was made.—V. 123, p. 715, 460.

Connecticut Mills Co., Inc.—To Move Part of Plant.

The directors have decided to move one-half of the machinery of the corporation to the South and establish a complete unit for the manufacture of tire fabric. Funds of the corporation, with the financial assistance which the directors believe can be secured at the point where the new mill will be located, will be sufficient to cover cost of the move and should leave a sufficient balance for working capital, a letter to the stockholders says. The company now operates three separate plants, viz: one each at Fall River, and Taunton, Mass., and Danielson, Conn. Yarn is spun at the Massachusetts plants and then transferred to Danielson where it is manufactured into tire fabric.—V. 120, p. 2153.

Consolidated Cement Corp.—Stock Increased.

The company has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing its authorized common stock (no par value) from 100,000 shares to 110,000 shares. Of the latter amount 100,000 shares are now outstanding, 2,200 shares are reserved for conversion of the \$1,100,000 of 6½% s. i. conv. gold notes recently offered, and 7,800 shares for conversion of notes hereafter issued.—V. 122, p. 2335.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Usual Dividend.

The directors on Sept. 24 declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2% (50 cents per share) on the common stock, payable Oct. 20 to holders of record Oct. 4. On July 20 an extra of 1% was paid in addition to the usual quarterly dividend.

President E. T. Bedford stated: While our volume of business and profits are quite satisfactory, the question of an extra dividend at this time was not taken up for consideration. It is the policy of the company to pay extra dividends from surplus current earnings, and it is the opinion of the Board that it is wiser in the interest of stockholders as well as the company that the amount of surplus earnings available for extra dividends should only be determined semi-annually at the regular June and December meetings of the Board.—V. 123, p. 461.

Court-Livingston Office Bldg. (66-74 Court Street Realty Corp.), Brooklyn, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.

Greenebaum Sons Securities Corp., New York, is offering at prices to yield from 6.08 to 6½%, according to maturity, \$2,000,000 1st mtge. 6½% serial gold bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1926; maturing semi-annually 2½ to 15 years. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at office of Greenebaum Sons Investment Co., Chicago, and collectible at all offices of the company, and at office of Greenebaum Sons Securities Corp., N. Y. City. Int. also payable at office of Chase National Bank, N. Y., trustee. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Red., all or part, on any int. date on 60 days' notice at a premium of 3%. Borrower agrees to pay the Federal normal income tax up to 2%, and any State taxes up to 5 mills of the principal amount upon proper and timely application.

Building.—The Court-Livingston office building, now in course of construction and scheduled for completion about April 1927, will be located on the northwest corner of Court and Livingston Sts., Brooklyn. The building will be 30 stories, basement and sub-basement of the highest type of modern fireproof construction and one of unusual and distinctive design for that class of structure. Ample elevator service of the newest type has been provided, affording exceptional convenience and efficiency. The street level and mezzanine will be devoted to retail stores, while the second floor has been designed for banking offices. The net rentable area of the building is approximately 187,000 sq. feet.

Security.—These bonds are secured by a first (closed) mortgage on land owned in fee and leasehold estate and 30-story office building now being erected thereon, equipment and earnings. Independent appraisals of the mortgaged property when completed made by John F. James & Sons and David Porter, Inc., place the valuation at \$3,030,840 and \$3,057,440, respectively.

Earnings.—Conservative estimates of earnings are furnished as follows:
 J. F. James & Sons, D. Porter, Inc.
 Gross rentals..... \$639,073 \$672,378
 Ground rent, oper., taxes, insur. & vacancies..... 258,996 278,487

Net income..... \$380,077 \$393,885
 Borrowing Corporation.—66-74 Court Street Realty Corp., of which Jacob Adelman is President & Treasurer and Jacob E. Schwach, V.-Pres.

Cudahy Packing Co.—Increases Dividend on Common Stock.

The directors on Sept. 23 declared a quarterly dividend of 2% on the common stock, par \$100, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 5. From April 15 1925 to July 15 1926, incl., quarterly dividends of 1¾% were paid. The directors also voted to increase the authorized common stock from \$26,449,500, par \$100, to \$36,449,500, par \$50. It is proposed to issue two shares of the new stock in exchange for each common share now outstanding. The new stock will receive annual dividends of \$4 per share.—V. 122, p. 2336.

Cushnoc Paper Co., Augusta, Me.—Sale.

The property and assets of the Cushnoc and Kennebec Paper companies, bankrupt since January 1922, have been bid in by the Cushnoc Paper Corp., recently formed in Maine. The new directors are A. S. Wyman, B. S. Viles and F. S. Bagley of Augusta, Me., and E. T. Wilkinson and Hugh O. White of N. Y. City.—V. 114, p. 2474.

Des Moines University, Des Moines, Ia.—Bonds Offered.

Whitaker & Co., St. Louis are offering at prices to yield from 5½% to 6% according to maturity \$225,000 1st (closed) mtge. serial 6% gold bonds. Dated April 1 1926; due serially April 1 1928-1932. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at Boatmen's National Bank, St. Louis. Boatmen's National Bank and Edward G. Stockton, St. Louis, trustees. Denom. \$1,000.

Des Moines University, located in the City of Des Moines, Iowa, is the only Baptist educational institution in that State. It has received the approval and support of the national denominational organization, the Northern Baptist Convention. The faculty is composed of 47 highly trained and capable men and women and the University has one of the largest enrollments of any denominational institution in Iowa; 1,450 students having attended Des Moines University last year. The credits made at this University are accepted at full value by almost every college and university in North America.

Purpose.—A portion of the proceeds of this loan has been applied to (1) retirement of \$75,000 bonds, being the unpaid balance of an original bond issue of \$175,000; (2) the liquidation of current indebtedness incurred through expenditures for additional equipment and improvements; while the balance remaining will be applied toward the completion of a new Hall of Physical Education to be erected on the University Campus, and which, when completed, will represent an investment of over \$80,000. The contract for the building has already been let to a responsible contractor.

Security.—These bonds are direct obligations of Des Moines University and are secured by a first (closed) mortgage upon all of the property now owned by the university, in the City of Des Moines, consisting of approximately 20 acres of land, together with nine commodious and substantially constructed buildings. A conservative appraisal of the property pledged as security for this loan is \$722,578.

Dewey Portland Cement Co., Kansas City, Mo.—Bonds Offered.

Chicago Trust Co. and Hitchcock & Co., Chicago are offering at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 100.70 and int., to yield from 5½% to 6% according to maturity \$2,000,000 1st mtge. 6% series gold bonds, series A. Interest payable A. & O. at the Chicago Trust Co., Chicago, or Bankers Trust Co., New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Callable on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 103½% except that the premium in no case shall exceed ½ of 1% for each unexpired year of the life of the bond called. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 et.

Bonds are due serially April 1 1928 to 1942 both inclusive. Chicago Trust Co. and Willard F. Hopkins, trustee.

Sinking Fund.—Trust indenture provides that a sinking fund shall be created amounting to 20% of the net earnings of the company for the preceding calendar year, computed after all charges except Federal income tax. Such 20% shall be applied first to the retirement of the series of bonds due the subsequent year and if not obtainable or in excess of that amount, to bonds of the last maturity by purchase in the open market or by call.

Data From Letter of F. E. Tyler, Pres. & Gen. Mgr., Sept. 10.
 Company.—Incorp. in 1906 in West Virginia with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000. Company owns and operates a Portland cement plant at

Dewey, Okla. The productive capacity of the present plant is 1,500,000 barrels per year and the company is shipping principally to Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Southern Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue will be used for the erection of a modern Portland cement plant a few miles West of Davenport, Ia., where real estate is now owned by the company. The new plant will have a productive capacity of about 1,000,000 barrels per year and will ship principally to Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Northern Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Earnings for Calendar Years (from Present Operations).

	Gross Sales.	Profit Before Deprec. & Depletion.	Net After Deprec. & Depl. Avail for Int.
1922	\$1,724,712	\$589,770	\$358,329
1923	1,882,215	583,824	354,108
1924	1,844,193	457,573	336,201
1925	2,033,621	539,907	414,453
1926 (6 mos., June 30)	942,684	319,500	217,686

Average net earnings for the past 4 years available for bond interest of \$120,000 have been \$365,773, or over 3 times interest charges. The net earnings of the combined properties after completion of the Davenport plant should be in excess of 5 times bond interest charges.

Security.—Secured by a 1st mtge. on all of the lands, building and equipment of the company now or hereafter owned, including the new plant. The appraised value of the Dewey plant as determined by the engineers is \$3,541,965. The new plant will cost approximately \$2,100,000, making a total of \$5,641,965.

Officers.—Frank E. Tyler, Pres. & Gen. Mgr.; H. F. Tyler, 1st V.-Pres. R. W. Moore, V.-Pres. & Sec.; Walter Gray, Sales Mgr.; D. M. Tyler, V.-Pres. & Asst. Gen. Mgr., and W. E. Tyler, V.-Pres. & Treas.

	Authorized.	Issued.
Preferred stock	\$1,000,000	\$506,900
Common stock	1,000,000	1,000,000
First mortgage 6s	2,500,000	2,000,000

Balance Sheet June 30 1926 (After Financing).		Liabilities.	
Assets.			
Fixed assets	\$3,092,199	Preferred stock	\$506,900
Cash	437,903	Common stock	1,000,000
Accts. & notes receivable	203,440	1st mortgage 6s	2,000,000
Inventories (at cost or market)	430,533	Accounts payable	51,841
Loans and advances	50,664	Accrued wages and taxes	89,924
Deposits on bids (returnable)	500	Surplus to cover liabil. claims	66,274
Investments (at cost)	194,936	Undistributed profits	798,791
Deferred charges	103,555		
Total	\$4,513,730	Total	\$4,513,730

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Stock Approved.

The directors on Sept. 20 authorized an issue of 5,000,000 shares of non-par common stock in lieu of the present 1,500,000 shares of common stock of \$100 par. The distribution of the new stock on a basis of two shares for each share of the old stock is expected late in Oct.—V. 123, p. 1512.

Durant Motors, Inc.—Earnings.

Collin Campbell, V.-Pres., Sept. 21 issued the following statement: The net operating profit of the Star car division for the month of August was \$254,958, after depreciation and deduction of Federal income taxes. This makes total net operating profit of the Star car division for the months of June, July and August \$986,499. This operation includes the following companies: Durant Motor Co. (N. J.) and branches; Durant Motor Co. (Mich.) and branches; Durant Motor Co. (Calif.) and branches; Durant Motors of Canada, Ltd., and branches; Adams Axle Co.; New Process Gear Co.; Warner Corp., and Haynes-Hunt Corp., all of which are operating almost exclusively on Star car business.—V. 123, p. 461.

Excess Insurance Co. of America.—New Company.

To meet the steadily increasing demand for a domestic re-insurance market that can furnish adequate re-insurance, excess insurance and special risk insurance facilities, this company has been organized under New York laws. It will have a paid-in capital of \$1,000,000 and a paid-in surplus of \$2,000,000. Business of the company will be chiefly the underwriting of excess and re-insurance contracts in the casualty, surety and fidelity fields together with special insurance covers.

The company will be headed by James Gibbs as President. The directorate comprises New York, Boston and Baltimore interests, including Vice-President George E. Warren of the Chase National Bank of New York; Andre Kalpaschnikoff, Carroll Badeau, Horace K. Corbin, Reginald H. Johnson, Harry E. Karr, Harry Hyman, William S. Patton, Nicholas G. Roosevelt, Charles B. Wiggin, John K. Allen, Henry H. Learnard, William B. Goodrich, George Pingree, Clement L. Despard, John R. English, Neilson Edwards, Samuel H. Wolcott, George Tyson and Henry H. Reed.

Fafnir Bearing Co., New Britain, Conn.—Extra Div.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 8% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2%.—V. 121, p. 2757.

(The Fair (Department Store), Chicago.—Earnings.

August sales amounted to \$1,647,250, an increase of \$90,149 or 5.79% over a year ago. Sales for the seven months ended Aug. 31 totaled \$13,776,088, an increase of \$128,118.—V. 123, p. 717.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co.—Sales Ahead of 1925.

President C. H. Morse says: While the weekly volume of business is showing a slight recession as compared with the earlier part of year, sales to date are substantially in excess of the corresponding period last year. While final figures for August are not available, shipments from factories to customers for month were largely in excess of the corresponding period last year. Expenses for that month showed some increase so that the net result for the month will probably be the same as in 1925.—V. 123, p. 717.

Federal-Hygienic Ice Refrigerating Companies.—

Guaranteed Bonds Offered.—Central Trust Co. of Ill. and Ames, Emerich & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 101 and int., to yield from 5½% to 6%, according to maturity, \$1,000,000 secured 6% serial gold bonds, series B. Unconditionally guaranteed, principal and int., by City Ice & Fuel Co., Cleveland.

Dated Oct. 1 1926; maturing serially Oct. 1928-1941. Interest payable A. & O. at the office of Central Trust Co. of Ill., Chicago, trustee, or at Chase National Bank, New York. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Red. on any int. date at 100 and int. plus a premium of ½ of 1% for each year or fractional part of unexpired maturity, with a maximum premium of 3%. Authorized issue \$7,000,000; to be presently outstanding, \$4,000,000. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*.

Data from Letter of L. B. Patterson, President of the Issuing Corp.
Business.—The Federal Ice Refrigerating Co. and Hygienic Ice Co. of Delaware, directly or through subsidiaries, are primarily engaged in the manufacture of ice for iceing refrigerator and passenger cars under long term contracts, with the following railroads or their subsidiary corporations: Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, Atlantic Coast Line, Baltimore & Ohio, Chicago & Alton, Delaware Lackawanna & Western, Erie, Michigan Central, New York Central, Nickel Plate, Pennsylvania and Wash. Under such contracts the bulk of the companies' production is taken by the railroads at fixed prices with a guaranteed minimum ample to assure profitable operation.

The companies, directly or through their subsidiaries, own 28 plants in 13 States and Canada. The depreciated reproduction value of the fixed properties of the issuing corporation and subsidiaries, of which the entire capital stock is pledged as security for the bond issue, based upon appraisals completed in 1925 plus cash cost of properties acquired during the current year is \$11,617,245; in addition to which the companies and their subsidiaries have net current assets and investments carried at cost, aggregating \$2,548,000.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the companies and subsidiaries available or interest, after depreciation charges aggregating \$1,845,435 for the period stated are as follows:

1923	\$782,583	1925	\$1,524,714
1924	993,158	1926 (8 months)	1,199,629

Net earnings for 1925 as stated above are equivalent to over six times maximum interest requirement on the \$4,000,000 outstanding series A and series B bonds. Such net earnings for the first eight months of the current year, after depreciation of \$492,533, were at the rate of over seven times interest requirement.

Security.—Bonds are the joint and several obligations of the issuing corporations, are secured by pledge of the entire capital stock of all wholly owned subsidiaries, and together with \$3,000,000 series A bonds outstanding, will constitute the entire funded indebtedness of the issuing corporations and pledged subsidiaries. See also V. 122, p. 355.

Federal Ice Refrigerating Co.—Bonds.

See Federal-Hygienic Ice Refrigerating Cos. above.—V. 122, p. 488, 355.

Federal Motor Truck Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 10,000 additional shares of non par value stock on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 410,000 shares.

Income Account for Stated Periods.

	7 Mos. End. July 31 '26.	Year End. Dec. 31 '25.
Total revenue from operations	\$8,447,752	\$11,000,002
Cost of operations	7,075,149	9,746,075
Operating income	\$1,372,602	\$1,253,927
Other income	137,306	286,586
Total income	\$1,509,908	\$1,540,513
Depreciation	48,819	117,647
Interest on funded debt	51,564	11,667
Federal income tax	(est.) 175,000	176,399
Net income	\$1,234,524	\$1,234,799

Comparative Balance Sheet.

	Dec. 31 '25.	July 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	July 31 '26.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash	\$1,519,639	\$1,286,820	Capital stock	\$2,000,000
Notes & trade accept- receivable	778,715	1,000,248	Accounts payable	878,678
Accts' receivable	556,873	825,056	Notes payable	84,785
Inventories	3,370,569	4,193,087	Dividends payable	60,000
Investments	707,742	609,988	Dealers' deposits	20,005
Land, bldgs., mach. & equip	947,904	1,142,638	Accruals	50,679
Deferred assets	89,013	142,815	Debiture notes	1,500,000
			Res. for Fed. taxes &c., liabilities	176,400
			Reserves	331,351
			Surplus	2,868,558
Total	\$7,970,455	\$9,200,653	Total	\$7,970,455

a Due banks from subsidiaries secured by customers notes in lieu of discounting customers notes.—V. 123, p. 1119, 587.

Fisher Body Corp.—To Retire Notes.

All of the outstanding \$12,500,000 5% serial gold notes, dated Jan. 2 1925, have been called for payment Jan. 1 next at par and int. at the Bankers Trust Co., 10 Wall St., N. Y. City.

At the option of the holders any of said notes may be turned in for payment at par and int. to date of surrender at any time prior to Jan. 1 next. This will leave the company free of funded debt.—V. 123, p. 1386.

General American Tank Car Corp.—Receives Orders.

The corporation has received orders from the Missouri Pacific RR. and the Wabash Ry. for refrigerating cars amounting to, it is estimated, approximately \$1,750,000.—V. 123, p. 1120.

General Electric Co.—New Contract.

A steam turbine rated at 63,000 kilowatts, or 84,000 h. p., which when completed will be the world's largest single cylinder turbine machine, has been purchased by the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston from the General Electric Co. It will be installed in the new Edgar generating station of the Edison system at Weymouth, Mass. The largest single cylinder turbines in use to-day are rated at 50,000 kilowatts, 1,800 revolutions per minute, and 60,000 kilowatts at 1,500 revolutions per minute. The new Boston turbine, rated at 3,000 kilowatts more than the present record size, will operate at 1,800 revolutions per minute. Current will be generated at 14,000 volts.

The Boston machine establishes a third record for General Electric turbines within the past two weeks. The largest cross-compound turbine, rated at 208,000 kilowatts, or 280,000 h. p., is being built for the State Line Generating Co., to be installed in what will be the largest generating station in the world, and the two largest tandem-compound turbines, each rated at 105,000 kilowatts, are being manufactured for the Southern California Edison Co.—V. 123, p. 1512.

General Fireproofing Co.—Div. Rate Inc. on Common Stk.

The directors on Sept. 21 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, and the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the preferred stock, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 21. Previously the company paid regular quarterly dividends of 30c. per share on the common stock, and in addition paid an extra of 70c. per share on July 1 and an extra of 45c. per share on April 1. (Compare V. 122, p. 3459).—V. 123, p. 986.

General Motors Corp.—Sales for August Reach New High Record.

It is announced that since the introduction of the new line of General Motors cars, the Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Oakland-Pontiac, Buick and Cadillac divisions have been unable to meet the demand from dealers and at the moment every division is oversold. August set a new high record for any month in this history with 134,231 cars sold by the car manufacturing divisions of General Motors to their dealers and distributors. The best previous month was April this year with 122,742 cars.

Retail sales in August by General Motors distributors and dealers set a new high record for that month with 122,305 cars and trucks, compared with 78,638 in Aug. 1925, an increase of 56%; and further with 101,576 cars sold in July this year. In fact, the retail sales in July and August and so far this month as figures are available exceed anything experienced at this season of past years, the announcement says:

	—Dealers Sales to Users—		—Divisions Sales to Dealers—	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
January	53,698	25,993	3,574	76,332
February	64,971	39,579	50,007	91,313
March	106,051	70,594	57,205	113,341
April	136,643	97,242	89,583	122,742
May	141,651	87,488	84,715	120,979
June	117,176	75,864	65,224	111,380
July	101,576	65,872	60,836	87,643
August	122,305	78,638	54,842	134,231
Total 8 mos.	844,071	540,870	495,986	857,961

These figures include passenger cars and trucks sold in the United States, Dominion of Canada and overseas by the Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Oakland, Buick and Cadillac manufacturing divisions of General Motors.

Extra Distribution to Be Considered at November Meeting of the Board.—President Alfred P. Sloan Jr., before sailing on the Berengaria for Europe on Sept. 22 with a group of General Motors executives, said in substance:

The question of any extra distribution to General Motors stockholders this year will not be considered until the November meeting, when we will have complete facts and figures before us. The meeting will be held, I think, the second Thursday in November, but I cannot now make a guess as to what action if any will be taken.

As you know, we have an expansion program at the present time which will cost between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000.

We are going abroad for four or five weeks for the purpose of visiting General Motors Export activities in England and on the Continent, with a view of developing atmosphere as to the possibilities of increasing our effectiveness in those specific countries. We also expect to spend a few days at both the Paris and London automobile shows. There is no special significance to be attached to the trip.

Conditions, as we leave here, could hardly be any better so far as General Motors is concerned. New designs announced during the summer have been very gratifyingly received by the public. At this moment there is a shortage actually acute in the case of some divisions. Our sales to dealers in August established a new record and our retail sales were over 50% in excess of the year before for the corresponding period. From present indications, sales to dealers for September will equal and may even exceed those of August. This will mean still a new record. It should be recognized, however, that in line with the seasonal trend, which the automotive industry follows, retail sales must be expected to fall off as we get into the fall and early winter. We shall continue production and sales to dealers at capacity in order that an economic working stock may be developed in the territory. After that, our production will be adjusted in accordance with the trend of retail sales. This is in line with our regular procedure.

So far as the outlook for the balance of the year is concerned, reports from all sections of the country indicate that here is not a cloud in sight. We all feel very well satisfied with the General Motors picture as it stands to-day.

Vice-President Brown said:

Our financial position has improved since the June statement was published. Earnings since that time have been very satisfactory.

Regarding the prospects for next year, Pres. Sloan said:

I think we are going to have a good year in 1927. In my opinion, it is not impossible for General Motors in 1927 to equal the number of vehicles sold in 1926.

Our cash on hand at Oct. 1 will be somewhere between \$175,000,000 and \$200,000,000, probably around \$180,000,000. We have need for all this money in our own business.

I do not take much stock in rumors that the Government will tax surpluses of corporations heavily. I do not think the Government will levy taxes on these corporations which are doing constructive things with their surpluses.

Practically all of our divisions are running at capacity and there is an acute shortage in most of our divisions, particularly Chevrolet, Buick and Pontiac. This includes both domestic and export business.

The seasonal trend should begin to be downward after Oct. 1, but in my opinion we should sell in the neighborhood of 120,000 vehicles in October.

Prospects for export business are excellent. Gross sales for export this year will exceed \$100,000,000, and prospects for next year point to even larger business.

General Motors Pay-Roll.—The corporation also states:

When the consolidation of Fisher Body, as a manufacturing division of General Motors became effective on June 30, there were on the pay-roll of General Motors more than 151,000 employees with wages of \$254,394,000 annually, at the current rate. In this total is not included the employees of certain affiliated companies nor the employees of the dealers selling General Motors cars.

General Motors is operated as a decentralized organization. The 29 major manufacturing operations have plants in 48 cities, 12 of which are in overseas countries. In many of these cities the General Motors factories are the principal industry and place of employment of labor.

In the General Motors family there are more than 250,000 people directly dependent upon General Motors for at least part of their income.

There are 45,800 stockholders, living in every State of the Union; 151,000 employees working in the many plants; 20,000 dealers, selling General Motors cars in every city, town and village from Coast to Coast.

There are 6,000 concerns, with many thousands of employees, from which General Motors buys materials and supplies, and many of these concerns sell to General Motors the bulk of their output. General Motors does business with 12,500 banks.

Buick Motor Co. Has Record August.—

The company delivered in August 29,678 new Buicks throughout the country, exceeding the record of the best previous August, that of 1925, by 10,389 cars. See also V. 123, p. 1388, 1512.

General Motors Stockholders.—

On Sept. 11, when General Motors paid the 50% common stock dividend, together with the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 cash on the common stock for the third quarter, there were 27,446 common stockholders of record who received this disbursement.

The total number of General Motors common and preferred stockholders for the third quarter of 1926 was 47,805, compared with 53,097 in the second quarter. The total number of stockholders by quarters for preceding years follows:

Calendar Years—	1st Quar.	2d Quar.	3d Quar.	4th Quar.
1917	1,927	2,525	2,699	2,902
1918	3,918	3,737	3,615	4,739
1919	8,012	12,523	12,358	18,214
1920	24,148	26,136	31,029	36,894
1921	49,035	59,059	65,324	66,837
1922	70,504	72,665	71,331	65,665
1923	67,115	67,417	68,281	68,063
1924	70,009	71,382	69,427	66,997
1925	60,458	60,414	58,118	50,917
1926	54,851	53,097	*47,805	

* Senior securities of record July 6 1926, and common stockholders of record Aug. 21 1926.—V. 123, p. 1512.

General Necessities Corp.—To Retire Bonds—Acqui'n.—

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. serial 6% gold bonds, dated July 1 1961, have been called for redemption Oct. 1 at 102 and int. at the Guardian Trust Co., trustee, 623 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, O.

The corporation has purchased the Vogt Refrigerator Co. of Louisville, Ky.—V. 123, p. 849, 588.

General Outdoor Advertising Co., Inc.—Business Shows Increase.—

President Kerwin H. Fulton says in part: "Business during the present year had shown an increase over the previous year. Contracts closed by the company during the past few months indicate confidence on the part of advertisers in the continuation of the present industrial prosperity, with widespread distribution of goods into consumption. Current profits of the company are satisfactory."—V. 123, p. 1120.

General Refractories Co.—Estimated Earnings.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 7.

In his report to the directors, William C. Sproul, Chairman of the board, stated that earnings for the quarter ended Sept. 30 will approximate \$1.20 a share after interest, depreciation, taxes and all other reserves, compared with \$1.09 a share for the corresponding period last year.

During the September quarter the company's shipments increased 24% over the same 3 months in 1925 and orders booked increased 75%. The outlook for future business is reported to be more favorable than at any time during the past few years and all plants are reported to be in operation at an increased rate of production and on a highly efficient manufacturing basis.—V. 123, p. 718.

Glidden Co.—Earnings.—

The company reports August net profit of \$181,551, after taxes and charges, against \$162,095 August, 1925. President Joyce states: "August is the poorest month of our year because it is vacation month and our salesmen are all off the road. The business we get in is simply fill-in business but sales in the first half of Sept. show an increase of 10% over Sept. of last year."—V. 123, p. 1512.

(C.M.) Hall Lamp Co., Detroit.—20% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a 20% stock dividend payable Sept. 29 to holders of record of that date. See also V. 123, p. 212, 588.

Hart & Cooley Co., Hartford, Conn.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$3 a share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 a share, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 21.—V. 115, p. 2911.

(Richard) Hellman, Inc.—Earnings.—

Six Months Ended June 30—	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$3,154,449	\$2,763,039
Cost of sales and depreciation	2,325,887	2,016,250
Selling, office and general expenses	525,080	420,830
Net profit	\$303,483	\$325,959
Other income (net)	42,544	5,037
Net income	\$346,027	\$330,996
Federal taxes	46,714	44,340
Balance, surplus	\$299,313	\$286,656

Hibernia Mortgage Co.—Notes Offered.—Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., New Orleans is offering \$100,000 1st mtge. collateral trust 6% gold notes series I, 1926 at prices to yield from 5% to 5 3/4% according to maturity.

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due \$20,000 each Sept. 1 1927-1932. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Interest payable M. & S. at Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, trustee. Callable on any int. date upon 90 days notice at 101 and int.

These notes are the direct and unconditional obligations of company and in addition are secured ratably and without preference by the assignment to the trustee of first mortgages on improved city real estate. Such mortgages will in no case exceed 60% of the appraised value of the property as determined by the company's appraisers, and the average amount of the mortgages pledged as security for this particular series of notes is below that figure. In the aggregate, the face value of the mortgage notes deposited with the trustee will at all times equal 100% of the outstanding collateral trust gold notes.—V. 123, p. 850.

Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared three monthly dividends of 35c. per share each, payable Oct. 29, Nov. 26 and Dec. 31 to holders of record Oct. 22, Nov. 19 and Dec. 24, respectively. In addition, an extra dividend of 20c. has been declared payable Dec. 31. Extras of 20c. per share were also paid March 26, June 25 and Sept. 24 last.—V. 122, p. 3611.

Howe Sound Co.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors on Sept. 21 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock, no par value, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 1. This compares with quarterly dividends of 75c. per share paid in April and July last, and 50c. per share paid in Oct. 1925 and Jan. 1926.—V. 123, p. 463.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	1926.	1925.
Quar. Ended Aug. 31—	\$1,926,645	\$6,926,554
9 Mos. End. Aug. 31—	\$17,983,982	\$16,722,269

x After charges, Federal taxes and depreciation. It is stated that the introduction of the new Hudson and Essex models during this quarter and the initial charges incident to opening the large plant for making all-steel bodies are reflected in the diminished returns for this period.—V. 123, p. 1256.

Hunt Bros. Packing Co.—Acquisitions.—

The company, it is announced, recently acquired a controlling interest in the Winters Canning Co. of Suisun, Calif., and the Sumner Preserving & Vinegar Co. of Sumner, Wash.—V. 122, p. 2956.

Hupp Motor Car Co.—10% Stock Div.—Stock Put on

\$1.40 Annual Cash Dividend Basis.—The directors on Sept. 22 declared a 10% stock dividend, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 5, and a quarterly cash dividend of 35 cents per share, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 20. From Feb. 1920 to Aug. 1926 incl. quarterly cash dividends of 25 cents per share were made, and, in addition, the company on March 15 1923 paid a 10% stock dividend.

Dubois Young, formerly Vice-President, has been elected President, succeeding Charles D. Hastings, who has been elected Chairman; J. W. Drake, formerly Chairman, has been elected a Vice-President. Mr. Young will also be General Manager of the company.—V. 123, p. 1513.

(The) Hyde Park, Kansas City, Mo.—Bonds Offered.—

Ellis & Co., Cincinnati are offering at par and int. \$490,000 6% 1st mtge. gold bonds.

Dated Aug. 1 1926 due serially 1928 to 1937. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Principal and interest payable at New York, Cincinnati or Kansas City. Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, trustee.

Security.—These bonds are secured by a closed first mortgage on land in fee (60 ft. on Broadway and 150 ft. on 36th St.), Kansas City, and a 9-story modern fireproof apartment hotel, including furniture and furnishings. The land and building have been conservatively appraised at \$900,000.

Earnings.—Having been operating less than a year, it can now be conservatively and independently appraised that net income will be equivalent to three times greatest interest charge or double combined interest and amortization charges.

Hygienic Ice Co.—Bonds.—

See Federal-Hygienic Ice Refrigerating Cos. above.—V. 122, p. 358.

Indiana Pipe Line Co.—Extra Dividend of 2%.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% (\$1 per share) on the outstanding \$5,000,000 capital stock, par \$50, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 2% (\$1 per share), both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 22. Like amounts were paid on May 15 and Aug. 14 last.—V. 123, p. 91.

Indiana Steel Co.—Bonds Called.—

The company has called for redemption on Nov. 1 next \$257,000 of 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, dated May 1 1912, at 105 and int. Payment will be made at the Bankers Trust Co., sinking fund trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 114, p. 1771.

International Combustion Engineering Corp.—Earnings.

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net inc. from operations	\$933,840	\$473,999	\$632,974	\$324,023
Int. and miscell. income	115,093	45,200	41,716	29,679
Total income	\$1,048,933	\$519,199	\$674,691	\$353,702
Depreciation	137,296	79,135	75,622	25,281
Int., taxes & misc. chgs.	159,237	106,335	118,254	62,496
Net earnings	\$752,400	\$333,729	\$480,815	\$265,926

—V. 123, p. 988.

International Petroleum Co., Ltd.—Development.—

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey in the August issue of "The Lamp" states that "a geographical survey of the International Petroleum Co.'s properties in Colombia had demonstrated the existence of four structures within a radius of 50 miles. The Infantas structure, which is the first one developed, has been since proven to have an area of more than 4,000 acres. One hundred wells have already been completed, with a potential capacity of 70,000 bbls. a day, and, in the judgment of the geologists, this area will permit of the drilling of 300 additional wells without overtaxing the territory. No well has yet reached the bottom of the potential oil horizons. The largest showed a flush production of 9,000 bbls. a day.

"Two other structures, the potentialities of which are not yet definitely defined, have been located. La Cira structure, four kilometers to the west

of Infantas, was proved in 1925 by drilling, and there are now five wells in this area averaging 136 bbls. per day. The San Luis structure, 24 kilometres to the southwest, was proven this year. At present there are 16 rotary rigs working in the field with a constant procession of equipment and material going up-stream.

"At Barranca Bermeja, 400 miles from the Caribbean Coast, where the jungle has been thrust back to make room for a new industrial community, a modern refinery of 2,000 bbls. daily capacity is in operation, supplying the petroleum requirements of Colombia."

"Until July this year no attempt was made to export oil from Colombia, although the product from the Infantas field was brought to the coast and distributed to supply the requirements of Cartagena. Now, however, with the Andian pipe line completed, oil from the Colombian field is flowing into the markets of the world at the rate of 30,000 bbls. a day."—V. 120, p. 227 6

Jordan Motor Car Co.—Status.

President Edward S. Jordan states: "The company this month will turn out 800 cars, or not far from the monthly average for the twelve months ended June 30 last. In that period we sold over 11,000 cars. The company owes no money save current bills payable and has working capital in excess of \$1,000,000."—V. 123, p. 1389.

Joubert & Goslin Machine & Foundry Co., Birmingham, Ala.—Bonds Offered.—Ward, Sterne & Co. and Jemison & Co., Birmingham, are offering \$250,000 1st mtge. 7% gold bonds at 100 and int.

Dated Oct. 1 1926, due serially Oct. 1927-1946. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 c*. Interest payable A. & O. at First National Bank, Birmingham, Ala., without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days notice at 105 and int. First National Bank of Birmingham, Ala., trustee.

Company.—Incorp. in June 1916 and has continuously and profitably operated since its incorporation. Company is equipped for a general machine and foundry business, but specializes in apparatus for sugar manufacturing and refining. Since its organization the company has manufactured approximately 80% of the sugar refinery filter house equipment produced in the United States. It is adding to its product the manufacture of heavy chemical apparatus, particularly evaporating and drying machinery.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage on the land, buildings, equipment and machinery of the company. The property was appraised for the bankers in August and September 1926. Values were fixed as follows: Reproductions cost, \$1,528,000; sound value, \$706,000.

Earnings.—Earnings of the company for calendar years before interest, depreciation and Federal taxes are as follows:

	1917.	1919.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Net sales	1,062,339	1,124,819	352,113	1,091,721	866,563	1,002,787
Cost of sales	906,556	988,783	379,717	940,411	764,034	905,631
Gross profit	155,783	136,036	loss 27,604	151,310	102,530	97,157

Kennebec Paper Co.—Sale.

See Cuchnoc Paper Co. above.—V. 120, p. 711.

Kresge Department Stores, Inc.—Earnings.

	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$4,632,554	\$4,212,288
Gross profit on sales	1,390,584	1,282,405
Operating loss	419,796	131,355
Other income (net)	490,541	168,207
Net profit before taxes	\$70,745	\$36,852
Provision for Federal taxes		4,795
Balance, surplus	\$70,745	\$32,057

Lago Oil & Transport Co.—Offer to Stockholders.

See Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co. below.—V. 123, p. 333.

Lake Superior Paper Co., Ltd.—Bonds Called.

The company has called for redemption as of March 1 1927, 117 6% first mortgage 30-year gold bonds, due March 1 1941, of \$100 each; 28 bonds of \$500 each, and 31 of \$500 each.

Payment will be made in English sterling at the office of the British Foreign & Colonial Corp., Ltd., B.F.C. House, Gresham St., London, E.C. 2, England, or at the holder's option at the Royal Trust Co., 105 St. James St., Montreal, Can., or at the agent's, Bank of Montreal, 64 Wall St., N. Y. City, at the rate of 105% and int.—V. 110, p. 769.

Lawyers Mortgage Co., N. Y.—Stock Increase—Rights.

The stockholders will vote Oct. 20 on increasing the authorized and outstanding capital stock from \$9,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

The stockholders of record Nov. 8 1926 will be given the right to subscribe at par (\$100) for one share of additional stock for each 9 shares held.

The directors also declared the 100th consecutive regular quarterly dividend cash of 3 1/4% on the capital stock. Cash dividends of \$12,740,000 and a stock distribution of 25% have been paid in the last 26 years, according to Richard M. Hurd, President.

"Since organization the company has sold and guaranteed nearly \$1,000,000,000 of mortgages of which \$653,000,000 have matured and been paid in full," Mr. Hurd said. "Outstanding mortgages at present are in excess of \$280,000,000. The company's surplus is now \$5,500,000, and its present capital \$9,000,000. There are no bonds or preferred stock."—V. 122, p. 1619.

Liquid Carbonic Corporation.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$4,000,000 permanent engraved first mortgage convertible sinking fund 6% gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1941, on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding interim certificates.—V. 123, p. 1513.

Loew's Inc.—Definitive Debentures Ready.

Interim receipts for 15-year 6% sinking fund gold debentures are now exchangeable for definitive debentures at the National City Bank of New York, 60 Wall St., N. Y. City. (For offering, see V. 122, p. 2202.) V. 123, p. 590.

(Walter M.) Lowney Co.—Balance Sheet June 26 1926.

Assets		Liabilities	
Plant and equipment	\$536,034	Capital and surplus	\$444,113
Investments in subsidiaries	912,965	Real estate mortgage	160,000
Current assets	939,221	Collateral notes payable	1,403,000
Deferred charges	17,993	Current liabilities	399,102
Total	\$2,406,215	Total	\$2,406,215

McCaskey Register Co.—2% Back Div. on 2d Preferred.

The directors have declared a back dividend of 2% on the 2d pref. and also the regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% on the 1st pref., and 2% on the 2d pref. stocks, all payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 21.—V. 121, p. 985.

Madison Square Garden Corp.—Earnings.

For the half-year ended June 30 1926 the corporation showed profits after all charges, including interest, depreciation and amortization, of \$412,306, equivalent to \$1 64 per share on the 250,000 shares of stock.

The profits which hundreds of investors in the Rickard sporting enterprises expect to clear from the Dempsey-Tunney fight is estimated at over \$300,000. This figure would add more than \$1 per share to the earnings of the stock.—V. 122, p. 3351.

Manchester Terminal Corp., Houston, Texas.—Bonds Sold.

Public offering was made Sept. 23 of \$2,700,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, dated Oct. 1 1926 and maturing Oct. 1 1941, by Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., and Spencer Trask & Co. at 100 and interest. The issue has been oversubscribed.

Interest payable A. & O. in New York and Chicago without deduction for any Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c*.

Red., all or part, on 30 days' notice on any int. date at 105 and int. on or before Oct. 1 1931, the premium decreasing 1/2 of 1% in each year thereafter to 1% on and after Oct. 1 1939. Corporation agrees to refund all State and District of Columbia personal property taxes not to exceed six mills per annum and all State income taxes not in excess of 6%. Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, trustee.

Data from Letter of Jos. W. Evans, President of the Corporation.

Company.—A Texas corporation. Will own and operate the largest cotton warehouse and compress in the Houston district and will also furnish general wharf and storage facilities. The need for this terminal has been created by the steady growth of the cotton and general shipping business at Port Houston. The project is now 65% complete and the finished units are already receiving cotton for storage.

Corporation will not own, buy or sell any cotton, but will gandle, store and compress it for shippers and growers, charging for these essential services fees which are paid before the cotton is delivered from the terminal. Thus the business will be on a strictly cash basis. The fees to be received by the corporation are analogous to freight charges and like them, form only a small percentage of the total commodity value.

Corporation has contracted to handle for two years the entire crop of the Oklahoma Cotton Growers Association and it is estimated that this service will require one-half of its plant capacity. Heretofore the production of the Oklahoma Cotton Growers Association has not been handled at Houston and the need of this association for a single plant large enough to handle its cotton was one of the factors that led to the organization of the Manchester Terminal Corp.

Corporation owns in fee 70 acres of land, excellently situated on the south bank of the Houston Ship Channel, at its junction with Sims Bayou. Here the corporation is erecting a modern cotton warehouse of 200,000 bales capacity, of reinforced concrete construction, to be equipped with high density compresses, and with all necessary equipment for handling cotton and other commodities. The present construction will occupy about 25 acres, leaving ample space for future expansion.

Excellent shipping facilities will be provided, as the corporation will own and operate a concrete wharf 1,520 ft. long, permitting ocean shipping to dock directly at its plant. Corporation's private tracks will connect over the lines of the Public Belt Ry. of Houston, with the network of 17 railroads radiating from Houston.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage on the entire property. The land has been appraised at \$840,000 and Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., engineers, have given buildings and equipment a replacement value of \$4,077,600. This issue of bonds thus represents less than 55% of the total property value of \$4,917,600.

Earnings.—The average annual net earnings of the corporation over a five-year period available for interest, sinking fund and reserves are conservatively estimated by Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., engineers, to be \$551,300, or 3 1/4 times the maximum annual interest requirements of this issue.

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage will provide for a minimum annual cumulative sinking fund of \$90,000, the first payment to be made Oct. 1 1928. Through the operation of this minimum sinking fund it is calculated that over 57% of the present issue will be retired prior to maturity. It is also provided that 25% of net earnings, as defined in the mortgage, are to be added to the sinking fund.

Capitalization.

	Authorized	Outstanding
First mortgage sinking fund gold bonds	\$6,000,000	\$2,700,000
Second mortgage 7% bonds	1,000,000	1,000,000
Preferred stock, 7% cumulative (par \$100)	500,000	500,000
Common stock (par \$100)	1,000,000	1,000,000

X Already underwritten.
Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of this issue of first mortgage bonds will be used to pay, in part, for the cost of fixed assets, to provide working capital, and for other corporate purposes.

Directors.—In addition to representatives of the bankers, the board is as follows: Burke Baker, Houston; R. H. Baker, Austin; Jos. W. Evans (res.); R. M. Farrar, Rex Frazier; Don. Hall; E. A. Peden; Walter Walne; K. E. Womack, Houston.

Mary Lee Candy Shops, Inc.—Sales.

Period from May 15 to Sept. 1—	1926.	1925.	Increase.
Sales	\$292,560	\$240,340	\$52,220

—V. 123, p. 1514.

Mexican Investment Co.—New Directors—May Change

Name of Company.

E. W. Johnson, of Blake Bros. & Co., Dixon Q. Brown, formerly Vice-President of the Tide Water Oil Co., and Edwin B. Hopkins have been elected directors. President Thomas W. Streeter, E. W. Johnson and Dixon Q. Brown comprise the executive committee.

A special meeting of stockholders will be held on Sept. 25 to consider changing the company's name.—V. 122, p. 3351.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—New Sales Plans.

According to Pres. T. F. Merseles, the company has perfected two new merchandising plans which will be put into effect immediately.

The first of these new ideas provides for the establishment, in towns of 10,000 to 15,000 population, of stores selling auto tires and auto accessories. These lines of merchandise will be carried in stock for immediate delivery, but no other merchandise will be displayed. It is contemplated that the first experiment under this new plan will be started as soon as suitable locations can be secured.

The second plan is more comprehensive and is the outgrowth of the present merchandising display idea. The main difference lies in the fact that, instead of being permanently located in a town, a display of merchandise will be of a temporary nature and conducted on a much larger scale than heretofore. While for the permanent display a store 25 by 150 ft. is sufficient, the new plan calls for a store with a frontage of 60 or 75 ft. in the best location available. A large majority of the 33,000 articles listed in the firm's catalogue will be represented in this display. It is the intention to maintain this large temporary display in a town for 60 or 90 days, or long enough to enable the customers within a 25-mile radius of the town to inspect the company's merchandise in order to judge its quality and value. At the end of a given period this merchandise "exposition" will be moved to another town. In that manner the entire country eventually will be covered, which is of particular significance, as the company numbers as customers more than 8,000,000 families in the United States, which, according to the latest national census, means one out of every three families in the nation.

Pres. Merseles, commenting on the proposed plan, said: "I wish to make it entirely clear that the plan which we have already adopted and the two new plans which we are contemplating are purely in the nature of experiments."

"We are not strangers, by any means, in any community in the United States. We have thousands of customers within a 25-mile radius of practically every county seat in the country. We have been doing business by mail for more than 54 years, and it is but natural that we should develop new means to get in closer touch with our customers. In conducting these experiments for a period of several months, we believe we shall be able to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the problem of combining the advantages of personal contact and acquaintance with the further advantages of distributing merchandise through the medium of our mail order catalogue."—V. 123, p. 1257.

Moon Motor Car Co.—Earnings.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Sales	\$4,942,131	\$6,214,064	\$5,375,192	\$5,798,870
Cost of sales & deprec'n. selling & admin. exp'n.	4,606,343	5,507,421	4,984,046	5,138,655
Net profit	\$335,789	\$706,642	\$391,146	\$660,215
Miscellaneous earnings	52,750	69,876	72,715	91,196
Net income	\$388,539	\$776,519	\$463,861	\$751,411
Federal and State taxes	56,338	104,830	62,621	101,440
Balance, surplus	\$332,201	\$671,689	\$401,240	\$649,970

A After deducting returns and allowances.
While the net for the first six months of 1926 shows a falling off compared to the similar period of 1925, the company reports all expenses incurred in connection with the development of the new \$1,000 Moon model have been completely absorbed during this period and the new car is now in full production, and with this addition the company is now operating 100% capacity.—V. 123, p. 1389.

Morgan's, Inc.—Earnings.—Earnings for the first 7 months of 1926 show net sales of \$1,775,700 and net profit before Federal taxes of \$326,464. The balance sheet as of June 30 shows total net assets of \$3,282,928, after reserves for depreciation. Net current assets were \$2,763,000.—V. 123, p. 1123.

Nalle Office Building, Austin, Tex.—Bonds Offered.—Mortgage & Securities Co., New Orleans, recently offered at 100 and int. \$500,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated Aug. 1 1926; due serially July 1 1928-1936. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at Interstate Trust & Banking Corp., New Orleans, trustee, or at Mortgage & Securities Co., New Orleans or St. Louis. Callable before maturity on any int. date at 101½.

Security.—These bonds, in addition to being the personal obligation of Ernest Nalle, are directly secured by closed 1st mtge. on an entire city square measuring 276x276 feet in the city of Austin, on which is located the Nalle & Co. plant and offices, and plant and offices of the Austin Sash & Door Co. and Stern Grain Co. Also secured by closed 1st mtge. on southeast corner measuring 88 ft. 7½ in. on Congress St. by 160 ft. on East 6th St., together with 10-story and basement store and office building under construction. The valuation of the property is placed at \$1,103,250.

Nalle & Co. (Ernest Nalle, sole owner) is one of the oldest and most substantial lumber finishing companies of Texas, founded in 1871. **Earnings.**—The combined income from the 6 stores and offices, after allowing 10% for office vacancies, amounts to \$148,200, which, after deducting all expenses of operation, insurance and taxes in the amount of \$45,000, leaves a net balance applicable to retirement of this issue of \$103,200, which is over 3 1-3 times the greatest interest requirement. This amount is apart from Mr. Nalle's personal income from Nalle & Co.

National Theatre Supply Co.—Notes Offered.—West & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc. and W. S. Hammons & Co. are offering at 99 and int., to yield about 6¾% \$1,500,000 5-year 6½% sinking fund gold notes (carrying detachable stock option warrants).

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due Sept. 1 1931. Callable on 60 days' notice on any int. date at 105. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Int. payable M. & S. 4 mills tax, Maryland 4½ mills tax, Calif. 5 mills tax, Kansas 2½ mills tax, Mass. 6% income tax on interest, New Hampshire 3% income tax on int., and any similar taxes hereafter imposed in Maine not exceeding 5 mills personal property tax or 6% income tax, refundable. Chase National Bank, New York, trustee.

Stock Option Warrants.—The notes will carry detachable stock option warrants, which will entitle the holder to purchase from the company 4 shares of its common stock for each \$100 of notes, at \$10 per share until March 1 1929, and thereafter at \$15 per share until Sept. 1 1931.

Sinking Fund.—Company is obligated to pay to the trustee under the indenture a sinking fund of \$166,667 a year, payable in equal semi-annual installments beginning March 1 1927, and continuing to and incl. March 1 1931, to be applied by the trustee to the purchase of notes in the open market, or to redemption by lot at 105. Through the operation of this sinking fund approximately 50% of these notes will be retired before maturity. Indenture also provides that the proceeds of the sale of the common stock, through the exercise of the option warrants attached to the notes, shall be paid into the sinking fund. If these option warrants are all exercised, the sinking fund will be sufficient to retire practically all of the notes before maturity.

Data From Letter of Pres. H. A. Dutton, Chicago, Sept. 17.

Company.—Incorp. in 1926 in Delaware. Has acquired the assets and business of the Southern Theatre Equipment Co., Atlanta; Exhibitors Supply Co., Chicago; Howell's Cine Equipment Co., New York; Western Theatre Supply Co., San Francisco; Pacific Amusement Co., Los Angeles, and 27 other well-established distributors of motion picture and general theatre equipment throughout the United States. Company operates a chain store system consisting of 50 stores situated in leading cities of 24 states. It is the largest distributor of theatre equipment and supplies in the United States. An extensive business is conducted in the sale of motion picture and other projecting machines, lenses, carbons, lamps, motor generator sets, and over 300 principal accessories and large number of minor articles necessary to the motion picture and general theatre industry.

Company owns, as a result of the acquisition of the assets and business of the several dealers and distributors, exclusive sales rights for the leading lines of theatrical equipment and supplies in the territories formerly served by them. Company has also completed arrangements with many of the other leading manufacturers of equipment and supplies used in all classes of theatres for the sale of their products.

Company, through its conveniently located branch stores, is now able to sell more economically and to serve theatre owners more efficiently in the small as well as in the large cities of the country. The business acquired by the company has already grown to over \$7,000,000 gross annually and is increasing.

Capitalization.—

5-year 6½% sinking fund gold notes (this issue)	Authorized	Outstanding
\$7 dividend preferred stock (no par value)	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Common stock (no par value)	40,000 shs.	20,000 shs.
	600,000 shs.	500,000 shs.

Earnings.—Combined statement of earnings for year ended June 30 1926, of the distributors and dealers whose assets and businesses have been acquired:

Net sales	\$7,781,501
Cost of goods sold	5,434,569
Selling, general & administrative expenses	1,528,675
Net profit from operations	\$818,256
Other income	131,438

Total income	\$949,694
Other deductions	105,212

Net before Federal taxes	\$844,482
Maximum annual interest charges on these notes	\$97,500
The above net earnings are over 8 times the maximum annual interest charges on this issue.	

Dividends.—It is expected that dividends will be inaugurated on the common stock in the near future.

Pro Forma Balance Sheet, Sept. 1 1926.

(Giving effect to proposed issue of securities.)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Furniture & fixtures	\$158,913	Capital stock	\$2,451,180
Machinery & tools	21,792	5-year 6½% notes	1,500,000
Automobiles	14,469	Accounts payable	648,736
Cash	102,596	Reserves	100,000
Securities owned	18,146		
Notes & accounts receivable	1,402,842		
Merchandise inventory	1,403,237		
Goodwill & franchise rights	1,365,922		
Deferred assets & charges	211,998	Total (each side)	\$4,699,916
x Represented by 20,000 (no par) pref. shares and 500,000 (no par) common shares.—V. 123, p. 1514.			

New Orleans Pontchartrain Bridge Co.—Bonds Sold.—Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., William R. Compton Co., Watson, Williams & Co., Lorenzo E. Anderson & Co., Hemphill, Noyes & Co. and Knight, Dysart & Gamble have sold at 100 and interest \$3,000,000 first (closed) mortgage sinking fund 7% gold bonds.

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due Sept. 1 1946. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Redeemable, all or part, at any time, on 30 days' notice at 105 and interest. Interest payable without deduction for any Federal income tax, not in excess of 2%, which the company or the trustee may be required or permitted to pay thereon or retain therefrom. Company agrees to refund to resident holders upon proper application certain State taxes as defined in the mortgage. Canal Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, La., trustee.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a closed first mortgage on all of the physical property of the company now or hereafter owned and upon its franchise, including all the rights of the company thereunder. The cost of the bridge and approaches will be substantially in excess of the principal amount of these bonds. The property will be adequately insured against fire, storm, lightning, collision, tornado, earthquake and other casualties.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a sinking fund to be composed of semi-annual payments, beginning approximately one year after the bridge is opened for operation, equal in each year to 30% of the annual net earnings of the company, as defined in the mortgage, plus the interest earnings of the bonds in the sinking fund, to be applied to the purchase or redemption of first mortgage sinking fund 7% gold bonds. The operation of the sinking fund, through purchase in the open market or by redemption, is expected to retire this entire issue before maturity.

\$2,000,000 Debentures Sold.—The same bankers have sold at 98 and int., to yield from 7.55% to 10.15%, according to date of call, \$2,000,000 15-year debenture sinking fund 7% gold bonds (with detachable stock purchase warrants).

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due Sept. 1 1941. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at Fidelity Trust Co., New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red., all or part, at any time on 30 days' notice at 110 and int. Interest payable without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Company agrees to refund to resident holders upon proper application certain State taxes as defined in the trust agreement. Marine Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, trustee.

Security.—These bonds will be a direct obligation of the company, preceded only by \$3,500,000 1st mtge. sinking fund 7% gold bonds, due Sept. 1 1946.

Sinking Fund.—Trust agreement will provide for a sinking fund to be composed of semi-annual payments, beginning approximately one year after the bridge is opened for operation, equal in each year to 20% of the annual net earnings of the company, as defined in the trust agreement, plus the interest earnings of the bonds in the sinking fund, to be applied to the purchase or redemption of 15-year debenture sinking fund 7% gold bonds by lot at 110. The operation of the sinking fund is expected to retire this entire issue by maturity.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each \$1,000 debenture bond will carry upon issue a detachable option warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase at any time up to and including Jan. 1 1933 10 shares of the capital stock of no par value of the company at \$20 per share; each \$500 bond will carry a proportionate warrant.

Data from Letter of Vice-Pres. A. L. Black, New Orleans, Sept. 15.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware in March 1926 for the purpose of constructing and operating a highway toll bridge across the marshes and waters of the eastern end of Lake Pontchartrain, La. The property of the company will consist of a bridge and approaches, the total length of which will be approximately 14½ miles, of which about 5 miles will be bridge and trestle construction over the eastern end of Lake Pontchartrain and about 9½ miles will be highway approaches. The southwestern approach will originate on the existing highway out of New Orleans about 17 miles east of the city while the northeastern terminus will be in Slidell. The bridge proper will be of reinforced concrete trestle construction on reinforced concrete piles with two draw spans. A paved roadway, 30 ft. wide throughout, should accommodate a maximum one direction traffic of 3,000 vehicles per hour. It is expected that the construction work will be completed and that the bridge will be opened for traffic about July 1 1928.

The territory which will be benefited most directly by the bridge comprises the city of New Orleans on the south side of Lake Pontchartrain, and St. Tammany Parish, La., and Hancock and Harrison counties, Miss., to the north and east of the Lake. The permanent population of the territory immediately tributary to the bridge is estimated to be 486,000, which includes New Orleans with a population of approximately 417,235. In addition, it is estimated that there is a population of 385,000 in surrounding parishes and counties slightly more remote from the bridge location, including Mobile County, Ala. Thus the bridge should benefit directly or indirectly a permanent population of approximately 870,000.

In addition, the bridge will provide a connecting link with the Old Spanish Trail, the transcontinental highway which enters the city from the west and continues east along the Gulf Coast route to Florida.

Capitalization.—

Authorized	Outstanding
First mtge. sink. fund 7% gold bonds (this issue)	\$3,500,000
15-year debenture sinking fund 7% gold bonds	\$2,500,000
Capital stock (no par value)	110,000 shs.
	110,000 shs.

Franchise.—The Louisiana Highway Commission has granted a franchise which has been acquired by the company, giving it the right to construct, own, maintain and operate the bridge and approaches. Under the terms of this franchise, from and after twenty years from the date of completion of the bridge, the State of Louisiana may acquire the property at a price equal to the original cost of the bridge and approaches plus cost of new construction, less a charge for depreciation of 1% per annum. The toll rates have been approved by the Louisiana Highway Commission. The necessary approval of the Secretary of War has been obtained.

Earnings.—Based on gross revenue and net earnings estimated by Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., engineers, there should be available the first year of operation net earnings of over three times the maximum annual interest charges on these issues, and annual net earnings should average over four times such interest charges during the probable life of these bonds.

Year	a Gross Revenue	b Net Earns.	c Net Income.	d Net Earns.	e Earned per Sh.
1928-29	\$969,215	\$755,685	\$412,468	\$277,393	\$2.52
1930-31	1,228,995	998,705	585,557	510,493	4.64
1932-33	1,344,600	1,103,960	652,300	638,868	5.80
1934-35	1,354,780	1,107,010	639,800	690,703	6.27
1936-37	1,375,110	1,122,250	633,537	762,377	6.93
1938-39	1,408,860	1,153,500	635,089	861,372	7.83
1939-40	1,408,860	1,153,500	622,637	902,679	8.20
1940-41	1,408,860	1,153,500	955,836	949,002	8.62
1941-42	1,408,860	1,153,500	1,153,500	954,528	8.67

a Estimated earnings are based on an average of \$1.25 per vehicle and an average of 30 cents for extra passengers or freight in the first three years and gradually reducing the vehicle toll to an average of \$1.05 in the last seven years in accordance with the terms of the franchise. b Net earnings before interest, Federal taxes and depreciation. c Net income after interest and sinking fund on 1st mtge. bonds available for interest and sinking fund debentures. d Net after interest on funded debt, depreciation and Federal taxes. e Earned per share on 110,000 shares capital stock.—V. 123, p. 1514.

New York Title & Mortgage Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 4%, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 24. Extra cash dividends of 1% each were paid on Jan. 2, April 1 and July 1 last. A 5% stock dividend was also paid in April last.—V. 122, p. 3463.

Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.—Cash, &c.—

Financial Statement Sept. 18 1926, Showing Total Cash, &c., \$3,854,490.

	Sept. 18 '26	June 19 '26	Mar. 6 '26
Cash in bank, incl. Canadian bds., &c.	\$3,278,571	\$3,493,808	\$3,400,888
Value of bullion & ore in transit & on hand, &c.	575,919	575,991	779,908
	V. 122, p. 3613.		

North & Judd Mfg. Co.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2%, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 22. This is an increase of ½ of 1% over the previous quarterly disbursement.—V. 122, p. 2054.

Ohio Brass Co.—\$1 Extra Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the pref. stock, all payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 30.—V. 122, p. 3221.

Ohio Oil & Gas Co.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 35c. a share, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 2. The previous dividend was 25c. a share, paid in July last.—V. 122, p. 1322.

Orange-Crush Holding Corp.—Notes Offered.—Knight, Blanchard & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$150,000 1-year 6% gold notes.

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due Sept. 1 1927. Red. all or part on March 1 1927 on 30 days notice at 101 and int. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable without deduction for Federal normal income tax not in excess of 2%.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
One-year gold notes 6%-----	\$150,000	\$150,000
Preferred stock 7%-----	1,000,000	989,800
Class A common (no par)-----	10,000 shs.	10,000 shs.
Class B common (no par)-----	40,000 shs.	40,000 shs.

Data from Letter of R. H. Lindsay, Vice-Pres. & General Manager.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware in Dec. 1922 and operates, and owns or controls through stock ownership, bottling plants in various cities in the United States and in Havana, Cuba. Company controls the bottling and distribution of beverages and other commodities made by use of concentrates prepared by the Orange-Crush Co. in all open territory throughout the world, excepting Canada and Newfoundland.

Earnings.—Net profits applicable to interest charges as compared with the year's interest charge on the notes of \$9,000 were, in the first 7 months of 1926, \$66,106.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire the company's one-year notes which mature Sept. 1 1926.—V. 121, p. 1235.

Overman Cushion Tire Co., Inc.—Sales Increase.—Sales of the company for 1926 will run considerably ahead of last year, according to Pres. M. C. Overman. The larger part of this gain has been in the face of a falling rubber market and increased sales resistance, he pointed out.—V. 122, p. 3464

Pacific Coast Glass Co.—Earnings.—

Income Account Year Ended May 31 1926.	
Net income-----	\$130,720
Depreciation, \$43,364; interest, \$24,850; Federal income tax, \$9,899; total-----	78,113
Balance, surplus-----	\$52,607
Surplus June 1 1925-----	26,703
Gross surplus-----	\$79,311
Dividends on preferred stock-----	\$20,360
Amortization of preferred stock discount-----	7,906
Surplus May 31 1926-----	\$51,045

—V. 119, p. 1404.

Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co.—Offer to Lago Oil & Transport Co. Minority Stockholders.—

The stockholders will vote Nov. 1 on ratifying the plan for the acquisition of the minority stock holdings in the Lago Oil & Transport Co. The offer, made about two months ago, provided that one share of Pan American B stock be issued in exchange for each 3 shares of Lago held.—V. 123, p. 1258.

Peerless Motor Car Corporation.—Shipments.—

Month of	Aug. 1926.	July 1926.	Aug. 1925.
Number of cars shipped-----	839	995	621

A Cleveland dispatch on Sept. 21 stated that September sales are running at a rate to justify expectations of unit sales of between 1,000 and 1,100 for the full month.—V. 123, p. 723.

Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp.—Bonds Sold.—The National City Co., Hemphill, Noyes & Co., Lehman Brothers, Hornblower & Weeks, Cassatt & Co., Rogers, Caldwell & Co., Inc., Mitchell, Hutchins & Co. and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., have sold at 99½ and int., to yield over 6.05%, \$13,000,000 1st mtge. sinking fund 6% gold bonds, series A.

Dated Sept. 15 1926; due Sept. 15 1941. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable M. & S. without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Red. all or part on any int. date prior to maturity upon 30 days' notice at 105 if red. on or before Sept. 15 1931, at 103 thereafter and on or before Sept. 15 1936, and thereafter at principal amount thereof plus a premium of ¼% for each year or portion of a year between date of redemption and maturity. Principal and interest payable in United States gold coin at the head office of National City Bank of New York, trustee. Corporation will agree to reimburse to respective owners of bonds of Series A resident in the respective States the amounts of the following taxes which may be paid with respect to such bonds or the income therefrom: The 4-mills tax in Penn.; any securities taxes in Maryland not exceeding in the aggregate 45 cents on each \$100 of the assessed value of the respective bonds in any year; any personal property or exemption tax in Conn. not exceeding 4-10ths of 1% on the face amount thereof in any year; any property tax in Calif. not exceeding 4-10ths of 1% of the assessed value thereof in any year; any intangible personal property tax in the Dist. of Col. not exceeding 5-10ths of 1% of the assessed value thereof in any year; any property tax in Tenn. not exceeding 50 cents on every \$100 of the assessed value thereof in any year; any Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% of the interest thereon in any year; and any ad valorem state tax in Kentucky not exceeding 50 cents upon each \$100 of assessed value thereof in any year, but in each case only upon application made in the manner provided in the mortgage.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage on all the lands, buildings, machinery and equipment (with a few unimportant exceptions) of the corporation, and by the pledge of the stock of two small subsidiaries. These properties have been appraised by Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., as having a sound value based upon reproduction cost less depreciation, which, together with working capital, aggregates over \$32,000,000, and a commercial value, including working capital, in excess of \$40,000,000.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a sinking fund requiring semi-annual payments (commencing Aug. 1 1927) in each case equal to 1½% of the maximum principal amount of all bonds theretofore issued, and in addition will require payment on Aug. 1 1928, and on Aug. 1 in each year thereafter, of an additional sum amounting in each case to 1% of the net income of the corporation for the next preceding fiscal year remaining after paying all dividends on the outstanding cumulative preferred stock of the company during such fiscal year.

Preferred Stock Sold.—The same bankers have sold at 99 (flat) \$7,215,300 series A conv. 7% cum. pref. (a. & d.) stock (par \$100).

Dividends payable Q.-M. Dividends on this issue will accumulate from Sept. 15 1926. Red. all or part on any div. date on 30 days' prior notice at 110 and divs. Preferred as to assets to the extent of \$110 per share and divs. in case of involuntary liquidation, and to the extent of \$100 per share and divs. in case of involuntary liquidation. Dividends exempt from the present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent, Chemical National Bank of New York. Registrar, the National City Bank of N. Y.

Convertible.—Series A convertible 7% cum. pref. is convertible at any time at the option of the holder thereof into common stock of the corporation at the rate of 1½ shares of common stock for each share of cum. pref. stock series A, so converted.

Preferred Stock Provisions.—Authorized amount, \$20,000,000; may be issued in series with such dividend rates, not in excess of 7% per annum, redemption prices, not in excess of \$115 a share, conversion privileges and other provisions as may from time to time be determined by the corporation. Each series will rank on a parity with the cum. pref. stock of every other series, with respect to priority in the payment of divs and the distribution of capital assets, and, so long as any cumulative pref. stock of any series remains outstanding, no stock of any class shall be created ranking prior to or on a parity with the cum. pref. stock in either of such respects, without the consent of the holders of two-thirds of the cum. pref. stock outstanding.

So long as any of the cum. pref. stock remains outstanding, the corporation will not create any mortgage or other lien upon any of its fixed property, other than purchase money mortgages, and will not issue any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness maturing more than one year from the date of issue (other than bonds issued under its 1st mtge. dated as of Sept. 15 1926), and will not increase the authorized amount of the cum. pref. stock without the consent of the holders of a majority of the cum. pref. stock then outstanding. If the corporation shall be in default in the payment of any four quarterly divs. on any cum. pref. stock, or shall be in default for a period of one year in setting aside or applying any sinking fund

installment provided with respect to the cum. pref. stock of any series, the cum. pref. stock shall have the right to elect a majority of the board of directors until all accumulated dividends shall have been paid or declared and set aside for payment and (or) all cum. pref. stock sinking fund installments then in default shall have been set aside or applied. So long as the corporation is not in default in the above respects, the cum. pref. stock has no voting power for the election of directors.

Sinking Fund.—So long as the corporation has outstanding any bonds issued under the 1st mtge. dated as of Sept. 15 1926, there will be no sinking fund for the series A cum. pref. stock. Upon the payment of all bonds outstanding under the 1st mtge. or upon provision being made for the satisfaction thereof, the certificate of incorporation requires the corporation to set aside semi-annually on June 15 and Dec. 15, from its surplus or net profits, a sum equivalent to 1½% of the greatest aggregate par value of cum. pref. stock series A at any time issued, to be applied to the purchase or redemption of cum. pref. stock series A at prices not exceeding \$110 a share and divs. In addition, the corporation shall set aside within three months after the close of its fiscal year, commencing with the year next succeeding the year in which the first sinking fund installment is set aside, as above provided, a sum equivalent to 15% of the net income of the corporation for the preceding fiscal year, after providing for pref. divs. and other charges. The sum so set aside shall be applied by the corporation to the purchase or redemption of cum. pref. stock series A as above provided.

Common Stock Sold.—Lehman Brothers, Hemphill, Noyes & Co., Hornblower & Weeks, Cassatt & Co., Rogers Caldwell & Co., Inc., Mitchell, Hutchins & Co. and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., have sold at \$43 per share 300,000 shares common stock (no par value).

Transfer agents, Chemical National Bank, New York, and the National Shawmut Bank, Boston. Registrars, National City Bank, New York, and First National Bank, Boston.

Dividends.—It is expected that dividends on the common stock will be initiated in the near future at the rate of \$3 20 a year.

Data from Letter of Chairman Richard Hardy, New York, Sept. 18.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware Sept. 16 last to acquire the business and properties of the Pennsylvania Cement Co., Dexter Portland Cement Co., Dixie Portland Cement Co. and Clinchfield Portland Cement Corp., which companies have been in successful operation for periods of 15 to 25 years. Upon the acquisition of these properties, the corporation will become one of the larger companies in the cement producing industry, and will own 7 plants with an aggregate productive capacity of 10,000,000 barrels of cement per annum. In addition, the corporation, through subsidiaries, will produce and sell sand, gravel, limestone, tile and other cement products.

The location of the cement plants and their present annual capacity (in barrels), as reported by Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., and Ellis Soper, are shown below:

Location	Ann'l Capacity.	Location	Ann'l Capacity.
Nazareth, Pa., plant No. 1-----	1,300,000	Kingsport, Tenn.-----	1,500,000
Nazareth, Pa., plant No. 2-----	1,100,000	Clinchfield, Ga.-----	1,100,000
Bath, Pa.-----	940,000		
Portland Point, N. Y.-----	1,060,000		
Richard City, Tenn.-----	2,000,000	Total-----	10,000,000

Each of the above plants constitutes a complete unit with large nearby reserves of high-grade raw materials and efficient equipment for the quarrying, grinding and burning operations incident to the manufacture of Portland cement. All of the mill equipment, including the crushers, pulverizers and large rotary kilns, is electrically driven, power being secured in part from turbo-generator installations using waste heat from the kilns, and in part under favorable contracts with electric power companies.

Purpose.—The \$13,000,000 1st mtge. bonds and the preferred and common stocks are being issued in connection with the acquisition of the above properties and to provide additional working capital. Substantial amounts of the preferred and common stocks will be owned by interests previously identified with the properties now being acquired.

Earnings.—Each of the 4 companies whose assets are being acquired has reported a profit for each of the past 13 years. For the 3 years ended Dec. 31 1925 and the 12 months ended July 31 1926, the combined earnings of the properties to be acquired, after eliminating certain bonuses and special compensation now discontinued, have been reported by Price, Waterhouse & Co. as follows:

Year Ended—	Dec. 31 '23.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '25.	July 31 '26.
a Net earnings-----	\$4,226,682	\$4,696,386	\$5,702,599	\$6,101,582
Depreciation and depletion-----	662,922	741,878	938,128	1,013,968
b Net earnings-----	3,563,760	3,954,508	4,764,471	5,087,614
c Income avail. for pref. divs-----	2,407,952	2,745,950	3,446,567	3,726,086
Income avail. for cum. divs-----	1,497,952	1,835,949	2,563,567	2,816,086

a Available for interest, before depreciation and depletion.
b Available for interest after depreciation and depletion.
c After deducting interest charges of \$780,000 on the \$13,000,000 of bonds to be outstanding and Federal taxes at 13½%.

The number of barrels of cement sold during the 12 months ended July 31 1926 represents increases of 4.3%, 14.6% and 31.2%, respectively over the three preceding calendar years, 1925, 1924 and 1923. During this period the annual capacity of the properties was enlarged by more than 3,000,000 barrels.

Average annual net earnings as shown above, available for interest after depreciation and depletion, for the period of 3 years and 7 months ended July 31 1926, have been \$4,269,806, or 5.47 times the interest charges on the Series A bonds being issued. For the 12 months ended July 31 1926, such net earnings amounted to \$5,087,614, or over 6½ times the interest requirements on said bonds. The above earnings do not reflect any economies to be effected through the combined operation of the properties or the full benefits of the increase in annual capacity of the properties above mentioned.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First mortgage bonds-----	\$20,000,000	\$13,000,000
Preferred stock-----	20,000,000	15,000,000
Common stock (no par)-----	x1,000,000 shs.	400,000 shs.

x Includes 195,000 shares reserved for conversion of series A cum. pref. stock.
It is expected that application will be made to list the above bonds and both classes of stock on the New York Stock Exchange. The common stock has been listed on the Boston Stock Exchange.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31 1926.

(Of the combined properties and business to be acquired, after giving effect to the transactions, including financing, incident to such acquisition.)

Assets	Liabilities
a Fixed assets-----	7% cum. pref. stock-----
Cash-----	Common stock (400,000 shs., no par)-----
Notes & acc'ts rec. (net)-----	1st mtge. series A g. bonds-----
Due from officers & empl's-----	Accounts payable-----
Inventories-----	Accr'd wages, taxes, &c-----
Investments-----	Reserve for Federal taxes-----
Deferred charges-----	Miscellaneous reserves-----
	Surplus at organization-----
Total-----	Total-----

a At reproduction cost less depreciation as appraised by Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., as of June 30 1926, adjusted to July 31 1926: Land and mineral reserves, \$2,859,458; buildings and equipment, \$27,775,545; (less depreciation, \$4,581,557), \$23,193,988.

b Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., have appraised the commercial value of these properties at \$34,762,000.—V. 123, p. 1515.

(Albert) Pick & Co.—Capital Increased &c.—

The stockholders on Sept. 20 (a) increased the authorized common stock (par \$10) from \$3,000,000 to \$7,200,000, and (b) authorized the directors to acquire all the assets of L. Barth & Co. and the entire issued and outstanding capital stock of the Lorillard Refrigerator Co. See also V. 123, p. 1515.

Plymouth Cordage Co.—Extra Dividend of 2%.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% and the regular quarterly dividend of 1½% on the common stock, both payable Oct. 20 to holders of record Oct. 1.—V. 122, p. 1636.

Prosperity Co., Inc.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 50 cents a share payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 21. This dividend is to cover the six

months ended Oct. 1. It is the intention of the company to pay in the future regular quarterly dividends of 25 cents a share.

The company is one of the largest makers of steam laundry pressing machinery. It was reorganized some time ago by Ford, Bacon & Davis. There are no preferred shares and only 140,000 shares of no-par common stock (70,000 shares of Class "A" and 70,000 shares of Class "B") outstanding.—V. 122, p. 3222.

Pullman Car & Manufacturing Corp.—Balance Sheet.—See Pullman Co. under "Financial Reports" on preceding page.—V. 123, p. 1515.

Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Inc.—Listing—Registrar.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,500,000 preferred stock (par \$100), and temporary interchangeable certificates for \$2,000,000 common stock (par \$10).

Earnings Nine Months Ended June 30 1926.

Manufacturing profit after deducting cost of goods sold, including materials, labor and factory expense but exclusive of depreciation	\$6,247,063
Selling, general and administrative expense, exclusive of depreciation on office and selling equipment	5,506,030
Operating profit	\$741,033
Other income	106,995
Total profits	\$848,028
Other deductions	1,587
Interest paid	9,764
Depreciation	94,856
Federal and State and local taxes	109,748
Net profit	\$632,073

The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 200,000 shares of common stock and 25,000 of preferred stock.—V. 123, p. 1516.

Reliance Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.—Net profits after taxes for the first 6 months of 1926 were \$306,434.

Balance Sheet June 30 1926.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., equipment	\$739,477	Preferred stock	\$2,350,000
Good-will, trade-marks, &c.	200,001	Common stock	2,356,000
Cash	462,768	Acc'ts payable, taxes, &c.	238,468
Accounts receivable	2,163,909	Notes payable	256,500
Inventories	1,921,113	Reserve for contingencies	50,000
Miscell. current assets	88,216	Surplus	1,078,896
Miscellaneous notes receivable	205,800		
Investments	510,455		
Deferred charges	38,125	Total (each side)	\$6,329,864

Since June 30 1926 the company has paid off its bank loans and purchased 1,000 shares of preferred stock for the retirement fund.—V. 123, p. 990

Rickenbacker Motor Co., Detroit.—Vice-Pres. Resigns.—Capt. E. V. Rickenbacker resigned on Sept. 17 as Vice-President of the company. He indicated that the proposed reorganization plans now in progress would not cause him to dispose of his holdings in the company.—V. 121, p. 3141.

Reid Ice Cream Corp.—Balance Sheet June 30 1926.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Land, bldgs. & equip't.	\$6,558,348	Preferred stock	\$2,196,500
less depreciation	1,862,933	Common stock, surplus and reserves	3,999,741
Current assets	164,719	Funded debt, real estate, mortgages, &c.	2,486,092
Investments	529,207	Current liabilities	909,557
Prepaid expenses	113,622		
Deferred charges	363,061		
Good-will & miscellaneous	363,061		
Total	\$9,591,890	Total	\$9,591,890

x Represented by 178,000 shares no par common.—V. 123, p. 1391, 990.

Richfield Oil Co.—\$10,000,000 Bonds to be Offered.

Representing the first financing for the new company in the readjustment program under which the company is absorbing substantially all of the stock of the United Oil Co. (of Calif.) and other independent properties to form a new \$60,000,000 corporation, Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., and Aronson & Co., as heads of a national banking syndicate, are preparing to place on the market in the near future approximately \$10,000,000 of bonds of the Richfield Company. The purpose of the financing is to provide for the retirement of the United Oil Co.'s 1st mtge. and coll. trust 6½% convertible bonds, for the acquisition of additional properties and for other corporate purposes.

Directors in charge of the financing report that the readjustment plan has been ratified by United stockholders. Over 93% of the entire stock has been deposited for exchange into Richfield stock on the basis of one share of United for three of Richfield.

Arrangements have been made whereby holders of United bonds wishing to convert them into United stock may in turn exchange latter for Richfield stock up to Nov. 15. United notes also carry warrants entitling each holder to subscribe for United stock which may be exchanged for Richfield stock up to same date.

See United Oil Co. (Calif.) below.—V. 123, p. 1259.

(The) Royaltol (Highland Apartment Co.), Philadelphia.—Bonds Offered.—F. H. Smith & Co. are offering at par and int. \$600,000 1st mtge. 6½% coupon gold bonds.

Date Sept. 1 1926; maturities 2 years to 10 years. Coupons payable M. & S. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Callable at 102 and int. on any int. date during first three years, thereafter at 101 and int. Bonds and coupons payable at the office of the F. H. Smith Co., Washington, D. C.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on the land and the building in the sum of \$600,000. In addition, the mortgage will constitute in effect a first lien on the earnings of the property. The margin of security during the term of the issue is constantly increased by amortization of the principal, which will reduce the mortgage to \$360,000 before the final maturity.

Land and Building.—The property fronts 62 feet on Walnut St. and 118 feet on 23rd St., containing approximately 7,316 sq. ft. The building, a 10-story and basement fireproof structure, is to contain 97 attractive suites of one and two rooms each with kitchenette and bath; also 4 professional offices and 2 shops on the ground floor, and a restaurant in the basement. Each apartment will contain built-in kitchen equipment and electric refrigeration.

Ste. Anne Paper Co., Ltd.—Bonds Sold.—Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., and Wood, Gundy & Co., New York, have sold at 100 and int. \$5,000,000 1st mtge. 6½% sinking fund gold bonds, series A. Of this issue \$2,500,000 was withdrawn for sale in Canada by Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd.

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due Sept. 1 1946. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable in U. S. gold coin at First National Bank, Chicago, or at Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York, or, at the option of the holder, in Canadian gold coin at Royal Bank of Canada, in Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, St. John, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Vancouver. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red., all or part, on any int. date on 60 days' notice at par and int. plus a premium of 5% if red. on or before March 1 1928, such premium decreasing thereafter ½ of 1% each two years until maturity. Company agrees to refund the Mass. income tax not in excess of 6%, the Conn. and Pa. 4-mills taxes, the Maryland 4½-mills tax and the Kentucky 5-mills tax. Int. payable without deduction for Canadian taxes and for U. S. Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Montreal Trust Co., Montreal, trustee.

Sinking Fund.—The trust deed will provide for annual sinking fund payments commencing Dec. 1 1928, estimated to be sufficient to retire 63% of these series A bonds prior to maturity.

Company.—Incorporated under the laws of the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, for the purpose of manufacturing pulp and paper and for the carrying on of all operations incidental thereto. Company,

through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Ste. Anne Power Co., has already acquired wood cutting leases on crown limits and on freehold lands and is itself acquiring further cutting rights on other crown limits and a power contract referred to more fully hereafter, and has now in process of erection a complete paper mill with rated capacity of 250 tons per day of finished newsprint paper. It is expected that the first unit of this plant will be ready for operation in the spring of 1927, and the second unit shortly thereafter.

The site of the company's paper mill is a tract of land on the north bank of the St. Lawrence River, 22 miles below the city of Quebec, with which it is connected by an automobile highway and by the railroad of the Quebec Ry., Light & Power Co. The plant has been designed by, and its construction is under the supervision of, George G. Hardy, New York, a leading authority on pulp and paper mill construction. Company will have a contract for power, running well beyond the maturity of these bonds, with Shawinigan Water & Power Co., ample in amount for the operation of the entire plant and at a favorable cost per horse-power per annum.

The company and its wholly owned subsidiary have acquired, or will acquire before the bonds are issued, cutting leases or rights on wood reserves aggregating over 3,000,000 cords of pulpwood. Of this, about 1,800,000 cords are upon freehold land of the Seminary of Quebec, located on the watershed of the Ste. Anne River. Of the balance, approximately 450,000 cords are located on crown limits adjacent to the seminary's land, and the remainder, representing the right to 35,000 cords of wood per annum during at least 20 years, on crown limits on the watersheds of the Malbaie and Gouffre rivers. Company will have a contract for the cutting and delivery of the last-mentioned wood on a favorable cost-plus basis.

The stumpage dues payable upon wood cut on the freehold land are substantially lower than those payable on wood cut on crown limits.

All of this wood is easily available to the company's mill and on account of the average low cost of wood delivered from these sources constitutes an asset of great value. Company expects to take full advantage of its tidewater location by purchasing at favorable prices a large part of its annual requirements in the form of settlers' wood from the lower St. Lawrence.

Market.—The entire production of the company's mills will be marketed under contract of sale with the G. H. Mead Co. of Dayton, Ohio, the largest distributor of newsprint paper in the world.

Assets.—The value of the company's assets and the assets of its wholly owned subsidiary, after giving effect to the company's proposed financing and upon completion of the pulp and paper mills, is conservatively estimated as follows:

Crown timber limits and cutting leases on freehold lands, as appraised	\$4,050,000
Pulp and paper mills at estimated cash cost and mill site, riparian rights, river improvements, roasting plant and woods equipment, as appraised	6,057,988
Working capital	1,023,882

Total	\$11,131,870	
Capitalization—		
Authorized	Outstanding.	
First mortgage bonds (this issue)	\$6,000,000	\$5,000,000
6½% mortgage debentures, due 1936	2,000,000	2,000,000
7% cumulative red. preference shares	3,000,000	2,700,000
Common shares (no par value)	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

* Of series A, 6½%.

Estimated Earnings.—Giving due consideration to the present costs of wood, power, coal, and sulphur, and the general efficiency to be expected from pulp and paper mills of the latest design and equipment, engineers have estimated that net earnings of the company, based on present price of newsprint, will be not less than \$1,400,000 per annum, after depreciation, and available for the payment of interest on these series A bonds. These estimated earnings are over 4½ times the maximum annual interest charge of \$325,000 on this entire issue of bonds of series A.

Ownership & Management.—Substantially all of the company's common shares will be owned by Ste. Anne Investment Corp. (to be controlled by the Mead Investment Co. of Dayton, Ohio) and Industrial Investment Co., Ltd., and Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd., Spanish River Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd., Bayless Pulp & Paper Co., and by individuals immediately associated with these companies, and by J. T. and Charles Donohue of Quebec City, who have been long and successfully identified with the pulp industry in the Province.

Directors.—J. T. Donohue (Pres.), George H. Mead (Chairman of Board), W. V. Hurlbut (V.-Pres.), Alexander Smith, L. R. Wilson, Charles Donohue, Stanley Bayless, John D. Coffin (V.-Pres. & Treas.), and W. H. Howard (Sec.).

St. Lawrence Paper Mills, Ltd.—Earnings.

Years Ended June 30—	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
a Profits	\$969,695	\$868,469	\$825,846
Depreciation	332,618	271,265	271,265
Bond interest	192,774	162,500	28,997
Debenture interest	8,408	-----	-----
Bank interest	-----	-----	139,778
Tax reserve	-----	45,433	40,509
Preferred dividends	200,000	200,000	183,000
Surplus	\$235,893	\$189,270	\$162,296
Previous surplus	351,566	162,296	-----

Profit and loss balance \$587,460 \$351,566 \$162,296
After deducting all manufacturing and other charges and expenses (including taxes in 1926).—V. 123, p. 217.

Comparative Balance Sheet June 30.

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fixed assets	7,793,612	4,812,355	Preferred stock	2,500,000
Cash, inv. for construction	2,183,953	-----	Common stock	250,000
Deferred assets	67,261	65,813	Bonds	6,972,800
Cash	284,938	63,397	Debitors	1,285,000
Call loans	799,000	250,000	Accounts payable	916,988
Accts. rec. less res.	328,111	288,912	Dividends payable	50,000
Bills receivable	106,881	130,249	P. & L. balance	587,460
Inventories	200,350	147,736		351,567
Investments	761,647	102,112		
Deferred charges	36,493	36,926	Tot. (each side)	12,562,248

—V. 123, p. 217.

St. Louis Range & Furnace Co.—Consolidation.

The Buck's Stove & Range Co., capitalized at \$1,500,000, and the Bridge & Beach Mfg. Co., at \$1,000,000, St. Louis stove manufacturers, have been consolidated, the new company to be known as the *St. Louis Range & Furnace Co.*, with combined assets of \$4,000,000. The capital stock of the latter company will be \$1,600,000, consisting of 11,000 shares of 6% cumulat. pref. stock, par \$100, and 20,000 shares of common stock, par \$25.

The Bridge & Beach plant will be used for manufacturing, and the plant and property of the Buck's Stove & Range Co. will be sold as early as possible and the proceeds used for capital.

Lee W. Van Cleave, President of Buck's since 1915, will be President of the St. Louis Range & Furnace Co., and L. H. Booch, President of Bridge & Beach, will be Vice-President. The other officers are: Vice-Presidents, Jones T. Templeton and G. L. Bridge; Treasurer, Maurice A. Murray; Secretary, Louis H. Riecke. ("Iron Age.")

Sabin Robbins Paper Co.—Bonds Offered.—The Fifth-Third National Bank and W. E. Hutton & Co., Cincinnati, are offering at prices varying from 100 and int. to 101 and int., to yield from 5½% to 6%, according to maturity, \$250,000 1st mtge. 6% serial sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Sept. 1 1926 and maturing \$25,000 annually, Sept. 1 1927-36. Int. payable M. & S. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Principal and int. payable at Union Trust Co., Cincinnati, trustee. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Red., all or part, on 30 days' notice at 101 and int. Should bonds be called, the longest maturity must be called first.

Data from Letter of Sabin Robbins Jr., President of the Company.
Company.—Was founded in 1885 in Middletown, Ohio. Company was organized as a distributor of paper manufactured in Middletown. Business has grown from that beginning to its present international distribution. The paper market for this company consists almost entirely of job lots, over runs, seconds, &c. Most of this paper is of high quality but it was originally made on special order and may not be quite up to sample as to

size, finish or color. While it is not exactly suitable for the original purchaser, it may suit the needs of some other purchaser just as well as paper that had been made to order.

Company is handling paper of this character for about 50 of the largest paper manufacturers in the country under contract at especially reduced prices. The distribution is made from their main warehouses at Cincinnati and Cleveland and through branch warehouses and sales organizations in Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles.

Security.—Secured by a direct first closed mortgage on the company's property in Cincinnati, Ohio, comprising 14 acres of land and buildings covering 250,000 sq. ft. of floor space, and on the company's property in Cleveland, Ohio, consisting of a three-story warehouse building of approximately 50,000 sq. ft. of floor space.

Purpose.—Bonds are issued in part to cover purchase price of property recently acquired which was temporarily financed by banks, also to pay off a mortgage of \$90,000, on this property, and to provide additional working capital.

Earnings.—Net earnings applicable to interest on bonds after making adjustments of interest payments on borrowed money for a period of 4 1/2 years ending June 30 1926, were \$333,451, an average per annum of \$74,100, or almost five times the amount of the annual interest charges on this issue. After allowing for bond interest and requirements for Federal tax the remaining earnings averaged \$50,974 per annum, or over twice the amount necessary to retire the amount of bonds due annually, \$25,000.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—Listing.

There have been added to the Boston Stock Exchange list 2,000 additional shares (par \$100) preferred stock, and there have been admitted to trading privileges common stock purchase warrants entitling the holder to subscribe at specified prices for 400 additional shares common stock of the same company.

The stock and warrants outstanding including the amounts to which this application refers, are:

Preferred stock (par \$100).....	Authorized.....	Outstanding.....
Common stock (no par).....	50,000 shs.	25,000 shs.
Warrants.....	163,294	60,000 shs.
		25,000 shs.
		x5,000

x Warrants above represent 5,000 shares of common stock to be issued upon their exercise.—V. 123, p. 1391, 990.

Saks Realty Corp.—Definitive Bonds Ready.

The Chase National Bank is prepared to deliver definitive leasehold mortgage 6% serial gold bonds in exchange for outstanding temporary bonds. For offering see V. 122, p. 2055, 1927.

Salmon Falls Mfg. Co.—Annual Statement.

Year Ended July 3—	1926.	—1925.
Sales.....	\$1,828,542	\$1,980,113
Manufacturing loss.....	163,294	4,457
Net loss after all charges.....	198,399	24,292

Balance Sheet July 3.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real est. & mach.....	\$1,085,070	\$1,130,296	Capital stock.....	\$1,348,300	\$1,346,300
Merchandise.....	265,449	299,114	Notes payable.....	400,000	320,000
Cash & accts. rec.....	391,653	403,125	Accts. payable.....	36,348	14,983
Investments.....	84,437	94,857	Accr. prop. taxes.....	33,415	26,371
Profit and loss.....	6,824		Res. for accts. rec.....	17,370	25,890
			Profit and loss.....	193,848	
Total.....	\$1,833,433	\$1,927,392	Total.....	\$1,833,433	\$1,927,392

—V. 121, p. 1235.

Seagrave Corporation.—Usual Common Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share, or 2 1/2% in common stock, at the option of the stockholders, on the common stock, payable Oct. 20 to holders of record Sept. 30. Distributions of like amount were made on the common stock in April, July and October 1925, and in January, April and July this year.—V. 123, p. 466.

Shubert Theatre Corp.—Acquires Int. in Theatres.

The corporation has purchased from Sam H. Harris in fee, the Sam H. Harris Theatre on West 42nd St., and also an interest in the Music Box Theatre on West 45th St., N. Y. City and from George M. Cohan a half interest in the Four Cohans' Theatre, Chicago.

The corporation also recently acquired a controlling interest in the Selwyn Theatre in Chicago.—V. 123, p. 991.

Siemens & Halske (A. G.)—Siemens Schuckertwerke (G. m. b. H.).—Bonds Sold.

—Dillon, Read & Co., Mendelssohn & Co., Amsterdam; Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co. and International Acceptance Bank, Inc., have sold \$24,000,000 25-year 6 1/2% sinking fund gold debentures, with warrants for contingent additional interest. Of the above issue \$6,500,000 has been withdrawn for offering in Europe. In addition to this issue, full-paid Reichsmark debentures equal to approximately \$6,000,000 are being offered in Germany on substantially similar terms. The bonds, offered in the form of 50% paid allotment certificates, are priced at 99 and int. to yield (exclusive of warrants) over 6.55%.

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due Sept. 1 1951. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at office of Dillon, Read & Co., N. Y. City, in United States gold coin of the present standard or collectible, at the option of the holder, in London at the office of J. Henry Schroder & Co., in pounds sterling, or in Amsterdam at the offices of Mendelssohn & Co., in Amsterdam and Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij, in guilders, at the buying rate for sight exchange on New York on the date of presentation for collection. Redeemable with all unmaturing warrants (except the warrant maturing May 1 next following the redemption date), as a whole, or in part by lot, on 30 days' notice, on any int. date, at 110 and int. on or before Sept. 1 1938, and at 102 and int. thereafter prior to maturity. Principal and int. payable without deduction for any German taxes, past, present or future. Central Union Trust Co. of New York, American trustee; Deutsche Kredit-sicherung A. G., German trustee.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund is to be provided, commencing March 1 1927, sufficient to retire each 6 months 1 1/2% of these debentures theretofore issued, by purchase of debentures with all unmaturing warrants at not over 100 and int. (or of allotment certificates at proportionate prices), unexpended balances reverting periodically to the companies. The sinking fund is to be reduced in respect of debentures represented by allotment certificates in proportion to the uncalled balance of the companies. The sinking fund warrants.—To each debenture will be attached warrants for contingent additional interest, entitling the holder thereof to receive in United States gold coin on May 1 of each year, from 1927 to 1936 inclusive, \$3.33 1-3 for each 1% (and a proportionate sum for each fraction of 1%) by which the average per cent. of cash dividends (to be determined as provided in the indenture) declared upon the stocks of Siemens & Halske A. G. and Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H. for the preceding fiscal year shall have exceeded 7%.

Dividends paid by the two companies for the 10 years ended July 31 1914 averaged over 10% per annum. For the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 1925 a dividend of 6% was paid by each company and it is expected that dividends exceeding 7% will be paid for the current fiscal year. The stock of Siemens & Halske A. G. is currently quoted on the Berlin Stock Exchange at approximately 197 1/2 of par. Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H., over 50% of whose stock is owned by Siemens & Halske A. G., has no shares outstanding in the hands of the public.

Allotment Certificates.—Cos. will issue in the first instance allotment cts., in bearer form, evidencing payment of 50% of the allotment price of the debentures represented thereby. The remaining 50% may be called in one or two installments (no call to be for less than 25%) on 60 days' published notice, on or before Sept. 1 1929, and shall, if not theretofore called, be due on said date. Holders of allotment certificates may make payment in full on any interest date on or after Sept. 1 1927, and will thereupon receive the debentures represented thereby. Holders of allotment certificates who default in any payment thereon will at the option of the companies forfeit all rights thereunder, including all prior payments. Holders of allotment certificates will be entitled to receive interest on the debentures represented thereby only in proportion to the amount of the allotment price paid thereon, but will be entitled to receive the entire amount of contingent interest payments in respect of the warrants.

The bankers' circular, signed by the Chairman of the board of both the Siemens & Halske A. G. and Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H., dated Berlin, Sept. 23, affords the following:

History and Business of Companies.—The business of Siemens & Halske A. G., a pioneer in electrical development, was founded in 1847 by Werner von Siemens, who was one of the first to develop long distance electric telegraphy and who invented the methods which made submarine cables possible. In 1867 he discovered the electro-dynamic principle, the basis of the great development in the use of electricity. In 1869 he built from England to India the longest telegraphic overland line then in existence. In 1879 he designed and constructed the first electric railroad.

The Siemens group consists of several companies but is under one management. Siemens & Halske A. G. is the parent organization; its scope of business includes automatic and manual telephone systems, telegraph, signalling and electro-medical apparatus and all kinds of radio equipment. Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H., over 50% of whose stock is owned by Siemens & Halske A. G., the balance being owned by the closely allied Elektrizitaets Aktiengesellschaft, formerly Schuckert & Co., manufactures all kinds of electrical machinery and appliances for lighting, power, traction and electro-chemical purposes, including wires, cables, dynamos and turbo-generators. The companies construct and completely equip hydro-electric and steam turbine generating stations and telephone systems. Siemens & Halske A. G. also owns 40% of the stock of the Osram Co., the largest European incandescent lamp manufacturer, employing about 14,000 people. Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H. owns 67% of the stock of the Austrian Siemens-Schuckertwerke A. G. with works at Vienna, at Pressburg and Mueglitz in Czechoslovakia and at Budapest, employing about 8,000 operatives. There are a number of other subsidiary companies producing electric carbons, porcelain, glass, paper and other material required for use in the companies' principal products. The companies have, outside of Germany and Austria, 82 branch offices in most of the countries of the world and, for the fiscal year 1925, over one-third of their production was exported. In Germany the companies own 26 factories, with a floor space of over 286 acres and factory grounds of approximately 1,000 acres; the companies employ over \$3,000 people in connection with German operations. The main plants in Germany are located at Siemensstadt, near Berlin, and at Nuremberg. At present Siemens & Halske A. G. is operating at 100% of its capacity and Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H. at about 75%.

The business of the two companies, Siemens & Halske A. G. and Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H., is interwoven in such a way that they may be considered as one, and together they are one of the largest electrical manufacturing concerns in the world, their production covering the entire electrical field.

Security and Funded Debt.—These debentures are to be the joint and several obligations of Siemens & Halske A. G. and Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H. The indenture is to provide that so long as any of these debentures is outstanding, the companies will not subject their assets to any lien other than those now existing and purchase money liens, except that the companies may pledge personal property to secure obligations incurred in the ordinary course of current business.

The companies' combined funded debt, as of Sept. 30 1925, amounted to \$14,066,000, consisting of \$9,618,000 of dollar bonds secured by inventory, \$2,924,000 of revalorized mark obligations of which \$549,000 was secured, and a gulder credit of \$1,524,000, at par of exchange, secured by inventory. Since that date no additional funded debt has been created. Dawes Plan debentures in the amount of \$8,241,000 are outstanding. Upon completion of present financing, \$5,014,000 of such dollar bonds and all revalorized mark obligations will have been retired.

Sales and Earnings.—Sales and net earnings as shown by the companies' books for the fiscal years ended July 31 1912, 1913 and 1914 and sales for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 1925 were as follows:

	Sales		Net Earnings	
	Siemens & Halske A. G.	Siemens Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H.	Siemens & Halske A. G.	Siemens Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H.
1912.....	\$20,115,000	\$55,100,000	\$4,142,000	\$5,800,000
1913.....	20,935,000	70,900,000	3,264,000	5,623,000
1914.....	21,760,000	71,100,000	4,930,000	6,941,000
1925.....	43,600,000	93,000,000		

x Net earnings before making deductions for depreciation and reserves, but after taxes other than income taxes.

The earnings of Siemens & Halske A. G., shown above, do not include dividends received from Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H., nor do the figures of sales contain any inter-company deliveries.

In addition to charging off, as operating expenses, maintenance and upkeep of the properties and plants during the above periods, the companies have from time to time set aside large appropriations of earnings for depreciation.

Figures for the fiscal years 1915 to 1924, inclusive, are not given above as the results for this period covering the war and the subsequent currency inflation in Germany, although satisfactory, are not indicative of the normal earning power of the companies.

Figures for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 1925, prepared from the companies' head-office records by Price, Waterhouse & Co. (but without audit by them), indicate that combined earnings of the two companies after depreciation and all taxes other than income taxes, available for interest and for appropriations junior thereto, amounted to over \$8,600,000, or more than 3 times estimated maximum annual payments under the Dawes Plan and maximum annual interest requirements on the entire present issue of these debentures, on Reichsmark debentures equal to approximately \$6,000,000 being offered in Germany, and on the combined funded debt to be outstanding after present financing as stated above.

Financial Statement.—The combined assets and liabilities of Siemens & Halske A. G. and Siemens-Schuckertwerke G. m. b. H., based on their respective financial statements as of Sept. 30 1925, but without giving effect to present financing (all inter-company items eliminated), were as follows:

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$6,013,536	Bank, &c., unsec. loans	\$3,578,435
Marketable securities.....	888,593	Accts. & bills payable	21,327,041
Accts. and bills rec'ble.....	40,639,351	and accruals.....	15,935,563
Inventories.....	37,787,197	Prepayments by customers	5,165,756
Inv'ts in, and balances		Employees savgs. accts.	9,618,000
with companies.....	*20,318,413	(revalorized).....	1,523,809
Land, bldgs. & construc.		7% dollar bonds.....	2,375,355
work in process.....	17,751,686	Dutch loan.....	549,282
Machinery and tools at		Unsec. revalorized mark	3,975,032
nominal value.....	1	debentures.....	7,584,573
		Revalor'd r est. mtges.....	
		Welfare funds.....	
		Special oper. & renew.res	
		Capital, surp., undivided	
		profits & gen. reserves	51,762,931

Total each side).....\$123,398,777

Dawes debentures, \$8,240,714; contingent liabilities.....\$4,166,666
* \$1,860,300 deposited as security for customers' prepayment.

Purpose.—Proceeds of these debentures and of the above mentioned Reichsmark debentures will be used by the companies to retire their 3-year 7% secured sinking fund gold bonds due Jan. 1 1928, all revalorized mark obligations, including employees' savings accounts, and to increase working capital.

All conversions of German into United States currency have been made at par of exchange (4.2 Reichsmarks equal one dollar.)—V. 122, p. 3224.

Southern Dairies, Inc.—Earnings.

	—Month of August—			—8 Mos. End. Aug. 31—
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Net income after chgs.:				
before Federal taxes.....	\$205,424	\$124,003	\$1,168,108	\$726,877

—V. 123, p. 1516.

Southern Realty Corp.—Bonds Offered.

—Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc., Lorenzo E. Anderson & Co. Prescott, Wright, Snider & Co. and George H. Burr & Co., are offering \$2,100,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 101 and int., to yield from 5 to 6%, according to maturity.

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due serially Sept. 1 1927-1946. Prin. and int. payable out of rentals received from Sanger Bros., Inc. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Int. payable M. & S. at the offices of the Chemical National Bank,

New York, and Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, trustees, without deduction for normal Federal income taxes up to 2% per annum. Penn. personal property tax and Calif. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills. Maryland personal property tax not exceeding 4 1/2 mills, Kansas 2 1/2 mills tax and Mass. income tax on interest not exceeding 6% on such interest refundable. Callable, all or part, on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 102 and int.; last maturities to be red. first in the event that outstanding bonds are not called as a whole.

Corporation.—Is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Sanger Bros., Inc. Owns real estate, buildings and equipment located in the cities of Dallas and Waco, Tex., all of which have been irrevocably leased to the Sanger Bros., Inc., at an annual rental sufficient to cover all charges and principal and interest on the bonds as they mature. These rentals are payable in advance in monthly installments. Co. has been incorporated in Texas.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a (closed) 1st mtge on certain parcels of real estate together with all improvements thereon at Dallas and Waco, Tex. In addition, these bonds will be secured by a 1st mtge, on all of the fixtures and equipment now being used by Sanger Bros. in all of the above properties as well as in all property leased by them and being used as a part of the business. As of June 30 1926, the above fee property at Dallas and Waco, together with improvements thereon and also all fixtures and equipment, as above described, all forming part of the security under the indenture covering these bonds, were appraised by the American Appraisal Co. as follows: Land, \$905,000; building, furnishings, fixtures and equipment, \$2,566,000; total, \$3,471,000.

Tenant.—The fee properties, together with furniture, fixtures and equipment, are to be irrevocably leased to Sanger Bros., Inc., for a period extending beyond the maturity of these bonds, at a rental sufficient to pay interest and principal maturities, taxes and other corporate expenses. These rentals constitute an operating charge of Sanger Bros., Inc., which will take over the retail business of Sanger Bros., and are to be paid in equal monthly installments directly to the fiscal agent, who is to apply such rentals to the payment of the principal of the bonds and interest coupons as they respectively mature.

Sanger Bros., Inc.—Sanger Bros., Inc., lessee, is being formed to take over the retail department store business of Sanger Bros., whose business was founded in 1858 and has grown gradually to be one of the finest and largest department stores in the South. Retail stores are operated in Dallas, Waco and Ft. Worth, the first two being located on property described above. The Ft. Worth store is located at Fifth and Houston Sts. and is housed in a new building of 8 stories, basement and sub-basement which is leased for a long period of years. The retail stores comprising this business are all centrally located and represent establishments of the highest order. The business will continue to be conducted under the well-known name, Sanger Bros.

Sanger Bros., Inc., will have outstanding capital of \$2,000,000 7% cum. 1st pref. stock, 76,000 shares (no par value) 2d pref. stock and 40,000 shares (no par value) common stock, and will have a surplus of over \$4,000,000.

Total retail sales of the three department stores of Sanger Bros., located at Dallas, Waco and Ft. Worth, which business is being continued by Sanger Bros., Inc., amounted to over \$12,000,000 in 1925. Net profits of the retail section of Sanger Bros. after all operating charges except the equivalent of interest requirements for these bonds, averaged \$531,123 per annum in the 8 years ending Dec. 31 1925, or over 4 times the maximum interest charges on these bonds.

New Management.—Sanger Bros., Inc., will be managed by Chester L. Jones, President. (See V. 123, p. 990.)

Balance Sheet as at July 24 1926. (Sanger Bros., Inc.)

[After giving effect to (1) consummation of purchase agreement effective July 24 1926, (2) issuance of and application of proceeds from 20,000 shares of 1st pref., 76,000 shares of 2d pref. and 40,000 shares of common stock, and (3) application of proposed bank borrowings of \$1,400,000 not yet effected.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash.....	\$502,000	Notes payable—banks.....	\$1,400,000
Accts. and notes receivable.....	2,786,135	Accounts payable.....	350,000
Inventory.....	3,963,865	Reserve for merchandise.....	900,000
Automobiles.....	31,600	7% cum. 1st preferred.....	\$2,000,000
Inventories of supplies, &c.....	60,000	2d preferred (76,000 shares).....	1,000
Invest. in stock of sub. co.....	1,371,000	Common (40,000 shares).....	1,000
		Surplus.....	4,062,600
Total.....	\$8,714,600	Total.....	\$8,714,600

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.—New Director, &c.—Amos Ball, Assistant General Manager, has been elected a director and General Manager of Sales, succeeding T. J. Thompson. This change becomes effective Oct. 1.—V. 123, p. 725.

Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.—Adopts Stock Purchase Plan for Employees.—

President C. B. Smith announced on Sept. 23 that the privilege of buying Stewart-Warner common stock has been extended to the management and all employees of all major distributors and branches of the corporation and the Bassick Mfg. Co., the Stewart Die Casting Corp. and the Bassick Co. The corporation has not limited the subscription of its employees. The corporation is donating \$5 a share toward the purchase price of stock to employees who continue their subscriptions in accordance with the plan. The corporation is also giving employees the benefit of all dividends paid during the time they are paying for their stock.

The corporation will buy on the open market such amount of stock as may be required by employees subscribing to the plan, buying the stock in large lots and selling it to employees at the average price paid during the week in which subscriptions are received and accepted at the head office of the corporation in Chicago. Against this price will be entered an initial credit of \$1 per share, which is donated by the corporation. As an inducement to employees who have completed their payments and received their certificates of stock to continue to hold their stock and to continue in the corporation's employ, a bonus of \$1 a share per year will be paid annually by the Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp. for 4 years from date of subscription.—V. 123, p. 991.

Syracuse (N. Y.) Washing Machine Corp.—To Retire Preferred Stock—New Director.—

All of the outstanding preferred stock has been called for redemption on Jan. 1 next at 115 and divs.

C. H. Sanford, President of the Syracuse Trust Co., has been elected a director, succeeding Raymond March, formerly sales manager.—V. 123, p. 1516.

Telautograph Corp.—Earnings.—

	Month of August 1926.	8 Mos. End. Aug. 31 1925.	8 Mos. End. Aug. 31 1926.	1925.
Net earnings after exp. & deprec., before tax.....	\$22,635	\$16,460	\$152,522	\$119,730

—V. 123, p. 1125.

Texas Co.—Buys Additional Properties.—

The company has contracted to purchase certain oil producing properties and acreage of the Lewis Oil Co., with a net production of 3,500 bbls. daily, mainly in Oklahoma and Kansas. The purchase includes more than 35,000 acres of undeveloped leases, two gasoline plants and miscellaneous field equipment.—V. 123, p. 1392, 1260.

Texas Gulf Sulphur Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 2,540,000 shares (without par value), on official notice of issuance, in exchange for present outstanding capital stock (par \$10), on the basis of 4 shares of the capital stock without par value in exchange for each one share of the stock of the par value of \$10 each.

Income Account for Year 1925 and for Six Months Ended June 30 1926.

	Six Mos. End. June 30 1926.	Year 1925.
Gross income.....	\$7,536,994	\$11,973,618
Cost of sales, &c., expenses, incl. Federal taxes.....	3,746,451	6,284,376
Profit for period.....	\$3,790,543	\$5,689,242
Surplus at beginning of period.....	7,240,276	2,107,284
Total.....	\$11,030,818	\$12,796,526
Dividends.....	3,175,000	5,556,250
Surplus carried to balance sheet.....	\$7,855,818	\$7,240,276

Comparative Balance Sheet.

[Subject to adjustment at end of fiscal year.]

June 30 '26. Dec. 31 '25.		June 30 '26. Dec. 31 '25.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Lands & develop't.....	\$2,823,557	Capital stock.....	6,350,000
Plant, buildings, mach'y & equip.....	2,632,643	Accounts payable.....	302,663
Mat'ls, supplies & subphur invent.....	7,047,539	Taxes accr. (State).....	121,961
Cash.....	4,145,966	Res. for Fed. taxes, uncer'tain accts., misc. & cont'g.....	976,621
Accts. receivable.....	1,082,140	Liabilities.....	969,444
Notes and trade acceptances rec'd.....	88,873	Res. for deprec. of plant buildings, mach. & equip.....	5,926,742
Misc. rec. & adv.....	55,408	Surp., incl. reserve for depletion.....	7,855,818
Securities.....	27,859		7,240,276
Unexp'nd insur.....	19,239		
N. Y. office fix't's.....	424		
Schoolhouse at Gulf.....	10,159		
	11,408	Tot. (each side).....	21,533,806
			20,332,538

The company announces that it is now prepared to exchange certificates for the new no par stock for the old \$10 a share par stock on the basis of four new shares for each of the former par value shares.—V. 123, p. 1192, 1125.

Tide Water Associated Oil Co.—Stock Syndicate Extended Six Months.—

The managers of the Tide Water Associated Oil Co. syndicate have advised the participants and declared operative a plan for the extension of the syndicate for a period of 6 months. It was stated that, with replies still due from many participants at distant points, the extension had already met with the approval of the holders of a large majority of the syndicate stock. The syndicate's holdings of company's 6% convertible preferred stock having been disposed of some time ago, the holdings of the syndicate now consist of common stock.—V. 122, p. 1260, 991

Title Guarantee & Trust Co.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 4%, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 22. The balance of the extra dividend declared in June last amounting to 5%, will also be paid at the same time.—V. 122, p. 3466.

Trinidad Oil Fields, Inc.—Organized.—

The Trinidad Oil Fields, Inc., has been formed by influential American interests with British associates, and it is stated, has taken over some 27,000 acres of valuable oil properties on the island of Trinidad. Over 12,000 acres, it is said, are proven or semi-proven oil lands with calculated oil reserves of over 75,000,000 bbls. Although no definite announcement has been made, it is understood that close relations exist between this company and the General Asphalt Co. and certain British companies.

William Warfield, formerly Manager of the foreign producing department of the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) is President and Huntington, Jackson & Co. are the bankers. Among the directors are: Frank Seamans (V.-Pres., General Asphalt Co.), Harry Arthur (V.-Pres., American International Corp.), Lord Arundell of Wardour, and Walter MacLachlan (Chairman of the Apex (Trinidad) Oil Fields, Ltd.), London.

Standard Oil Co. Has No Connection with Trinidad Co.—

E. J. Sadler, a director of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey in charge of foreign production, has issued the following statement:

"The publication of an announcement of the formation of a new oil company to operate properties on the Island of Trinidad was erroneously ascribed in some quarters to a statement purporting to have come from 26 Broadway. This wrong assumption and the further fact that the President of the new company was formerly employed in the foreign producing department of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey supplied the only basis for a published story linking the new company with the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey."

"Some years ago the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey was offered prospective oil producing acreage in the Island of Trinidad, and made an investigation of the property. The management decided against the suggested investment and it has no interest in the enterprise recently launched to drill these lands. There is accordingly not a word of truth in that part of the published story about the flotation of the new Trinidad company which attempts to link this enterprise with the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey."

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$670,250 (authorized, \$60,000,000) additional common stock (par \$25), on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend of 1 1/4%, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 10; also of \$89,400 stock on official notice of issuance in exchange for property, making the total amount applied for to date, \$47,140,113.

Pursuant to an agreement made between the company and Whelan Drug Stores, Inc., dated Aug. 2 1926, on Aug. 3 1926 the directors of the United Cigar Stores, Inc. authorized the issue of 3,576 additional shares of common stock in exchange for 1,788 shares of capital stock (par \$100) of Whelan Drug Stores, Inc. (New Jersey) to be acquired as an investment.

Consolidated Income Statement, Six Months Ended June 30.

	1926.	1925.
Net profit.....	\$4,381,063	\$3,355,085
Interest on debenture gold bonds.....	174,419	178,225
Reserve for Federal taxes.....	480,000	325,000
Net income.....	\$3,726,645	\$2,853,860
Previous surplus.....	13,117,616	9,108,965
Miscellaneous.....	847,050	
Total surplus.....	\$17,691,310	\$11,962,826
Dividends on preferred stock.....	150,817	143,538
Dividends on common stock.....	x2,942,140	x2,232,859
Profit and loss, surplus.....	\$14,598,353	\$9,586,427
x Cash, 4%, and stock, 2 1/2%.		

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30.

1926.		1925.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Real est., bldgs. & leaseholds.....	15,538,884	Preferred stock.....	3,650,488
Goodwill, &c.....	21,400,000	Common stock.....	46,470,074
Cash.....	6,904,986	6% debenture bds.....	5,790,000
Accts receivable.....	3,373,135	Bills payable.....	21,300
Notes receivable.....	590,224	Accounts payable.....	6,788,109
Mdse. & supplies.....	12,399,919	Rents rec'd in adv.....	813,517
Misc. mark'le secs.....	4,983,168	Accrued taxes.....	533,556
Mtges. receivable.....	4,270,169	Res. for Fed'l taxes.....	480,000
Investments.....	2,245,994	Reserves.....	5,271,320
Stock purchased for employees.....	1,515,458	Surplus.....	14,598,353
Imp'ts. to leaseh'ds, &c.....	4,075,088		9,586,427
Prep. ins. int. &c.....	724,192		
Rent paid in adv.....	1,674,868		
Furn., fix't. & eq't.....	4,720,632		
	4,596,545	Total (each side).....	x84,416,718
			66,090,683
		x After deducting \$10,445,542 mortgage and depreciation.....	

—V. 123, p. 727.

United Oil Co. (Calif.)—Richfield Oil Merger Plan Declared Operative—United Oil 1st Mtge. 6s to Be Retired.—

Approximately 93% of the capital stock of the United Oil Co. has been deposited under the plan of readjustment of the company's capital structure and its consolidation with the Richfield Oil Co. of Calif. Officers of the company in an official statement issued declared that as a result of these deposits the plan has now been declared operative. This completes the second step in the formation of the new \$60,000,000 Richfield Oil Corp., which now ranks as the third largest distributor of gasoline in California. The announcement outlines the plan under which holders of the 1st mtge. & coll. trust 6 1/2% conv. bonds and of the 6% notes of the Richfield company may exchange their securities for the stock of the new Richfield Oil Co. of Calif. The time for the deposit of United Oil stock under the plan has been finally extended to Sept. 30 1926. Notice also is given that the 1st mtge. 6% bonds have been called for payment March 1 1927.

It is further announced that new Richfield Oil shares will be issued in exchange for certificates of deposit and application will be made immediately to list the stock on the San Francisco and Los Angeles Exchanges. All exchanges or conversions may be negotiated through depositaries, the Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco, the Hellman Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, or the fiscal agents, Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, San Francisco, or Aronson & Co., Los Angeles.—V. 123, p. 1126, 855.

United States Trucking Corp.—Contract.
This corporation has closed a contract with the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. covering the movement on Manhattan of all the road's freight. The contract calls for additional services by the trucking company until it develops capacity to handle all of the road's freight tonnage inbound and outbound. The corporation has begun with the handling of newsprint and when all newsprint shipped in over the New Haven can be handled by the corporation, delivery of other commodities will be undertaken, until all commodities are handled.—V. 123, p. 1261.

Universal Gypsum & Lime Co.—Bonds Offered.—True-Webber & Co., Chicago; Peters Trust Co., Omaha, and Porter & Co., Boston, are offering at 96 and int., to yield about 6.35%, \$2,000,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds (with detached stock purchase warrants).

Dated Sept. 1 1926, due Sept. 1 1946. Interest payable M. & S. at Equitable Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom., \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal tax not in excess of 1 1/2% which may lawfully be paid at the source. Corporation agrees to refund personal property tax paid by residents of Penn., Calif., Conn., Virginia, Washington, D. C., Maryland, Kentucky and Michigan not in excess of 5 mills, and the Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum on income derived from these bonds.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—With the bonds will be delivered stock purchase warrants entitling the holders to purchase the common stock in the proportion of 20 shares per \$1,000 bond at \$17.50 a share to March 1 1927, or at \$20 a share to Sept. 1 1927, or at \$22.50 a share to Sept. 1 1929. If by the exercise of these warrants, but not otherwise, the outstanding common stock of the company is increased, the company agrees, from the proceeds thereof, to retire bonds by purchase in the market or by call.

Data From Letter of W. E. Shearer, President, Chicago Aug. 31.
Company.—The second largest company in its line. Will be a consolidation of the Universal Gypsum Co. and subsidiaries and Palmer Lime & Cement Co. Company manufactures and distributes a complete and diversified line of gypsum and lime products. Both gypsum and limestone, or products manufactured from them, are sold for use in agriculture, in the manufacture of Portland cement, for chemical and industrial uses and very largely in the building industry. Among the many important products are wall board, plaster board, building tile, both lime and gypsum plasters and a cellular gypsum insulation. The properties of the company are located at Fort Dodge, Iowa; Akron, Brooklyn and Batavia, N. Y.; Rotan, Tex.; York, Pa., and Oranda, Va. Company operates 3 gypsum mines and 4 limestone quarries, 4 gypsum plaster mills, 1 retarder plant, a gypsum tile works, 4 gypsum wall board plants and 2 plants for the manufacture of a full line of both lime and limestone products. At Brooklyn, N. Y., company is acquiring a property which is favorably situated at tidewater on Maspeth Creek and on the main line of the Long Island RR., upon which site the company plans to build a modern plant.

Security.—Only indebted debt will be secured by a direct first (closed) mortgage on all of the real estate, plants, machinery, equipment and other fixed assets, excepting certain minor equipment located at the company plant in Pennsylvania.

Earnings.—Company has operated at a profit since its organization in 1922. For the year ended Dec. 31 1925 the combined properties reported earnings as follows:

Gross sales	\$4,687,952
Operating expenses	4,139,644
Net income applicable to interest charges before depreciation, depletion and Federal taxes	\$548,308
Annual interest on \$2,000,000 1st mtge. bonds (this issue)	120,000
Balance	\$428,308

A preliminary report by the company's auditors indicates that earnings for the year ended Aug. 31 1926 were in excess of those for the year 1925. Company anticipates that net earnings for the year ending July 1 1927 after depreciation, depletion and taxes, will be \$1,225,000. The completion of the Brooklyn plant should bring net earnings in 1928 to \$1,500,000, or 1 1/2 times maximum interest requirements.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a minimum sinking fund of \$100,000 per year or 10% of the net earnings, whichever is larger. This sinking fund will retire all of these bonds at or before maturity.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to effect a substantial saving in interest charges through refunding the existing funded debt of the company which bears 7% interest, to supply the company with additional working capital and to build a modern plant on its Brooklyn property.—V. 123, p. 1261.

Universal Leaf Tobacco Co., Inc.—Readjustment Plan Approved—May Resume Common Dividends.

The stockholders on Sept. 21 approved the plan to readjust capital stock and write down good-will, as given in V. 123, p. 1261. The stockholders also authorized the directors to consider the question of dividends and act favorably on it as soon as the cash position and earnings of the company justifies it. At the present time common stock is not paying dividends.—V. 123, p. 1392.

Universal Pipe & Radiator Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Oper. profit, after exp.	\$585,582	\$338,690	\$967,392	\$428,124
Int., tax, deprec., depl'n	212,737	203,939	383,344	271,771
Net income	\$373,845	\$134,751	\$584,048	\$156,353

Utah-Idaho Sugar Co.—Omits Common Dividend.

The directors have decided to omit the dividend usually paid on Sept. 30 on the common stock, par \$6. In the previous quarter a dividend of 1% was paid on this issue.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock, par \$10, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 18.

The company in a letter to its stockholders says in substance:

Our present crop conditions are not satisfactory. During the spring something over a normal acreage was contracted and planted. As the year progressed, however, lack of sufficient rainfall in all our Utah and Idaho localities has reduced our tonnage expectations considerably. These droughty conditions have induced the most serious white fly infestation we have ever had in our history. As a consequence, only 8 of our factories are expected to operate this fall. This, however, is not regarded as fatally damaging, although of course disappointing. To meet this condition, our expense and expenditure program has been curtailed in every reasonable way, and only those plants that can be most economically operated and can produce the most satisfactory results will run.

We have a considerable quantity of molasses carried over from the last campaign, which affords us opportunity to make the very utmost of our auxiliary Steffens or molasses working plants. This means that the shortage of beets will to a large extent be replaced by a heavy extraction of sugar which can be made from this molasses, and therefore even under this shortage of beets, we are looking forward to a fair profit from this crop.

Our plants are operating more efficiently than ever before, and we regard our costs as being sufficiently low to enable us to realize this profit, particularly because at this time the company has a considerable volume of sugar on hand, and this, with the outturn of the coming campaign, will enable us to take advantage of the present quotations which are substantially higher than a year ago, on a reasonably large quantity of sugar. The factories which were moved from the Yakima Valley, Wash., to Canada and Montana last year give promise of a particularly impressive nature, and Montana last year give promise of a particularly impressive nature. Crop conditions there are excellent. A heavy yield of beets, with a rich sugar content, is expected, and since the price of sugar in Canada is considerably higher than in the States, a substantial profit should be forthcoming at that point.

Our borrowings this fall, because of this crop shortage, are expected to be very light, and should the market afford satisfactory opportunity for further sales, it is possible that we will have sufficient funds on hand to make it unnecessary to borrow further, and as a measure assisting to that end, at a meeting of the directors held Sept. 10, at which the company's affairs were carefully considered, it was decided advisable to dispend with the payment of the dividend on the common stock for the quarter ending Sept. 30 1926 and to conserve these funds for the payment of the crop of beets now about to be harvested.

We feel that the present unsatisfactory conditions are only temporary and that the company is making progress, notwithstanding.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—	July 31 '26.	Feb. 27 '26.	Liabilities—	July 31 '26.	Feb. 27 '26.
Plants & equip't, less deprec'n	15,862,510	16,197,517	Preferred stock	3,000,000	3,000,000
Real estate	3,106,197	3,072,469	Common stock	14,238,000	14,238,000
Irrig. proj. prop. & reservoir r'ts, less depreciation	896,311	956,312	Outstand'g factory eight drafts pay-	73,128	58,564
Cash	97,844	439,880	Notes payable	1,300,000	4,550,000
Notes & acct's rec.	524,382	1,018,003	Accounts payable	37,257	54,455
Inventories	4,007,011	8,099,793	Accrd'nt int., prop'y taxes & exp. pay.	401,412	212,463
Securities	150,691	67,000	Land purch. contr. payable	500	-----
Land & water sales contr'ts receiv'le	54,383	110,918	1st mtge. 6% bds.	6,750,000	6,750,000
Farm mtge. loans	119,724	123,739	Sundry payables	28,096	30,575
Store mat'l & oper. supplies	1,001,243	743,413	Deferred income	4,407	4,407
Adv. on 1926-27 crop	1,736,093	-----	Res. for conting's.	175,000	175,000
Adv. on 1926 farming operations	-----	3,451	Undivided profits	2,359,544	2,586,637
Sundry stks. & bds.	50,840	60,865			
Sundry notes and acct's receivable	63,178	68,785			
Land & water sales contracts	284,143	230,903			
Def. & prepaid exp.	412,792	467,049			
Total	28,367,344	31,660,102	Total	28,367,344	31,660,102

—V. 122, p. 104.

Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—\$4,000,000 Note Offering
Noted in Sept. 18 Issue Not a New Issue.

In our issue of Sept. 18 we stated that Goldman, Sachs & Co. were offering an issue of \$4,000,000 3-year notes at 100 and int. This issue of notes was brought out by the bankers mentioned, in Nov. 1925 (as noted in V. 121, p. 2534) and reference to them at this time as a new issue is erroneous.—V. 123, p. 1517.

Weber & Heilbronner.—Earnings.

6 Months Ended Aug. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net profit before Fed. taxes	\$215,994	\$287,998	\$236,993

Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.—Listing.
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$30,000,000 20-year 5% gold bonds, due Sept. 1 1946.

Consolidated Income Account, Four Months Ended July 31 1926.

Sales billed	\$61,186,128
*Cost of sales	55,262,418
Net manufacturing profit	\$5,923,709
Interest, discount and miscellaneous income and profits	211,123
Dividends and interest on sundry stocks and bonds owned	252,634
Gross income from all sources	\$6,387,467
Interest on bonds and notes payable	820,445
Net income	\$5,567,022
Profit and loss, surplus, March 31 1926	51,715,396
Gross surplus	\$57,282,418
Dividends on preferred stock	79,974
Dividends on common stock	2,288,966
Profit and loss, surplus, July 31 1926	\$54,913,478

* Factory costs, including all expenditures for patterns, dies and new small tools and sundry other betterments and extensions; also depreciation of property and plant, inventory adjustments and depreciation; and all selling, administration, general and development expenses; and taxes.

Consolidated General Balance Sheet.

Assets—	July 31 '26.	Mar. 31 '26.	Liabilities—	July 31 '26.	Mar. 31 '26.
Property & plant	69,775,715	69,128,195	Preferred stock	3,998,700	3,998,700
Stocks, bds., debts, &c., of other cos.	21,524,121	20,399,479	Common stock	114,504,450	114,504,450
Cash	11,078,282	12,606,180	7% bonds, 1931	30,000,000	30,000,000
U. S. Gov't., State & munic. secur.	3,543,219	12,964,359	Westinghouse Machine Co. bonds	5,990,000	6,115,000
Sinking fund	450	115,075	Accounts payable	6,843,436	8,494,055
Cash forred. of bds. & for int. & divs.	2,446,116	61,996	Int., taxes, royalties, &c.	7,863,648	4,212,356
Notes receivable	3,839,229	3,629,222	Div. on pref. stock	79,974	-----
Accts. receivable	32,856,107	28,717,192	Div. on com. stock	-----	2,288,842
Inventories	81,609,377	79,242,098	Advance payments on contracts	2,373,746	2,109,414
Patents, charters & franchises	4,736,270	4,598,415	Subscriber. to secur. unpaid bonds and int. & divs.	829,398	1,184,835
Insur., taxes, &c., paid in advance	1,459,253	1,457,449	Reserves	2,446,863	61,996
Total	232,868,139	232,919,660	Profit and loss	54,913,479	51,715,396

x To be retired Nov. 1 1926.—V. 123, p. 1126, 1261.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Earnings Improving.

President Thomas E. Wilson, regarding the prospects for the company, recently stated in part: "Our difficulties are behind us. We are on a profitable basis and have the best financial set-up in the business. For more than thirty years the company has not been in such fine financial condition and never before was it in so advantageous a position to go out and give a good account of itself as it is to-day. "We closed out the receivership the end of February and started operating under the new company March 1. We have done well. During the period the new company has been operating, for every month except March, we made a substantial profit. In March conditions were not as good as they have been since. We are closing the fiscal year on the last of October and the report will include only eight months' operations."—V. 123, p. 858.

CURRENT NOTICES.

- McClure, Jones & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 115 Broadway, New York, announce that Robert S. Miell has become general partner in their firm.
- The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed dividend disbursing agent for the preferred stock of Pennsylvania Gas & Electric Corporation.
- The New York Trust Company has been named trustee under agreement dated Aug. 1 1926 of Benenson Building Corp. securing \$9,500,000 1st mtge. 5 1/4% gold loan due Aug. 1 1951.
- Harvey Fisk & Sons have prepared and are issuing a special booklet containing a description of the crude oil situation in America.
- National Bank of Commerce in New York has been appointed transfer agent for the preferred and common stock of Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
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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, Sept 24 1926.

COFFEE on the spot was dull and lower. Rio 7s, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Santos 4s, 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Fair to good Cucuta, 24 to 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; washed Caracas, fair, 26 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; good, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28c.; Porto Cabello, Natural, 23 to 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; washed, 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Colombian, Ocaña, 24 to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Bucaramanga Natural, 27 to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; washed, 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Honda, 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Medellin, 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Manizales, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Mexican, washed, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Mandheling, 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 39c.; genuine Java, 35 to 37c.; Robusta, washed, 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 22c.; Mocha, 29 to 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Harrar, 27 to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Costa Rica, fair, 26 to 27c.; Guatemala, prime, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; good, 28 to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Bourbon, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 26c. Colombia advices said: "There is now plenty of water in both the upper and lower Magdalena River and cargo congestion at the various transfer points is being diminished."

Santos firm offers on the 19th inst. in some cases were a shade easier. Victorias came in 5 to 10 points lower. Offers included prompt shipment: Bourbon Santos, 2-3s at 23.20c.; 3s at 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-4s at 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 21.40c.; 3-5s at 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 21c.; 4-5s at 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 5-6s at 20.20 to 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 7s at 19.60c.; Separations, 7-8s at 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. to 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; part bourbon, 2-3s at 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3-4s at 21.95c.; 3-5s at 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 21c.; 4-5s at 20 to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 5-6s at 20.15c. to 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 6-7s at 20c.; Santos Peaberry, 3s at 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-5s at 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 4-5s at 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Rio, 7s at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Victoria, 7s at 16.30c. 7-8s at 16.15 to 16.20c. Future shipment: Santos Bourbon, 4s, September-November at 21c.; October-November at 20.80c.; November-December 3s at 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 4s at 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; January-March 4s at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Bourbon, 4-5s at 20c.; Rio, 7s, October-November at 16.30c. Firm offers on the 23rd included prompt shipment: Santos, 2-3s at 21.45c.; 3s at 21.15c.; 3-4s at 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 3-5s at 20.30c.; 4-5s at 20.10c. to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 5-6s at 19.90c.; Bourbon separations, 7-8s at 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 19.55c.; Santos Peaberry, 4-5s at 20.65c.; 5-6s at 19.90 to 21c.; Rio, 7s at 16.20c. to 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Victoria, 7-8s at 15.80c. Future shipment: October-December, part Bourbon, 3-4s at 20.40c.; 3-5s at 20.10c.; November-January, 3-4s, part Bourbon at 20c.; December-January, part Bourbon, 3-4s at 20c.; January-March, 3-4s, part bourbon at 19.80c.; 4s at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; December-February, 3-4s, part Bourbon at 20c.

Futures declined though at one time prices were irregular. Declines in Rio and Santos exchange on London and lower cost and freight prices caused renewed trade selling though September advanced on eleventh hour covering. A Rio de Janeiro cable said: "Permanent Institute Defense Coffee Reports coffee stocks in Sao Paulo interior warehouses and railways on September 15th as 4,526,000 bags. On August 31st they were 4,011,000 bags." According to a cable from Rio de Janeiro a coffee crisis with possible famine in that product is forecast for 1927 by the coffee committee which estimates world's production for 1927 at 18,000,000 bags to meet estimated requirements of 22,000,000 bags. Brazil's production is put at 8,500,000 bags. This is given for what it is worth. To-day futures closed unchanged to 10 points lower with sales of 38,255 bags. September was noticeably weak, touching 15.95c. on notices after reaching 16.22c. Santos futures were 300 reis lower to 200 higher with London exchange 1-32d. lower, at 7 9-32d., and dollars 20 higher at 65500. Rio futures were unchanged to 100 reis higher; exchange off 5-64d. to 7 9-16d. and dollars 70 higher at 65550. Havre closed 1 to 23 higher with sales of 3,000 bags. The cost and freight market showed little change. Final prices show a decline of 124 points on September and 41 on December. The circulation of 21 September notices, 7 Victoria and 14 Rio to-day broke the spot month. Some bought on the decline on the theory that after September passed out there would be a rally. To-day was the last of the September trading. Prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial. .18	December. 16.16@	May.15.58@
September.@	March.15.75@	July.15.25@ nom.

SUGAR.—Prompt raws advanced. Sales on the 19th were 300,000 bags prompt and early October at 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Later came a further rise. September shorts covered. Realizing sales were on the whole well taken on the 19th inst. President Machado says for the beginning of the Cuban sugar harvest on Jan. 1 it did not "appear equitable that all sacrifices, in order to arrive at the normalization of this industrial product should be suffered by one producing country," which is generally interpreted here as indicating that in view of the inability of sugar planters and millers to agree on limitations no further effort on the part of the

Executive will be made to limit Cuban output. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 45,934 tons, against 38,172 in the previous week, 22,340 last year and 36,144 two years ago; exports, 123,209 tons, against 85,805 in previous week, 62,726 last year and 71,208 two years ago; stock 747,767, against 825,042 in previous week, 688,694 last year and 291,007 two years ago.

As to the supply of tonnage of English coal, consumers, it seems, have been advised to cover their winter's requirements as there is really no end of the coal strike in sight. This augmented demand for steamers to carry coal from the United States to United Kingdom ports at unusually high freight rates, it is said, hits the sugar trade. October Cuban tonnage may be just as scarce as September is. Freight rates from Cuba to New York range from 19c. to 22c., a rise of 5 to 7c. above normal rates. High tonnage rates still figure as a very important factor in the situation. The active call for sugar later, however, also means, it is believed, that refiners are not well supplied for October. Their product, too, has been in good demand. The situation in the Far East attracts more attention and is reflected by firmer prices. The continued buying by the Far East here seems to reflect a bullish situation as to present and coming Java crops. The Far East has been buying old-crop sugars for shipment during October and October-November, and also new crop. Cuba will ship, it is estimated, by the end of 1926 nearly 300,000 tons to the Far East, Japan, China and India. Japanese interests have bought thus far, it is estimated, 20,000 tons of new-crop Cubas for February-March and March shipment. They still want both old and new crop. India is apparently disposed to buy new-crop Continental sugars. The unusual Oriental demand greatly lightened the burden of Cuba, &c. Total sales by Cuba to other than the United States buyers, some think, approximate 1,000,000 tons. Europe and the Far East have still purchases to make. Advancing prices may restrict further purchases by Europe.

On the 20th inst. sales were said to have reached over 350,000 bags. London on the 21st was unchanged to $\frac{3}{4}$ d. higher. British refined sugar advanced 3d. with the demand reported good. Cables reported the sale of 2,000 tons of Perus for October-November at 12s. 9d. c.i.f., with afloat Perus selling at 13s. c.i.f. Small nearby parcels of Cuba sold at 13s. 3d. c.i.f. indicating a very steady situation abroad. According to some weekly Cuban statistics exports have been made to China of 10,538 tons. Arrivals were 44,947 tons; exports, 114,724 and stock, 737,209. Of the exports, 28,007 went to New York, 10,515 to Philadelphia, 1,957 to Boston, 8,857 to Baltimore, 16,048 to New Orleans, 11,203 to Savannah, 5,137 to Galveston, 1,560 to interior United States, 2,300 to California, 186 to Canada, 7,789 to United Kingdom, 6,557 to France, 4,070 to Holland and 10,538 to China. It is argued in some quarters that the immediate indications point to a continuance of the upward course of prices even though reactions from time to time are inevitable. December and January are it is believed likely to enjoy the benefits of Cuba's curtailment policy, which awaits President Machado's announcement concerning the size of her 1927 crop. Harvesting of beets in the Colorado-Nebraska-Wyoming areas is scheduled to start this week. Refiners, it is pointed out, have been buyers on a hand to mouth policy, but it is argued will be forced to enter the market to cover their commitments. Shortage of Cuban freight room, together with the smallness of the offerings of raws, were outstanding bullish factors.

To-day futures closed 1 to 2 points lower with sales of 42,500 tons. Of late the prompt market has been quoted at 2 13-16 but to-day there were sales reported at 2 25-32c. to the amount of 100,000 to 125,000 bags. The idea in some quarters that there will be no restriction on the Cuban crop accounts for selling of futures. Others take the ground that the matter has not been officially decided. Some think the President of Cuba will restrict it if the crops in other countries prove to be so large as to threaten a serious decline in prices. London was weaker with Cuban 2.60 f.o.b. Refined was quiet so far as new business was concerned. But withdrawals were large. Refined has latterly been quoted at 5.80 to 5.90c. Some think that if the British coal strike is settled it will be quite as much of a bullish factor in sugar as bearish. It has been assumed that a release of ocean tonnage might cause a decline in sugar. Others think that it would stimulate buying. Final prices of futures show a rise for the week of 6 points. Prices closed as follows:

Spot unoff. . 2	@ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ @	March.2.75@	July.2.91@ nom.
December. . 2.81@	May.2.83@	Sept. 1927. . 2.99@ nom	

LARD has been quiet and weak. Prime Western c.a.f. New York, 14.75 to 14.85c. city in tierces, 14 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. Refined Continent, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. South America, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Brazil, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. To-day spot lard was firmer. Prime Western, 15.05c.

Refined Continent, 15½¢. South American, 16½¢. Brazil, 17½¢. Futures declined on September and October liquidation with export trade dull and speculation sluggish. Clearances from New York were 1,000,000 lbs. on the 21st inst., but they were said to have been packers' consignments. Despite higher grain and also hogs at times, lard and meat prices drifted downward. To-day futures closed 5 points higher, while cottonseed oil advanced over ½¢. on September, touching 10½¢., while the distant months were off 8 to 28 points, October leading the decline owing to steady selling and hedge pressure. Hogs, however, were firmer and this fact helped lard. Also cash trade was somewhat larger. The drawbacks were hedge sales and the weakness in some cottonseed oil deliveries. But hogs closed 15 to 25 points higher with the top \$13 80. Western hog receipts were 55,000, against 62,000 a year ago. Final prices of lard show a decline for the week of 27 points on October.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery cts.	14.32	14.25	14.10	14.20	14.20	14.25
October delivery	14.35	14.25	14.10	14.20	14.20	14.25
January delivery	13.35	13.25	13.20	13.57	13.37	13.42

PORK steady; mess, \$37; family, \$40; fat back pork, \$30 50 to \$32 50. Ribs in Chicago: Cash, 14.50c., basis of 40 to 60 lbs. Beef dull; mess, \$18 to \$20; packet, \$18 to \$20; family, \$21 to \$23; extra India mess, \$34 to \$35; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3; No. 2, \$8 25; six pounds, \$18 50; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$60 nominal. Meats in moderate demand: pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 27¼¢. to 27½¢.; bellies clear, f. o. b. New York, 6 to 12 lbs., 24 to 25c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 20c. Butter lower grades to high scoring 36½ to 46½¢. Cheese, 22½ to 25c. Eggs, medium to extras, 29 to 51c.

OILS.—Linseed was in rather better demand at 11.3c. for raw oil in car lots cooerage basis, spot December delivery. Most of the trading was done in old contracts. Forward deliveries were in light demand. Raw tanks, 10.5c.; boiled tanks, 10.9c. Paint manufacturers were buying more freely, and linoleum interests were buying to some extent. Cocoonut oil, Ceylon, f.o.b. Coast tanks, 8½¢.; Manila coast tanks, 8½¢.; spot tanks, 9¼¢. China wood, New York spot barrels, 17¼ to 18¼¢. Corn, crude tanks, plant, high acid, 10c. Olive, Den., \$1 40. Soya bean, coast tank 10¾¢. blown barrels, 14¾¢. Lard, prime, 16½¢.; extra strained winter New York, 13¼¢. Cod, domestic, 58 to 60c. Newfoundland, 60 to 62c. Turpentine, 90 to 94c. Rosin, \$14 to \$17 30. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 13,600 barrels. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	9.90@10.25	November	9.20@9.23	February	9.32@9.40
September	9.50@10.25	December	9.25@9.28	March	9.49@9.50
October	9.35@9.33	January	9.32@9.30	April	9.55@9.60

PETROLEUM.—Bulk gasoline was weaker. Export demand was absent and domestic jobbers are taking only enough to fill immediate needs. U. S. Motor was freely offered at 12¼¢. and there were intimations that this price would be shaded on a firm bid. California gasoline can be laid down here, it is said, at 11¼¢. a gallon. In the Gulf, U. S. Motor was quoted at 11¾¢. and 64-66 gravity 375 end point at 15½¢. Cased gasoline was inactive. An active jobbing demand for kerosene was noticeable. Prices were firm. Prime white at local refineries, 10½¢.; in tank cars delivered to trade, 11½¢. In the Gulf water white was 10¼¢. and prime white 8¾ to 9c. Gas oil was firm but quiet with 36-40 in bulk at local refineries about 6¾¢., and 28-34 offered freely at 6c. In the Gulf 26-28 red transparent was 5½ to 5¾¢. Bunker oil firm at \$1 75 local refineries and \$1 81½ f.a.s. New York Harbor refinery. Diesel oil, \$2 50 local refineries. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Motor specifications, deodorized, 28.90c.; bulk, refinery, 12½¢.; kerosene, in cargo lots, cases, 19.65c.; W. W. 156 degrees, 21.15c.; bunker oil, f.o.b. dock, \$1 75; Diesel oil, Bayonne, bbl., \$2 50; petroleum refined tanks, wagon to store, 18c.; kerosene, bulk, 45-46, 150 W. W., delivered N. Y. tank cars, 11½¢.; motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 21c.; up-State, 21c.; single tank cars, delivered New York, 13½ to 13¾¢.; 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—	Caldo	
32-34.9	Below 26 deg.	1.40
35-37.9	32-34.9	2.25
38 and above	38 and above	2.45
Pennsylvania	\$3.40 Buckeye	\$3.05 Eureka
Corning	2.45 Bradford	3.40 Illinois
Cabell	2.40 Lima	2.48 Crichton
Somerset, light	2.65 Indiana	2.25 Plymouth
Rock Creek	2.25 Princeton	2.37 Haynesville
Smackover, 27 deg.	1.50 Canadian	2.88 Gulf Coastal "A"
		1.15 De Soto

RUBBER was more active and 20 to 50 points higher on the 21st inst. At the Exchange the sales were 378 lots of new and 15 of old. Trade conditions seemed to be improving. London advanced ¾d. on the 21st. New York on that day was as follows: September, 41.10 to 41.40c., closing at 40.90 to 41.10c.; October, 41.30 to 41.80c., closing at 41.30c.; December, 42.20 to 42.60c., closing at 42.20 to 42.30c. Outside prices: First latex crepe spot, September and October, 41½ to 42¼¢.; October-December, 42½ to 42½¢. Ribbed smoked sheets, spot 41¼ to 41½¢.; September, 41½¢.; October, 41¾¢.; October-December, 42c.; January-March, 42¾¢. Brown crepe, thin clean, 41¼¢.; light, 38¾¢.; specky, 37¼¢.; No. 1 rolled, 38¾¢.; amber No. 2,

38½¢.; No. 3, 38c.; No. 4, 37½¢. London spot and September, 20¾ to 20¾d.; October, 20½ to 20¾d.; October-December, 20¾ to 20¾d.; January-March 21¾d. to 21¾d. Singapore on the 21st inst. was firmer but quiet; spot, 19½d.; October-December, 20d.; January-March, 20¼d.; ex godown Singapore.

The advance within a week has partly been due to a good demand from tire factories. Manufacturers after holding aloof for a good while must be carrying moderate stocks. For the past two months tire business has been good. The shipments to dealers for the first six months of this year were reported as approximately 12% less than for the corresponding period in 1925. Automobiles are much more numerous than last year. A good tire business for some time ahead is therefore taken for granted. Another factor was the report that the British Colonial Office will definitely cancel unused coupons and probably re-assess some estates' allowances. The cancellation of unused coupons will, in the event that restriction should be put into effect, prevent some estates from shipping, it is stated, over 80% of their standard production during the next quarter. The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. announced a reduction in prices of tires to automobile manufacturers ranging from 7½ to 10%. This cut in prices of tires on so-called "original shipment" business is the third made since July.

On the 23rd inst. New York advanced 30 to 100 points net on big trading on rumors that foreign output is to be restricted. At one time during the day prices were up 50 to 120 points. It was the most active day on the Exchange in several months. The total sales were 431 lots. There was a good manufacturing demand reported. London advanced ¾ to ¾d. on heavy covering. September closed on the 23rd inst. at 42.10 to 42.50c. October, 42 to 42.10c.; Nov., 42.70c.; December at 43 to 43.20c.; January at 43.00c.; February at 43.60c., and March at 43.80c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked sheets, spot, 42¾¢.; September and October, 42½¢.; October-December, 43¼¢. January-March, 44c.; first latex crepe, 43¼¢.; clean thin, brown crepe, 40½¢.; light clean crepe, 41c.; specky brown crepe, 40c.; No. 2 blanket, 41½¢.; No. 3, 40½¢.; No. 4, 39½¢.; roll brown, 38c. At Singapore on the 23rd standards rose because of higher cables ¼d. to ¾d.; spot, 20½d.; October-December, 20¼d.; January-March, 20½d.; ex godown, Singapore. With the average price in London for spot rubber so far this quarter now 19.652d., it is calculated that the spot market will have to average 22¾d. during the rest of the quarter to prevent a decrease in shipments under the Stevenson Act next quarter. To-day arrivals were 1,337 tons making the September total to date, 29,202 tons, against 16,252 for the same time last month and 18,824 for the same period in September last year. October new this afternoon was 41.80c.; November, 42.10c.; December, 42.70c.; January, 43c.; March, 43.30c.; May, 43.70c., and July, 44.50c. There was a decline of 10 to 50 points as compared with Thursday's closing. Some prominent interests were disposed to sell December.

HIDES.—Frigorifico have been reported in better demand and firmer. Sales included about 34,000 Argentine steers up to \$37 50 or 16 15-16c. The demand was from both Europe and the United States. City packer hides were in rather more demand and firm. September hides were said to be fairly well cleaned up. Last sales reported were at 15c. for native steers 13½¢. for butt brands and 13c. for Colorado hides. Country hides were steady but quiet. Common dry hides were firm and rather less freely offered. Tanners however are not inclined to buy freely. Orinocos 19½¢. to 19¾¢.; Savannilla, 20c. New York City calfskins quiet and nominal at \$1 65 to \$1 70 for 5-7s; \$2 to \$2 10 for 7-9s; and \$2 65 to \$2 70 for 9-12s.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Coal rates have been stronger. Nearby tonnage is said to be scarce. Demand was brisk. London cabled that a total of 70 coal boats was chartered in the Baltic on the 17th inst. a new record for one day's business for the movement of coal from Hampton Roads to the United Kingdom and other destinations. Some grain tonnage was relet.

CHARTERS included coal from Hampton Roads to Atlantic Islands, \$6 October; to Buenos Aires, \$5 50 September; to United Kingdom, 21s. 6d. Oct. 30; 21s. 6d. if Nov. 10; same, 22s. Oct. 20 canceling; Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 23s. 6d. Oct. 20-31; same, 23s. Nov. 5; same, 21s. 6d. Nov. 10; Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 26s. 3d. Oct. 25; 25s. Oct. 31 canceling; from Hampton Roads to West Italy, \$4 75 Oct. 10 canceling; to United Kingdom, 21s. 6d. Nov. 5 canceling; to United Kingdom, 28s. Sept. 20 canceling; same, 27s. 6d. Oct. 11; same, 26s. Oct. 20; same, 25s. Oct. 30; same, 22s. 6d. Nov. 5; same, 21s. 6d. Nov. 10; same, 22s. 6d.. Nov. 10; from Hampton Roads or Baltimore to Copenhagen, \$4 60 October; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, \$6 Oct. 25 canceling; same, \$5 Nov. 15 canceling; same, \$6 20 Oct. 15 canceling; to West Italy, \$4 75 Oct. 10; to La Plata, \$6 25 October-November; to United Kingdom, 24s. Oct. 31 canceling; to United Kingdom, 27s. 6d. Oct. 25 canceling; grain from North Pacific to United Kingdom-Continent, 31s. October; from Montreal to Mediterranean, 4s. 4½d. one, 4s. 6d. two, 4s. 7½d. three ports, Oct. 28-Nov. 15 canceling; from Montreal to Amtwerp or Rotterdam, 20c., option up to two-thirds barley and (or) oats, 1½ to 3c. extra Nov. 1-25; from Montreal to Mediterranean, 28c. Oct. 5 or 25 canceling; sugar from south side of Cuba to north of Hatteras, 23c.; first half October; lumber from North Pacific to north of Hatteras, \$13 50 Sept. 25-Oct. 10 canceling; sulphur from Gulf to Harburg, \$7 25 late October-early November; linseed from Santa Fe or Concepcion to Montreal, 28s. 6d.; option St. John, Halifax and Montreal, 29s. 6d. spot; sulphur from Gulf to Harburg, \$7 25 late October-early November; from Gulf to Harburg, \$7 late October-early November. Time charters: 773 net, six months West Indies trade, \$2 25, beginning end of October; 2,816 net, delivery Japan, re-delivery north of Hatteras via British Columbia, 95c. prompt. Tankers: 3,097 clean from Gulf to north of Hatteras, 34c. October.

COAL.—Prices of coal and coke have been very firm despite talk once more to the effect that the British coal strike is nearing an end. The export demand on this side somehow

continues. It was said 100,000 miners in England are turning out 500,000 tons weekly. At New York, however, British orders for over the week-end were for something like 250,000 tons. Later in the week there was some falling off in export trade, due no doubt to persistent negotiations across the water looking to the ending of the coal strike. From the latest advices it does not appear likely that it will be settled at once. There are predictions, however, that it will end by the first of October. Meantime, the uncertainty about the matter and the scarcity and high rates ruling for ocean freight room militate against further business with England for the time being.

TOBACCO has been in somewhat better demand as factories are producing on a larger scale with the advent of autumn. Sumatra sells more freely. The tone in general is steady. Wisconsin binders, 24c.; Northern, 38 to 50c.; Southern, 25 to 35c.; New York State seconds, 45c.; Ohio Gebhardt B, 20c.; Little Dutch, 21 to 22c.; Zimmer Spanish, 28c.; Havana first Remedios, 85c.; 2d Remedios, 70c.; Pennsylvania broad leaf filler, 10c.; broad leaf B, 15 to 20c.; Porto Rico, 75 to \$1 10; Connecticut top leaf, 18c.; No. 1 sec., 75c.; seed fillers, 15c.; medium wrappers, 95c.; dark wrappers, 35 to 45c.; light wrappers, 90 to \$1 40. The New England tobacco crop of 1926 is placed at 40,278,000 lbs. by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, a decrease of 21% from 1925, compared with a decline of only 11% for the whole country. Acreage of broadleaf in the Connecticut Valley is 13,800, against 18,600 in 1925. Of Havana seed is 10,400, against 15,100; and of shade, 5,000 against 4,600. The total is 29,200, against 38,300. Production of broad leaf is 26,286,000, against 26,409,000; of Havana seed, 14,817,000, against 19,974,000, and of shade, 5,175,000, against 4,763,000. The total is 40,278,000, against 51,146,000. The condition of broad leaf is 88% of normal, against 89; of Havana seed, 88 against 91; and of shade, 90, against 86. The general average is 89, the same as in 1925.

COPPER declined to 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ c., with demand small. London was lower on the 22d inst. Spot standard there fell 7s. 6d. to £58 7s. 6d., and futures fell 5s. to £59 5s., on sales of 50 tons of spot and 350 tons of futures. Electrolytic dropped 5s. to £66 5s. for spot and £66 15s. for futures. On the 23d inst. there was a good demand here and producers in some cases were asking 14.30c. Most of the buying was for domestic account. There was a lack of foreign demand. London on the 23d inst. declined 2s. 6d. to £58 5s. for spot and £59 2s. 6d. for futures on sales of 200 tons of spot and 800 tons of futures, electrolytic fell 5s. to £66 for spot and £66 10s. for futures.

TIN early in the middle of the week declined both here and in London. Prices here dropped $\frac{1}{2}$ c. on the 22d inst. on sales of 200 to 300 tons. Most of the trading was between dealers. Consumers showed little interest. Sales of Straits were made at 69 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 69 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for September, 67 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. to 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for October, 66 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for November and 66c. for December. Spot standard tin in London on the 22d inst. declined £6 to £305 10s. and futures fell £2 10s. to £299 10s. on sales of 50 tons of spot and 1,150 tons of futures. Spot Straits dropped £6 to £313 10s.; Eastern c.i.f. London advanced 10s. to £309 on sales of 150 tons. On the 23d inst. prices here advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. with sales of Straits made as follows: September, 69 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 69 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; October, 68 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; November, 66 $\frac{3}{8}$ c., and December, at 66 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 66 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. At London that day spot standard advanced £2 to £307 10s. for spot but futures fell 5s. to £299 5s.; spot Straits advanced £2 to £315 10s.; Eastern c.i.f. London fell £2 10s. to £306 10s. on sales of 175 tons.

LEAD declined with other metals a weaker London market. On the 22nd inst. prices in the East St. Louis district were lowered \$1 per ton to 8.45c. A good demand was reported at that price. At New York the leading refiner continued to quote 8.75c. but in the outside market it is said 8.70c. was done. The demand in the Middle West this week was good. Max Cable and battery makers are buying on a good scale. London on the 22nd inst. dropped 5s. to £31 18s. 9d. for spot and futures fell 2s. 6d. to £31 15s. on sales of 350 tons of spot and 1,150 tons of futures. On the following day there was a decline of 1s. 3d. to £31 17s. 6d. for spot and £31 15s. for futures on sales of 50 tons of spot and 350 tons of futures.

ZINC was lower both here and in London. On the 22nd inst. prices here dropped \$1 per ton to 7.40c. East St. Louis. Trading was small. A leading world authority on zinc has warned American producers against overproduction, and it is feared that they have not heeded his advice. London on the 22nd declined 2s. 6d. to £34 10s. for spot and futures fell 3s. 9d. to £34 7s. 6d. on sales of 350 tons of spot and 150 tons of futures; on the 23rd prices there declined 2s. 6d. to £34 7s. 6d. for spot and £34 5s. for futures on sales of 450 tons of futures.

STEEL has been steady but without any general activity. Plates are called very steady at 1.90c. Car builders are said to be paying 1.85c. They usually, it appears, get a discount of \$2 per ton from ordinary quotations. There is only a fair business in finished steel. Some are not so certain that the total business for the fourth quarter will make the rather handsome exhibit that has been so freely predicted. Pittsburgh finds that there will be some decrease in business. A fair amount of trading has been done for the

quarter in plates, shapes and bars. Prices have continued in much the same groove as for some months past. The industry is said to be working at about 85% on the average. Specifications have been increased somewhat, by putting a limit on unspecified bars and shapes, purchased at 1.90c. The sales of cars and track material for the fourth quarter have increased to a certain extent. Automobile production continues at a ratio which should put it ahead of the total for 1925. Sheet business in the Valley has increased at \$2 advance. Semi-finished steel, according to some reports, has sold rather more freely. Some mills find business for the first three weeks of September to have made a very favorable showing as compared with a similar period in August. Rail production is expected to exhibit an increase this year. On the whole, the steel industry is not making a bad showing, though there is nothing spectacular.

PIG IRON has been quiet. Hartford, Conn., has inquired for moderate quantities. Buffalo and Everett, Mass., are said to be preparing to ship to the Philadelphia district by water. Birmingham is selling only in small lots but is said to maintain the quotation of \$21. Large consumers declare in some cases that iron prices are too high. They are waiting for lower. So far as last week is concerned, it is said that iron sales through New York houses were 15,000 to 20,000 tons. One house, it seems, sold 7,800 tons, the largest single order having been for nearly 4,000 tons. This week has been another matter. Sales have been light. Later advices were that at Cleveland last week 65,000 tons were sold and that prices of foundry and malleable iron had advanced 50 cents. Philadelphia makers have latterly been quoting \$21 50 basis, a rise of 50 cents. Massachusetts has been selling iron to Brooklyn melters. Birmingham has been firm of late at \$22 for No. 2 foundry, with considerable business in small lots. Foreign iron has been quiet. Indian iron is said to be sold ahead for some little time. Royal Dutch is reported to be selling at \$21 25 duty paid, with high silicons selling at higher quotations.

WOOL has been less active but steadier, owing to the firm tone at the British auctions. Mohair was in moderate demand and firm. Best hair in Bradford advanced 1d. last week to 19d. for Turkey fair average. The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 1926 to Sept. 17, inclusive, were 137,689,000 lbs., against 109,021,000 for the same period last year. The receipts from Jan. 1 to Sept. 17 inclusive were 282,597,357 lbs., against 225,449,300 lbs. for the same period last year. New York quotations: Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine, 45 to 46c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ -blood, 44 to 45c. Territory, clean basis, fine staple, \$1 12 to \$1 15. Texas, clean basis, fine 12 months, \$1 10 to \$1 12. Pulled, scoured basis, A super, 92 to 95c. Domestic mohair, best combing, 65 to 70c. Australian, clean basis in bond, 64-70s. combing, \$1 to \$1 05; 64-70s. clothing, 96 to \$1. 58-60s, 82 to 85c.; 56s, 72 to 75c. New Zealand, clean basis, in bond, 58-60s, 79 to 81c.; 56-58s, 68 to 71c.; 50-56s, 60 to 62c.; 48-50s, 50 to 52c.; 46-48s, 47 to 48c.; 44-46s, 43 to 45c. Montevideo, grease basis, in bond, 58-60s, 42 to 42c.; I (56s), 39 to 40c.; II (50s), 36 to 37c.; III (46-48s), 33 to 34c.; IV (40-44w), 30 to 31c. Buenos Aires, grease basis, in bond, III (46-48s), 30 to 31c.; IV (40-44s), 28 to 29c.; V Lincoln (36-40s), 26 to 27c. Cape, clean basis, in bond, best combings, 90 to 92c.; average longs, 85 to 88c.

Boston reported prices up 15 to 20% on some wools from the low point of about 60 days ago. Manufacturers in some cases are believed to be carrying small stocks of the raw wool. Boston prices:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces: Delaine unwashed, 45 to 46c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ blood combing, 44 to 45c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ blood combing, 44 to 45c.; Michigan and New York fleeces: Delaine unwashed, 43 to 44c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ blood combing, 42 to 43c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ blood combing, 44 to 45c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ blood combing, 44c.; Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England $\frac{1}{2}$ blood, 40 to 42c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ blood, 43c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ blood, 42c. Scoured basis: Texas fine 12 months (selected), \$1 10 to \$1 12; fine 8 months, 88 to 92c.; California-Northern, \$1 05 to \$1 08; Middle County, 95 to \$1; Southern, 80 to 85c.; Oregon, Northern, \$1 05 to \$1 12; fine and fine medium clothing, 90 to 95c.; Valley No. 1, 93 to 95c.; Territory Montana and similar fine staple choice, \$1 10 to \$1 12; $\frac{1}{2}$ blood combing, 97 to \$1 05; $\frac{3}{8}$ blood combing, 88 to 92c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ blood combing, 78 to 82c.; pulled delaine, \$1 12; AA, \$1 08 to \$1 10; fine A supers, \$1 to \$1 05; A supers, 92 to 97c.; mohair, best combing, 65 to 70c.; best carding, 50 to 55c.

In London on Sept. 17 offerings were 11,465 bales. About 500 bales were withdrawn. Demand good, especially from the Continent. Merinos more active for British account. Crossbreds active. Prices firmer. Details:

New South Wales, 2,111 bales; scoured merinos, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ @31 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. Queensland, 754 bales; scoured merinos, 33@46d.; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, 19@24d.; greasy, no sales. Victoria, 1,746 bales; scoured merinos, 34@45d.; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, 23@34d.; greasy, no sales. South Australia, 90 bales; scoured merinos, no sales; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, 22@26d.; greasy, no sales. West Australia, 102 bales; scoured merinos, no sales; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, 17@23d.; greasy, no sales. New Zealand, 6,481 bales; scoured merinos, no sales; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, 12@19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand slips best half-bred, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ @24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

In London on Sept. 20 offerings were 11,555 bales, including 8,521 Colonial and 3,034 English. Colonial active. British and Continental buying was about equal. Prices steady. English selection good; 50% withdrawn on price limits. Demand mostly for the home trade at par of country prices. Details:

New South Wales, 2,853 bales; scoured merinos, 22@43d.; greasy merinos, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ @32 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. Queensland, 1,236 bales; scoured merinos, 30@45d.; greasy merinos, 24@26d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. Victoria, 1,586 bales; scoured merinos 30@44d.; greasy merinos, 26@31 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. South Australia, 203 bales; scoured merinos, no sales; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, 20@29 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ @13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. West Australia, 276 bales; scoured merinos, no sales; greasy merinos, 18@26d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. New Zealand, 1,988 bales; scoured merinos, no sales; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, 17@33 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ @22d. Cape Colony, (?) bales; scoured merinos, 33@35d.; greasy merinos, 14@19d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales.

In London on Sept. 21, 12,843 bales offered and about 1,000 were withdrawn. Demand good from British and

Continental buyers. American demand fair for greasy crossbreds. Prices firm. For New Zealand slipes crossbred bidding was particularly sharp and prices strong. Details: New South Wales, 1,643 bales: scoured merinos, 34@36d.; greasy merinos, 21@31½d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. Queensland, 2,242 bales: scoured merinos, 35@47d.; greasy merinos, 21@29d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. Victoria, 1,125 bales: scoured merinos, 38@39½d.; greasy merinos, 19½@29½d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. South Australia, 415 bales: scoured merinos, 31½@40½d.; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. West Australia, 1,018 bales: scoured merinos, no sales; greasy merinos, 19½@27½d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. New Zealand, 6,066 bales: scoured merinos, 41@43½d.; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, 13@24d. Cape Colony, 302 bales: scoured merinos, no sales; greasy merinos, 14@18½d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales.

In London on Sept. 22, 12,827 bales were offered and about 1,500 were withdrawn. Continent bought the most especially of Australian merinos and New Zealand greasy crossbred. British buyers took the greater portion of the slipes crossbred and a small proportion of greasy merinos and crossbreds. Prices firm. Details:

New South Wales, 871 bales: scoured merinos, 35@42d.; greasy merinos, 23@26d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. Queensland, 1,859 bales: scoured merinos, no sales; greasy merinos, 19@31d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. Victoria, 1,360 bales: scoured merinos 31½@47½d.; greasy merinos, 23½@30½d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. South Australia, 998 bales: scoured merinos, 36@44½d.; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. West Australia, 1,802 bales: scoured merinos, no sales; greasy merinos, 16@26d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. Tasmania, 259 bales: scoured merinos, no sales; greasy merinos, 25@33d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. New Zealand, 5,164 bales: scoured merinos, no sales; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, 12@23d. Cape Colony, 505 bales: scoured merinos, 28@34d.; greasy merinos, no sales; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales.

In London on Sept. 23, 10,600 bales offered. The Continent bought all kinds freely. Home trade took less. Prices firm. Details:

New South Wales, 810 bales: Scoured merinos, 30 to 39½d.; greasy merinos, 24½ to 27½d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. Queensland, 1,576 bales: Scoured merinos, 31 to 45d.; greasy, 17 to 27d. scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. Victoria, 1,428 bales: Scoured merinos, 30 to 44d.; greasy, 25 to 28d.; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. West Australia, 133 bales: Scoured merinos, 23 to 27d.; greasy, no sales; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. Tasmania, 196 bales: Scoured merinos, no sales; greasy, no sales; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, 24 to 27d. New Zealand, 6,099 bales: Scoured merinos, 33 to 49d.; greasy, no sales; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, 12½ to 21½d. Cape Colony, 358 bales: Scoured merinos, 31½ to 35½d.; greasy, no sales; scoured crossbreds, no sales; greasy, no sales. New Zealand slipes, best halfbred lambs, 12 to 23d.

At Sydney, Sept. 20 the second series of Australian wool sales opened. Selection average. Offerings, 11,000 bales. Germany and Japan bought most freely of new wools. Prices compared with the close of the first series stronger. Good clearance. On Sept. 21 the Perth wool sales opened in Australia chiefly suitable for the Continent. Demand good. Prices firm and 95% of the offerings sold.

COTTON.

Friday Night, Sept. 24 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 410,234 bales, against 330,427 bales last week and 208,801 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1926, 1,412,285 bales, against 1,473,039 bales for the same period of 1925, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1926 of 60,754 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	11,146	11,539	29,708	15,759	11,506	16,833	96,491
Texas City	474	1,743	—	—	—	—	474
Houston*	22,657	30,961	23,053	14,171	19,119	22,530	132,491
New Orleans	5,111	11,292	12,092	9,165	10,823	9,165	57,649
Mobile	2,596	—	—	—	—	—	2,596
Savannah	9,646	20,464	6,635	3,383	3,757	1,027	40,912
Charleston	3,657	5,832	7,924	4,348	4,628	5,210	31,599
Wilmington	773	644	1,243	1,301	1,631	1,403	6,995
Norfolk	449	1,147	2,003	2,231	1,557	1,842	9,229
New York	—	50	—	—	—	—	50
Boston	141	—	—	—	—	—	141
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	770	770
Totals this week	56,176	81,929	82,658	57,145	62,192	70,134	410,234

* Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a port basis. We are changing accordingly.

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1926 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Sept. 24.	1926.		1925.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1926.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1925.	1926.	1925.
Galveston	96,491	353,670	100,097	376,644	220,527	210,934
Texas City	474	1,743	—	—	3,257	—
Houston*	132,491	521,016	37,907	302,156	284,957	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	57,649	172,172	89,588	335,677	176,264	255,524
Gulport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	9,167	24,756	10,548	52,522	14,196	29,315
Pensacola	—	1,191	—	168	—	—
Jacksonville	—	99	1,000	6,329	438	—
Savannah	65,178	211,781	50,991	286,864	117,823	135,096
Brunswick	—	—	300	300	—	—
Charleston	31,599	86,606	17,089	67,316	57,476	49,057
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	6,995	10,920	6,624	18,712	12,364	15,512
Norfolk	9,229	19,730	11,289	21,709	36,814	23,975
N'port News, &c.	50	649	—	463	71,490	33,883
New York	141	2,729	—	1,908	2,364	1,209
Boston	770	5,220	457	2,271	721	840
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	4,523	3,593
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	410,234	1,412,285	325,890	1,473,039	1,003,216	762,896

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In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Galveston	96,491	100,097	159,785	145,695	145,305	93,301
Houston*	131,491	37,907	32,993	52,564	1,000	5,997
New Orleans	57,649	89,588	47,538	34,491	36,811	35,453
Mobile	9,167	10,548	5,216	1,434	4,912	4,866
Savannah	65,178	50,991	33,933	21,831	22,945	34,535
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	3,119	1,538
Charleston	31,599	17,089	6,997	7,989	1,854	6,021
Wilmington	6,995	6,624	2,332	7,612	4,992	7,162
Norfolk	9,229	11,289	1,809	14,621	9,356	12,603
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	38
All others	1,475	1,457	625	2,522	22,995	3,976
Tot. this week	410,234	325,890	291,228	288,759	253,298	205,490

Since Aug. 1—1,412,285 1,473,039 1,169,322 1,150,159 921,294 1,032,400
* Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a port basis. We are changing accordingly.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 118,097 bales, of which 23,145 were to Great Britain, 2,265 to France, 35,867 to Germany, 8,408 to Italy, 29,267 to Russia, 6,692 to Japan and China and 12,453 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 119,312 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 863,694 bales, against 814,098 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week and for the season:

Week Ended Sept. 24 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—						
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.
Galveston	—	—	3,297	—	16,617	—	5,847
Houston	17,572	—	7,734	3,035	12,650	—	4,408
New Orleans	606	—	4,420	4,627	—	4,364	350
Mobile	3,722	—	2,776	—	—	—	53
Savannah	—	—	9,093	—	—	—	6,551
Charleston	—	—	5,042	—	—	—	5,042
Norfolk	550	—	—	—	—	—	550
New York	695	2,265	3,453	746	—	—	1,795
Baltimore	—	—	52	—	—	—	52
San Francisco	—	—	—	—	—	2,328	2,328
Total	23,145	2,265	35,867	8,408	29,267	6,692	12,453
Total 1925	15,470	3,215	34,946	12,486	23,300	14,950	14,945
Total 1924	54,491	11,713	34,507	9,186	14,900	11,300	12,190

From Aug. 1 1926 to Sept. 24 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—						
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.
Galveston	38,679	29,416	57,471	15,682	37,417	3,073	29,202
Houston	69,017	51,246	73,429	33,899	62,950	23,684	14,117
New Orleans	10,308	2,059	30,963	14,727	17,306	8,414	7,067
Mobile	3,790	132	4,843	200	—	—	53
Pensacola	389	—	802	—	—	—	1,191
Savannah	19,215	100	78,011	200	—	1,000	2,202
Charleston	3,987	187	29,455	—	—	388	2,382
Norfolk	3,908	—	8,733	—	—	—	100
New York	18,290	7,120	21,286	3,506	—	—	9,593
Boston	52	—	—	—	—	—	52
Baltimore	—	200	52	200	—	—	452
Philadelphia	393	—	—	—	—	—	393
Los Angeles	486	—	—	—	—	—	486
San Francisco	—	—	—	—	—	9,838	9,838
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	2,475	2,475
Total	168,514	90,460	305,045	68,414	117,673	48,872	64,716
Total 1925	187,546	79,259	272,082	54,105	79,625	53,057	88,430
Total 1924	272,594	120,450	168,733	63,548	25,695	31,992	73,548

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 August the exports to the Dominion the present season will have been 7,300 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 8,000 bales.

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:

Sept. 24 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	8,400	5,700	7,000	12,600	11,000	44,700
New Orleans	2,077	4,218	3,012	12,616	69	21,992
Savannah	—	—	15,000	4,100	1,200	20,300
Charleston	—	—	—	—	2,575	2,575
Mobile	1,850	100	—	2,200	—	4,150
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	10,046
Other ports*	4,000	3,000	8,000	14,000	1,000	30,000
Total 1926	16,327	13,018	33,012	45,516	15,844	123,717
Total 1925	28,590	17,468	31,431	31,469	12,264	121,222
Total 1924	24,265	8,132	19,383	33,997	18,018	103,795

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery was very active on the 23d inst. under the influence of a Government report, which came very much as a surprise. Its crop estimate of 15,810,000 was some 550,000 to 600,000 bales higher than had been generally expected. The market's answer was an almost sheer drop of 125 to 132 points, and there was very little recovery from the lowest figures of the day. Everybody sold. That means the spot houses, hedgers, Wall Street, uptown, the West, the South and apparently, to some extent, Liverpool, for a time. It was a general unloading. Also, there seemed to be in many cases a change of front. People who had been very bullish suddenly swung to the other side. They gave way to what they considered the inevitable. Some maintained that if the Government estimate of 15,810,000 bales is correct for Sept. 16, the real date of the report, the crop is larger now, for the weather since the 16th inst. has been in the main favorable. The needed dry, warm weather has appeared over most parts of the belt. The impression is that the big Gulf storm on the 18th, 19th and 20th insts. did no serious harm in Ala-

bama, Mississippi or Georgia. In Florida, of course, the crop is small, reaching last year only 38,000 bales. Texas of late has had temperatures over much of the State of 100 to 106. That is forcing weather. It was precisely what a belated crop needed. In Oklahoma, too, the temperatures of late have been 100 to 104 degrees. It could not help being beneficial to the crop. Rainfalls everywhere except in Florida, Alabama and Georgia have been small. The Bureau report on condition of the belt was 59.5%, or only 0.1 of 1% decline since Sept. 1, compared with a decline of 2.4% during the same period in 1925 and 3.9 in 1924. It is recalled that for the ten years from 1914 to 1923 previous to the issuance of semi-monthly reports, the fall in condition for the full month from Aug. 25 to Sept. 25 averaged no less than 6%. The number of bolls now reported safe is greater than a year ago in the Carolinas, Texas and Oklahoma. In Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas the number is about nine-tenths of a year ago. The average size of bolls is said to be larger than last year in all States except Mississippi and Louisiana. The ginning was small, being 2,511,317 bales up to Sept. 15, or some 1,700,000 bales smaller than up to Sept. 15 last year. But this is taken to mean that there is all the more hedging to be done. It is feared that the effects of the report will be profound at home and abroad. It may halt buying of cotton and dry goods. Of the spot sales in Liverpool on the 23d of 10,000 bales only 4,000 bales was American. Spot prices here fell 140 points on the 23d inst., and, of course, there was universal decline at the South. One effect, too, it is believed, will be to check speculation. It is the custom at the South roundly to abuse the speculator. But he helps carry the burden of the crop. Hedging sales this year may extend into a very much later period than usual, owing to the lateness of the crop. In the absence of an active speculation, the hedgers may press heavily on the price. It goes without saying that popular speculation is always on the bull side. The man in the street is not in sympathy with the bear side of markets in any field of venture. When he sees the price falling he lets the market alone. That means that the hedges may strike the price of cotton in the next few months with full force unless something arises to act as a buffer.

On the other hand, there are some who dissent from the Government estimate. They think it is altogether too high. A year ago it was 2,100,000 bales too low. They are wondering whether the Government may not have gone wide of the mark this year. The ginning of only 2,511,317 bales is called suggestive. There are those who think that where it runs 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 bales behind the previous year it often fails to catch up. The total thus far is over 1,700,000 bales behind that of a year ago. In any case there is the question of the date of killing frost. That will largely decide the size of ultimate yield. There is no conclusive evidence obtainable as to the size of a cotton crop in the middle of September. So much may happen later on. The Government itself points out that serious damage to the foliage of the plant from leaf worm is reported from many sections. The plant is said to have been almost completely defoliated by this pest in portions of northern Georgia, northern Alabama and north central Texas, Louisiana and Missouri. It is feared that further damage is probable. The report says that weevil is rapidly increasing in numbers in most States and is taking a good deal of the late top crop. On the decline on the 23d inst. there was heavy buying for trade interests. Europe was said to have been a good buyer. There was a wholesale elimination of long accounts. The short interest expanded. Almost everybody is now a bear. The tendency is to oversell. There is a cold wave in the far Northwest of this country. It may not strike the southwestern cotton belt. But there are indications towards the end of the week of cloudy and colder weather, with showers here and there in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The decline puts the spinner in a much better position as regards the margin of profits. Raw cotton has been falling faster than cotton goods. Indeed, at times, when cotton prices have dropped, print cloths have actually advanced. That is a complete reversal of conditions in the textile trades at one time prevailing this year.

To-day prices advanced, on fears of a cold wave or rains at the Southwest and considerable covering of shorts. It was midwinter, so far as temperatures went in the Northwest. There were fears that the forecast for cold rains in the Southwestern cotton section might be the prelude of something worse. It was down to 6 degrees in Montana. Moreover, there was less hedge selling. Early in the day there was quite a little of it. Later on, it fell off. There was some trade buying. Spot markets were higher. Spinners' takings showed an increase. The into-sight for the week was noticeably smaller than in the same week last year. The total exports for the season are still above those of a year ago. It was felt that a rally was due after the recent break of 375 points in about a fortnight. The ending was steady at a net rise for the day of 7 to 14 points, October and December showing the most strength. The net decline for the week is 162 to 167 points. Spot cotton wound up at 15.15c., a decline of 190 points since last Friday.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Sept. 23 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 Sept. 30:

Middling fair.....	1 09 on	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	3.65 off
Strict good middling.....	.86 on	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	2.28 off
Good middling.....	.63 on	Strict middling "blue" stained.....	3.06 off
Strict middling.....	.43 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	3.15 off
Middling.....	.Basis	Good middling spotted.....	.01 off
Strict low middling.....	1 18 off	Strict middling spotted.....	2.06 off
Low middling.....	3 10 off	Middling spotted.....	1.09 on
*Strict good ordinary.....	4 95 off	*Strict low middling spotted.....	2.73 off
*Good ordinary.....	6 33 off	*Low middling spotted.....	4.38 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	0 16 off	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	1.48 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.75 off	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	2.03 off
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	1.21 off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	3.17 off
*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	2 78 off	*Middling "gray".....	.93 off
*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	4 40 off	*Strict middling "gray".....	1.44 off
*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	5 87 off	*Middling "gray".....	2.18 off
Good middling "yellow" stained.....	2.35 off		
*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....	2 91 off		

* Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Sept. 18 to Sept. 24—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	16.85	16.65	16.90	16.45	15.05	15.15

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'ct	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 20 pts. dec.	Barely steady			
Monday	Quiet, 20 pts. dec.	Weak		300	300
Tuesday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Steady			
Wednesday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Weak			
Thursday	Quiet, 140 pts. dec.	Easy & irregular	500		500
Friday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady			
Total			500	300	800

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Op ion for	Saturday, Sept. 18.	Monday, Sept. 20.	Tuesday, Sept. 21.	Wednesday, Sept. 22.	Thursday, Sept. 23.	Friday, Sept. 24.
Sept.—						
Range.....						
Closing.....						
October—						
Range.....	16.05-16.24	15.87-16.24	15.68-15.96	15.63-15.94	14.34-15.73	14.36-14.66
Closing.....	16.05-16.07	15.87-15.90	15.79-15.82	15.63-15.65	14.43-14.53	14.57-14.59
Nov.—						
Range.....	16.25	16.05	15.98	15.81	14.65	14.73
Closing.....						
Dec.—						
Range.....	16.25-16.42	16.05-16.42	15.85-16.15	15.87-16.12	14.55-15.92	14.54-14.85
Closing.....	16.25-16.28	16.05-16.07	15.98-16.00	15.81-15.83	14.65-14.73	14.78-14.80
Jan.—						
Range.....	16.34-16.52	16.12-16.50	15.95-16.25	15.90-16.22	14.62-16.03	14.62-14.93
Closing.....	16.34-16.36	16.12-16.16	16.08-16.10	15.90-15.94	14.75-14.77	14.84-14.85
Feb.—						
Range.....	16.45	16.25	16.19	16.03	14.86	14.96
Closing.....						
March—						
Range.....	16.57-16.73	16.38-16.71	16.18-16.45	16.16-16.46	14.85-16.29	14.85-15.16
Closing.....	16.57-16.60	16.38-16.40	16.30-16.31	16.16-16.18	14.97-15.00	15.08
April—						
Range.....	16.68	16.49	16.41	16.28	15.06	15.18
Closing.....						
May—						
Range.....	16.79-16.92	16.59-16.93	16.39-16.45	16.40-16.66	15.08-16.55	15.08-15.38
Closing.....	16.80-16.81	16.59-16.62	16.52	16.40-16.42	15.16-15.20	15.27-15.32
June—						
Range.....	16.82	16.62	16.55	16.45	16.00-16.00	
Closing.....					15.23	15.32
July—						
Range.....	16.85-16.94	16.70-17.00	16.50-16.75	16.50-16.73	15.22-16.00	15.20-15.46
Closing.....	16.85-16.88	16.66	16.58	16.0-16.51	15.30	15.37
August—						
Range.....						
Closing.....						

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Sept. 24 1926 and since trading began on each option:

Option for	Range for Week.		Range Since Beginning of Option.					
Sept. 1926.	14.34	Sept. 23	16.24	Sept. 18	16.20	June 15 1926	20.97	Oct. 14 1925
Oct. 1926.	14.34	Sept. 23	16.24	Sept. 18	16.20	Sept. 23 1926	19.70	Nov. 6 1925
Nov. 1926.	14.34	Sept. 24	16.42	Sept. 18	16.20	Aug. 12 1926	18.20	Feb. 5 1926
Dec. 1926.	14.54	Sept. 24	16.42	Sept. 18	14.54	Sept. 24 1926	18.50	Ja. 4 1926
Jan. 1927.	14.62	Sept. 23	16.52	Sept. 18	14.62	Sept. 23 1926	18.28	Sept. 8 1926
Feb. 1927.	14.62	Sept. 23	16.52	Sept. 18	16.85	Apr. 22 1926	18.10	Sept. 1 1926
Mar. 1927.	14.85	Sept. 23	16.73	Sept. 18	14.85	Sept. 23 1926	18.50	Sept. 8 1926
April 1927.	14.85	Sept. 23	16.73	Sept. 18	16.10	July 6 1926	16.10	July 6 1926
May 1927.	15.08	Sept. 23	16.93	Sept. 20	15.08	Sept. 23 1926	18.65	Sept. 8 1926
June 1927.	16.00	Sept. 23	16.00	Sept. 23	16.00	Sept. 23 1926	16.00	Sept. 23 1926
July 1927.	15.20	Sept. 24	17.00	Sept. 20	15.20	Sept. 24 1926	18.51	Sept. 8 1926
Aug. 1927.								

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Sept. 24—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales. 774,000	436,000	317,000	285,000
Stock at London.....			2,000	4,000
Stock at Manchester.....	59,000	29,000	23,000	28,000
Total Great Britain.....	833,000	465,000	342,000	317,000
Stock at Hamburg.....			1,000	13,000
Stock at Bremen.....	69,000	59,000	58,000	57,000
Stock at Havre.....	101,000	73,000	67,000	48,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	1,000	1,000	5,000	2,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	25,000	33,000	26,000	46,000
Stock at Genoa.....	8,000	7,000	12,000	14,000
Stock at Ghent.....		5,000	3,000	1,000
Stock at Antwerp.....		1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Continental stocks.....	204,000	179,000	173,000	182,000
Total European markets.....	1,037,000	644,000	515,000	499,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	55,000	83,000	35,000	97,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	485,000	424,000	382,000	334,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....	116,000	121,000	131,000	63,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	153,000	88,000	84,000	127,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	308,000	432,000	421,000	263,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	1,003,216	762,896	506,224	484,651
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	631,415	872,105	544,092	577,954
U. S. exports to-day.....	550	675	800	—
Total visible supply.....	3,789,181	3,427,676	2,619,116	2,445,603

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
American—				
Liverpool stock	370,000	138,000	110,000	66,000
Manchester stock	41,000	22,000	15,000	12,000
Continental stock	151,000	132,000	130,000	123,000
American afloat for Europe	485,000	424,000	382,000	334,000
U. S. port stocks	1,003,216	762,896	506,224	484,651
U. S. inferior stocks	631,415	872,105	544,902	577,954
U. S. exports to-day	550	675	800	—
Total American	2,682,181	2,351,676	1,688,116	1,597,605
East Indian, Brazil, & —				
Liverpool stock	404,000	298,000	207,000	219,000
London stock	18,000	7,000	8,000	16,000
Manchester stock	53,000	47,000	43,000	59,000
Continental stock	55,000	83,000	35,000	97,000
Indian afloat for Europe	116,000	121,000	131,000	63,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat	153,000	88,000	84,000	127,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	308,000	432,000	421,000	263,000
Stock in Bombay, India				
Total East India, &c.	1,107,000	1,076,000	931,000	848,000
Total American	2,682,181	2,351,676	1,688,116	1,597,605

Total visible supply

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Middling uplands, Liverpool	8.43d.	12.91d.	14.09d.	16.91d.
Middling uplands, New York	15.15c.	23.90c.	26.10c.	29.55c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool	18.45d.	30.10d.	26.25d.	19.25d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	14.00d.	24.00d.	22.00d.	18.75d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool	7.50d.	11.70d.	11.80d.	13.60d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool	8.05d.	12.10d.	12.70d.	14.75d.

Continental imports for past week have been 135,000 bales. The above figures for 1926 show an increase over last week of 365,603 bales, a gain of 361,505 over 1925, an increase of 361,505 bales over 1924, and an increase of 1,343,576 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 stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Sept. 24 1926.			Movement to Sept. 25 1925.		
	Receipts.		Stocks Sept. 24.	Receipts.		Stocks Sept. 25.
	Week.	Season.		Week.	Season.	
Ala., Birmingham	1,015	1,508	58	1,346	3,738	7,990
Eufaula	1,558	5,693	1,032	4,103	3,000	13,791
Montgomery	8,192	21,328	6,431	13,773	9,359	48,482
Selma	5,718	17,102	1,855	16,128	9,784	40,826
Ark., Helena	5,180	8,165	672	21,997	7,844	17,311
Little Rock	13,605	22,308	5,739	38,093	16,323	42,632
Pine Bluff	5,147	10,945	2,331	30,766	3,778	13,654
Ga., Albany	1,024	3,473	771	3,150	594	5,574
Athens	1,146	3,135	450	2,524	1,847	3,780
Atlanta	4,436	9,968	2,044	11,180	9,458	30,685
Augusta	26,589	76,529	9,137	60,900	23,328	104,573
Columbus	2,919	6,853	1,203	2,792	4,465	8,535
Macon	6,360	17,379	5,153	7,142	5,330	28,225
Rome	448	1,068	375	7,383	2,426	5,663
La., Shreveport	8,487	12,110	3,773	20,382	11,358	57,358
Miss., Columbus	1,551	2,351	553	2,022	8,392	8,405
Clarkdale	12,971	25,884	1,635	65,445	14,200	48,235
Greenwood	11,604	19,578	1,611	53,503	15,504	44,715
Meridian	6,082	12,577	3,195	8,067	5,206	22,597
Natchez	3,656	6,755	586	7,668	4,602	23,190
Vicksburg	2,711	4,493	622	13,512	4,691	17,479
Yazoo City	3,420	6,173	257	13,129	5,187	17,774
Mo., St. Louis	5,891	37,891	6,033	10,918	9,037	20,941
N.C., Greensboro	58	4,672	697	12,331	2,776	7,638
Raleigh	—	—	—	627	482	1,047
Oka., Altus	279	2,397	271	2,910	468	489
Chickasha	1,467	1,997	1,192	3,220	1,122	1,414
Oklahoma	1,673	1,991	1,850	9,418	1,654	3,065
S. C., Greenville	2,597	32,669	3,724	30,042	6,600	21,078
Greenwood	89	104	62	1,608	523	1,787
Tenn., Memphis	33,422	114,575	19,595	131,735	49,439	124,991
Nashville	152	1,247	410	539	9	180
Tex., Abilene	1,535	1,991	1,464	415	695	605
Brenham	2,000	6,389	1,500	4,505	316	2,457
Austin	4,153	6,495	3,699	1,136	578	1,688
Dallas	1,670	3,217	1,330	6,036	8,155	19,133
Houston*	1,732	1,825	1,343	841	9,426	29,899
Paris	6,000	33,306	3,000	7,054	1,624	11,925
San Antonio	2,505	3,832	1,550	3,675	2,821	5,630
Fort Worth	—	—	—	—	—	2,559
Total, 40 towns	193,946	548,937	97,223	631,415	483,449	1,879,968

* Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a port basis. We are changing accordingly.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 97,930 bales and are to-night 240,690 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 284,503 bales less than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Sept. 24 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Year	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
1926	15.15c.	1918	32.75c.	1919	13.70c.	1920	9.00c.	1921	8.25c.
1925	23.65c.	1917	26.30c.	1909	13.75c.	1901	10.75c.	1902	6.62c.
1924	23.75c.	1916	15.95c.	1908	9.40c.	1900	5.44c.	1903	6.75c.
1923	29.75c.	1915	11.55c.	1907	11.90c.	1899	8.56c.	1904	8.44c.
1922	21.40c.	1914	—	1906	9.60c.	1898	—	1905	—
1921	20.15c.	1913	—	1905	11.10c.	1897	—	1906	—
1920	28.50c.	1912	—	1904	11.20c.	1896	—	1907	—
1919	31.75c.	1911	—	1903	11.40c.	1895	—	1908	—

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:

Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—

Week Ended Sept. 24.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thurs. day.	Friday.
Galveston	16.30	16.15	16.05	15.85	14.65	14.80
New Orleans	15.94	15.72	15.82	15.66	14.48	14.58
Mobile	15.50	—	—	15.10	13.90	14.00
Savannah	15.67	15.46	15.30	15.19	14.00	14.16
Norfolk	16.00	15.88	15.63	15.38	14.25	14.31
Baltimore	—	16.40	16.20	16.20	15.75	14.75
Augusta	15.50	15.31	15.19	15.06	13.88	14.00
Memphis	16.00	16.00	15.75	15.50	14.50	14.50
Houston	16.25	16.00	15.95	15.50	14.30	14.40
Little Rock	16.10	15.90	15.65	15.50	14.95	13.90
Dallas	15.30	15.15	15.05	14.95	13.90	13.80
Fort Worth	—	15.15	15.05	14.95	13.90	13.90

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Shipped—	1926		1925	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	6,053	39,908	9,069	22,688
Via Mounds, &c.	3,750	16,055	2,000	7,600
Via Rock Island	260	1,048	1,580	3,383
Via Louisville	761	4,559	3,457	26,559
Via Virginia points	4,770	37,480	6,625	53,561
Via other routes, &c.	5,328	40,940	—	—
Total gross overland	20,922	139,990	22,731	113,834
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	961	8,601	457	4,642
Between interior towns	447	2,666	516	3,267
Inland, &c., from South	17,107	102,207	9,550	52,800
Total to be deducted	18,515	113,474	10,523	60,709
Leaving total net overland*	2,407	26,516	12,208	53,125

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 2,407 bales, against 12,208 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 26,619 bales.

Receipts at ports to Sept. 24	1926		1925	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Net overland to Sept. 24	410,234	1,412,285	325,890	1,473,039
South'n consumption to Sept. 24	92,000	714,000	12,208	53,125
Total marketed	504,641	2,152,801	423,098	2,266,164
Interior stocks in excess	97,930	63,492	228,111	707,167
Excess of South'n mill takings over consumption to Sept. 1	—	*145,196	—	*105,391
Came into sight during week	602,571	—	651,209	—
Total in sight Sept. 24	2,071,097	—	2,867,940	—
North. spin's takings to Sept. 24	46,421	271,066	30,683	141,813

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1924—Sept. 27	498,422	1924	2,028,596
1923—Sept. 28	428,463	1923	2,094,992

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Sept. 18.	Monday, Sept. 20.	Tuesday, Sept. 21.	Wednesday, Sept. 22.	Thursday, Sept. 23.	Friday, Sept. 24.
September	15.94 asked	15.72 asked	15.82 asked	15.66 asked	14.49 asked	14.58 asked
October	15.91-14.91	15.70-15.72	15.80-15.82	15.64-15.66	14.48 asked	14.58-14.60
November	15.91	15.70	15.80	15.64	14.48	14.58
December	16.10-16.13	15.90-15.92	15.99-16.00	15.82-15.84	14.68-14.70	14.82-14.83
January	16.14-16.16	13.96 flat	16.04-16.05	15.87-15.89	14.73-14.75	14.88-14.89
February	16.14	15.96	16.04	15.87	14.73	14.88
March	16.22-16.24	16.10-16.12	16.17-16.18	16.01-16.04	14.91 flat	15.04-15.07
April	—	—	—	—	—	—
May	16.42-16.43	16.30 flat	16.39 flat	16.22 bid	15.07 flat	15.22 bid
June	—	—	—	—	—	—
July	16.17	bid	16.20 bid	16.29 bid	16.12 bid	14.97 bid
August	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tone	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Spot	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTONSEED OIL PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST.—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 AUGUST.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

INDIAN COTTON CROP ESTIMATE.—Under date of Calcutta, Aug. 19 1926, the Indian Government issued its first cotton forecast for the crop of 1926-1927. The report in part follows:

This forecast is based upon reports on the condition of the cotton crop at the end of July and early August. The reports do not, as will be seen from the detailed notes below, relate to the entire cotton area of India, but to only 78% of the total. On account of the late arrival of the monsoon, sowings were delayed and it is not at present possible to give a correct estimate of areas shown in respect of some tracts. The area sown so

TEXAS COTTON REPORT.—Commissioner of Agriculture Geo. B. Terrell at Austin, Texas, gave out on Sept. 4 his crop report, based on reports for Sept. 1. Cotton condition is placed at 62% and estimated production at 4,736,902 bales. Mr. Terrell says:

This report is tabulated from reports of our regular correspondents representing all cotton producing counties, supplemented by reports of our field men. The cotton crop is so spotted that it is very difficult to make a reliable estimate of production, and any estimate is only an approximation based upon conditions at the time the reports are sent in.

In our report issued Aug. 4 cotton was reported in splendid condition at that time, and the estimated yield for Texas was 5,413,600 bales. We used this language in that report: "This estimate is based upon conditions July 25, and conditions may be materially changed in the next few weeks. The cotton crop will be made or lost during the month of August, and no estimate at this time should be taken seriously." At that time the condition of the cotton crop was 72%. Since then the leaf worm, boll worm, root, rot, boll weevil, and weather have played havoc with the cotton, and the condition has been reduced to 62%, and the estimated yield is now placed at 4,736,902 bales, which is one-fourth of a bale per acre or 125 pounds of lint cotton per acre.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT ON PRODUCTION AND CONDITION OF COTTON.—The Agricultural Department at Washington on Thursday of this week (Sept. 23) issued its report on production and condition of cotton as of Sept. 16, and the following is the complete official text of the report:

A United States cotton crop of 15,810,000 bales (500 pounds gross weight) in 1926 is indicated by the Sept. 16 condition of 59.5% of normal, estimated by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture. This report is based upon data from crop correspondents, field statisticians and co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and Extension Departments.

Upon the 47,207,000 acres for harvest in 1926 (preliminary estimate), the crop of 15,810,000 bales indicated by the Sept. 16 condition would approximate a yield of 160.0 pounds of lint cotton per acre.

The final outcome of the crop will depend upon whether the various influences affecting the crop during the remainder of the season are more or less favorable than usual.

Note.—Range forecasts will be omitted during remainder of season. Production in 1925 was 16,103,679 bales; in 1924, 13,627,936 bales; in 1923, 10,139,671 bales; in 1922, 9,762,069 bales; and in 1921, 7,953,641 bales.

Condition on Sept. 16 in 1925 was 53.8% of normal, and in 1924, 55.4%. The decline in condition from Sept. 1 to Sept. 16 was 0.1%, compared with decline of 2.4 during the same period in 1925, and 3.9 in 1924. For the ten years 1914 to 1923, previous to the issuance of semi-monthly reports, the decline in condition for the full month from Aug. 25 to Sept. 25 averaged 6.0.

The yield in 1925 was 167.2 pounds; in 1924, 157.6 pounds; for the five years 1921-1925, 144.2 pounds, and for the ten years 1916-1925, 153.7 pounds.

Details by States follow:

State.	Area Left for Harvest 1926. (Preliminary.)	Condition.			Yield per Acre.		Production. (500 Lbs. Gross Wt. Bales.)	
		Sept. 16 1926.	Sept. 1 1926.	Sept. 16 1925.	Indicated by Cond'n Sept. 16 1926.a	Final Estimate 1925.b	Indicated by Cond'n Sept. 16 '26	Final Census Ginn'gs. 1925.
Virginia	91,000	66	66	64	247	250	47,000	53,000
North Carolina	2,036,000	69	69	62	282	261	1,199,000	1,102,000
South Carolina	2,677,000	55	54	43	189	160	1,057,000	889,000
Georgia	3,927,000	56	53	53	142	155	1,169,000	1,164,000
Florida	110,000	65	65	75	114	180	26,000	38,000
Missouri	473,000	61	65	64	215	275	213,000	294,000
Tennessee	1,167,000	54	60	60	151	210	369,000	517,000
Alabama	3,730,000	62	61	64	149	185	1,161,000	1,357,000
Mississippi	3,724,000	62	62	73	180	275	1,401,000	1,991,000
Louisiana	3,916,000	58	57	70	159	232	637,000	910,000
Texas	15,001,000	57	57	42	140	113	5,259,000	4,165,000
Oklahoma	4,954,000	52	63	55	161	155	1,664,000	1,691,000
Arkansas	3,888,000	59	63	64	158	205	1,286,000	1,605,000
New Mexico	129,000	90	86	85	292	298	79,000	64,000
Arizona	168,000	81	82	92	292	350	103,000	119,000
California	167,000	92	92	90	350	340	122,000	122,000
All other	49,000	69	72	75	171	214	18,000	24,000
U. S. total	47,207,000	59.5	59.6	53.8	160.0	167.2	15,810,000	16,104,000
Lower Calif. (Old Mex.)	130,000	92	95	87	294	255	80,000	480,000

a On area left for harvest. b Per harvested acre. c Not included in California figures nor in United States total. d Estimate of U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

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COMMENTS CONCERNING COTTON REPORT.—The United States Department of Agriculture, in giving out its cotton report on Sept. 23, also added the following comments:

A cotton crop of 15,810,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight is indicated by the condition of the crop on Sept. 16, as reported by crop correspondents.

Present indications are 644,000 bales higher than those of Sept. 1. The improvement is due chiefly to the unusually warm weather of the first half of September, which has favored fruiting and enabled the crop to partially overcome its late start.

Since the first of the month prospects have declined in only two important States, Missouri and Tennessee. Elsewhere the increasing damage from the boll weevil and leaf worms has been more than offset by the increased fruitfulness that is now apparent.

Serious damage to the foliage from leaf worm is reported from many sections. In portions of Northern Georgia, Northern Alabama, North Central Texas, Missouri and Louisiana, as well as limited areas in other States, the plants are reported to have been almost completely defoliated by this pest, with further damage probable.

Weevils are also rapidly increasing in numbers in most States and are taking a great deal of the late top crop.

On the other hand, judged by the number of bolls reported safe on Sept. 16, the crop has made material progress during the past two weeks in overcoming its lateness in fruiting, Tennessee being the exception.

The number of bolls per plant now reported safe is greater than on this date in 1925 in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Oklahoma. The number is less than in 1924, however, in South Carolina, Texas and Oklahoma. In Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas the number is about nine-tenths of a year ago. In Mississippi the number now reported safe is about the same as in 1924.

In Tennessee, safe bolls are slightly more than half the number in each of the two preceding years. In Louisiana, the number is about 20% less than in 1925, but 20% more than in 1924.

Correspondents report the average size of bolls to be greater than last year in all the more important States except Mississippi and Louisiana where good sized bolls were reported last year. In Mississippi the size is reported the same as last year. In Louisiana the size is slightly less than last year.

COTTON GINNING REPORT.—The Bureau of the Census on Sept. 23 issued the following report showing the number of bales of cotton ginned in each of the cotton-growing States the present season up to Sept. 16, in comparison with corresponding figures for the preceding seasons:

Number of bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1926 prior to Sept. 16 1926, and comparative statistics to the corresponding date in 1925 and 1924.

State.	Running Bales. (Counting round as half bales and excluding linters.)		
	1926.	1925.	1924.
Alabama	225,948	510,655	223,209
Arizona	14,114	9,729	8,628
Arkansas	132,793	286,232	73,218
California	6,576	3,309	4,828
Florida	11,612	22,479	8,478
Georgia	343,812	602,279	288,901
Louisiana	172,608	412,846	160,780
Mississippi	256,599	573,184	227,753
Missouri	7,765	21,682	16
New Mexico	640	688	310
North Carolina	35,723	109,998	22,212
Oklahoma	36,913	109,502	66,876
South Carolina	159,387	301,806	100,984
Tennessee	9,916	32,919	194
Texas	1,099,546	1,283,868	1,479,408
Virginia	---	112	---
All other	365	778	---
United States	2,511,317	4,282,066	2,665,793

The statistics in this report include 61,584 round bales for 1926; 53,311 for 1925; and 87,885 for 1924.

The statistics for 1926 in this report are subject to slight corrections when checked against the individual returns of the ginners being transmitted by mail. The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season prior to September 1 are 697,182 bales.

Consumption, Stocks, Imports, and Exports—United States.—Cotton consumed during the month of Aug., 1926, amounted to 500,652 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on Aug. 31, was 920,944 bales, and in public storage and at compresses 1,715,593 bales. The number of active consuming cotton spindles for the month was 31,321,936. The total imports for the month of Aug., 1926, were 13,280 bales and the exports of domestic cotton including linters, were 391,329 bales.

World Statistics.—The estimated world's production of commercial cotton exclusive of linters, grown in 1925, as compiled from information secured through the domestic and foreign staff of the Department of Commerce is 26,927,000 bales of 478 pounds lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ending July 31, 1925, was approximately 22,640,000 bales of 478 pounds lint. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 162,000,000.

CONSOLIDATED COTTON REPORT.—The Bureau of the Census and the Agricultural Department made public Thursday (Sept. 23) their consolidated cotton report, which is as follows:

September 16 1926—Consolidated Cotton Report.

Ginnings to September 16..... 2,511,317 running bales.
Condition..... 59.5 per cent. of normal.
Indicated total production..... 15,810,000 bales, 500-lbs. gross.
Indicated yield of lint cotton..... 160.0 pounds per acre.

Census Bureau.—Census report shows 2,511,317 running bales (counting round as half bales) ginned from the crop of 1926 prior to Sept. 16, compared with 4,282,066 for 1925 and 2,665,793 for 1924.

Agriculture Department.—An estimated condition of 59.5% of normal on Sept. 16, with an indicated United States production of 15,810,000 bales (500-pound gross weight), is shown by the Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

FOREIGN COTTON CROP PROSPECTS.—A report of the latest available information received up to Sept. 23 as to cotton production in foreign countries has been compiled by the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics as follows:

The preliminary forecast of the cotton crop in Egypt is 1,407,000 bales of 478 pounds net, of which about 593,000 bales are Sakel. Last year total production was 1,629,000 bales and Sakel 728,000 bales.

Telegraphic reports for the week ending Sept. 15 from India received by the United States Weather Bureau state that in Bombay, where excessive rain had previously damaged the cotton in some sections, conditions were generally improving. The situation had also generally improved in Madras, while in the United Provinces no change had occurred. In the Central Provinces rainfall was light to heavy. According to a cablegram received Sept. 15 from the International Institute of Agriculture, prospects in Punjab were good, although too much rain and floods had caused some damage. Condition reported for Sept. 1 was 94% of normal. No similar report is available for September last year, but on Aug. 1 the condition in Punjab was 101% of normal. Production in that Province last year is estimated at 713,000 bales of 478 pounds.

In Anglo-Egyptian Sudan the Gash River floods were satisfactory the last of August and about 7,000 acres in the Kassala Delta were sufficiently watered, according to unofficial reports. If the flood continues equally good in August it is expected that there will be 25,000 acres under cotton in the above region. In Uganda, Eastern Provinces, cotton planting is finished; the area sown does not differ much from that of last season and the weather has been generally favorable. Planting in Buganda Province is progressing favorably. Uganda is the largest cotton producer in Africa with the exception of Egypt, the production last year being 136,000 bales of 478 pounds. The crop in northern Porto Rico, most of which is Sea Island, is forecast at 3,500 bales of 478 pounds, compared with 1,930 bales last season. Planting was well under way the last of August in south Porto Rico.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that, with the exception of those sections in the path of the hurricane, the weather during the week has been generally favorable for cotton in all parts of the cotton belt. Rainfall as a rule has been light and scattered.

TEXAS.—During the past week fields in this State have been dry and the weather has been very favorable for picking cotton. Labor, however, is hard to get. The prospect looks very good for a big Texas cotton crop.

Mobile, Ala.—The hurricane followed by heavy rains was damaging for open cotton for a hundred miles from here. Interior loss is estimated high, but details are not available.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Texas	1 day	0.16 in.	high 92	low 78	mean 85
Abilene	dry	---	high 100	low 66	mean 83
Brenham	dry	---	high 94	low 68	mean 81
Brownsville	2 days	0.04 in.	high 98	low 72	mean 85
Corpus Christi	dry	---	high 100	low 74	mean 87
Dallas	dry	---	high 100	low 60	mean 80
Henrietta	dry	---	high 100	low 60	mean 80
Kerrville	dry	---	high 102	low 56	mean 79
Lampasas	dry	---	high 102	low 60	mean 81
Longview	dry	---	high 100	low 66	mean 83
Luling	dry	---	high 98	low 64	mean 81
Nacogdoches	dry	---	high 94	low 66	mean 80
Palestine	1 day	0.48 in.	high 94	low 68	mean 81
Paris	dry	---	high 96	low 70	mean 83
San Antonio	1 day	0.02 in.	high 102	low 70	mean 86

	Rain. Rainfall.		Thermometer			
	Day	In.	High	Low	Mean	Mean
Weatherford		dry	high 92	low 60	mean 76	
Ardmore, Okla.		dry	high 104	low 65	mean 85	
Altus		dry	high 100	low 62	mean 81	
Muskogee		dry	high 95	low 64	mean 80	
Oklahoma City		dry	high 97	low 66	mean 82	
Brinkley, Ark.	1 day	0.07 in.	high 95	low 65	mean 80	
Eldorado	1 day	0.04 in.	high 95	low 67	mean 81	
Little Rock	2 days	0.17 in.	high 92	low 71	mean 82	
Pine Bluff	1 day	0.04 in.	high 98	low 66	mean 82	
Alexandria, La.	3 days	3.36 in.	high 94	low 70	mean 82	
Amite	2 days	1.62 in.	high 94	low 66	mean 80	
New Orleans	4 days	5.03 in.	high 94	low 68	mean 81	
Shreveport	1 day	0.58 in.	high 98	low 64	mean 81	
Okolona, Miss.	2 days	0.15 in.	high 98	low 64	mean 81	
Columbus		dry	high 98	low 64	mean 81	
Greenwood	1 day	0.20 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82	
Vicksburg	4 days	1.31 in.	high 93	low 71	mean 82	
Mobile, Ala.	5 days	10.23 in.	high 91	low 69	mean 78	
Decatur		dry	high 91	low 70	mean 81	
Montgomery	5 days	5.13 in.	high 90	low 71	mean 81	
Selma	3 days	2.68 in.	high 90	low 70	mean 80	
Gainesville, Fla.	5 days	2.51 in.	high 90	low 65	mean 78	
Madison	6 days	1.20 in.	high 92	low 71	mean 79	
Savannah, Ga.	7 days	5.74 in.	high 85	low 70	mean 78	
Athens	3 days	0.37 in.	high 90	low 66	mean 78	
Augusta	2 days	0.08 in.	high 91	low 71	mean 81	
Columbus	2 days	2.08 in.	high 92	low 70	mean 79	
Charleston, S. C.	3 days	0.59 in.	high 84	low 73	mean 79	
Greenwood		dry	high 95	low 61	mean 78	
Columbia		dry		low 64		
Conway		dry	high 90	low 63	mean 77	
Charlotte, N. C.		dry	high 90	low 60	mean 75	
Newbern	1 day	0.65 in.	high 91	low 58	mean 75	
Weldon		dry	high 92	low 58	mean 75	
Memphis	1 day	0.02 in.	high 93	low 69	mean 81	

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:

	Sept. 24 1926.	Sept. 25 1925.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	2.0
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	2.4
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	6.5
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	16.3
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	5.5

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.
June 25	52,469	14,161	35,721	1,031,182	234,869	266,789	8,654	nil	18,859
July 2	53,126	18,514	21,783	987,093	213,754	256,315	9,037	nil	11,309
9	37,067	18,245	21,177	952,467	195,424	243,812	2,407	11,886	17,864
16	36,832	22,774	35,877	917,992	183,524	225,799	4,081	8,454	20,709
23	37,161	21,742	40,508	884,912	170,236	206,000	19,663	35,388	11,719
30	85,222	45,020	35,170	819,353	160,605	182,649			
Aug. 6	53,306	41,207	13,558	542,251	150,547	183,738	22,217	31,149	14,747
13	73,869	43,254	49,702	522,013	164,545	158,959	53,631	67,252	24,923
20	87,880	93,836	35,004	511,748	191,601	164,199	77,615	120,892	40,244
27	113,195	148,566	113,414	496,117	270,980	186,946	97,800	227,659	136,161
Sept. 3	187,891	250,017	165,180	488,127	357,322	224,720	179,901	336,359	202,954
10	208,801	211,619	222,121	490,340	525,502	306,499	211,014	379,797	304,900
17	330,427	358,650	276,466	533,435	643,994	415,060	373,572	473,097	384,961
24	410,234	325,890	291,228	631,415	872,105	544,092	503,164	554,001	420,260

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1926 are 1,566,891 bales; in 1925 were 2,180,206 bales, and in 1924 were 1,529,363 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 410,234 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 503,164 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 97,930 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 554,001 bales and for 1924 they were 420,260 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable, also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1926.		1925.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Sept. 17	3,423,578	3,646,413	3,027,787	2,342,887
Visible supply Aug. 1		2,071,097	651,209	2,867,940
American in sight to Sept. 24	602,571	121,000	10,000	117,000
Bombay receipts to Sept. 23	7,000	6,000	6,000	89,000
Other India ships to Sept. 23	6,000	59,000	37,000	98,200
Alexandria receipts to Sept. 22	23,000	160,000	40,000	184,000
Other supply to Sept. 22 *b	35,000			
Total supply	4,097,149	6,107,910	3,771,996	5,699,027
Deduct				
Visible supply Sept. 24	3,789,181	3,789,181	3,427,676	3,427,676
Total takings Sept. 24— <i>a</i>	307,968	2,318,729	344,320	2,271,351
Of which American	220,968	1,633,329	255,220	1,629,151
Of which other	87,000	685,400	89,000	642,200

* embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. *a* This total embraces the estimated consumption by Southern mills, 714,000 bales in 1926 and 740,000 in 1925—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 1,604,729 bales in 1926 and 1,531,351 bales in 1925, of which 919,329 and 889,151 bales American. *b* Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Sept. 23. Receipts at—	1926.		1925.		1924.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	7,000	121,000	10,000	117,000	6,000	52,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1926		5,000		5,000	1,000	44,000	128,000	173,000
1925	2,000	6,000	1,000	9,000	6,000	67,000	73,000	146,000
1924		1,000	6,000	7,000	13,000	22,000	119,000	154,000
Other India—								
1926	1,000	5,000		6,000	6,000	53,000		59,000
1925	3,000	3,000		6,000	22,000	67,000		89,000
1924	1,000	3,000		4,000	4,000	21,000		25,000
Total All—								
1926	1,000	10,000		11,000	7,000	97,000	128,000	232,000
1925	5,000	9,000	1,000	15,000	28,000	134,000	73,000	235,000
1924	1,000	4,000	6,000	11,000	17,000	43,000	119,000	170,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 3,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 4,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 3,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, September 22.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	115,000	185,000	260,000
Since Aug. 1	248,427	491,274	655,557

Exports (bales)—	This Week.		Since Aug. 1.		This Week.		Since Aug. 1.	
	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool		20,223		7,496	6,750	16,837		16,837
To Manchester, &c.	4,000	16,750	3,000	8,097	4,250	15,870		15,870
To Continent and India	3,000	26,868	3,500	21,018	3,500	23,249		23,249
To America		7,430		5,781		1,615		1,615
Total exports	7,000	71,271	6,500	42,392	14,500	57,571		57,571

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Sept. 22 were 115,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 7,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is easy. Manufacturers cannot sell. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

	1926.			1925.		
	32s Cop Twist.	8½ Lbs. Shrtngs. Common to Fines.	Cotton Midd'g Up'ds	32s Cop Twist.	8½ Lbs. Shrtngs. Common to Fines.	Cotton Midd'g Up'ds
June 25	14½ a 16¼	13 1 a 13 4	9.56	20 a 21½	16 2 a 16 4	13.53
July 2	14½ a 16¼	13 1 a 13 4	9.26	20 a 21½	16 2 a 16 4	13.35
9	14½ a 16¼	13 0 a 13 2	9.60	20 a 21½	16 3 a 16 5	13.67
16	14½ a 16¼	13 0 a 13 2	9.92	20 a 21½	16 3 a 16 6	13.92
23	14½ a 16¼	13 0 a 13 2	9.93	20 a 21½	16 3 a 16 6	14.08
30	15 a 16¾	13 0 a 13 2	10.02	20½ a 21½	16 4 a 16 7	13.63
Aug. 6	15 a 16¾	13 0 a 13 2	9.74	20½ a 21½	16 3 a 16 6	13.35
13	14½ a 16¼	13 0 a 13 2	9.35	20 a 21	16 3 a 16 6	12.93
20	15½ a 16¾	13 2 a 13 4	9.58	20 a 21	16 3 a 16 7	13.07
27	15½ a 16¾	13 2 a 13 4	10.17	20 a 21	16 2 a 16 6	12.60
Sept. 3	15½ a 17	13 4 a 13 6	10.07	19½ a 20½	15 5 a 16 1	12.51
10	15½ a 17	13 4 a 13 6	10.16	20 a 21	15 4 a 16 0	13.01
17	15½ a 17	13 4 a 13 6	9.52	20½ a 22	15 6 a 16 2	13.57
24	15 a 16¾	13 3 a 13 5	8.43	20½ a 22	15 6 a 16 2	12.91

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 118,697 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Bales.
NEW YORK—To Liverpool—Sept. 17—Laconia, 620; Baltic, 75	695
To Havre—Sept. 17—Waukegan, 450	450
Sept. 21—Rochambeau, 1,815	2,265
To Rotterdam—Sept. 17—Sommeledijk, 200	200
To Bremen—Sept. 18—Berlin, 1,967	1,967
Sept. 20—Luetzow, 439	3,453
Sept. 21—President Harding, 1,047	746
To Genoa—Sept. 20—Conte Rosso, 746	98
To Antwerp—Sept. 17—Belgenland, 98	100
To Copenhagen—Sept. 22—United States, 100	397
To Barcelona—Sept. 22—Hektor, 397	800
To Oporto—Sept. 22—Hektor, 800	200
To Lisbon—Sept. 22—Hektor, 200	200
NEW ORLEANS—To Rotterdam—Sept. 15—Bayou Chico, 100	100
To Hamburg—Sept. 15—Oakwood, 65	4,355
To Bremen—Sept. 15—Oakwood, 4,355	2,322
To Genoa—Sept. 15—Monginevro, 2,322	418
To Liverpool—Sept. 17—Duquesne, 418	188
To Manchester—Sept. 17—Duquesne, 188	4,364
To Japan—Sept. 20—Santos Maru, 4,364	150
To Gothenburg—Sept. 22—Braeholm, 150	2,105
To Venice—Sept. 22—Caterina Gerolomich, 2,105	200
To Trieste—Sept. 22—Caterina Gerolomich, 200	100
To Port Barrios—Sept. 18—Saramacca, 100	17,222
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Sept. 17—Medlan, 3,686	350
Traveler, 7,844; West Harshaw, 5,692	2,435
To Manchester—Sept. 17—Medlan, 150	400
Harshaw, 200	200
To Venice—Sept. 17—Laconia, 2,435	400
To Naples—Sept. 17—Laconia, 400	200
To Trieste—Sept.	

SAVANNAH—To Bremen—Sept. 20—Frogner, 9,073	Bales.	9,073
To Hamburg—Sept. 20—Frogner, 20		20
CHARLESTON—To Bremen—Sept. 22—Grete, 5,042		5,042
MOBILE—To Barcelona—Sept. 15—Jomar, 53		53
To Liverpool—Sept. 15—Maiden Creek, 3,522		3,522
To Manchester—Sept. 15—Maiden Creek, 200		200
To Bremen—Sept. 15—Hastings, 2,776		2,776
BALTIMORE—To Bremen—Sept. 22—Lorain, 52		52
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Sept. 24—Rhode Island, 550		550
SAN FRANCISCO—To China—Sept. 14—West Prospect, 225		225
To Japan—Sept. 18—President Lincoln, 2,103		2,103
Total		118,097

COTTON FREIGHT.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand-ard.		High Density.	Stand-ard.		High Density.	Stand-ard.
Liverpool	.30c.	.45c.	Oslo	.50c.	.60c.	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:

	Sept. 3.	Sept. 10.	Sept. 17.	Sept. 24.
Sales of the week	31,000	46,000	43,000	40,000
Of which American	13,000	17,000	21,000	16,000
Actual exports	1,000	3,000	2,000	2,000
Forwarded	37,000	40,000	54,000	46,000
Total stocks	820,000	804,000	773,000	771,000
Of which American	415,000	399,000	372,000	370,000
Total imports	24,000	48,000	16,000	53,000
Of which American	7,000	19,000	6,000	24,000
Amount afloat	155,000	145,000	195,000	189,000
Of which American	52,000	49,000	107,000	107,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.	More demand.	Steady.	Quiet.
Mid. Up'ds	9.42	9.37	9.15	9.09	9.03	8.43
Sales	5,000	6,000	6,000	10,000	10,000	5,000
Futures.	Steady	Steady	Quiet	Steady	Q't but st'y	Steady.
Market opened	3 to 6 pts. decline.	5 to 8 pts. decline.	1 pt. adv. to 6 pts. dec.	1 to 2 pts. decline.	1 pt. adv. to 3 pts. dec.	9 to 13 pts. decrease.
Market, 4 P. M.	Steady	Quiet	Q't but st'y	Barely st'y	Easy	Steady.
	1 to 3 pts. decline.	14 to 17 pts. decline.	1 pt. adv. to 5 pts. dec.	4 to 5 pts. decline.	37 to 50 pts. decline.	20 to 25 pts. dec.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Sept. 18 to Sept. 24.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12¼ p. m.	12½ 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.
September	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
October	8.88	8.82	8.71	8.65	8.66	8.64	8.61	8.58	8.11	7.98	7.86	7.86
November	8.79	8.73	8.62	8.58	8.59	8.57	8.54	8.51	8.04	7.92	7.80	7.80
December	8.69	8.64	8.54	8.52	8.52	8.50	8.48	8.45	8.00	7.90	7.79	7.79
January	8.73	8.67	8.58	8.56	8.56	8.55	8.52	8.49	8.04	7.94	7.83	7.83
February	8.77	8.71	8.62	8.60	8.60	8.58	8.55	8.53	8.09	7.98	7.88	7.88
March	8.78	8.72	8.63	8.61	8.61	8.59	8.56	8.54	8.11	8.00	7.88	7.88
April	8.84	8.78	8.70	8.68	8.67	8.65	8.62	8.61	8.18	8.08	7.97	7.97
May	8.88	8.81	8.73	8.72	8.71	8.69	8.66	8.66	8.25	8.14	8.04	8.04
June	8.86	8.78	8.71	8.71	8.71	8.69	8.66	8.66	8.26	8.17	8.06	8.06
July	8.86	8.78	8.71	8.71	8.71	8.69	8.66	8.66	8.27	8.16	8.07	8.07
August	8.81	8.73	8.67	8.68	8.68	8.66	8.63	8.64	8.26	8.14	8.05	8.05

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Sept. 24 1926.

Flour has kept to the familiar rut. Trading has been light. Prices have been steady. Buyers stick to their old policy. They buy only to supply immediate wants, certainly for no long time ahead. Export trade has been small, so far as can be made out. The scarcity of nearby freight room prevents big business. Most of the movement from Atlantic and Gulf ports is on old sales. Clearances last week from New York were 154,469 sacks, against 66,136 sacks for the previous week. To-day trade at the West was dull in some cases, only fair in others.

Wheat advanced after some early decline on better weather and heavy liquidation. Traders sold for a decline. A big increase in the United States visible supply was expected, that is 4,000,000; Chicago talked of a reduction. It proved to be an increase of 4,377,000 bushels, against an increase of 3,235,000 in the same week last year. The total has now mounted to 72,130,000 bushels, against 40,967,000 a year ago. Export business was disappointing. It was only 200,000 to 300,000 bushels on the 18th and 100,000 to 200,000 on the 20th, with 500,000 bushels on the 21st, which latter was not so bad, considering the scarcity of ocean freight room. Exporters seemed a trifle nervous with so much crop complaint coming from Canada and other trade interests snapping at ocean freight room. It was said that charters had been made for 2,000,000 bushels, including 400,000 bushels at the Gulf. It was supposed that a large Wall Street operator was buying and supporting the market on the 20th. Cash markets were steady. Politics, it was said, had something to do with the buying. Rains were feared in Canada. Yet the Northwest sold freely on increased new wheat receipts. The big increase in the visible supply had a more or less sobering effect. Canadian farmers, it was declared, would market 40,000,000 bushels in the

next two weeks. On the 23d inst. prices advanced on reports of heavy snow storms in Canada's grain belt, wheat sprouting in the shock, with a need of several weeks of dry weather. A rather long period of good weather is said to be needed to bring about big Canadian deliveries. Estimates were also current that there is a deficiency of 66,000,000 bushels between world import requirements and the probable quantities of wheat available from export countries this year. Export business, however, was slow. Argentine wheat shipments were estimated at 444,000 bushels, with an official revised estimate of acreage 19,100,000. Minneapolis stocks increased 1,050,000 bushels for the week. Winnipeg receipts were 1,338, of which 971 were graded No. 3 Northern or better. Liverpool closed steady, but the tendency was easier on larger Russian sales and the prospects of an early ending of the coal strike. As some view the market, with the stock steadily increasing and the Canadian movement promising to be larger before long and with export business hampered by scarcity of freight room, bullish arguments lack point and prices tend downward. Chicago wired: "From a cash standpoint there is a heavy load of cash wheat hanging over the market, with prospects of liberal marketings in our own Northwest and in Canada and probably increased marketings in the Southwest very shortly, and it will take constant demand, both domestic and export, to absorb these offerings. There is some talk of Eastern buying in wheat to stabilize values, and if this should develop in volume it will have a strengthening effect." Liverpool said: "Reports of crops and supplies in Russia and Danubian countries are anything but favorable. Russia is, of course, the more important grower, and we regret to say that crop news and supply prospects have greatly deteriorated in the last two months or so. The weather has been more or less unfavorable for the spring crops, which in some parts have not even ripened, and offers are put forward sparingly. We can be sure that no good exports will be made if the spring crop is poor. The Danubian crops also suffered from the rains, and they are slow to move—at least the shipping movement is slow, but the frontier trade may be more active. Germany has had much better weather, but it came too late to prevent damage to quality. Some estimates of the French crop are higher, and all seem agreed that the quality of this year is much better than that of the 1925 harvest, so that the flour yield is reckoned as 3 to 4½% greater." The cables early in the week were rather disappointing. The weather was favorable then in the spring wheat belt. The receipts were larger, with a total of 1,504 cars at Winnipeg, of which 1,200 cars graded contract. Country marketings in Canada on the 18th inst. were 2,748,000 bushels. Minneapolis wheat stocks increased in two days 500,000 bushels. The passage and world's shipments totals were slightly larger than were expected. Australian crop reports were very favorable. Wheat stocks in all positions in Chicago increased 40,000 bushels last week. Contract stocks in public elevators increased 310,000 bushels last week. To-day prices closed 1½c. lower at Chicago, ¼ to 1½c. lower here, 1½ to 1¾c. lower at Minneapolis and 1½ to 2c. lower at Winnipeg. Liverpool was cool towards any advance. Export trade was not good. The sales were estimated at only 200,000 to 300,000 bushels, mostly domestic, though including a little Manitoba. Of late Europe has been cancelling some of its purchases. Naturally, that fact has been a damper. Ocean freights, too, have been scarce and tending upward, as the British coal strike may continue. Atlantic premiums have been somewhat weaker of late, though at the Gulf the premiums have been very firm. Hard wheat premium at Montreal has eased. There were snows in the Northwest and Canada temperatures were much lower. But Winnipeg's response to this was not reassuring to the bulls. Canadian country marketings yesterday were said to have reached as high as 4,000,000 bushels. The forecast indicated better weather coming in Canada. There was a good deal of selling on that. There was not much demand except to cover. Cash markets were lower. The flour trade at best was only fair. In some cases it was poor. Domestic receipts were not large; far from it. But neither was the demand. No big buying came from New York operators. This of itself caused more or less selling. Aside from North America, the world shipments were small. Bradstreet's total of 9,559,000 bushels are nearly twice as large as that of a year ago. North American exports to-day, however, are up to 109,000,000 bushels for the season, or nearly 40,000,000 bushels more than the total a year ago. The world's exports this week will probably approximate 11,000,000 bushels. Crop news from Argentina and Australia was favorable. At the end there was considerable covering by shorts. New York sold 100,000 bushels in one lot for export towards the close. The chief drawback was the weakness at Winnipeg, coupled with the large Canadian movement. Final prices show, however, a rise for the week of ½ to 1½c.

CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC WHEAT AT NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September	cts. 138	138	140	140	140½	139
December	140½	140½	143½	143½	143½	142½
May	145½	145½	148½	148½	148½	148

CLOSING PRICES AT NEW YORK FOR WHEAT IN BOND.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	cts. 140½	140½	143½	143	145½	143½
May	142	142	145	145	146	144½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat. 144 1/2	Mon. 145 3/4	Tues. 149	Wed. 149	Thurs. 149 3/4	Fri. 148
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery in elevator	Sat. 133 3/4	Mon. 133 3/4	Tues. 136	Wed. 135 3/4	Thurs. 136 3/4	Fri. 134 3/4
December delivery in elevator	136	136 3/4	138 3/4	138 3/4	139 3/4	137 3/4
May delivery in elevator	141	141 3/4	143 3/4	144	144 3/4	143 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

October delivery in elevator	Sat. 134 3/4	Mon. 135 3/4	Tues. 138 3/4	Wed. 138 3/4	Thurs. 140 3/4	Fri. 138 3/4
December delivery in elevator	131 3/4	132	134 3/4	134 3/4	135 3/4	134 3/4
May delivery in elevator	136 3/4	136 3/4	139 3/4	139 3/4	139 3/4	138 3/4

Indian corn declined, owing to favorable weather, absence of frost early in the week and expectations of larger receipts. Liquidation capped the climax. On the 21st, it is true, prices rallied with wheat. Mostly the rise was due to reports of a cool wave spreading in the Central West and likely to make itself felt on the 22d inst. The crop is late and the market is therefore rather unusually sensitive to weather reports with any hint of frost. The United States visible supply decreased last week 1,065,000 bushels, against 1,260,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 17,190,000 bushels, against only 5,130,000 a year ago. On the 20th inst. September and May prices touched the lowest of the season. World's exports last week were 4,245,000 bushels, against 3,706,000 in the same week last year. Lincoln wired: "Fields have a chance of making a crop; need dry weather and winds to mature it. Cash offerings meagre." Chicago wired on the 20th: "The action of the market is more disappointing. Prices have shown little or no response to stimulating news and speculative holdings are being steadily liquidated. Some recovery, however, seems in order after the sharp decline of the past week." Bears were active sellers. Further liquidation took place. Buying power was poor. The demand came mostly from shorts taking profits and also from holders of bids. The weather and crop news was more favorable. Producers offered old corn more freely. There was very little outside interest. On the 23d prices advanced on threatening weather, including a forecast of freezing temperatures in North Dakota and Minnesota. Stocks at Chicago decreased 773,000 bushels last week. Contract stocks decreased 259,000 bushels. Weather conditions in Iowa were bad, but there was little complaint early in the week from the rest of the belt and country offerings of old corn were rather large. To-day prices ended 1c. net lower. Fluctuations were quite irregular, however. Early in the day there was an advance. Killing frost prevailed over the northern rim of the belt. Also, the forecast was for colder weather or frost in the most productive States. Still, this kind of talk has been discounted. That was evident. The demand fell off. Hedge sales blocked the way of an advance, without counting other factors. Liquidation was quite general. The country, it was estimated, sold about 250,000 bushels of old corn to arrive at the advance early in the day, when prices were up 1/4 to 3/4c. Receipts were only moderate. But the same is true of the cash demand. Some insist that most of the corn crop is safe from frost. Some experienced men, however, are not so sure of that. They fear that present frosty weather may cause a sharp decrease in the crop. Prolonged rains prevented the plant from maturing, in some sections. But on the whole the trend was weaker. Final prices show a decline for the week, indeed, of 1 1/2 to 2 3/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 93 3/4	Mon. 92 3/4	Tues. 93 3/4	Wed. 94 3/4	Thurs. 94	Fri. 94 3/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery in elevator	Sat. 75 3/4	Mon. 73 3/4	Tues. 73 3/4	Wed. 74 3/4	Thurs. 74 3/4	Fri. 73 3/4
December delivery in elevator	81	79 3/4	79 3/4	80	80 3/4	80 3/4
May delivery in elevator	87 3/4	86	86 1/2	86 3/4	88	87 3/4

Oats declined at one time on prospective larger receipts and good weather, but later rallied with other grain. An absence of frost had a tendency to depress the price. Weakness in corn also had some effect. The United States visible supply increased last week 711,000 bushels, or about the same as in the same week last year. The total is only 48,135,000 bushels, against 63,919,000 bushels a year ago. But speculation has not been active. It lacks vivifying features. Deliveries in Chicago on September contracts on the 20th inst. were 42,000 bushels. Montana crop is 17,420,000 bushels, or an increase over 1925 of 3,065,000 bushels. Perhaps this is a suggestive straw as far as it goes. Stocks at Chicago decreased 91,000 bushels last week. On the 23d inst. prices advanced, owing to damage to grain in shock both north and south of the Canadian line. Prices sagged for a time with corn. Trade was dull. Commission houses were divided as to the outlook. Receipts were smaller. Visible accumulations are slower. The cash demand, however, was persistently listless. To-day prices ended unchanged to 1/4c. lower. That was in sympathy with the decline in other grain. Profit taking was the rule. There was less buying on the weather map, although it was not good at the Northwest by any means. In Canada it was threatening. Temperatures of 6 to 28 degrees in the West were unusual for this time of the year. Moreover, the receipts were little better than moderate. Under the circumstances there was no great decline. On the other hand, the market was held

back by the action of other grain. Final prices, however, show a rise for the week of 3/8 to 1c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat. 50	Mon. 50 1/2	Tues. 51 1/2	Wed. 52	Thurs. 53	Fri. 53
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery in elevator	Sat. 39 1/2	Mon. 38 3/4	Tues. 40	Wed. 40	Thurs. 40 1/4	Fri. 41
December delivery in elevator	42 3/4	42	42 3/4	43 1/4	43 3/4	43 3/4
May delivery in elevator	47	46 3/4	47 3/4	47 3/4	48	47 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

October delivery in elevator	Sat. 51 1/2	Mon. 51 3/4	Tues. 54 1/4	Wed. 54 3/4	Thurs. 56 3/4	Fri. 57
December delivery in elevator	48 1/2	48 3/4	49 3/4	50 1/2	51 3/4	51 3/4
May delivery in elevator	51 3/4	51 3/4	52 3/4	53 3/4	54 3/4	53 3/4

Rye fluctuated within rather narrow limits early in the week, declining at times with wheat only to advance when wheat took an upward turn. The United States visible supply last week increased 217,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,072,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 10,174,000 bushels, against 6,645,000 a year ago. German advices estimated the rye crop at 20,000,000 bushels below last year's. One report said the German crop was 7,497,000 metric tons, against 8,063,000 last year. There had been some German selling of rye for export. Stocks in Chicago in all positions increased 59,000 bushels. To-day prices ended 1c. lower, owing mainly to the decline in wheat. But apart from that the export demand was poor and general trade was light. Partial offsets were the cold weather at the Northwest hampering the marketing of the crop, and the fact that there was very little hedge selling. Still, in the end, the price declined with other grain. Final prices show a decline for September of 1/4c. and a rise in other months of 3/8 to 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery in elevator	Sat. 94	Mon. 94	Tues. 95	Wed. 95	Thurs. 95 3/4	Fri. 94 3/4
December delivery in elevator	98 3/4	98 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	100 3/4	99 3/4
May delivery in elevator	104 3/4	104 3/4	105 3/4	106 3/4	106 3/4	105 3/4

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.	
Wheat, New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red f.o.b. new.....148	No. 2 white.....53
No. 1 Northern.....157	No. 3 white.....51 3/4
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.....153	Rye, New York—
Corn, New York—	No. 2 f.o.b.....107 3/4
No. 2 yellow (new) N. Y.....94 1/2	Barley, New York—
No. 3 yellow (new).....92 1/2	Malting.....84 1/4 @ 86 1/4

FLOUR.	
Spring patents.....\$7 50 @ \$7 85	Rye flour patents.....\$5 90 @ \$6 25
Clears, first spring.....7 00 @ 7 50	Semolina No. 2, lb.....5
Soft winter straights.....6 10 @ 6 60	Oats goods.....2 65 @ 2 70
Hard winter straights.....7 10 @ 7 60	Corn flour.....2 40 @ 2 50
Hard winter patents.....7 60 @ 8 00	Barley goods.....
Hard winter clears.....6 30 @ 6 75	Coarse.....3 75
Fancy Minn. patents.....9 00 @ 9 75	Fancy pearl Nos. 2, 3 and 4.....7 00
City mills.....9 10 @ 9 70	

For other tables usually given here, see page 1596.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED SEPT. 21.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Sept. 21, follows:

The outstanding weather feature of the week was the severe hurricane that laid waste many Southeastern coast localities the last half of the period. This storm was reported by the Weather Bureau on Tuesday morning, Sept. 14, as central northeast of St. Kitts, W. I., and moving west-northwestward. Thence its path was directly toward extreme southern Florida, being reported successively on the following days as north of St. Thomas on the 15th, between Porto Rico and Turks Island on the 16th, and nearly south of San Salvador on the 17th. On the morning of the 18th it was approaching the extreme southeastern Florida coast as one of the severest storms of record, and moved thence across southern Florida, through the extreme northeastern portion of the Gulf of Mexico, and passed to land again on the 20th over the northwestern Florida and southern Alabama coasts. Extremely heavy losses of life and property resulted from the winds of hurricane force in its path, but the full extent of the damage and loss of life had not been ascertained at the close of the week.

On the 15th-16th rains were again widespread from the lower Missouri and Ohio rivers northward, being substantial to heavy in some localities, and there were excessive falls reported locally in the middle Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys on the morning of the 18th. In the South the week was generally fair, except in the Southeast, and fair weather was the rule in the Atlantic coast area and from the Plains States westward, except in northern sections.

In the Northwestern and Northeastern States temperature changes during the week were rather marked. At the beginning of the period cool weather for the season prevailed in these areas, but there was a rapid reaction to warmer and generally fair weather by Thursday, the 16th, temperatures were above normal in practically all sections east of the Rocky Mountains. By the 17th much cooler weather again prevailed in the Northwestern States, followed by warmer toward the close of the week. In the South temperatures continued above normal throughout nearly the entire period, but it was persistently cool in the far western States.

Chart I shows that the temperatures for the week, as a whole, were above normal over much the greater portion of the country. It was especially warm in the interior valleys, where the weekly means ranged from 6 deg. to as much as 12 deg. above the seasonal average, and they were mostly 3 deg. to 6 deg. above in the South. In the Atlantic Coast States about normal warmth prevailed, but in the far Northwest and more western sections it was decidedly cooler with the temperatures averaging from 6 deg. to as much as 14 deg. subnormal in some parts.

Chart II shows that rainfall for the week, resulting from the tropical storm, was excessive in Southeastern districts, extending northward into the southern portions of Georgia and Alabama. The weekly totals were substantial to heavy also in the upper Mississippi and parts of the middle and lower Missouri valleys and portions of the Lake region. Elsewhere rainfall was very light to only moderate, with large areas of the Southwest and Atlantic Coast States receiving little or no moisture.

Over a considerable area in the central-northern portion of the country, extending from the greater part of the States bordering on the north bank of the Ohio River, and northern Missouri, northward, and including the eastern portions of Nebraska and South Dakota and much of North Dakota, the continued wet weather was unfavorable for fall work and for maturing corn. The completion of small grain threshing was further delayed, and there was considerable flood damage to crops on lowlands in parts of this area. Elsewhere east of the Rocky Mountains the week was generally favorable, except that great damage was done to crops, especially to open cotton, citrus fruit, and fall truck, in the sections of the Southeast visited by the tropical storm.

The warm and generally fair weather in most of the Great Plains, the southern portion of the interior valleys, and the middle Atlantic area was especially favorable for maturing corn and for fall operations. More rain is needed, however, locally in the south Atlantic area and in the Southwest. Light to heavy frosts in the central-northern districts caused some damage to immature vegetation, but the harm was not extensive, being confined mostly to late garden truck. The frost occurred at about the usual date, as at this time, in an average year, killing frost has overspread

the northern portions of Wisconsin and Minnesota, northwestern Nebraska, western South Dakota, and practically all of North Dakota and Montana; also much of the interior of the Northeastern States.]

SMALL GRAINS.—Frequent rains were again unfavorable for late threshing in the area from the Lake region west to the Rocky Mountains, and outstanding small grain in shock suffered further deterioration. In the Great Plains area, however, the soil is in generally good condition for plowing and seeding winter wheat, except in a few localities in the east where it was too wet. Seeding made good progress throughout the western Plains, and has begun as far south as Texas. This work is well along in western Kansas and made good progress in Oklahoma. In the central and eastern portions of the Wheat Belt work was delayed by wet soil, although in much of the Ohio Valley area the latter part of the week was more favorable. In the East, seeding was beginning as far south as Maryland and West Virginia.

Threshing flax was delayed in Central-Northern States. The warm, sunshiny weather was favorable for grain sorghums in the southern Great Plains. Harvesting and threshing rice were favored in Louisiana and Texas, and the weather was excellent for this crop in Arkansas.

CORN.—In the middle Atlantic area and south of the Ohio River and central Missouri conditions were favorable for maturing corn, while from the north-central Great Plains southward the mostly fair and generally warm weather hastened maturity. Elsewhere the weather was mostly unfavorable because of too much rain and cloudy weather, though the high temperatures were helpful throughout the interior valley districts.

The bulk of the crop is safe from frost in Kansas, about half is out of danger in Nebraska, and to the northward most fields have matured. Much corn requires about two weeks of favorable weather in Ohio, and progress toward maturity was slow in the northern portions of Indiana, Illinois and Missouri and also in Iowa.

COTTON.—Except for the destructive storm in the southeastern portion of the cotton belt, the generally warm and mostly fair weather that prevailed during the week was favorable in most districts. There was very little interruption to picking and this work progressed rapidly in practically all sections, except in the southeast toward the close of the week.

The cotton is opening fast in the Carolinas, with fair prospects for a top crop in some sections. In northern Georgia, however, the top crop is being destroyed by army worms, but early plants opened rapidly in all sections of the State. Reports on storm damage were meagre at the close of the week, but open cotton undoubtedly suffered severely in the sections covered by the storm, though this was probably confined to a rather limited area, including Florida and the southern portions of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

The weather was favorable in Tennessee and generally so in Louisiana, but in the latter State development of late cotton was practically ended in the northwest because of weevil and worm activity. In Arkansas the mostly dry and generally warm weather favored fair to very good progress, but weevil and worms were reported still active.

In Oklahoma the warmth and dryness were favorable for maturing the crop, and picking made good progress, but boll, leaf and army worms were active and causing much damage in the eastern and south-central portions. Texas progress ranged from poor to fair, with still considerable complaint of insect damage in many sections and with poor prospects for a top crop. Ideal weather prevailed, however, for field work, and picking advanced as rapidly as available labor permitted.

The weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures moderate; rainfall light. Week favorable for farm work and good progress in cutting corn and tobacco. Favorable for curing tobacco, and corn maturing rapidly. Ground becoming hard for plowing. Pastures and meadows good. Unfavorable for cotton. Apples good to excellent.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Some rains in portions of west; otherwise week rather warm and dry. Favorable for harvesting crops; much hay and fodder saved in good condition. Favorable for cotton; opening rapidly in east and south; good progress in picking; progress and condition fair to very good and some excellent; scattered weevil and other insect damage in east and south; heavy in some localities. Rain needed for late corn, truck and to soften soil for plowing.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Sweet potato and peanut harvests progressing. Cotton in northwest and late corn, cane, and other late crops generally need rain. Progress and condition of cotton in northwest fair, with plants vigorous and still blooming and setting bolls fairly well, but complaints of worms and caterpillars; elsewhere crop practically made with fair top crop in sight, but picking rather slow.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Warm, dry, sunny weather most of week quite favorable and harvesting crops advanced rapidly. Good prospects for top crop of cotton in northern half being ruined by army worms, which are stripping plants of foliage and preventing growth of late bolls in over twenty counties; crop opening rapidly in all sections and picking and ginning rushed; damage by excessive rains in southwest probably considerable. Pecans slightly injured by high winds.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Fore part of week mostly favorable, except too wet in southern and portions of central divisions. Last days had heavy rains throughout section incident to passing of hurricane westward over and much citrus in southern and portions of central divisions. Estimate of property damage millions by hurricane in Miami and other cities in path of storm; deaths probably 1,000 or more.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Reports from south incomplete; weather favorable, except at close when heavy to torrential rain and destructive winds in south caused incalculable damage to open cotton. Crops generally did well in north and were doing well in south until advent of tropical storm. Progress and condition of cotton mostly fair to good in north; was mostly fair in south until storm; crop nearly all open in south and opening rapidly in north; picking made good progress in north and also in south first part of week; ginning good progress; leaf worms active generally and damage slight to considerable in central and north portions. Mobile: No deaths nor substantial buildings demolished in Mobile. General damage by wind and rain hundreds of thousands of dollars. Outside Mobile unheard from, but damage to crops great. Record barometer 28.78 inches. Highest wind velocity, 94 miles an hour.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Mostly light rains, generally at beginning and close, but extreme southeastern reports missing. Cotton opening rapidly; fair progress in picking and ginning. Progress of late corn mostly fair. Probably hurricane damage at close of week in extreme south and southeast. Progress of pastures mostly poor.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Week generally favorable for most crops. Development of late cotton practically ended in northwest account weevil and worms; opening rapidly and largely open in south; progress in picking and ginning excellent. Other crops making good progress, except where too dry in interior. Harvesting and threshing rice progressing well.

Texas.—Houston: Light rains at two-fifths of reporting stations, mostly in south. Favorable for harvesting rice, corn, and feed crops. Pastures and late crops needing rain, but still in good condition. Progress of cotton prospects poor; root rot damage unusually large; weather ideal for picking and ginning and this work being rushed as fast as available labor will permit. Considerable plowing and some fall seeding done.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Warm, dry weather and clear skies favorable for maturing and opening cotton; picking general and good progress made weevil, boll, leaf, and army worms active and causing much damage in eastern and south-central portions, stripping plants of foliage and small bolls in some localities; condition ranges from poor to fair in east and south-central and fair to excellent in other sections. Late corn maturing and generally fair crop. Seeding winter wheat progressing rapidly with soil in good condition.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton fair to very good in all portions due to mostly fair and rather warm weather; very good progress in picking and ginning; weevil and worms still active; general condition for State fair to very good in most portions. Progress of corn very good. Very favorable for rice, meadows, pastures, sweet potatoes, truck, and fruit.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Generally moderate and dry. Progress of corn very good, although not up to standard in some sections. Ideal weather for tobacco curing; most of crop has been housed and averages fair. Considerable damage to cotton by caterpillars, but first crop condition satisfactory; picking general.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Dry with abundant sunshine; temperature above normal. Tobacco cutting made rapid advance in burley district where more than half of crop in barns; less advanced in west, but being pushed favorable for curing. Early corn drying rapidly; cutting commenced late mostly safe by 30th. Plowing delayed.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, Sept. 24 1926.

Distribution of finished goods in the markets for textiles continued to maintain satisfactory proportions during the past week. This was helped greatly by the fairly cool weather in many sections of the country which has tended to stimulate retail demand. Likewise, steady employment in industrial centres and improvement in farming sections were cited as reasons for more confident buying. With but few exceptions, manufacturers have been increasing their output and shipments have been going forward as rapidly as conditions will permit. This was particularly noticeable in the woolen division, where mills had been practicing curtailment of production for months past, and now the scarcity of wanted merchandise has resulted in stiffer prices. Buyers throughout the country had long delayed making normal provisions, and now are compelled to pay premiums for certain cloths and in many instances are obliged to accept later deliveries. In the silk division, lines of spring goods are being prepared and are scheduled for showing early next month or possibly sooner. Meanwhile, the current demand is described as good and a sustained interest is said to be indicated for the remainder of the season. A notice published earlier in the week to the effect that the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Co. would start the coming spring season with an auction of rugs and carpetings beginning Oct. 1, caused considerable interest in the floor covering division of the textile markets. Although the Smith catalogue has not been completed, it has been estimated that some 150,000 bales will be auctioned off.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—An irregular undertone has ruled throughout the markets for domestic cotton goods both from the standpoint of activity and prices. During the earlier part of the week, while primary markets were generally quiet and easier in sympathy with a declining tendency in raw cotton, finished goods were active and firm. In regard to the former, less business was transacted in gray goods, sheetings and print cloths as a result of the decline of the raw product. A number of prices for these items receded one-eighth of a cent a yard. In the finished goods division, although spot goods were chiefly wanted, indicating small stocks, more business has been developing for delivery during the next few months. Buyers were less inclined to argue over prices, as they have been having so much trouble procuring prompt deliveries of wanted merchandise. It is quite evident now that their dilatory tactics recently practiced are now working to their disadvantage. Among the goods in demand were denims and cotton duck. Where before users were becoming accustomed to secure supplies as required, they are now finding it increasingly difficult to get prompt deliveries and as a result have been forced to place some future business. However, Thursday suddenly witnessed a sharp dissipation of this improvement due to the issuance of an unexpectedly favorable Government cotton crop report, which placed the probable yield at 15,810,000 bales, compared with a previous estimate of 15,166,000 bales as of Sept. 1. As a result, raw cotton prices broke sharply over \$6.50 per bale, which in turn had an adverse effect upon buying sentiment in both primary and finished goods markets. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 5 3/4c, and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 5 1/2c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 8 1/2c, and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 10 3/4c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Steady and healthy improvement has again been noted in the markets for woollens and worsteds. Undoubtedly, the feature has continued to be the persistent demand for women's cloths. Manufacturers, deluged with orders for new merchandise by retailers short of fall and winter stocks, have been operating extensively. The effects of the recent mill curtailment is now becoming apparent as stocks of wanted merchandise are scarce, and prices, as a result, have been firmer. For instance, one mill was said to be sold up to Feb. 1, despite the fact that orders have been cut in some cases as much as 50% owing to the inability of mills to keep pace with the demand. Further openings of women's fancy goods expected during the week were withheld. In the men's wear division, new lines of spring wear cloths are looked for between Oct. 1 and 15. It is expected that the new price levels will be substantially unchanged.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Markets for linens maintained their recent activity, and reports from both primary and finished quarters indicated improvement. For instance, retailers were said to be in need of quantities to supply the increasing demand from consumers, while advices from primary markets indicated that prices have been more stable. A better price situation existed locally and sentiment appeared better. It was noted that retailers were more inclined to consider new fall fabrics. Evidently they have been much impressed by the new styles for the coming season which show more progressiveness than has been noted for some time. Such items as luncheon sets, dress and various household goods appeared to receive the major part of the buying interest. Burlaps were slightly firmer, owing to light shipments under way and the larger consumption here. Light weights are quoted at 6.75 to 6.80c., and heavies at 8.65 to 8.70c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

Houston, Harris County, Tex.—Bond Issues Totaling \$2,300,000 to Be Voted Upon—Also Six Charter Amendments.—On Oct. 16 the voters will pass on five bonds totaling \$2,300,000, and six charter amendments, including the consolidation of Magnolia Park. The proposed bond issues are as follows: \$1,500,000 Turning Basin roadway bonds, \$300,000 MacGregor Drive bonds, \$250,000 permanent paving bonds, \$150,000 gravel bonds, and \$100,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Besides the ordinance calling the consolidation election with Magnolia Park, five charter amendments will be voted upon. It is proposed by three of the amendments to raise the salary of Mayor to \$12,000, commissioners' to \$6,000, and City Controller's to \$6,000. Another proposed amendment gives the Mayor power to select some suitable official to act in the absence of the judge of the corporation court. The other proposed amendment provides for assessing the cost of widening or altering streets among adjacent as well as abutting property owners.

Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (Jugoslavia).—\$3,000,000 Gold Notes Floated in United States.—On Friday, Sept. 24, Blair & Co., Inc., of New York, offered and quickly sold \$3,000,000 6% six months refunding gold notes of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (Jugoslavia) at 100 and interest, to yield 6%. Date Sept. 30 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 31 1927. Principal and interest payable at maturity in United States gold coin at the Chase National Bank, New York, and at Blair & Co., Inc., in New York, without deduction for any taxes or imposts, present or future, imposed by the Kingdom or any taxing authority therein.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

Texas (State of).—Both Branches of the Legislature Adjourn—Swift Progress Made in Passage of Validation Bills.—We quote the following from the Dallas "News" of Sept. 16:

Such swift progress has been made in the passage of bond validation bills in the Senate and House that both branches of the Legislature adjourned Thursday afternoon until 10 o'clock Monday morning, Sept. 20, to permit the engrossing clerks to catch up and the preparation of more bills for presentation. The total of road district bills introduced has passed the 500 mark.

The Senate Thursday morning devoted its time almost solely to the business of finally passing 27 of the validation bills and hearing committee reports on others. The general county validation bill, introduced by Senator Murphy, and the three special Harris County bills, validating bond issues of \$5,000,000 and \$1,000,000, as well as a small issue, were reported favorably by the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence. The report included findings as to satisfying of legal requirements, benefit to taxpayers, the amounts being proper and necessary, and notice having been given. These findings were requested by John G. Logue, Houston bond attorney.

Interruptions are Few.

With the exception of hearing submission of numerous petitions from all parts of the State asking sufficient appropriations to increase the per capita school apportionment from \$11 50 to \$15, the only interruption to the bond validation proceedings was when Senator Stuart sought consideration of his resolution of Tuesday, asking that a committee be appointed to take measures to curb Congressional 50-50 legislation encroaching on State rights. Stuart asked unanimous consent, which was prevented by the objection of Senator Bledsoe of Lubbock, who made the point that road bills were the imperative concern of the Senate at present and that they should be considered "without interruption to give advice to the Federal Government." Senator Stuart then moved that the resolution be considered, but after questioning by various other members, withdrew the motion on advice that a motion to suspend order of business is not debatable.

Senator Holbrook of Galveston suggested that the appropriation carried in the resolution be struck out on the basis that Congress would take cognizance of the Senate's action without a committee entailing an expense account. Senator Stuart admitted that when before in Washington, a committee on which he served was "treated with contempt" by Congressmen, but he said this was not the attitude of the legislative bodies in general.

The resolution now remains with the Committee on Federal Relations, to which it was referred when proposed.

The Senate calendar for the day included only 48 district validation measures, ready for second reading, the deficiency appropriation measures of Senator Davis having been struck off the calendar. At the morning session, which lasted about two hours, 27 of these bills were finally passed and comprised validation bills for districts in Guadalupe, Hays, Blanco, Fort Bend, Chambers, Matagorda and Brazoria counties.

A resolution proposed by Senator Price of Morris was adopted, which calls for mimeographing the last six sections of the district bond validation bills to facilitate and hasten the work of engrossing. When the constitutionality of the procedure was raised, Senator Bailey of De Witt recalled his appearance as a member of the Senate when the question of pen-and-ink versus typewriter was raised, and it was decided that correctness was the only constitutional requirement and that an indelible typewriter ribbon was as legal as ink. He saw no reason why some sort of modern improved printing machine should be any less satisfactory than the typewriter.

At the afternoon session, the Senate continued without interruption the reading and final passage of the remaining 20 road district validation bills on Thursday's calendar. The bills passed affect districts in Smith, Van Zandt, Reeves, Uvalde, Hidalgo, Zavalla, Fisher, De Witt and Chambers counties.

District validation bills were introduced at the close of this work for El Paso, Ellis, Hill, Matagorda, Fort Bend, Morris, Henderson, and Jasper counties.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ADRIAN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Emanuel County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—H. C. Williams, Secretary Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 12 o. m. Oct. 1 for \$40,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,500, 1928 to 1953 incl., and \$1,000, 1954. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in New York City. A certified check for \$250 required.

ALAMEDA COUNTY (P. O. Oakland), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. E. Gross, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Oct. 4 for \$500,000 5% tube bonds.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburgh), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The following seven issues of 4 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$10,000,000.

offered on Sept. 22—V. 123, p. 1275—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Harris, Forbes & Co. and the National City Co., both of New York; Janney & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co. and W. H. Newbolds' Son & Co., all of Philadelphia; the First National Bank and the Peoples Bank & Trust Co., both of Pittsburgh, at 100.725, a basis of about 4.18%. The bonds are being re-offered by the bankers to investors at prices to yield from 4 to 4.10%, according to maturities:
 \$1,400,000 road series 28D bonds. Due in 30 years.
 5,610,000 bridge series 14D bonds. Due in 30 years.
 1,090,000 tunnel series 3C bonds. Due in 30 years.
 300,000 court house extension series 4B bonds. Due in 25 years.
 500,000 road series 32 bonds. Due in 30 years.
 1,000,000 bridge series 17 bonds. Due in 30 years.
 100,000 court house extension series 7 bonds. Due in 25 years.
 Date Oct. 1 1926.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Ft. Wayne), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Sept. 25 by W. S. Roebuck, County Treasurer, for \$30,800 4 1/4% highway bonds. Date Sept. 15 1926. Denom. \$770. Due \$770 each six months from May 1 1928 to Nov. 15 1947 Int. payable semi-annually (M. & N.).

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Lima), Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by S. B. Adgate, Clerk Board of County Commissioner until Sept. 24 for the following 8 issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$27,006 0 \$2,019 50 ditch impmt. bonds. Denom. \$700 and one for \$619 50. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$619 50 in 1927 and \$700 in 1928 and 1929.
 2,595 89 ditch impmt. bonds. Denoms. \$500 and one for \$95 89. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$595 89 in 1927 and \$500 in 1928 and 1929.
 3,369 51 ditch impmt. bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and one for \$369 51. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 and 1928, and \$1,359 61, 1929.
 556 43 ditch impmt. bonds. Denom. \$556 43. Due Sept. 15 1927.
 7,369 79 ditch impmt. bonds. Denom. \$500 except one for \$369 79. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,000, in 1927, and \$2,500 in 1928 and 1929.
 1,395 96 ditch impmt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$395 96. Due Sept. 15 1927.
 1,255 39 ditch impmt. bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$255 39. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$255 39 in 1927 and \$500 in 1928 and 1929.
 9,000 00 ditch impmt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,500 in 1927 and 1928 and \$2,000 in 1929 and 1930.
 Dated Sept. 15 1926. Prin. and int. (M. & S. 15) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

ALTON, Madison County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens National Bank of Alton has purchased the following 5% bonds aggregating \$350,000 at a premium of \$22,890, equal to 106.54:
 \$200,000 city hall bonds. \$30,000 fire dept. equipment bonds.
 100,000 park bonds. 20,000 fire engine house bonds.

AMANDA TOWNSHIP (P. O. Vanlue), Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Sept. 28 by M. C. Bayless, Township Clerk, for \$3,630 5 1/4% McRill road construction bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$430, 1928, and \$400, 1929 to 1935 incl. A certified check for \$200, payable to the Township Trustee, required.

ANSON COUNTY (P. O. Wadesboro), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—B. D. Crowder, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until Sept. 27 for \$57,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

ARCADIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 27 for \$89,500 5% school bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1939 incl.; \$4,000, 1940 to 1957 incl., and \$4,500, 1958. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 3% of the bid, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, required.

ARLINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 4% coupon police station bonds offered on Sept. 22 were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York at 100.70, a basis of about 3.90%. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927 to 1941 incl., and \$2,000, 1942 to 1946 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

Financial Statement Sept. 1 1926.	
Net valuation for year 1925	\$41,949,149 00
Debt limit	1,123,129 00
Total gross debt, including this issue	1,374,900 00
Deductions—	
Sinking funds	\$18,776 69
Water bonds	145,000 00
Sewer bonds	100,000 00
Park and playground bonds	15,000 00
	278,776 69
Net debt	\$1,096,123 31
Borrowing capacity	27,005 69
Sinking funds for debts outside debt limit	81,533 24

ARNETT, Ellis County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers & Merchants Bank of Arnett has purchased an issue of \$5,000 5% town hall bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000.

ATTICA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held in November for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$175,000 school building bonds.

AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Travis County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education purchased an issue of \$137,100 school bonds at par.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Oct. 2 by James E. Reed, County Treasurer, for \$9,000 4 1/2% Columbus Township road bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$450. Due \$450 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936 incl. Int. payable semi-annually (M. & N.).

BELLEVUE, Huron County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$290,000 high school building bonds.

BELMONT COUNTY (P. O. St. Clairsville), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of 4 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$114,056, offered on Sept. 20—V. 123, p. 1405—were awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland:
 \$9,856 Children's Home heating plant impmt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$856. Due \$856 Sept. 1 1927 and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1928 to 1936, incl.
 47,175 Belmont-Larima road impmt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 except 1 for \$1,175. Due \$2,000 Mar. 1 1927; \$2,500 Sept. 1 1927; \$2,000 Mar. 1 1928; \$2,500 Sept. 1 1928; \$3,000 Mar. 1 1929; \$2,000 Sept. 1 1929; and Mar. 1 1930; \$2,500 Sept. 1 1930; \$2,000 Mar. 1 1931; \$3,000 Sept. 1 1931; \$2,000 Mar. 1 1932; \$2,500 Sept. 1 1932; \$2,000 Mar. 1 1933; \$2,500 Sept. 1 1933; \$3,000 Mar. 1 1934; \$2,000 Sept. 1 1934, and Mar. 1 1935; \$2,500 Sept. 1 1935; \$2,000 Mar. 1 1936 and \$3,175 Sept. 1 1936.

15,525 Shady-side-Webb Mine road impmt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 except 1 for \$1,025. Due \$500 Mar. 1 and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1927 to 1935, incl., \$1,000 Mar. 1 1936 and \$1,025 Sept. 1 1936.

41,500 Martins Ferry—Mt. Pleasant road bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$2,000 Mar. 1 and Sept. 1 1927 to 1933, incl., \$2,000 Mar. 1 1934; \$2,500 Sept. 1 1934; \$2,000 Mar. 1 1935; \$2,500 Sept. 1 1935; \$2,000 Mar. 1 1936 and \$2,500 Sept. 1 1936.

BOND SALE.—The above-named company was also awarded an issue of \$21,054 33 3/4% improvement bonds.

BENTON HARBOR, Berrien County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—E. K. Foresman, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. Sept. 27 for the following 14 issues of 4 1/4% special assessment bonds aggregating \$96,760:

\$1,300 May St. sidewalk bonds.	\$1,000 Pavone St. sanitary sewer bds.
14,300 Lavette St. paving bonds.	9,200 Oden St. paving bonds.
4,470 Cherry St. paving bonds.	900 Hull Ave. paving bonds.
3,960 Buena Vista road, curb and gutter bonds.	2,500 Kirby Ave. paving bonds.
15,200 Broadway St. paving bonds.	480 Division St. sanitary sewer bonds.
2,170 Heck Ct. curb & gutter bds.	480 Kirby Ave. sanit'y sewer bds.
29,900 McAllister Ave. paving bds.	10,900 McAllister Ave. storm sewer

Date Oct. 1 1926. Bids to be made for the whole or any issue. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

BERLIN, Worcester County, Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Oct. 4 by the Mayor for \$10,000 5% electric light plant bonds.

BERLIN HEIGHTS, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Oct. 7 by W. D. McCreehy, Village Clerk, for \$2,733 27 5/8% special assessment improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$350, except one for \$283 27. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$283 27 in 1928 and \$350, 1929 to 1935 incl. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the Village Clerk, is required.

BLAIRSVILLE, Indiana County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Blairsville was awarded on Sept. 21 an issue of \$90,000 4 1/2% water bonds at a premium of \$2,805 30, equal to 103.11. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 1938, 1950 and 1956.

BLOOMSBURG, Tioga County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 4 1/2% coupon town bonds offered on Sept. 13—V. 123, p. 1405—were awarded to the First National Bank of Bloomsburg at a premium of \$487 50, equal to 103.25, a basis of about 4.28%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$2,500, Jan. 1 1947 to 1952 incl.

BLUE CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Haviland), Paulding County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Oct. 4 by Alfred Towle, Clerk Board of Education, for \$3,840 57 6% school notes. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due \$384 06 each six months from March 1 1927 to Sept. 1 1931. A certified check for 5%, payable to Board of Education, is required.

BOLIVAR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Polk County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—H. C. McCracken, Secretary of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 27 for \$10,000 5% school bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Purchaser to pay all costs connected with sale. A certified check for \$200 required.

BONIFAY, Holmes County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—K. D. Rooks, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Oct. 16 for \$31,000 6% impt. bonds.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Sept. 28 by Clay Thompson, County Treasurer, for the following 3 issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$24,100:

- \$9,600 improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 7 1926. Denom. \$480. Due \$480 each six months from May 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1937 incl.
- 8,300 improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 7 1926. Denom. \$415. Due \$415 each six months from May 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1937 incl.
- 6,200 improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 7 1926. Denom. \$310. Due \$310 each six months from May 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1937 incl.

BOWLING GREEN, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 9 the following six issues of 5% road impt. bonds, aggregating \$110,000, offered on that date were awarded to Geo. H. Burr & Co. of Chicago as follows:

- \$66,000 I. C. H. No. 225 bonds (V. 123, p. 486) for \$66,858, equal to 101.30, a basis of about 4.53%. Date July 1 1926. Due each six months as follows: \$6,000 and \$7,000, March 1 and Sept. 1 1927 to Mar. 1 1930, incl.; \$7,000, Sept. 1 1930 and \$7,000, Mar. 1, and Sept. 1 1931, incl.
- 12,000 Fred Lembrich road impt. bond (V. 123, p. 746) for \$12,156, equal to 101.30, a basis of about 4.53%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$1,000, March and Sept. 1 1927 to 1930, incl., and \$2,000, March and Sept. 1 1931, incl.
- 5,000 Henry Heers road impt. bonds, for \$5,065, equal to 101.30.
- 5,000 Harry A. Wells road impt. bonds, for \$5,065, equal to 101.30.
- 16,000 Geo. Swartz road impt. bonds for \$16,208, equal to 101.30.
- 6,000 Oscar Slosser road impt. bonds for \$6,078, equal to 101.30.

BRADFORD COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Starke), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 6% school bonds offered on Sept. 6 were awarded to the Bank of Starke at 92.50, a basis of about 7.13%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$1,000, July 1 1927 to 1944 incl.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The National Shawmut Bank of Boston was awarded on Sept. 16 a \$300,000 temporary loan on a 3.81% discount basis, plus a premium of \$10.

BROWARD COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—James S. Rickards, Secretary Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 14 for \$500,000 6% school bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1929 to 1949; \$30,000, 1950 to 1954 incl., and \$35,000, 1955. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the bid required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of N. Y. City.

BUCYRUS, Crawford County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 12 m. Sept. 24 by Constance R. Keller, City Auditor for \$600,000 5% water works plant purchase bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due each six months as follows: \$11,000, Sept. 1 1928, and \$13,000, March and \$11,000 Sept. 1 1929 to March 1 1953 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Burlington), Carroll County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 122, p. 375—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$642, equal to 101.33, a basis of about 4.30%. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due each six months as follows: \$1,560, July 1 1927, and \$1,720, Jan. 1 1928 to Jan. 1 1941 incl.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Sept. 27 by Harry P. Lehan, City Treasurer, for the following 9 issues of 4% bonds aggregating \$539,000:

- \$140,000 additional departmental equipment loan bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$28,000, Oct. 1 1927 to 1931 incl.
- 16,000 street loan bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000 in 1927 and \$3,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.
- 130,000 bridge loan bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$26,000, Oct. 1 1927 to 1931 incl.
- 4,000 extension loan bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, Oct. 1 1927 to 1934 incl.
- 35,000 street widening bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$3,500, Oct. 1 1927 to 1936 incl.
- 75,000 street loan bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$7,500, Oct. 1 1927 to 1936 incl.
- 301,000 street loan bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$31,000, 1927, and \$30,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 108,000 Charles River bridge loan bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1927 to 1934 incl. and \$5,000, 1935 to 1946.
- 30,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1927 to 1956 incl.

Dated Oct. 1 1926. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

Financial Statement April 1 1926.

Funded city debt	\$4,694,950 00
Sinking fund for funded city debt	2,854,762 29
Net funded city debt	\$1,840,187 71
Serial city debt	3,478,500 00
Net city debt	\$5,318,687 71
Funded water debt	\$427,500 00
Sinking fund for funded water debt	369,925 88
Net funded water debt	\$57,574 12
Serial water debt	589,500 00
Net water debt	\$647,074 12
Population, 1920 Census, 109,456; 1925 Census, 119,667.	
Assessed valuation	\$173,547,500 00

CARMICHAEL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sacramento), Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,500 5 1/2% school bonds

offered on Sept. 13—V. 123, p. 1406—were awarded to Schwabacher & Co. of San Francisco at a premium of \$1,226, equal to 106.28, a basis of about 4.72%. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$500, 1927, and \$1,000, 1928 to 1946 incl.

CARROL COUNTY (P. O. Carrollton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. Oct. 8 by Scott Brandon, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$32,000 5% coupon road improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$200. Due \$3,200 Oct. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Int. payable (A. & O.). Purchaser to furnish printed bonds. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

CARTER SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Dale), Spencer County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 2 by Fred B. Bockstahler, Township Trustee, for \$30,000 4 1/2% school building bonds. Dated June 22 1926. Denom. \$500. Due each six months as follows: \$1,000, July 1 1927 to July 1 1938 incl.; \$1,500, Jan. 1 and July 1 1939, and \$2,000, Jan. 1 and July 1 1940.

CARTHAGE, Miner County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 6% sewer bonds offered on Sept. 2—V. 123, p. 1006—were awarded to the Drake-Jones Co. of Minneapolis at a premium of \$300, equal to 106, a basis of about 5.42%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 1941.

CHARLTON COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Folkston), Ga.—BOND SALE.—William Mizell, Jr., of Folkston has purchased an issue of \$50,000 school bonds at par.

CHARITON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lucas County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of Education until Oct. 1 for \$50,000 school bonds.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY (P. O. Mayville), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 17 the \$250,000 5% highway bonds offered on that date—V. 123, p. 1275—were awarded to Bonbright & Co. and the Western Reserve Securities Corp., both of New York, at a premium of \$13,997 50, equal to 105.59, a basis of about 4.28%. Date April 1 1925. Due on April 1 as follows: \$150,000, 1934, and \$100,000, 1935. Other bids received were:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.	104.3797
Phelps, Fenn & Co.	105.01
Harris, Forbes & Co.	104.609
Bankers Trust Co.	104.719
Barr Bros. & Co.	105.579
Guaranty Co. of New York	105.0797
Batchelder, Wack & Co.	104.93

CHICAGO, Cook County, Ill.—BID WITHDRAWN.—The only bid submitted for the following two issues of 4% bonds, aggregating \$5,750,000, offered on Sept. 17—V. 123, p. 1532—was made by a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Co. of New York at 98, which has since been withdrawn, as no action was taken by the city:

- \$1,550,000 La Salle St. bridge construction bonds. Date Jan. 1 1924. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$60,000, 1932; \$140,000, 1933 to 1942, incl., and \$9,000 in 1943.
- 4,200,000 La Salle St. impt. bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$240,000 in 1928 and \$220,000, 1929 to 1946, incl.

CHINO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Bernardino), San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$90,000 school bonds offered on Sept. 16—V. 123, p. 1275—were awarded to Dean, Witter & Co. of San Francisco at a premium of \$2,869, equal to 103.18.

CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP (P. O. Beaver Falls), Beaver County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Holmes & Co. of Pittsburgh has purchased an issue of \$20,000 4 1/2% road bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1935, 1940, 1945 and 1950. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Federal Title & Trust Co., Beaver Falls. Legality to be approved by Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin.

Financial Statement.

Real value estimated	\$1,500,000
Assessed valuation for taxation, 1926	665,416
Total bonded debt (including this issue)	40,000
Population, 1920 U. S. Census, 535; present estimate, 1,500.	

CLAYTON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Smithfield), Johnston County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—H. B. Marrow, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Oct. 4 for \$10,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Sept. 1 1945 to 1954 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the official's signatures and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to W. G. Wilson, Chairman, required. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City.

CLEARFIELD COUNTY (P. O. Clearfield), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—L. C. Norris, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Oct. 12 for \$125,000 4 1/2% coupon bridge bonds. Date Oct. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 15 1951; optional Oct. 15 1936. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. A certified check for 10% of the bonds bid for is required.

CLEARWATER, Pinellas County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—Wright, Warlow & Co. of Orlando have purchased an issue of \$990,000 5 1/2% series D impt. bonds at 95.95, a basis of about 6.43%. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$99,000, Nov. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

CLIFTON, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8.15 p. m. Oct. 5 by William A. Miller, City Clerk for the following 2 issues of 4 1/2 or 4 3/4% bonds, aggregating \$461,000:

- \$296,000 impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,000 in 1927 and \$15,000, 1928 to 1946, incl. Principal and int. payable in gold at the Clifton National Bank of Clifton.
- 165,000 water bonds. Due \$5,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1959, incl. Prin. and int. A. & O. payable in gold at the Clifton Trust Co.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield and Longfellow, New York City. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues.

BOND OFFERING.—The above named official will also receive bids at the same time for an issue of not to exceed \$339,000 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$339,000 coupon or registered bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1931. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the Clifton Trust Co. Certified check for 2% of amount bid for payable to the City Clerk is required. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York City.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Wilmington), Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held in November for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$105,000 infirmary bonds.

COLBERT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Madison County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Hilsman & Co., Inc., of Atlanta, has purchased an issue of \$16,500 6% school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$500, 1927 to 1947 incl., and \$1,000, 1948 to 1953 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

Financial Statement.

Actual value (estimated)	\$1,000,000
Assessed values, 1924	265,595
Total bonded debt (this issue only)	16,500
Population (estimated), 1,200.	

COLORADO (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—W. D. Macgrinnis, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 1 for \$500,000 5% highway bonds. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 1945; optional June 1 1933. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the State Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City, at option of holder. The bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$6,000,000. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the above-named official, required.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—The \$196,000 promissory notes offered on Sept. 20—V. 123, p. 1532—were awarded to

the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus as 4 1/4s at a premium of \$372, equal to 100.18, a basis of about 4.375%. Date Oct. 11 1926. Due April 11 1928.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 27 by Harry A. Turner, City Clerk, for \$200,000 promissory notes. Date Oct. 15 1926. Denom. \$5,000. Due April 15 1928. Int. payable semi-annually (A. & O.). Certified check for 1% of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

CONWAY, Horry County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—L. D. Magath, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 5 for \$30,000 5 1/2% coupon water works bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$1,000. Oct. 1 1931 to 1960 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for \$300, payable to the above named official, is required. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City.

CORVALLIS, Benton County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Ralph Schmeeloch Co. of Portland has purchased an issue of \$7,000 street flusher bonds at 103.95.

COVINGTON COUNTY SUPERVISORS ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Collins), Miss.—ORIGINAL PURCHASER.—The original purchaser of the \$50,000 6% road bonds reported sold to Rogers, Caldwell & Co. of N. Y. City in our issue of Sept. 18—V. 123, p. 1532—was the Bank of Collins of Collins. The price paid was a premium of \$200, equal to 100.40, a basis of about 5.96%. Date June 15 1926. Due June 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$2,000, 1932 to 1941 incl., and \$2,500, 1942 to 1951 incl.

CREEDE, Mineral County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 coupon hydro-electric light, power and water system bonds offered on May 15—V. 122, p. 253—were awarded to J. D. Grigsby & Co. of Pueblo as 4 3/4s at par. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 1941; optional Sept. 1 1936. Interest payable M. & S.

DALLAS, Gaston County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. P. Hoffman, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 5 for \$15,000 not exceeding 6% electric light bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1, as \$1,000, 1928 to 1932, and \$2,000 1933 to 1937, incl. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable in gold in New York City. Legality approved by Chester B. Masslich, N. Y. City.

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Dallas), Tex.—BOND SALE.—George L. Simpson & Co. of Dallas has purchased an issue of \$75,000 5 1/4% court house annex bonds at par. Due serially 1927 to 1931 inclusive.

DAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dayton), Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on Sept. 3—V. 123, p. 1139—were awarded to the Safe Deposit & Title Guarantee Co. at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.40, a basis of about 4.46%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due \$5,000, Sept. 1 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946 and 1951.

DEFIANCE, Defiance County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 12 m. Sept. 24 by W. A. Hull, City Auditor, for \$4,200 5 1/2% paving bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Denoms. \$1,000, except one for \$1,200. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,200 in 1928 and \$1,000 1929 to 1931 incl.

DE SOTO PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Mansfield), La.—BOND OFFERING.—S. M. Shows, Secretary Parish School Board, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 15 for the following two issues of not exceeding 6% school bonds aggregating \$190,000:

\$145,000 Mansfield School District bonds. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$4,000 1928 and 1929, \$5,000 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$6,000 1933 and 1934 \$7,000 1935 to 1938, incl.; \$8,000 1939; \$9,000 1940 and 1941 \$10,000 1942, \$11,000 1943 and 1944 and \$12,000 1945 and 1946. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the School Board, required.

45,000 Ward 3 School District bonds. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$1,000 \$1,000 1928 to 1930, incl.; \$2,000 1931 to 1939, incl.; \$3,000 1940 to 1943, incl., and \$4,000 1944 to 1946, incl. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the School Board, required.

Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (J. & J. 15) payable at office of the Treasurer of the School Board or at the Chase National Bank, at option of the holder. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

DEXTER, Washtenaw County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Jay Keith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 25 (to-day) for \$49,000 not exceeding 6% water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 1 to 30 years. A certified check for \$2,000 is required.

DULUTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles A. Bronson, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Sept. 27 for \$400,000 not exceeding 5% school bonds. Date July 30 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 30 as follows: \$50,000, 1937; \$200,000, 1941, and \$150,000, 1942. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, New York City. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the Board of Education, required. Legality to be approved by Charles B. Wood or Horace S. Oakley or Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

DUPONT VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dupont), Putnam County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Oct. 4 by W. H. Thomas, Clerk Board of Education, for \$2,469 41 6/100 funding notes. Dated June 1 1926. Denom. \$246 94. Due \$246 94 each six months from June 1 1927 to Dec. 1 1931. Certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the Clerk Board of Education, is required.

EASTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The First National Bank of Boston was awarded on Sept. 22 \$50,000 notes on a 3.83% discount basis. Due Dec. 20 1926.

EDGELEY, La Moure County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 coupon improvement bonds offered on Aug. 28—V. 123, p. 1140—were awarded to Brewer, Brown & Co. and the Wells-Dickey Co., both of Minneapolis, jointly, as 5 1/4s at a premium of \$800, equal to 104. Date Oct. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially Oct. 15 1931 to 1946, incl. Interest payable A. & O. 15.

EDMUNDS, Stutsman County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—W. B. De Nault & Co. of Jamestown purchased in June an issue of \$6,000 7% community hall bonds at 108.50, a basis of about 5.86%. Due in 1936. A. L. Lueck, Town Clerk.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,000 4 1/2% road bonds offered on Sept. 15—V. 123, p. 1406—were awarded to the City Securities Corp. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$819 20, equal to 103.15.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Sept. 27 by Roy M. Stark, County Treasurer, for \$19,000 4 1/2% road bonds. Date Sept. 15 1926. Denom. \$475. Due \$475 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1942 incl. Int. payable M. & N. 15.

ELMORE TOWNSHIP, Daviess County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Sept. 25 (to-day) by J. L. Clark, County Treasurer, for the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$11,800 \$7,600 4 1/2% road bonds. Denom. \$380. Due \$380 each six months from May 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1937.

4,200 4 1/2% gravel road construction bonds. Denom. \$210. Due \$380 each six months from May 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1937. Dated Sept. 15 1926.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Sept. 28 by Harold E. Thurston, County Treasurer, for \$22,500 4% coupon "Haverhill Lower Bridge Act of 1922" bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,500 in 1927 and \$11,000 in 1928. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Merchants National Bank, Salem, or at the First National Bank of Boston. The bonds are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time.

EUSTIS, Lake County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% bonds, aggregating \$135,000, offered on Sept. 20—V. 123, p. 1406—were awarded to the First State Bank of Eustis at 96.63, a basis of about 6.29% \$125,000 city hall bonds. Due \$25,000 July 1 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951 and

10,000 pier and bulkhead bonds. Due July 1 1946. Date July 1 1926.

EVANSTON, Hancock County, Ill.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 10 a. m. (daylight saving time) Sept. 23 by Lawrence J. Knapp, City Comptroller, for \$45,000 4 1/2% park bonds. Dated June 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000, June 1 1927 to 1935 incl. Interest payable J. & D.

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Bernardino), San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk until Oct. 4 for \$3,500 6% school bonds. Due serially 1927 to 1936, inclusive.

FLAGLER AND VOLUSIA COUNTIES OCEAN SHORE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (P. O. Daytona Beach), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Courtney, Secretary Board of Bond Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 6 for \$585,000 6% series B impt. bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$58,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; and \$59,000, 1933 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. These bonds are payable from special assessments to be imposed and collected in respect of certain road improvements in the district. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the Board of Bond Trustees, required. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

FLATROCK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Henry County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 2 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$64,000 fireproof school building bonds. E. W. Brubaker, Clerk Board of Education.

FREEBORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 142 (P. O. Albert Lea), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,000 school bonds offered on Aug. 16—V. 123, p. 876—were awarded to the Northwestern Trust Co. of Minneapolis as 4 3/4s at par. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1940, incl., and \$9,000, 1941.

GALVESTON, Galveston County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Anne C. Kelley, City Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 7 for the following 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$400,000:

\$200,000 sewerage bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$6,000, 1931 to 1934 incl.; \$7,000, 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$8,000, 1938 and 1939; \$9,000, 1940 to 1942 incl.; \$10,000, 1943 and 1944; \$11,000, 1945 and 1946; \$12,000, 1947; \$13,000, 1948 and 1949, and \$12,000, 1950. Int. payable J. & D. 200,000 paving bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927 to 1932 incl.; \$5,000, 1933 to 1936 incl.; \$6,000, 1937 to 1940 incl.; \$7,000, 1941 and 1942; \$8,000, 1943 to 1947 incl.; \$10,000, 1948 to 1951 incl.; \$12,000, 1952 to 1954 incl., and \$2,000, 1955. Interest payable A. & O.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. City, or at the City Treasurer's office, at option of holder. Bids will be received for the two issues as a whole or for each issue separately, and all bids shall be made upon the understanding and condition that the bonds before delivery shall be approved by the Attorney-General and registered by the State Comptroller. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the City, required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

GALWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Saratoga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Oct. 5 by W. J. Crane, School Treasurer, for \$22,500 5% coupon or registered bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1926. Denom. \$500. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1927 and \$1,000, 1928 to 1949 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D. 15) payable at the Ballston Spa National Bank of Ballston Spa. A certified check for 2% of amount bid, payable to the School Treasurer, is required.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS (P. O. Bedford), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Herman Bohning, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 19 for the following three issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$188,385 06:

\$38,867 36 Montview Ave. impt. special assessment bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$867 36. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,867 36 in 1927, \$4,000, 1928 to 1934 incl., \$3,000 in 1985, and \$4,000 in 1936.

59,517 70 Cranwood Park Boulevard impt. special assessment bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$517 70. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,517 70 in 1927 and \$6,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.

90,000 00 Turney road impt. (village's portion) bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 Nov. 1 1928 to 1936 incl.

Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Central National Bank. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

GAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Chardon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ethel L. Thrasher, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 18 for \$25,000 5% I.C.H. No. 475 bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1927; \$3,000 in 1928; \$2,000 in 1929; \$3,000 in 1930; \$2,000 in 1931; \$3,000 in 1932; \$2,000 in 1933; \$3,000 in 1934; \$2,000 in 1935 and \$3,000 in 1936.

GENOA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$170,000 school building bonds.

GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Princeton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl M. Miller, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 25 (to-day) for the following bonds aggregating \$52,600:

\$41,200 road bonds. \$11,400 road bonds. Due semi-annually in 1 to 10 years.

GLOUCESTER CITY, Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 4 3/4% school bonds offered on July 1—V. 123, p. 107—were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia in taking \$270,000 (\$271,000 offered) at par. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1926. Due on June 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1947 incl.; \$7,000, 1948; \$8,000, 1949 to 1965 incl., and \$7,000 in 1966. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation \$9,272,366 00. Assessed values (3 years average) 8,140,058 23. Net debt 510,984 00. As computed under the New Jersey statutes about 6.28%. Population 13,000.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—J. C. Shinkman, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Oct. 4 for the following bonds aggregating \$2,034,000:

\$910,000 street improvement bonds. 999,000 sewerage disposal bonds. 125,000 water extension bonds.

GRAYSON, Caldwell Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—B. A. Campbell of New Orleans recently purchased an issue of \$5,000 6% impt. bonds. Date March 1 1926. Due March 1 1936. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford of St. Louis.

GREENBURGH-GREENVILLE SEWER DISTRICT (P. O. Tarry town), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Norman C. Templeton, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Oct. 7 for \$175,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered sewer bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$7,000 Sept. 1 1931 to 1955 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Scarsdale National Bank, Scarsdale. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

GRENADA COUNTY SEPARATE ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Grenada), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% road bonds offered on Sept. 6—V. 123, p. 1140—were awarded to I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson at a premium of \$1,630, equal to 101.63.

GRENADA COUNTY SEPARATE ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Grenada), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Memphis has purchased an issue of \$50,000 5 1/4% road bonds.

GROVELAND, Lake County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sherman Drawdy, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 11 for \$28,000 assessment impt. bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927, and \$3,000, 1928 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. The bonds will be delivered in Groveland, Jacksonville or New York City, at option of successful bidder. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the above-named official, required. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City.

HAINES CITY, Polk County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% special assessment bonds aggregating \$107,000 offered on Sept. 15—V. 123, p. 1007—were awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago and Farson, Son & Co. of New York City, jointly, at 95, a basis of about 7.16%. \$69,000 street improvement bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1927 to 1935 incl., and \$6,000, 1936. 38,000 street improvement bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927 to 1935 incl., and \$2,000, 1936.

HALE CENTER, Hale County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 6% water works bonds offered on Sept. 15—V. 123, p. 1407—were awarded to Raymond Irick of Plainview at a premium of \$400, equal to 100.88.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Bay St. Louis), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of Supervisors until Oct. 6 for \$500,000 5 1/4% seawall bonds.

HARBOR BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Harbor Beach), Huron County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$20,000 4 1/4% school gymnasium bonds has been sold locally. Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Aug. 1 1927 to 1946 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in Harbor Beach.

HARROD, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Oct. 13 by K. L. Vogt, Village Clerk, for \$15,388 38 6/10 paving and gutter bonds. Dated 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. Certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the Village Clerk, is required.

HASTINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Dakota County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The State of Minnesota has purchased an issue of \$65,000 4 1/4% school bonds at par. Due in 30 years.

HENDRICKS COUNTY (P. O. Danville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,000 4 1/4% Liberty Township road bonds offered on Sept. 18—V. 123, p. 1533—were awarded to the First National Bank of Danville at a premium of \$412.50, equal to 101.58, a basis of about 4.15%. Date Sept. 15 1926. Due \$1,300 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936, incl.

HINDS COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of Supervisors until Oct. 7 for \$500,000 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

HOPEWELL, Mercer County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John R. Fletcher, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 29 for an issue of 5% street impt. bonds not to exceed \$27,000 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$27,000. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, 1927 to 1939 incl., and \$1,000 in 1940. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Hopewell National Bank, Hopewell. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Borough Treasurer, is required.

IBERIA PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. New Iberia), La.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville have purchased an issue of \$51,000 6% road bonds at a premium of \$2,009, equal to 103.93. Date June 1 1926. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford of St. Louis.

INTERBAY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Tampa), Hillsborough County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—A. C. Clewis, District Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 5 for \$3,052,000 6% drainage bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for \$10,000, payable to the above named official, required.

IRON MOUNTAIN, Dickinson County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 special assessment bonds offered on Aug. 16 (V.123, p. 876) were awarded to local banks.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held in November for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$800,000 court house bonds.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 17 the \$6,180.15 6% coupon ditch improvement bonds offered on that date—V. 123, p. 1277—were awarded to the State Bank of Rensselaer at a premium of \$78, equal to 101.26, a basis of about 5.73%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$600. Due Sept. 1 1936. Interest payable J. & D.

JEFFERSON CITY, Cole County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$209,500 city impt. bonds offered at public auction on Sept. 15—V. 123, p. 1407—were awarded to the William R. Compton Co. and the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., both of St. Louis, jointly, at 102.08.

KANSAS CITY, Jackson County, Mo.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by Ben Jaudon, Director of Finance, until Sept. 24 for the following 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,093,000: \$630,000 hospital system bonds. Due \$42,000, July 1 1929 to 1943 incl. 463,000 fire protection bonds, 5th issue. Due July 1 as follows: \$66,000, 1929 to 1934 incl., and \$67,000, 1935. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City, or at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of N. Y. City.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Vincennes), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 4 1/4% court house impt. bonds offered on Sept. 15—V. 123, p. 1533—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. and the Union Trust Co., both of Indianapolis, jointly, at a premium of \$875 equal to 101.71, a basis of about 4.14%. Date Feb. 2 1926. Due \$2,500, May and Nov. 1 1927 to Nov. 15 1936 incl.

LAKE ALFRED, Polk County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—F. C. Gardner of Lake Alfred has purchased an issue of \$20,000 6% White Way installation coupon bonds at a discount of \$3,000, equal to 93.50, a basis of about 7.74%. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1931.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—W. E. Whitaker, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 5 for \$35,000 5% fair ground and bridge impt. bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$875. Due \$1,750 each six months from July 1 1927 to Jan. 1 1937 incl. A certified check for 3% of the bonds, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, is required.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Oct. 9 by William E. Whitaker, County Auditor, for \$175,000 5% hospital building bonds. Dated July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$4,000, July 1 1927, and \$9,000 each six months from Jan. 1 1928 to Jan. 1 1937 incl. Certified check for 3% of bid, payable to the County Auditor, is required.

LAKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Tavers), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% coupon bonds, aggregating \$60,000, offered on Sept. 13 (V. 123, p. 1141), were awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita at 95.25, a basis of about 6.46%:

\$30,000 Special Tax School District No. 5 bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1954 incl., and \$2,000, 1955 and 1956. 30,000 Special Tax School District No. 25 bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1954 incl., and \$2,000, 1955 and 1956. Date Jan. 1 1926.

LAKE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Tavers), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 6% coupon school bonds offered on Sept. 20—V. 123, p. 1277—were awarded to the First State Bank of Euclid at par. Date July 1 1926. Due \$1,000 July 1 1929 to 1953 inclusive.

LAPEER COUNTY (P. O. Lapeer), Mich.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$22,000 coupon highway bonds awarded to Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit—V. 123, p. 1408—as 4 1/4% at 100.08, a basis of about 4.74%, are described as follows: Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially May 1 1927 to 1929 incl. Interest payable M. & N.

LAURENS, Laurens County, So. Caro.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by W. J. Simpson, City Clerk, until Sept. 23 for \$100,000 5% water works and sewer extension bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. Ironton), Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held in November for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$50,000 children's home bonds.

LENAWEE COUNTY (P. O. Adrian), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 25 (to-day) by the Clerk of Board of County Road Commissioners for \$74,000 not exceeding 6% Road Assessment District No. 59 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1927 to 1930, incl., and \$14,000 in 1931. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the County Road Commissioners. Legality to be approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, Detroit. A certified check for \$500, payable to the Board of County Road Commissioners, is required.

LEON COUNTY (P. O. Tallahassee), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following 5% coupon road bonds aggregating \$900,000 offered on Sept. 13—V. 123, p. 877—were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago and Eldredge & Co. of N. Y. City, jointly, at 95.45:

\$60,000 series E bonds. Due serially, July 1 1951 to 1955 inclusive. 48,000 series D bonds. Due serially, July 1 1946 to 1950 inclusive. 36,000 series C bonds. Due serially, July 1 1941 to 1945 inclusive. 24,000 series B bonds. Due serially, July 1 1936 to 1940 inclusive. 12,000 series A bonds. Due serially, July 1 1931 to 1935 inclusive. Date July 1 1925.

LESLIE, Sumter County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The Trust Co. of Georgia, Atlanta, has purchased an issue of \$18,000 6% water works bonds at par.

LEVY COUNTY (P. O. Bronson), Fla.—BOND SALE.—R. M. Grant & Co. of N. Y. City have purchased an issue of \$126,000 5 1/4% public impt. bonds. Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1953 incl.; \$14,000, 1954, and \$20,000, 1955. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City.

LIBERTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, Telfair County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Hillsman & Co., Inc., of Atlanta, have purchased an issue of \$5,000 6% school bonds. Date Sept. 1 1924. Denom. \$100. Due \$1,000, Sept. 1 1928 to 1944 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce in New York City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

Financial Statement.

Actual values, estimated	\$250,000
Assessed values, 1924	94,000
Total bonded debt (this issue only)	5,800
Population, estimated, 500.	

LINCOLN PARK (P. O. Dearborn R. F. D. No. 2), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$305,000 5 1/4% (special assessment) paving bonds offered on Sept. 15—V. 123, p. 1408—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo at par. Date Sept. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in 1 to 5 years. In V. 123, p. 1408, we incorrectly reported the amount to be offered as \$325,000.

LINDEN, Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Oct. 6 by Thomas H. Sullivan, City Clerk, for an issue of 4 1/4 or 4 3/4% improvement bonds not to exceed \$169,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$169,000. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1927 to 1937 incl., and \$12,000, 1938 to 1941 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Linden National Bank. Certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the City Clerk, is required.

LONG BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 harbor impt. bonds offered on Sept. 21—V. 123, p. 1408—were awarded to the National City Co. of N. Y. City, taking \$250,000 bonds as 4 1/4% and maturing \$75,000, 1947; \$125,000, 1948, and \$50,000, 1949; and \$250,000 bonds as 4 1/4% and maturing \$75,000, 1949; \$125,000, 1950, and \$50,000, 1951, at a premium of \$665, equal to 100.13, a basis of about 4.73%. Date Aug. 1 1926.

LOWER MT. BETHEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Martins Creek), Northampton County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—H. L. Vandergrift, Secretary of School Board, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 27 for \$20,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable M. & S. Due Sept. 1 1936. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the School Board, is required. These are the bonds scheduled to be sold on Aug. 30—V. 123, p. 877.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. (Eastern Standard time) by Adelaide E. Schmitt, Clerk Board of County Commissioners for the following 12 issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$261,556:

- \$5,233 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,233 in 1928 and \$1,000, 1929 to 1931, incl.
- 33,357 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$5,357 in 1928 and \$4,000, 1929 to 1935, incl.
- 7,770 Main Sewer District No. 8 bonds. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,770 in 1928 and \$2,000, 1929; \$1,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.
- 8,707 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,707 in 1928 and \$2,000, 1929 and 1930 and \$1,000 in 1931 and 1932.
- 12,672 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,672, 1928 and \$2,000, 1929 to 1932, incl.
- 6,617 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,617, 1928 and \$2,000, 1929 and \$1,000, 1930 to 1931, incl.
- 12,952 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,952, 1928 and \$2,000, 1929 to 1932, incl.
- 79,247 Main Sewer District No. 11 bonds. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$8,247, 1928; \$8,000, 1929 to 1936, incl., and \$7,000, 1937.
- 61,634 Main Sewer District No. 11 bonds. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$7,634 in 1928 and \$7,000, 1929 to 1934, incl., and \$6,000 in 1935 and 1936.
- 12,076 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,076 in 1928 and \$2,000, 1929 to 1933, incl.
- 10,460 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,460, 1928 and \$2,000, 1929 to 1932, incl. and \$1,000 in 1933.
- 10,831 Main Sewer District No. 8 bonds. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,831 in 1928 and \$2,000, 1929 to 1932, incl.

Date Oct. 26 1926. Principle and interest payable (A. & O.). A certified check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer is required.

McCAMMON, Bannock County, Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.—Pau V. Nash, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 12 for \$6,000 not exceeding 6% coupon water rights bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due Oct. 1 1946; optional Oct. 1 1936. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City, at option of holder. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the above-named official, required.

McCOOK, Red Willow County, Neb.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—We are informed that the reported sale of the \$105,000 water extension bonds as 4 1/4% at 100.17, a basis of about 4.48%, to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago—V. 123, p. 742—was not completed, as the election was claimed to be illegal. There will be another election held on Sept. 29.

MACON, Noxubee County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 registered sewerage bonds offered on Sept. 14—V. 123, p. 1534—were awarded to the Meridian Finance Corp. of Meridian as 5s at par. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, 1927 to 1951, incl. Interest payable A. & O.

MAHASKA RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Shawnee Investment Co. of Topeka has purchased an issue of \$45,000 high school bonds at par. Due serially in 1 to 20 years.

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—LOAN OFFERED.—W. O. McAllister, City Treasurer, received sealed bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 23 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$300,000 temporary loan. Date Sept. 24 1926. Denom. to suit purchaser. Due Dec. 15 1926. Payable in Boston or New York. The notes will be certified as to genuineness by the Amoskeag Trust Co., Manchester. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—P. L. Kelley, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Oct. 11 for \$3,000 6% sidewalk construction bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, April 1 1927 to 1929 incl. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

MANSFIELD COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Ellicottville) Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$2,000 6% coupon school bonds purchased by the Bank of Cattaraugus of New York—V. 123, p. 1534—at a premium of \$5.01, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 5.91% bear interest at the rate of 6% and are described as follows: Denom. \$400. Due \$400 Nov. 1 1927 to 1931, incl. Int. payable annually Nov. 1.

MAPLE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bedford R. F. D.), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 2 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$200,000 school bonds.

MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Oct. 18 by J. L. Landes, City Auditor, for the following two issues of 5 1/2% bonds aggregating \$30,137.67: \$2,047.08 paving bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$47.08. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$547.08, 1928, and \$500, 1929 to 1931 incl. Certified check for \$200, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. 28,090.59 paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$90.59. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$7,090.59, 1928, and \$7,000, 1929 to 1931 incl. Certified check for \$2,500, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The National Shawmut Bank of Boston was awarded on Sept. 17 a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.83% discount basis, plus a premium of \$6.

MELROSE, Curry County, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—George C. Carver Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 1 for \$45,000. 5 1/2% or 6% coupon water construction system bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 1956, optional Nov. 1 1936. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. A certified check for \$2,000 required. These are the bonds mentioned in our issue of Sept. 18—V. 123, p. 1534.

MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Merced), Merced County, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$1,000,000 5 1/2% irrigation bonds purchased on May 20 by Banks, Huntley & Co. and M. H. Lewis & Co. both of Los Angeles, at 94.50—V. 122, p. 3113—a basis of about 6.39% are described as follows: Date April 1 1926. Coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000. Due \$500,000 Jan. 1 1965 and 1966. Int. payable J. & J.

MINATARE, Scotts Bluff County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Oscar E. Nelson, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Sept. 28 for \$22,000 5% water works extension bonds. Date Oct. 15 1926. Due Oct. 15 1946, optional Oct. 15 1931.

MINDEN, Webster Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The Interstate Trust & Banking Co. of New Orleans have purchased an issue of \$30,000 5 1/2% fire protection bonds at a premium of \$43, equal to 100.14, a basis of about 5.23%. Due in 15 years.

MONROE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Key West), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 6% school bonds offered on Sept. 14—V. 123, p. 1008—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo and Morris Mather & Co. of Detroit, jointly, at 98, a basis of about 6.22%. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1929 to 1950 incl.; \$8,000, 1951; \$9,000, 1952 and 1953, and \$10,000, 1954 and 1955.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Md.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$48,000 4 1/2% road bonds offered on Sept. 16—V. 123, p. 1142—were rejected.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Sept. 20 by F. A. Kilmer, County Clerk, for the following two issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$16,200:

\$3,400 5 1/4% road bonds. Denom. \$100. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$200 in 1929, 1930, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947, and \$100 in 1928, 1931, 1934, 1937, 1940 and 1943. Certified check for \$350, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. 12,800 5% sewer bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$300, 1928; \$500, 1929; \$1,000, 1930; \$500, 1931; \$1,000, 1932; \$500, 1933, and \$1,000, 1934 to 1942 incl. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. Date Oct. 1 1926.

MOREHEAD CITY, Carteret County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 coupon or registered water works bonds offered on Sept. 13—V. 123, p. 1141—were awarded to R. S. Dickinson & Co. of Gastonia as 6s at a premium of \$250, equal to 100.33, a basis of about 5.96%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due \$3,000, Sept. 1 1929 to 1953 incl.

MORRISTOWN, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—F. Lester Smith, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Oct. 4 for \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$30,000 in 1936 and 1946 and \$40,000 in 1956. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Borough Treasurer, is required.

MOUNT PLEASANT (P. O. North Tarrytown), Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$83,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered town bonds offered on Sept. 21—V. 123, p. 1535—were awarded to Batchelder, Wack & Co. of New York at 100.85, a basis of about 4.39%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928, and \$6,000, 1929 to 1941, incl.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Sept. 29 by the City Treasurer for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$50,000 temporary loan. Due Feb. 15 1926.

NEWBERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Newberry County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 5% school bonds offered on Sept. 22—V. 123, p. 1535—were awarded to Kauffman, Smith & Co. of St. Louis at a discount of \$33,050, equal to 86.78, a basis of about 6.32%. Date July 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$6,000, 1932 to 1936 incl.; \$7,000, 1937 to 1941 incl.; \$9,000, 1942 to 1946 incl.; \$11,000, 1947 to 1951 incl., and \$13,000, 1952 to 1956 incl.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Sept. 29 by the City Treasurer for the purchase on a discount basis of a temporary loan of \$500,000. Due March 10 1927.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY (P. O. Wilmington), Del.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—We are now in receipt of the following financial statement of this county which is offering on Oct. 5 an issue of \$200,000 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds—V. 123, p. 1535:

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation of taxable property (1926-27) \$188,902,219.81 Bonded debt, exclusive of this issue 5,171,000.00 Population (Census of 1920) 148,239

NEW LEIPZIG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Grant County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota has purchased an issue of \$15,000 5% school bonds.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Russell E. Seibert, City Auditor, received sealed bids until

Sept. 24 for \$24,088 5% East Ave. paving bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$500, except one for \$588.

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wanamie), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. Oct. 15 by Anthony Frank Jr., Secretary Board of Directors, for \$90,000 4 1/4% school building bonds. Denom. \$500.

NEW ROCKFORD, Eddy County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—S. N. Putnam, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. Oct. 4 for \$34,000 water works bonds. Date Oct. 15 1926. Due serially in 5 to 20 years. Interest rate to be named by bidders.

NEWTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$150,000, offered on Sept. 22, were awarded to R. L. Day & Co. of Boston at 100.896, a basis of about 3.85%:

\$100,000 stable and service station bonds. Due \$10,000 Sept. 1 1927 to 1936 inclusive. 50,000 sewer bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1946 incl., and \$1,000 1947 to 1956 incl. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

Financial Statement.

The net debt of the City of Newton, excl. these loans, is \$4,162,062.98 The assessed valuation for 1925 is 117,920,000.00 Excluding the water debt, the net debt is 3.28% of the assessed valuation.

Borrowing capacity available for above stable and service station loan \$153,579.38 Bonds and interest will be payable at the First National Bank of Boston.

Table with columns: Outside Debt Limit, Gross, Sinking Funds, Net. Rows include Sewer (\$910,000 serial), Washington Street, Water (\$255,000 serial), Highway widening.

Within Debt Limit (All Serial)

Table with columns: School, Street improvement, Public library, Beacon Street Fire Station, Bridge, Service building, Eliot Street land, Auburndale Fire Station, Hull Street land.

Net debt \$4,162,062.98

Borrowing Capacity—Average valuation for the last three years, \$109,203,174.91

Debt limit at 2 1/2% of \$109,203,174.91 \$2,703,079.38

Net debt within debt limit 2,576,500.00

Borrowing capacity \$153,579.38

NORWOOD, Carver County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The State of Minnesota purchased on June 28 an issue of \$20,000 4 1/2% water works bonds at par. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 1941.

NUTTER FORT, Harrison County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The State of West Virginia has purchased an issue of \$33,000 5 1/2% water works bonds at par. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 1941.

OAKDALE, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,500 5% coupon borough bonds offered on Sept. 7—V. 123, p. 1278—were awarded to the First National Bank of Oakdale at par. Date Aug. 2 1926. Due \$500 Aug. 2 1927 to 1941 inclusive.

OCONTO, Oconto County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 street imp't. bonds offered on Sept. 14—V. 123, p. 1409—were awarded to Hill, Joiner & Co. of Chicago as 1 1/4s at a premium of \$188, equal to 100.94, a basis of about 4.38%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due \$1,000 Sept. 1 1927 to 1946 inclusive.

OLDHAM COUNTY (P. O. La Grange), Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 4 1/4% coupon general city bonds offered on Sept. 20 (V. 123, p. 1535) were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at a premium of \$165 equal to 100.30. Date Sept. 1 1926.

OMAHA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Douglas County, Neb.—NOTE SALE.—The \$1,500,000 4 1/4% promissory notes offered on Sept. 20 (V. 123, p. 1535) were awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. of New York City and the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, jointly, at a discount of \$1,097, equal to 99.90, a basis of about 4.37%. Date Oct. 1 1927. Due Aug. 1 1927, with two interest coupons payable March 1 and Aug. 1 1927.

ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Kountze Bros., and Kean, Taylor & Co., all of New York, was awarded the issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered Passaic Valley sewer bonds offered on Sept. 21 (V. 123, p. 1409), taking \$1,053,000 (\$1,066,000 offered) at 101.22, a basis of about 4.43%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1928 to 1949 incl.; \$34,000, 1950 to 1958 incl.; \$35,000, 1959 to 1963 incl., and \$23,000, in 1964. The bankers are re-offering the bonds to investors at prices to yield from 4.15 to 4.30%, according to maturities.

OREGON (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas B. Kay, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until Oct. 15 for \$2,000,000 State bonds.

OSCEOLA, Lewis County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Claude J. Shorey, Town Supervisor, will sell at public sale at 11 a. m. Sept. 29 an issue of \$8,000 5% registered bridge bonds. Date Aug. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Feb. 5 1927 to 1934 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in Camden, N. Y.

PALISADES PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8:30 p. m. Oct. 11 by William R. Romaine, District Clerk, for an issue of 5% coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed \$45,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$45,000. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$1,500. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1927 to 1956 incl. and \$1,500 in 1957 to 1966 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Palisades Park National Bank. Certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the Custodian of School Moneys, is required.

PASCAGOULA, Jackson County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Pascagoula National Bank and the Merchants & Marine Bank, both of Pascagoula, jointly, have purchased an issue of \$15,000 water main bonds.

PAWHUSKA, Osage County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City has purchased an issue of \$75,000 5% public park system bonds at a premium of \$2,345, equal to 103.13—a basis of about 4.72%. Date May 1 1926. Due in 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years.

PELL CITY, St. Clair County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—B. F. Embry, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 4 for \$56,000 not exceeding 7% water-works bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1937 inclusive; \$1,500, 1938 to 1954, inclusive, and \$20,500, 1955. A certified check for \$5,000 required.

PENNSYLVANIA (STATE OF)—BOND SALE.—Of the \$10,000,000 4% coupon or registered series G highway bonds offered on Sept. 23—V. 123, p. 1536—bids were received for but approximately \$4,000,000, which were sold at par.

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$1,200,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered water series "W" bonds offered on Sept. 20—V. 123, p. 1409.

PERU, Miami County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 15 the \$17,000 4 1/2% coupon incinerator and garbage disposal plant bonds offered on that date—V. 123, p. 1143—were awarded to Wabash Valley Trust Co. of

Peru at a premium of \$223 50, equal to 101.31. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due serially.

PETERSBURG, Pike County, Ind.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$12,000 5% coupon sanitary sewer bonds purchased by the Fletcher Savings and Trust Co. of Indianapolis at 104.25—V. 123, p. 1409—a basis of about 4.14% are described as follows: Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due each six months as follows: \$500 June 1 and Dec. 1 1927 to Dec. 1 1934 and \$1,000 June 1 and Dec. 1 1935 to Dec. 1 1936.

PHILADELPHIA, Philadelphia County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Will B. Hadley, City Comptroller until Oct. 18 for \$25,000,000 4 or 4 1/4% bonds.

PHILLIPSBURG, Granite County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 water bonds offered on Sept. 7 (V. 123, p. 1143) were awarded to the State of Montana as follows: Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 1946 or Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1929, and \$2,000, 1930 to 1946, inclusive.

PIERCEFIELD (P. O. Tupper Lake), Franklin County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York were awarded on Sept. 15 an issue of \$32,000 5% bridge bonds at 100.879, a basis of about 4.89%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, Feb. 1 1927 to 1942 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the Tupper Lake National Bank, Tupper Lake.

PITT COUNTY FRACTIONAL SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenville), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—W. L. Slayton & Co. of Chicago purchased on Aug. 2 an issue of \$15,000 5 1/4% school bonds at 100.25, a basis of about 5.19%. Due Aug. 30 1936.

PLAINS TOWNSHIP (P. O. Plains), Luerne County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—John J. Walsh, Sec. Board of Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 4 for \$28,000 5% impt. bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1935 incl., and \$2,000, 1936 to 1945 incl. Legality to be approved by 3 aul. Eging, Remick & Saul, Philadelphia. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Township Treasurer, is required.

PLATTEKILL (P. O. Kingston), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The purchaser of the \$16,000 4 1/4% highway bonds reported sold in V. 123, p. 1536, was the Kingston Savings Bank, taking the bonds at par. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due \$4,000 March 1 1936 to 1939, inclusive.

PLEASANTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Pleasantville), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John C. Smith, member standard time) Oct. 8 for \$35,000 5% bonds aggregating \$35,000: \$5,000 fire district bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$500, 1927 to 1934 incl., and \$1,000 in 1935. 30,000 fire district bonds. Denom. 3,500, except one for \$2,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1927 and \$3,500 1928 to 1935 incl. Date Sept. 1 1926. A certified check for 10% of the amount bid, payable to the Treasurer Board of Fire Commissioners, is required.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Bartow), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. D. Raulerson, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. Oct. 5 for the following 6% bonds aggregating \$642,000: \$400,000 road bonds. Due \$40,000, Oct. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. A certified check for \$8,000 required. 102,000 road bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1927 to 1935 incl., and \$12,000, 1936. Certified check for \$2,000 required. 100,000 road bonds. Due \$10,000, Oct. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. A certified check for \$2,000 required. 40,000 road bonds. Due \$4,000, Oct. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. A certified check for \$1,000 required.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, N. Y. City, or at the Polk County National Bank, Bartow, at option of holder.

POLK COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICTS (P. O. Bartow), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. D. Raulerson, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. Oct. 5 for the following bonds and warrants aggregating \$952,000: \$350,000 Special Road and Bridge Dist. No. 14 bonds. 150,000 Special Road and Bridge Dist. No. 10 bonds. 125,000 Special Road and Bridge Dist. No. 16 bonds. 80,000 County time warrants. 75,000 Special Road and Bridge Dist. No. 11 bonds. 60,000 Special Road and Bridge Dist. No. 9 time warrants. 52,000 Special Road and Bridge Dist. No. 12 bonds. 50,000 Special Road and Bridge Dist. No. 13 bonds. 20,000 Special Road and Bridge Dist. No. 12 bonds.

POLK COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Bartow), Fla.—WARRANT OFFERING.—J. D. Raulerson, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. Oct. 5 for \$32,000 8% time warrants. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$8,000, Oct. 1 1927 to 1930 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, N. Y. City, or the Snell National Bank of Winter Haven or any County depository of Polk County. A certified check for \$750, payable to the Chairman Board of County Commissioners, required.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 4 1/4% access bridge bonds offered on Sept. 21—V. 123, p. 1409—were awarded to A. G. Becker & Co. and the Northwestern Trust Co. both of Chicago, jointly, at 101.101, a basis of about 4.38%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$17,000, 1929 to 1932, incl., and \$18,000, 1933 to 1956, incl.

POMELLO DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Tampa), Hillsborough County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—James G. Yeats, District Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 12 for \$237,000 6% drainage bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for \$5,000 required.

POSEY COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Vernon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Sept. 28 by Albert Murphy, County Treasurer for the following five issues of 4 1/4% bonds aggregating \$43,600: \$8,700 Black Twp. highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$435. Due \$435 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl. 5,000 Smith Twp. highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$250. Due \$250 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl. 10,000 Black Twp. highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$10,000. Due \$500 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl. 8,200 Robb Twp. highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$410. Due \$410 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl. 11,700 Black Twp. highway imp. bonds. Denom. \$585. Due \$585 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl. Date Oct. 15 1926. Interest payable (M. & N.)

PRATTVILLE, Autauga County, Ala.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$15,000 school bonds offered on Sept. 8—V. 123, p. 1278—have not been sold.

PRESTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lakewood), Wayne County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—C. C. Dibble, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 2 for \$25,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,000 in 1941 and \$5,000 in 1946 and 1951.

PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY (P. O. Princess Anne), Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk until Oct. 25 for the following two issues of road bonds aggregating \$293,000: \$168,000 Pungo District road bonds. 125,000 Seaboard District road bonds.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Ottawa), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. (Central standard time) Sept. 27 by A. B. Bruskotter, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for the following two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$33,378 45: \$15,483 85 pavement bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$483 85 in 1927; \$1,000 in 1928, and \$2,000, 1929 to 1935 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. 17,894 60 Perry Twp. road bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due \$849 60 Nov. 1 1927, and \$1,000 March 1 and Nov. 1 1928 to 1936 incl. Interest payable semi-annually. Certified check for \$300, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Maybee), Monroe County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—

Carl Kiburtz of Monroe has purchased an issue of \$7,500 5 1/4% school bonds.

RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—R. E. Dieckman, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 27 for the following bonds aggregating \$10,800: \$3,600 road bonds. 7,200 road bonds. Due semi-annually in 1 to 10 years.

RIVIERA, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—A. L. Zill, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Sept. 28 for \$158,000 6% improvement bonds.

ROSEBUD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (P. O. Vanstel), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000 refunding bonds offered on Aug. 27—V. 123, p. 744—were awarded to the Register of State Lands at par. (Rate not stated).

ROSENDALE, P. O. Kingston, Ulster County, N. Y.—BOND SALE. The purchaser of the \$2,000 4 1/4% highway bonds mentioned reported sold in V. 123, p. 1536, was the Kingston Savings Bank of Kingston. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due \$1,000, March 1 1930 and 1931.

RUSSELL, Greenup County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—Magnus & Co. of Cincinnati purchased on July 6 an issue of \$28,000 6% school bonds. Principal and annual interest payable at the First National Bank in Russell.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.—BONDS OFFERED.—Geo. A. Swintz, County Treasurer, received sealed bids until 11 a. m. Sept. 20 for the following 4 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$96,260: \$7,400 Lincoln Township road bonds. Denom. \$370. Due \$370 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl.

25,200 Lincoln Township road bonds. Denom. \$630. Due \$1,260 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl.

22,600 Penn Township road bonds. Denom. \$565. Due \$1,130 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl.

13,500 Penn Township road bonds. Denom. \$675. Due \$675 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl.

7,500 road bonds. Denom. \$375. Due \$375 each six months from May 1 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl.

8,600 Lincoln Township road bonds. Denom. \$430. Due \$430 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl.

4,900 Lincoln Township road bonds. Denom. \$245. Due \$245 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl. Date Sept. 15 1926.

ST. LANDRY PARISH ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Opelousas), La.—BOND OFFERING.—F. Octave Pavy, President Police Jury, will receive bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 1 for the following 6% bonds, aggregating \$42,000: \$22,000 Sub-Road District No. 5 bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$500, 1927 to 1943, incl., \$1,000, 1944 to 1952, incl., and \$1,500, 1953 to 1955, incl.

20,000 Sub-Road District No. 4 bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$500, 1927 to 1936, incl., \$1,000, 1937 to 1945, incl., and \$1,500, 1946 to 1949, incl. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City or at the Parish Treasurer's office. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the bid required. The purchaser will be required to defray the cost of and legal examination connected with the bonds.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Floodwood), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 coupon school bonds offered on Sept. 15—V. 123, p. 1536—were awarded to the Drake-Jones Co. of Minneapolis as 5 1/4% at par. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially Oct. 1 1929 to 1940, inclusive.

ST. PETERSBURG, Pinellas County, Fla.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—We are now in receipt of the following financial statement of this city, which recently sold eight issues of bonds, aggregating \$2,000,000 (V. 123, p. 1536):

Financial Statement (as Official Reported).
Assessed valuation, 1926.....\$157,915,150
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....13,975,600
Less:
Water works bonds.....\$1,513,000
Sinking funds.....460,880
*Utility bonds.....2,581,000
*Special assessment certificates owned by city and applicable solely to retirement of general obligation bonds.....4,564,000
*Net bonded debt.....4,856,720
Population, Florida State Census, 1925, 26,874; population, winter, estimated, 125,000.

*Special Acts of the Legislature in 1923 and 1925 authorized the deduction of utility bonds, and special assessments, in computing the city's net indebtedness. Utility bonds issued as follows: gas plant, \$1,147,000; street railway, \$834,000; light and power, \$600,000.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sacramento), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5 1/4% coupon school bonds offered on Aug. 23—V. 123, p. 879—were awarded to Weedon & Co. of San Francisco at a premium of \$923, equal to 104.61, a basis of about 4.93%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$1,000, July 1 1927 to 1946, inclusive.

SAGINAW, Saginaw County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—George C. Warren, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (eastern standard time) Sept. 28 for \$30,000 4 1/4% water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1936, incl. Prin. and int. A. & O. payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency in New York. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

SALEM TOWNSHIP (P. O. Kossuth) Auglaize County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Oct. 2 by W. R. Briggs, Township Clerk for the following 2 issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$10,000: \$4,500 paving bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 and 1928 and \$500 in 1929. 5,500 road impt. bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1927 and 1928, incl. and \$1,500, 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1926. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the Township Clerk is required. Int. payable semi-annually (M. & S.).

SANFORD, Seminole County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The 8 issues of bonds aggregating \$1,575,000 offered on Sept. 8—V. 123, p. 1410—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago, Eldredge & Co. of New York and Wright, Warlow & Co. of Orlando as follows:

\$575,000 sewer improvement bonds.
100,000 street improvement bonds.
100,000 real property purchase bonds.
100,000 hospital bonds.
100,000 natatorium bonds.
The price paid was par for 5 1/4% bonds.
\$325,000 utility improvement water works bonds.
200,000 utility improvement gas plant bonds.
75,000 White Way system improvement bonds.
The price paid was a discount of \$28,730, equal to 95.21, a basis of about 5.84% for 5 1/4% bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 1956.

SANILAC COUNTY (P. O. Sandusky), Mich.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$39,000 4 1/4% coupon Road Assessment Districts Nos. 10 and 38 bonds purchased by Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit—V. 123, p. 1410—at 100.08, are described as follows: Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially May 1 1927 to 1929 incl. Int. payable M. & N.

SAN LUIS OBISPO SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Luis Obispo County, Calif.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by the County Clerk until Sept. 21 for \$250,000 school bonds.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Santa Barbara), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk until Oct. 4 for the following two issues of school bonds, aggregating \$60,000: \$36,000 Hope School District bonds. 24,000 Agricola School District bonds.

SARASOTA, Sarasota County, Fla.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until Sept. 23 by E. J. Bacon, Mayor, for \$340,000 street bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

SAUNEMIN, Livingston County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$4,000 5% coupon water works bonds was purchased recently by the State Bank of Saunemin at par. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly. Interest payable M. & S.

SEBASTIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Willacy County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—J. H. Proffit, Sec. Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 5 for \$30,000 registered school bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 1928 and every two years thereafter.

SHANDAKEN (P. O. Kingston), Ulster County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Rondout Savings Bank of Kingston purchased on Sept. 14 \$4,000 4 3/4% highway bonds at par. Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. The above supersedes the report given in V. 123, p. 1537.

SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sharon), Mercer County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Oct. 11 by M. L. Williams, Sec. Board of Education, for \$200,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Int. payable M. & N. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 1926; optional Nov. 1 1946. Certified check for \$5,000, payable to the Secretary School Board, is required.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Memphis), Tenn.—NOTE OFFERING.—C. G. Owen, Chairman County Court, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 7 for the following 5% revenue notes, aggregating \$300,000: \$200,000 elementary school notes. 100,000 high school notes.

Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1927. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the Chemical National Bank, New York City, or at the North Memphis Savings Bank Branch of the Union & Planters Bank & Trust Co., Memphis, at option of the holder. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the above named official, required. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

SHELTON, Mason County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds, aggregating \$78,000, offered on Sept. 7 (V. 123, p. 879), were awarded as follows: \$65,000 water system bonds as 6s, at par, to the Dexter-Horton National Bank of Seattle. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 1946. Optional as follows: \$4,000, 1932 to 1941, inclusive, and \$500, 1942 to 1946, inclusive. Interest payable A. & O.

13,000 sewer bonds as 6s, at par, to the State Bank of Shelton. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 1946, optional on any interest paying date. Interest payable A. & O.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY (P. O. Everett), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Everett purchased on Aug. 30 an issue of \$13,000 6% road impt. bonds at par. Due in 1934.

SODUS SOUTH SHORE WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Sodus), Wayne County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 18 the \$20,000 coupon water system bonds offered on that date (V. 123, p. 1537) were awarded to Sage, Wolcott & Steele of Rochester as 4.60s at 100.296, a basis of about 4.56%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due \$2,000 Sept. 1 1931 to 1940 incl.

SOMERSET, Somerset County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 15 the \$30,000 4 1/2% coupon fire bonds offered on that date—V. 123, p. 1537—were awarded to the Second National Bank of Meyersdale at a premium of \$396, equal to 101.32, a basis of about 4.23%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$3,000 July 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Other bidders were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Premium. Mellon Nat. Bank, Pittsb., \$334.95; Somerset Tr. Co. and Farmers, \$391.00; Nat. Bank, Somerset, \$100.00.

SOUTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 28 by George A. Kress, City Treasurer, for the following three issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$90,000:

\$11,000 fire truck bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1932, and \$1,000 in 1933.

17,000 water works bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1935 incl., and \$1,000, 1936.

62,000 school bonds. Due \$2,000 June 1 1928 to 1958 incl.

Dated June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City. Certified check for 2% of amount of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

Financial Statement table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Assessed valuation of taxable property, 1926, \$4,257,785 00; Outstanding bonded indebtedness, not including these issues, 688,600 00; Floating debt, 117,000 00; Water works bonds included in above, 263,200 00; Sinking fund, 22,000 00; Population, Census of 1920, 7,897.

SOUTH DAVIS CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Aturas), Modoc County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,900 school bonds offered on July 3 (V. 122, p. 3638) were awarded to the Modoc County Bank at a premium of \$175.50, equal to 104.48.

SPENCER, Rowan County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 public impt. bonds offered on Sept. 15—V. 123, p. 1410—were awarded to W. K. Terry & Co. of Toledo as 6s at a premium of \$1,475, equal to 100.98, a basis of about 5.89%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 as follows \$4,000, 1927 to 1931 incl., and \$10,000, 1942 to 1947 incl.

SPENCER COUNTY (P. O. Rockport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 15 the \$8,800 5% Clay Township road bonds offered on that date—V. 123, p. 1144—were awarded to the Dale State Bank of Dale at a premium of \$390, equal to 104.43, a basis of about 4.26%. Date Sept. 15 1926. Due \$400, each six months from May 1 1928 to Nov. 15 1938, incl. Other bidders were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Premium. City Securities Corp, \$389.23; J. F. & Wild & Co, \$315.50; Fletcher American Co, 322.50; Fletcher Savings & Trust Co, 316.60.

SPRINGFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64, Brown County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$24,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on Sept. 24 (V. 123, p. 1279) were awarded to the State Bank of Springfield. Date July 1 1926. Due \$3,000 July 1 1930 to 1937 inclusive.

STEPHENS COUNTY (P. O. Breckenridge), Tex.—BOND SALE.—C. Edgar Honnold of Oklahoma City has purchased an issue of \$200,000 highway bonds at par.

STOCKTON, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$102,000 5% municipal impt. bonds purchased by the Bank of Italy, San Francisco at 103.52—V. 122, p. 3374—are described by follows: Date Aug. 1 1924. Coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1931; \$43,000, 1932 and 1933, and \$3,000, 1934. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable at the City Treasurer's office.

Financial Statement table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Assessed valuation, \$64,517,510; Bonded debt, including this issue, 2,842,175; Population, 56,000.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 22 the \$10,000 5% coupon judgment bonds offered on that date (V. 123, p. 1537) were awarded to A. B. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$72, equal to 100.72, a basis of about 4.74%. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Due \$2,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1931 inclusive.

SUTHERLAND, O'Brien County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by A. H. Schultz, Town Clerk, until Sept. 24 for \$29,500 water works bonds.

TARRYTOWN, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Wyckoff Cole, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Sept. 27 for the following 4 1/4 or 4 1/2% Benedict Park coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$32,000: \$15,000 drainage bonds. Due \$1,000 May 1 1927 to 1941 inclusive. 10,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$2,000 May 1 1927 to 1931 incl. 7,000 sidewalk bonds. Due \$1,000 May 1 1927 to 1933 inclusive.

Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable M. & N. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the village, is required.

TORONTO, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harold F. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 12 for the following five issues of 6% special assessment bonds, aggregating \$52,076 52: \$12,496 47 Biltmore Avenue street bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$496 17. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927; \$1,500, 1928; \$1,000, 1929; \$1,500, 1930; \$1,000, 1931; \$1,500, 1932; \$1,000, 1933; \$1,500, 1934; \$1,000, 1935, and \$1,496 47 in 1936.

13,034 97 Trenton Street bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$534 97. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,034 97 in 1927; \$1,500, 1928; \$1,000, 1929; \$1,500, 1930; \$1,000, 1931; \$1,500, 1932; \$1,000, 1933, and \$1,500, 1934 to 1936, inclusive.

3,548 72 Franklin Street bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$548 72. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$548 72 in 1927 and \$500, 1928 to 1933, inclusive.

14,293 41 Euclid Avenue bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$293 41. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$793 41, in 1927, and \$1,500, 1928 to 1936, inclusive.

8,666 95 Loretta Avenue bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$166 95. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$166 95, 1927; \$500, 1928, and \$1,000, 1929 to 1936, inclusive.

Date Sept. 1 1926. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

TRIADLEPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Logan), Logan County, W. Va.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$49,000 5% school bonds offered on Aug. 27—V. 123, p. 1144—have not been sold.

TRYON, McPherson County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The United States Bond Co. of Denver has purchased an issue of \$6,000 5 1/4% court house bonds. Due May 1 1929.

TUCKERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tuckerton), Ocean County, N. J.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received for the following two issues of 4 1/2% registered school bonds, aggregating \$135,000: \$120,000 school bonds. Due \$3,000 Sept. 1 1927 to 1956, inclusive. 15,000 school bonds. Due \$500 Sept. 1 1927 to 1956, inclusive.

UPPER IOWA RIVER DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Waukon), Allamakee County, Ia.—BOND SALE.—The Waukon State Bank of Waukon purchased on Aug. 2 an issue of \$43,090 27 4/8% drainage bonds at par. Due \$2,872 68 June 1 1932 to 1946 inclusive.

VALLEY JUNCTION, Polk County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—William Hassett of Des Moines has purchased an issue of \$10,500 refunding bonds.

VALLEY STREAM, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—H. L. Allen & Co. of New York were awarded the \$180,000 paving bonds offered on Sept. 22 (V. 123, p. 1537) as 4.40s at 100.28, a basis of about 4.37%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$9,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1946 incl.

VANDERGRIFT, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh has purchased an issue of \$100,000 improvement bonds at a premium of \$668 52, equal to 100.66.

VERMILION, Clay County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% water supply bonds offered on Sept. 7—V. 123, p. 1010—were awarded to the Thompson Co., Inc. of Vermilion at a premium of \$225, equal to 100.90, a basis of about 4.80% to optional date and a basis of about 4.93% if allowed to run full term of years. Due in 20 years, optional after 5 years.

VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marion County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Superintendent of Schools until Oct. 1 for \$70,000 5% junior college bonds. Date Sept. 10 1926. Due \$1,500 1927 to 1946 incl. and \$2,000 1947 to 1966 incl.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. De Land), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—George W. Marks, Secretary Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 21 for the following 6% bonds, aggregating \$37,500:

\$30,000 Special Tax School District No. 28 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1954 incl., and \$2,000, 1955 and 1956. A certified check for \$1,000 required.

7,500 Special Tax School District No. 27 bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 July 1 1929 to 1943 incl. A certified check for \$500 required.

Date July 1 1926. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of N. Y. City.

WALTHAM COUNTY FIFTH ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Tyler-town), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Mississippi Bond & Securities Co. of Jackson has purchased an issue of \$50,000 5 1/2% road bonds at a premium of \$785, equal to 101.57, a basis of about 5.33%. Due \$1,500, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$2,000, 1932 to 1935 incl.; \$2,500, 1936 to 1939 incl.; \$3,000, 1940 to 1942 incl.; \$3,500, 1943 and 1944; \$4,000, 1945 and \$4,500, 1946. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford of St. Louis.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 17 the \$19,900 5% coupon road bonds offered on that date (V. 123, p. 1537) were awarded to the Warren County Bank of Williamsport at a premium of \$756 50, equal to 103.76—a basis of about 4.24%. Date Aug. 21 1926. Due \$995 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936, inclusive.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sacramento), Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Weeden & Co. of San Francisco purchased on Aug. 23 an issue of \$20,000 5 1/2% school bonds at a premium of \$923, equal to 104.61.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. New Amsterdam), Harrison County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 2 by Charles L. Redden, Township Trustee, for \$7,200 5% school erection bonds. Dated Oct. 2 1926. Denom. \$240. Due \$240 each six months from April 2 1927 to Oct. 2 1941 incl. Int. payable semi-annually.

WELLERSBURG, Somerset County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,500 5% coupon or registered borough bonds offered on Sept. 3—V. 123, p. 1145—were awarded to Ward Kennel of Wellersburg at par. Date Sept. 1 1925. Due \$500 Sept. 1 1927, 1929 and 1931.

WEST POTTS GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Potts Grove), Northumberland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$50,000, were awarded on Sept. 15 to MacMeekin & Williamson of Philadelphia at a premium of \$400, equal to 100.80. \$35,500 school addition and equipment bonds. 14,500 funding bonds.

WEYMOUTH, Norfolk County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 11 a. m. Sept. 24 by the Town Treasurer for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$100,000 temporary loan. Due Dec. 22 1926.

WHITMAN, Plymouth County, Mass.—BONDS OFFERED.—Arthur T. Cole, Town Treasurer, received sealed bids until 12 m. (daylight saving time) Sept. 24 for the following 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$285,000: \$125,000 school bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1927 to 1931 incl., and \$8,000, 1932 to 1941 incl. 160,000 school bonds. Due \$8,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1946 incl.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

WILKINSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilkinsburg), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 20 the \$200,000 4 and 4 1/4% school bonds offered on that date—V. 123, p. 1280—were awarded to the First National Bank of Wilkinsburg at a premium of \$2,514 80, equal to 101.257, a basis of about 4.15%. Date Sept. 2 1926. Due Sept. 2 as follows: \$500 1927 and 1298, \$1,000 1929 to 1936, incl., and \$1,500 1937 to 1946, incl.:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Premium. Prescott, Lyon & Co., Pittsburgh, \$1,703 00; Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh, 426 57; Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, 1,864 00; J. H. Holmes & Co., Pittsburgh, 1,500 00; National City Co., New York, 678 00; Harris, Forbes & Co., New York, 100 419.

WILDWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bushnell), Sumter County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago have purchased an issue of \$50,000 6% school bonds at a discount of \$2,213, equal to 95.57. Due serially 1929 to 1953 incl. These are the bonds mentioned in our issue of Sept. 18—V. 123, p. 1538—at which time the amount was incorrectly reported as being \$5,000.

WILMINGTON, New Castle County, Del.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$385,000 offered on Sept. 20—V. 123, p. 1538—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York and Laird, Bissel & Meeds of Wilmington, jointly, at 104.11, a basis of about 4.28%:

\$185,000 curbing, guttering, grading, widening, paving and improving streets and avenues bonds. Due Oct. 1 1963.

200,000 water system impt. bonds. Due \$121,250, April 1, and \$78,750, Oct. 1 1956.

Date Oct. 1 1926.

WINDSOR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Windsor), York County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Ernest G. Smith, Sec. Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 4 for \$19,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Sept. 1 as follows \$5,000 in 1936, \$1,000 in 1941, \$5,000 in 1946, and \$8,000 in 1951. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, is required.

WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Weaver, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 29 for the following coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$125,000:

\$100,000 sewer bonds. Due \$5,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1946, incl.

25,000 water bonds. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1951, incl.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Principal and interest A. & O. payable in 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 officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, Boston.

WOLCOTT AND STERLING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Red Creek), Wayne County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 20 F. R. Maloney purchased an issue of \$15,000 5% school bonds at a premium of \$233, equal to 101.55.

WOODWORTH, Stutsman County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 6% coupon village hall bonds offered on Sept. 4 (V. 123, p. 1145) were awarded to the W. B. De Nault Co. of Jamestown at a premium of \$300, equal to 106—a basis of about 5.50%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$200, \$300, \$400 and \$500. Due Sept. 1 1946. Interest payable annually.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—F. S. Moseley & Co., of Boston, were awarded on Sept. 16 a \$700,000 temporary loan on a 3.73% discount basis plus a premium of \$11.

WORCESTER COUNTY (P. O. Worcester), Mass.—LOAN OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by the County Treasurer until 12 m. Sept. 23 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$50,000 temporary loan. Due Oct. 26 1926.

WYOMING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71 (P. O. Wyoming), Stark County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The H. O. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago has purchased an issue of \$75,000 school bonds.

ZOAR, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Mineral City was awarded on Sept. 8 an issue of \$1,110 6% street improvement bonds at a premium of \$3 52, equal to 100.32.

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BEAUPORT, Que.—BIDDERS.—Following is a list of other bidders for the \$40,000 5% impt. bonds purchased by Bray, Caron & Dube, Ltd., of Montreal at 97.81—V. 123, p. 1411—a basis of about 5.25%. Due in 40 years. The other bids were:

Table with 4 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid, Bidder, Rate Bid. Includes Municipal Debentures Corp., Credit Anglo-Francais, Ltd., H. Collette & Co., Lagueux & Darveau, Ltd.

DRUMMONDVILLE, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$107,500 5% 30-year serial bonds offered on Sept. 21—V. 123, p. 1538—were awarded to the Credit Anglo-Francais of Quebec at 98.37. Date Oct. 1 1927.

FARNHAM, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 5% improvement bonds offered on Sept. 20—V. 123, p. 1411—were awarded to the Municipal Bankers Corp. of Toronto at 99.30, a basis of about 5.07%. Date July 1 1926. Due serially 1927 to 1956, inclusive.

GRIMSBY, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,000 5 1/4% impt. bonds offered on Sept. 10—V. 123, p. 1411—were awarded to the Royal Securities Corp. of Toronto at 102.03, a basis of about 5.19%. Due in 15 installments.

JONQUIERE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received up to 2 p. m. Sept. 28, for the purchase of \$270,000 5% bonds. Date June 1 1926. Payable at any branch of the Banque Canadienne Nationale in Quebec Province. Alternative bids are asked for 10-year serial and 40-year serial bonds. J. M. La Croix, Clerk.

KAYLOOPS, B. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. W. Jackson, City Clerk-Treasurer, until Sept. 30 for the purchase of \$25,000 5 1/4% 25-year coupon bonds. Date Sept. 30 1926. Interest semi-annually, March 30 and Sept. 30. Principal and interest payable in Kamloops. Denom. \$500, Kamloops delivery.

KELOWNA, B. C.—PURCHASER.—The purchaser of the \$8,000 5 1/4% 8-year street impt. bonds reported sold in V. 123, p. 1280, was McTavish & Whillis of Kelowna, taking the bonds at par. Due in 8 years.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (P. O. London), Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$126,000 5% 8-year county bonds offered on Sept. 18—V. 123, p. 1538—were awarded to W. A. Mackenzie & Co. of Toronto at 100.51, a basis of about 4.93%. Due in 15 installments.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—CORRECTION.—In V. 123, p. 1411—we reported the sale of \$20,000 5% 5-year water works bonds which we now learn from the City Treasurer was erroneous.

NIAGARA TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS VOTED.—The Council passed a \$10,000 debenture by-law for road purposes.

NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C.—PURCHASER.—Read & Co. and H. F. McDonald & Co., both of Vancouver, jointly were the purchasers of the \$54,500 (not \$54,000) 5% school bonds reported sold in V. 123, p. 1280, at 94.54, a basis of about 5.34%. Due July 10 1961.

PURCHASER.—The purchaser of the following two issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$25,000, reported sold in V. 123, p. 1411, was the Canadian Financiers Trust Co. of Vancouver, taking the bonds as follows: \$20,000 street improvement bonds at 95.49, a basis of about 5.48%. Due July 10 1946.

5,000 sidewalk bonds at 97.41, a basis of about 5.60%. Due July 10 1931

POINTE AU PIC, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—The School Commissioners will receive sealed bids up to Sept. 25 for the purchase of \$40,000 5 1/4% 10-year serial bonds, payable at La Malbaie, Quebec, and Montreal. The bonds are in denominations of \$100 and multiples thereof. J. C. Warren, Secretary-Treasurer.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by D. J. Matheson, City Treasurer, up to 5 p. m. Oct. 5 for the purchase of \$53,660 5% 10-year serial bonds and \$28,000 5% 5-year serial bonds.

ST. THOMAS, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 5% 20-year installment school bonds has been sold locally.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—BOND SALES.—The following, according to the "Monetary Times" of Toronto dated Sept. 17, is a list of school district bonds reported sold by the Local Government Board from Sept. 7 to 11: Earle Point, \$4,000 5 1/4% 15-years, to C. C. Cross & Co.; Kalvin, \$3,500 6% 15-years, to E. N. Moyer & Co.; Vidette, \$3,000 6% 15-years, to F. E. Watchler, Regina; Jellicoe, \$1,500 5 1/4% 10-years, to J. M. Campbell, Dodsland.

BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Local Government Board, according to the same paper, authorized during the same period an issue of \$3,500 not exceeding 7% Trewdale School District bonds. Due in 15 years.

SHAWVILLE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—E. T. Hodgins, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 7 for \$35,000 5 1/4% improvement bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due May 1 1961. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. A certified check for 1% of bid is required.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—BOND ELECTION.—It is likely that the rate-payers will be asked to vote on a \$1,000,000 by-law in October.

NEW LOANS

\$22,500

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BONDS OFFERED

Sealed bids will be received until EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M. OCTOBER 5TH by the Board of Education of District No. 3, Town of Galway, at the residence of Flora K. Willard, Galway Village, N. Y., for \$22,500 5% coupon or registered bonds. Denomination \$500. Date October 15, 1926. Principal \$500 due December 1, 1927, \$1,000 due annually thereafter. Interest semi-annually December 15th and June 15th, payable at Ballston Spa National Bank, Ballston Spa, N. Y. Certified check for two per cent of amount bid payable to William J. Crane, School Treasurer, Galway, N. Y.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Melrose, in the County of Curry and State of New Mexico, intend to issue, negotiate and sell negotiable coupon bonds of said village in the amount of Forty-five thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of securing funds for the construction of a system for supplying water for the said Village of Melrose.

Said bonds will bear date of November 1st, 1926, and will be redeemable at the option of said village ten years after date and absolutely due and payable thirty years after date, bearing interest at the rate of five and one-half (5 1/2%) per centum or six (6%) per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and consisting of forty-five bonds in the denomination of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) each, said bonds, principal and interest, being payable at the banking House of Kountze Brothers, in the City of New York, U. S. A.

The Board of Trustees of the said Village of Melrose, New Mexico, invite bids for said bonds, and all bids shall be sent to the Clerk of the said Village of Melrose, New Mexico, on or before 2:00 o'clock P. M. the 1st day of November, A. D. 1926. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids offered. All bids are to be accompanied by an unconditional certified check on a National Bank, for \$2,000.00, which check is to be forfeited in case said bidder refuses to comply with the terms of the purchase contract. The Bonds are to be sold by the Board of Trustees of said Village for cash to the highest and best responsible bidder and in no case for less than their par value and accrued interest, to date of delivery.

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