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Report of I. B. A. Convention

We devote thirty-four pages to-day to an account of the proceedings of the annual Convention of the Investment Bankers Association, held at Quebec, Canada, last week.

This great investment organization is growing in importance and in influence with each succeeding year. The feature of the annual gatherings is always the Committee reports, which will be found spread out at length on subsequent pages. The Committees are composed of men thoroughly conversant with their subjects, and they devote themselves to their respective tasks with a thoroughness that has never been surpassed anywhere in the same line of work—in fact has never before been equalled. Their studies, therefore, are of high value. They will all be found, along with addresses by R. C. Leffingwell of J. P. Morgan & Co. on Foreign Bonds, E. W. Beatty, K. C., President of the Canadian Pacific Ry., and Rodolphe Lemieux, K. C., Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, on pages 2071 to 2104 of the current issue.

The Financial Situation.

The stock market reaction which began on Saturday, Oct. 2, was renewed on Tuesday of this past week with increased emphasis, notwithstanding a large budget of favorable items contained in the news of the early week, including a drop of \$81,953,000 in brokers' loans, continuation of freight car

loadings at practically high record point with 1,184,862 cars for the week ended Oct. 9, an increase in Irving Fisher's weekly index of wholesale prices from 147.4 to 148.1, and the successful flotation of a number of important investment issues, including \$42,500,000 Republic of Chile external 6s, 1966, offered on Monday at 93¼, yielding 6.50% by an exceptionally large syndicate headed by Hallgarten & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., and Lehman Bros. As is usual, however, when a market is settling on account of weak technical conditions, or fear either of prices or business conditions, good news was disregarded.

Furthermore, the market was heavily raided on Tuesday afternoon on announcement from Berlin, Germany, of a manifesto signed by a large number of leading bankers of the world, including J. P. Morgan, appealing for the lowering of tariff barriers in Europe. Before this news had reached the daily papers, and was only vaguely known through stock wire flashes over the country, it was used for the purpose of stampeding nervous holders into an avalanche of sales. The maneuver was of only short-lived success, and the prices Tuesday night apparently marked the bottom of this movement, at least so far as it has gone up to the present time. With the reading of the manifesto itself, as published in the papers Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, and with the discovery that the recommendation was for Europe only, it became apparent that marketwise this news was of little consequence. As a result the market after a certain amount of nervous uneasiness during the day made sharp recovery before the close on Wednesday, the trend continuing strongly upward on Thursday. No one, of course, can tell whether or not this reaction has run its course. Yesterday prices moved uncertainly with net losses for the day. So far the decline has not been of the intensity to produce trading at the rate of three or three and one-half million shares a day, the greatest activity having occurred during the latter part of the first week in October, with trading averaging around 2,500,000 shares. Subsequently, for the most part trading has been below the 2,000,000 mark, but rose again above 2,000,000 on Wednesday of this week, with the first signs of recovery. Between Friday, Oct. 1, and Tuesday, Oct. 19, the Dow-Jones industrial average declined from 159.69 to 145.66, and the railroad average from 121.83 to 115.28. As is usually the case, the recovery was first noticeable through vigorous advances of the very best of the railroad and industrial shares.

During the past week cotton has not been a securities market feature of the first magnitude, although

the decline reasserted itself, the price of December options falling from 13.61c. on Friday, Oct. 15, to 12.19 on Friday, Oct. 22. Call money was probably a factor in preventing greater declines, as the rate dropped from 5% to 4½% on Monday and to 4% on Thursday. The franc moved above 3 cents during the week, a movement to be noted in view of its direction and the comparative stability that has prevailed over the past few weeks. This may be due to nothing more than technical conditions in the French money market, but at least it suggests that the present Ministry is meeting with success in its program for the ultimate stabilization of the franc and reconstruction of the whole French fiscal position.

The tariff manifesto, while not likely to be of immediate consequence, and certainly having no immediate bearing upon the situation in the United States, nor being directed toward the United States in any way, is in fact something that ultimately must work for the greatest constructive good, not only in Europe but in the United States and elsewhere. Europe has always been subject to the inconvenience and retarding influence of tariff barriers erected between comparatively small sections of a continental area. Trade, therefore, in proportions such as we know it in this country, has never existed on that Continent. The task has been rendered additionally difficult by the new political division created under the Treaty of Versailles. High tariff walls have been set up because of the desperate financial necessities of the impoverished countries and without regard for the ordinary interchanges of commodities.

The result has been an almost complete suppression of industries in certain localities and the impoverishment of many sections of population. The great advantage of free interchange of business over a continental area is, of course, best illustrated by the wealth of the United States. Europe with its less developed transportation facilities and its many languages is handicapped at best, but the tariff laws have emphasized these ordinary difficulties. The manifesto is a declaration by a large group of the important bankers of the world that in order to get back to normal prosperity it will be necessary for European countries to do away with or modify their present tariff policies. This is only common sense. The process is one quite as necessary as was the restoration of financial order in Germany in 1923, or as is the present similar move in France, Belgium and Italy.

The manifesto of the bankers is reminiscent of a speech made by Secretary Hughes in December 1923, when he called for an economic conference of business men, in order that the financial situation of Germany might be dealt with on the basis of common sense, rather than political considerations. That speech resulted in the Dawes program, and the financial rehabilitation of Germany. It is to be hoped that this week's pronouncement will be as successful in setting men at work along constructive lines.

The development with respect to Europe to which the most attention was given in the financial district of New York, and probably in other commercial and financial centres in the United States, were the European cable dispatches on Tuesday, Oct. 19, just referred to regarding the economic or inter-

national manifesto by a large and representative group of European financial and industrial leaders, and by a much smaller but no less distinguished group of Americans, of which J. P. Morgan is the recognized head. Prominent among the other American bankers who signed are Albert H. Wiggin, President Chase National Bank of New York, Gates W. McGarrah of the same institution, and J. J. Mitchell, President Illinois Merchants' Trust Co., Chicago. The manifesto was drawn up and signed with a view to hastening the reconstruction of Europe, particularly by lessening, and even breaking down altogether, trade and other barriers, notably tariffs, which it was claimed had been set up since the World War. According to the early cable advices there appeared to be no general information, even in the leading European capitals, as to just how and where the idea and the whole proposal originated. The Associated Press correspondent in London cabled on Oct. 19 that "the economic manifesto signed by leading financiers of Europe and the United States was conceived in London in July, press and banking circles assert, by Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England. Mr. Norman presented it to Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, Andrew W. Mellon, American Secretary of the Treasury, and Benjamin Strong, of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, during their vacation trips in France and Holland, and, according to the same authority, they approved it with slight modifications. Mr. Mellon, it is said here, submitted a copy to President Coolidge and discussed the manifesto in London with Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who approved it. It was then easy to obtain signatures."

Apparently there was a disposition, as between Berlin and London, to shift the responsibility for originating the idea and the document. The Associated Press representative in London cabled the same evening, Oct. 19, that "a certain air of mystery surrounds the genesis of the international manifesto put out by bankers and industrialists. No one seems to know just where it originated, although common belief here is that it had its origin in Berlin. The fact that the manifesto was issued to the London press through a well-known advertising agency is regarded as unusual." The New York "Times" said the next morning that, "according to information obtained in New York, the appeal was initiated by Lloyds Bank of London. Many leading American bankers visit London every year, and a number of them were asked to sign the appeal on their arrival last spring."

A canvass of prominent bankers in this city disclosed a rather surprising lack of advance information relative to the whole matter except such as could be gleaned from a careful reading of the document itself, and from European cable dispatches. In the seeming absence of knowledge as to how it came into being, bankers expressed the opinion, but not for direct quotation, that in affixing their signatures the prominent Americans had in mind that the ideas expressed and the suggestions and recommendations made in the manifesto had to do directly only with Europe and would not involve the United States or its Government. Acting upon this supposition, it was further suggested that apparently the Americans who signed thought that they

should be willing to lend their support to that extent.

Quite a different interpretation was placed upon the whole affair by Democratic political leaders and newspapers in the United States in speculative stock circles. In the former, and to a considerable extent in the latter, it was contended that American bankers and industrial leaders, most of whom are known to be Republicans in politics, could not reasonably recommend the breaking down of tariff barriers between European countries without favoring, or even recommending modifications of the protective tariff in the United States, for which the Republican Party always has been the outstanding sponsor. Proceeding on this assumption, it was contended that the American bankers and industrial leaders who signed the manifesto would be called upon to agitate a reduction in our existing tariff and that this would be a boomerang to the present Republican Administration, to general business and to the market for securities.

Stocks in the New York market sold off sharply on Tuesday afternoon, following the announcement of the signing of the manifesto and they moved in a decidedly confused way the next day. These developments were attributed in speculative circles, at least in part, to the manifesto incident. That unwarranted significance was thus attached to the purposes and scope of the document and to the signing of it by prominent Americans was clearly indicated by J. J. Mitchell, one of the American signatories. Mr. Mitchell was quoted in a Chicago dispatch as saying that "it should be distinctly understood that the manifesto in no way refers to American tariffs, either by allusion or inference. Many of the trade restrictions now effective in Europe are extremely destructive to European prosperity as a whole and should have been removed long ago. The American tariff is a different matter, and I do not wish to discuss any phase of it. The manifesto pertains exclusively to Europe. I signed it last summer in Europe just before sailing home. The English financiers whose names are attached to the document were desirous of having some American names also, though I told them that I could not see what good that would do." Mr. Wiggin said that "he, too, had signed the manifesto in the course of a visit to London early last summer."

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, and one of the signatories, was reported to have stated that "the importance of the international financiers' plea for removal of tariff barriers in Europe must not be under-estimated." He was quoted directly as saying that "the fact that the signers express merely personal views does not detract from its value. We all remember the Dawes report. After the Governments were at their wits' end, an economic way out of the political difficulty was found only thanks to a small group of international economic leaders. The manifesto points the way to freedom, and is the product of the common sense of all the peoples."

On the other hand, one of the most prominent bankers of this city suggested that the Americans who signed the manifesto did not even constitute a commission appointed by the bankers and industrial leaders of the United States, and much less did they act as the representatives of the United States Gov-

ernment. Going a step further, he suggested, with all due respect to the American signatories, that Congress, and not the bankers and corporation officials, makes the laws of the United States, and they cannot become such without the signature of the President.

Those who had been inclined to be apprehensive of the United States being drawn into a downward revision of our tariff found much over which to be reassured in the opinions credited to President Coolidge in his semi-weekly interview with newspapermen on Tuesday forenoon. According to a special Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" on Oct. 19, "President Coolidge's informal reaction to the manifesto issued by European financiers, in which American bankers joined, suggesting a lowering of international tariffs, is that not much could be done in that direction by the United States without jeopardizing our own industrial position and present prosperity." The President's attitude and suggestions were further outlined in part as follows: "The standards of living and wages are different in Europe and the United States, and this must always be considered when discussing free trade and the protective tariff, the President holds. The tariff is a domestic and economic measure that is employed to aid the people of the respective countries. The Republican Party, according to the President, holds that such a tariff is necessary if present standards are to be maintained in this country. As to how much the tariff prevents Europe selling her goods in this country, the President is unable to say without a close study of the import figures. He is of the opinion that of \$5,000,000,000 of imports, only about \$1,500,000,000 pays a duty, and that the rest enters free. It is necessary to secure revenue from some source, and the President holds that the tariff helps produce it, at the same time protecting the American producer and working man and helping lower taxes."

It was claimed in the financial district of this city on Wednesday that the manifesto really had its origin with the International Chamber of Commerce. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon had a conference at the White House with President Coolidge on Thursday. He let it be known afterward that they had discussed the tariff manifesto. The Secretary was quoted in Washington dispatches as denying the reports from Europe that he had seen the document in advance while in Europe last summer and approved it. He also made it clear that, in his judgment, the manifesto applies only to Europe and not to the United States.

Following the announcement on Oct. 19 of the signing of the tariff manifesto came word from Paris the next day that the Council of the International Chamber of Commerce had approved a report embodying suggestions by Sir Arthur Balfour "to carry out the principles of the international bankers' manifesto." The "suggestions" included "cessation of flag discrimination in ocean-carrying trade, abolition of passport visas and an end to ad valorem duties." The Associated Press representative in Paris cabled also that "the report demands protection of the rights of foreigners in all lands of uniform laws and absolute freedom of travel by air, rail and sea, with standardization of rolling stock

to facilitate communications from one country to another. It calls for ratification of the League of Nations' freedom of ports convention and says traffic in war materials ought to be exempt from export duties. The report closes with the suggestion that the League of Nations organize a commercial and tariff commission, bringing together representatives of the various Governments to consider international trade questions."

It was added in a later dispatch the same evening that "this action of the Council has followed long study by a committee on trade barriers and is allied with the manifesto issued yesterday and signed by many foremost bankers and business men of the world in favor of free trade. Before it can become a settled item in the policy of the International Chamber it must be voted on at the next Congress. But between its resolution even by the International Chamber of Commerce and its realization there is a long road to travel."

Sir Alan Sanderson, Acting President of the International Chamber of Commerce, said in his report that "the first trade barrier is lack of a stable token with which to trade and the next is the rivalry of one State against another, which bars trade and so damages everyone." It was added that "the only continent which was enjoying prosperity, he pointed out, was the North American continent, where tariffs did not exist between States. Europe, with absolutely equal chances of prosperity, has 28 frontiers and within each of these frontiers the incessant complaint is being raised by business men that they cannot sell their products because of the tariff walls of others."

The second Imperial Conference to be held since the World War and the first in three years, began in the official residence of Prime Minister Baldwin, at 10 Downing Street, London, Tuesday morning, Oct. 19. It is thought that the conference may last five or six weeks. The Associated Press representative in London said that "among the delegates were six Premiers, the President of the Irish Free State Executive Council and the Maharaja Dhijara Dahadur of Burdwan, India—all of them representing some 441,000,000 people, or about one-fourth of the world's population. The Premiers present were Stanley Baldwin of Great Britain, Mackenzie King of Canada, S. M. Bruce of Australia, J. G. Coates of New Zealand, J. B. M. Hertzog of the Union of South Africa and W. S. Monroe of Newfoundland."

The opening session was preceded by "an impressive ceremony in Westminster Abbey at which the Prince of Wales unveiled a tablet to the memory of the million men of the Empire who lost their lives in the World War." Premier Baldwin delivered the address of welcome, in which he said that "the Conference discussions would extend over the whole field of Imperial and inter-Imperial policy. It was desired to consider means whereby the Dominions would be knit closer to one another and also closer to the mother country, and how the means of communication could be made more effective." The Associated Press representative added that "many questions are on the agenda, including the usual problems of trade, immigration, defense and communications arising from the growth of the Empire. The outstanding question, however, is the treaty-making status of the Dominions in foreign affairs."

While naturally it was expected that the opening session would be devoted chiefly to an exchange of greetings and other formalities, the New York "Times" representative in London cabled that evening that "the first meeting of the Imperial Conference, which opened here to-day to discuss extremely grave problems confronting the British Empire, would have been a day of perfunctory preliminary business but for General Hertzog, Premier of South Africa, and President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State. The vigorous South African leader lost no time in justifying all those prophets who have been foretelling for weeks that South Africa would prove the 'enfant terrible' of the Conference. President Cosgrave injected into the preliminaries a note well calculated to jeopardize the harmony of the proceedings when he submitted a letter to Prime Minister Baldwin, excusing himself from attending to-day's unveiling at Westminster Abbey of a memorial tablet to the British soldiers who fell in the World War because he felt that his presence would be inappropriate in view of the Dublin 'Easter rebellion' of 1916, in which he took an active part."

At its session on Thursday "the Imperial Conference approved the appointment of a mandate committee to investigate questions of mutual interest to England and the Dominions regarding the Empire's Government of territories entrusted to it." The New York "Herald Tribune" correspondent in London cabled the same evening that "particular interest is attached to the consideration of the mandate problems in view of Sir Austen Chamberlain's attitude at the recent meeting of the League of Nations Assembly. The Foreign Secretary stirred up considerable debate and some opposition among the smaller Powers when he demanded less interference by the League mandate commission with the policies adopted by the mandate Powers."

The Associated Press representative in London cabled last evening that, "in a review of Empire trade conditions, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, has informed the Premiers attending the Imperial Conference of the necessity to buy and sell British goods within the Empire. 'We shall need each other's markets in the next few years,' said Sir Philip, 'particularly because of the after-effects of the World War and their correction. Foreign countries which are seeking to stabilize their exchanges inevitably will be forced to restrict their purchases. They will buy less. The more we buy and sell within the Empire the easier it is for us to maintain our exchanges.'"

Premier Poincare of France has continued strongly in favor of ratification by the Chamber of Deputies of the war debt agreement with the United States negotiated by Senator Berenger. Rumors to the contrary were said to have been in circulation in Paris. On Oct. 15 the Paris representative of the New York "Times" cabled that "the fear expressed in some quarters that Premier Poincare has again changed his mind on debt ratification is quite untrue, I am informed. The Premier remains firmly in favor of the earliest possible approval by Parliament of the Berenger treaty." Announcement was made in an Associated Press dispatch last evening, however, that "Minister of the Interior Sarraut announced after a Cabinet Council to-day that, because of the press of work in connection with the budget,

it seemed virtually impossible that the Washington debt accord could be discussed in the Chamber of Deputies before January."

There were important developments at the Congress of the Socialist Party at Bordeaux Saturday (Oct. 16). After a fiery speech by Joseph Caillaux, who as Finance Minister negotiated a war debt agreement with the United States that failed, the Congress adopted the following resolution "advocating ratification of the debt accords with reservations: 'The Congress believes that in ratifying the Washington accord reservations must be stipulated either that in no case and in no form will France have to pay the United States and Great Britain more than she receives from her European debtors, or that in case of inter-Governmental disagreement arbitration shall be resorted to, strictly limited in purpose to the transfers possible during a determined period without compromising monetary stability. The Congress deems that these reserves must be expressed in such fashion that there can be no doubt as to their scope either in Washington or in American public opinion.'" M. Caillaux was quoted as saying that "he would vote for the resolution, 'in that it requires the Government to obtain as much as possible and does not tie the hands of the party's representatives in Parliament.'"

Announcement was made in a special Paris cable dispatch to the New York "Times" on Oct. 17 that "Premier Poincare's Cabinet spent more of to-day's meeting discussing the outcome of the Radical Socialist Congress at Bordeaux than any other subject." It was explained that "on the attitude of the Government toward the Radical Socialists and on the attitude of the Radical Socialists toward the Government depends the whole future of many questions, and not the least among them the future of the American debt discussion." What actually had been done was outlined in part as follows: "With the Government the Radicals have made a truce. It is a kind of benevolent truce, for their program and their resolutions permit Messrs. Herriot and Albert Sarraut and two other Ministers of the Radical Party to remain members of M. Poincare's Cabinet. But it is only a truce, and not an alliance. That was made clear in every decision of the Congress and in the final speech of Maurice Sarraut, the new President of the party. M. Poincare is to be helped to stabilize the franc if he can and by every means that the 143 Radicals of the Chamber judge not only expeditious but just, but he is to obey their dictates on all other matters, such as, for instance, the foreign policy of M. Briand, with which they are in the fullest agreement. If he and his colleagues of the Right, with whom the truce has been made, attempt to break away from the dictation of the Liberal Left, then the old alliance of the cartel will be at once remade and the Government thrown from office." It was added, "that was the general result of the various decisions and speeches made at the Congress. In foreign policy and internal domestic policy the party remained true to its old traditions and to the liberal creed of France during twenty years before the war. But in financial politics it compromised."

That the situation looked still better for Premier Poincare was stressed in a special Paris cable dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" the next day, Oct. 18. It was claimed that "the menace of

defeat which has been hanging over the Poincare Government on the question of ratification of the Mellon-Berenger debt accord seemed to-day to be definitely removed, and every indication warrants the forecast that this Ministry will remain in office for a considerable time." According to the dispatch, also, "two significant political developments here have given Premier Poincare greatly added strength. The first is the attitude of the Radical Socialist Congress at Bordeaux, in which that party as a whole has given its blessing to those of its members who have been holding portfolios in the Ministry since July. In addition, Maurice Sarraut, the newly-elected party chief, referred to M. Poincare in his inaugural speech as a 'Republican laique,' following the party's decision to adhere to the Poincare debt policy—ratification with certain reservations. When M. Sarraut referred to M. Poincare as a 'Republican laique' it was equivalent to saying in English 'he is all right and has all our best wishes.' The second political event is M. Poincare's own successful contact with the Marin party in the Chamber, composed of upward of 100 Deputies. This party now is in line with the Premier, who conferred with several of its chiefs during his visit to eastern France. Louis Marin, the high chief of this party, hitherto one of the strongest opponents of ratification, is a member of the Poincare Cabinet and announced his adhesion to the Poincare policy several days ago."

A long time has elapsed without important political news appearing in the cable dispatches from Moscow. But announcement has been made this week of the defeat of Leon Trotzky and his followers by Joseph Stalin and his group. This news in definite form was contained in cable dispatches from Moscow under date of Oct. 17. The overthrow of Trotzky did not come as a real surprise to political leaders in the principal European centres outside of Russia. Trotzky and his adherents attacked the Central Committee of the Communist Party and the struggle for supremacy was on for two weeks before the former capitulated. Paris had expected that the contest would result the way it did. On Oct. 15 the Paris representative of the New York "Times" said in a wireless message that "French observers in Moscow of the trial of strength between Stalin and Trotzky and their followers appear inclined to believe that the present administration will prove the stronger of the two for some time at least, and that the incipient revolt will be suppressed once more or adjourned."

That for the time being at least the defeat was complete was indicated in another special wireless message from Moscow to the "Times" two days later (Oct. 17). It stated that "the terms of the settlement arrived at between the Communist Party Central Committee, led by Joseph Stalin, and the opposition, led by Leon Trotzky, reveal complete defeat for Trotzky and his associates. Instead of being a compromise which rumor reported was the outcome of Trotzky's two weeks' fight against the Central Committee in violation of its laws, there has been unconditional capitulation by the insurgents." It was added that "to-day the six leaders of the opposition—Trotzky, Zinovieff, Kameneff, Pyatikoff, Sokolnikoff and Yevdokimoff—publicly repudiated their actions in the press. They admit their conduct was calculated to split the party, confess they vio-

lated discipline and promise to dissolve their factional organization and submit without reserve to the decisions of the Central Committee."

As for the personality and policies of the defeated and victorious leaders, the Paris representative of the "Times" said: "Stripped of all personal and party complications, the issue between Stalin and Trotzky is the ever-recurring one of the respective cases for autocratic and democratic government, of whether a few can and should govern for the many, or whether even at the cost of more mistakes the many ought to have a hand in their own governing. Stalin stands for autocratic—or in this case bureaucratic—government. Trotzky, a man of far wider understanding and experience, is for democracy. In a way their differences are the same as those between the governmental conceptions of Hamilton and Jefferson. Stalin is for centralization and central authority, Trotzky for distributed responsibility. Of the two Trotzky holds the purer Communist faith. He believes in Communism. Stalin believes in Communist administration. But, like Lenin, Trotzky is an adaptable Communist. He is willing to make practical contributions to facts while struggling along toward his ideal. Stalin is entirely bureaucratic. So long as the names and outlines of Communism are maintained the Government may become more autocratic than that of any Czar without Stalin detecting a difference or realizing what has happened. He would believe he was still entirely faithful to the memory and all the ideas of his friend Lenin. Between these two men the French see the difference between the Russian Communist, such as Trotzky is, with the added strength of his Jewish race, and the German kind of Communist Stalin has shown himself, plodding, unimaginative, careful and strong."

The defeat of Trotzky has been regarded favorably in London, according to a special dispatch from that centre to the New York "Herald Tribune" on Oct. 18. The correspondent said that, "as Leon Trotzky's star fades in the councils of the Russian Communist Party hope is revived in Great Britain that the Soviet Government, under the influence of the more conservative faction headed by Joseph Stalin, will pursue a more steady and more friendly course among the nations of the world." He commented further on the situation in part as follows: "Trotzky's defeat in the party marks a distinct step away from the militant Bolshevism of Lenin and points toward a time when the Soviet Government will allow its ambition, to convert by force the whole world to Communism, to lapse into oblivion. Trotzky joined by Zinovieff and supported by lesser leaders of Communism, such as Kameneff, Yevdokimoff, Pyatikoff and Sokolnikoff, has been clamoring for a return to the aggressive policy of Lenin, and has been accusing Stalin of having lost sight of Russia's international mission to upset capitalism throughout the world. The principal bone of contention between the opposition and the Stalin faction has been the treatment of the peasants. Trotzky wanted to tax the peasants heavily in order to make them pay high prices for the goods manufactured by the city workers, and thus check the peasants' capitalistic developments. Stalin, on the other hand, believes that the main hope of Rus-

sian stability lies in encouraging the peasants back to prosperity, even at the risk of letting them adopt methods of capitalism. Agriculture, as a result, has been recovering more quickly than industry. Stalin wants lower taxation for the peasants, foreseeing that in the long run their increased purchasing power will react favorably in industry. He realizes that Lenin's theories must be modified to meet present day conditions."

The change in the Russian political situation is expected by political leaders in Washington to work out favorably, according to a special dispatch from that centre to the New York "Herald Tribune" on Oct. 18. The defeat of Trotzky, it was claimed, "has aroused the keenest interest in Washington, both in State Department circles and among members of Congress who keep in touch with Russian conditions." It was added that "information which has been seeping into Washington for some time has been to the effect Russia soon would propose to the United States to settle its debts and thus pave the way to recognition. The victory of Stalin and the men about him is regarded here as likely to hasten the making of such a proposition. Senator Borah, who is supposed to be in touch with some of the Russian leaders, has said that Russia has been ready for two years to settle with the United States."

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 7½% in Paris; 7% in Belgium, Italy and Austria; 6% in Berlin; 5½% in Denmark; 5% in London, Norway and Madrid; 4½% in Sweden, and 3½% in Holland and Switzerland. In London open market discounts remain steady and finished at 4 11-16@4¾% for short bills, unchanged, and 4¾@4 13-16% for three months' bills, against 4 11-16@4¾% a week ago. Money on call at the British centre was strong and went up to 4⅜%, but closed at 3¾%, the same as last week. At Paris open market discount rates advanced from 7 to 7½%, while in Switzerland they dropped from 2¾% to 2 11-16%.

Another, though small, loss in gold was indicated by the Bank of England statement for the week ended Oct. 20, amounting to £78,103. Note circulation, however, again declined—£632,000—so that the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department expanded £554,000, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities remained at 27.98%, the same as last week. In the corresponding week of 1925 the ratio stood at 25¼% and a year earlier at 19⅞%. Increases occurred in the deposit items; public deposits rose £595,000 and "other" deposits £1,380,000. There was a decrease in the Bank's temporary loans to the Government of £485,000, but loans on other securities mounted £1,913,000. Gold holdings aggregate £154,095,823, which compares with £152,740,756 last year and £128,487,745, in 1924 (before the transfer to the Bank of England of the £27,000,000 gold formerly held by the Redemption Account of the Currency Note Issue). Reserve stands at £35,133,000. This compares with £29,950,161 in 1925 and £25,332,115 a year earlier. Note circulation stands at £138,713,000. A year ago the total was £142,540,595 and in 1924 £122,905,630. The loan total is £72,771,000, as against £74,111,101 in 1925 and £77,116,347 a year earlier. Clearings through the London

banks for the week totaled £798,939,000, which compares with £715,314,000 last week and £768,299,000 a year ago. No change was made in the official discount rate, which remains at 5%. 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. Oct. 20.	1925. Oct. 21.	1924. Oct. 22.	1923. Oct. 24.	1922. Oct. 25.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	b138,713,000	142,540,595	122,905,630	123,110,835	121,886,450
Public deposits.....	20,202,000	9,618,418	14,757,735	13,956,896	15,201,277
Other deposits.....	105,343,000	109,182,246	112,497,350	105,640,722	110,180,337
Government securities	35,326,000	32,378,644	42,468,443	41,133,506	47,653,803
Other securities.....	72,771,000	74,111,101	77,116,347	71,872,045	71,435,298
Reserve notes & coin	35,133,000	29,950,161	25,332,115	24,312,729	23,996,084
Coin and bullion.....	a154,095,823	152,740,756	128,487,745	127,673,564	127,432,534
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	27.98%	25¼%	19¾%	20¾%	19.14
Bank rate.....	5%	4%	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 the gold standard.

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

In its weekly statement the Bank of France reported a further reduction in note circulation, namely 443,480,000 francs. Thus total note circulation now aggregates 54,988,355,310 francs, as against 46,599,073,965 francs for the same time in 1925 and 40,459,509,905 francs in 1924. The Government's indebtedness to the Bank also showed a large reduction (150,000,000 francs). Advances to the State now amount to 36,150,000,000 francs, as contrasted with 30,350,000,000 francs last year and with 22,700,000,000 francs for the corresponding date in 1924. Gold holdings gained 4,550 francs during the week and now stand at 5,548,789,450 francs. In 1925 gold holdings aggregated 5,547,395,642 francs and the year previous 5,544,870,872 francs. Changes in the various other items of the Bank's weekly report were: Silver holdings increased by 33,000 francs; Treasury deposits by 23,469,000 francs, and general deposits by 302,955,000 francs. On the other hand, bills discounted fell off 351,290,000 francs and trade advances 12,310,000 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.	Oct. 20 1926.	Oct. 22 1925.	Oct. 23 1924.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	4,550	3,684,468,543	3,683,674,734	3,680,049,964
Abroad.....	Unchanged	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Total.....Inc.	4,550	5,548,789,450	5,547,395,642	5,544,870,872
Silver.....Inc.	33,000	339,025,855	310,104,251	320,387,700
Bills discounted.....Dec.	351,290,000	4,672,880,426	2,796,012,514	4,993,553,230
Trade advances.....Dec.	12,310,000	2,214,235,436	2,670,178,329	2,753,167,042
Note circulation.....Dec.	443,480,000	54,988,355,310	46,599,073,965	40,459,509,905
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	23,469,000	32,951,061	45,497,055	18,838,387
General deposits.....Inc.	302,955,000	3,251,479,395	2,319,501,360	1,737,348,720
Advances to State.....Dec.	150,000,000	36,150,000,000	30,350,000,000	22,700,000,000

In its statement, issued as of Oct. 15, the Imperial Bank of Germany revealed continued shrinkage in note circulation, and a fairly substantial addition to gold holdings. In detail the figures show that note circulation fell 167,590,000 marks, although other maturing obligations expanded 102,063,000 marks and other liabilities 26,769,000 marks. As to assets, there was a decrease of 84,494,000 marks in bills of exchange and checks, although advances increased 23,829,000 marks. Deposits held abroad were augmented 2,653,000 marks and silver and other coins increased 3,104,000 marks. Declines occurred of 64,839,000 marks in reserve in foreign currencies and of 21,000 marks in investments. Holdings of notes on other banks increased 3,214,000 marks, while

"other assets" registered a gain of 44,140,000 marks. Gold and bullion holdings moved up 36,309,000 marks, bringing total stocks of the metal up to 1,652,617,000 marks, which compares with 1,204,514,000 marks last year and 613,625,000 marks in 1924. Note circulation now outstanding is 2,971,739,000 marks.

The weekly statements of the Federal Reserve banks, issued on Thursday afternoon, showed a heavy shrinkage in rediscounting operations, and at New York also a contraction in open market operations. According to the report for the System, discounts of bills secured by Government obligations fell \$49,200,000, and "other" bills \$68,100,000, so that total bills discounted for the week decreased \$117,300,000, bringing the grand total down to \$586,622,000, or below the amount held last year. Holdings of bills bought in the open market were slightly larger, increasing \$1,500,000, but declines were revealed in all of the following items: Total bills and securities (earning assets), \$118,100,000; Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation, \$26,400,000; member bank reserve accounts, \$3,600,000, and deposits, \$16,700,000. Gold holdings for the banks as a group increased \$6,900,000. At New York a large addition to stocks of the precious metal was shown, viz., \$61,100,000. Aside from this, however, the local institution indicated parallel conditions with those existing for the banks as a whole. Rediscounting of all classes of bills decreased approximately \$95,200,000. Open market purchases were smaller, declining \$11,100,000. Total bills and securities were reduced \$108,300,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation declined \$8,000,000. In member bank reserve accounts a contraction of \$7,900,000 occurred, and deposits fell off \$14,700,000. As to the reserve ratios, increases were noted, partly because of additions to gold holdings, and partly incidental to lessened deposits. For the System as a whole the ratio advanced to 74.1%, up 1%, while the New York bank's ratio moved up 6.5%, to 85.4%.

Declines in both loans and deposits were the features of last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies. Loans and discounts fell off \$45,447,000, while net demand deposits declined \$25,511,000 and time deposits \$1,294,000, the latter to \$591,090,000. The total of demand deposits is \$4,367,935,000, which is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$45,974,000, a drop in the latter item for the week of \$7,345,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve banks fell \$556,000, to \$47,454,000. This, however, does not count as reserve. State bank and trust company reserves in own vaults increased \$315,000, but the reserves kept by these institutions in other depositories decreased \$142,000. Member banks drew down their reserves at the Federal institution to the extent of \$15,439,000. The result was to bring down surplus, notwithstanding reduced deposits, \$11,960,340, leaving excess reserves of \$26,032,990, against \$37,993,330 last week. The figures here given for surplus reserve are based on legal reserve requirements of 13% against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve, but do not include \$47,454,000 cash in vault held by these member institutions on Saturday last.

The ease of the local money market was more pronounced than had been expected by most observers. There has been considerable talk, until quite recently, of firm rates throughout the autumn, and also of the possibility of an advance in the New York Federal Reserve rediscount rate. Little or nothing was heard along these lines this week. Instead it was suggested that the rediscount rate might be reduced. Aside from such a possibility it may be stated that the influx of funds to this centre from interior points was considerably larger than had been expected, even by New York bankers. A favorable showing was made for the week by both the Federal Reserve System and the New York Federal Reserve Bank. Brokers' loans as of Oct. 13, and reported by the Federal Reserve Board, showed a decrease of \$81,953,000. Because of the active buying movement on Thursday and the greater part of Friday, it is impossible to estimate to what extent loans were affected by the selling of stocks. Conditions in business in this country have not changed especially. Some automobile manufacturers are curtailing production, while others are holding to previous schedules pretty closely. Judge Gary, in his address to the American Iron & Steel Institute, spoke as optimistically as on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Some banking and railroad officials have sounded a word of caution as to further expansion in business just now. Considerable financing for Europe is likely to be undertaken in the near future. According to current reports, plans have been pretty well completed for floating a loan for \$100,000,000 for Belgium, of which it is said at least half would be placed in the United States.

As to money rates in detail, loans on call covered a range during the week of 4@5%, which compares with 5@5½% a week ago. Monday the high was 5%, the low 4½%, with 5% the rate for renewals. On Tuesday and Wednesday there was no range, all loans in the call division being placed at 4½%. Renewals continued at 4½% on Thursday, which was the high, but before the close there was a decline to 4%. Friday the quotation went back to 4½% and this was the high, the low and renewal rate for the day.

In time money the situation is still essentially the same. Fixed date funds have been in freer supply, but the demand has been light, so that the market has been a dull affair. Quotations have not been changed from 4⅞@5% for all maturities from sixty days to six months.

Mercantile paper has been fairly active, with a good demand reported from out-of-town buyers. Supplies of the best names, however, have been still restricted, and the volume of business transacted has not been particularly large. Four to six months' names of choice character have not been changed from 4½%, with names not so well known still requiring 4¾%. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names continue to pass at 4½%.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances remain at the levels previously current with the undertone firm. Prime acceptances were in request, particularly from country institutions, but as offerings were light, the aggregate turnover attained only moderate proportions. 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 3¼% 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.			
Prime eligible bills.....	90 Days.....	60 Days.....	30 Days.....
	4 @3¼	3⅞@3¼	3¼@3¼
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Prime eligible bills.....	3¼ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	3⅞ 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 OCT. 22 1926.

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' and Livestock Paper.
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 market for sterling exchange attracted attention early this week because of an apparently temporary display of weakness that sent prices for a time down to the lowest point of the year. After opening at 4 84⅞, demand bills gradually sold off to 4 84 5-16, a loss of 9-16c. While there was nothing unusual in a movement toward lower levels at this time of the year, it aroused considerable comment on the part of those who have been watching the course of sterling and confidently predicting a continuation of stable prices. In fact the ability of sterling to maintain itself even in the face of a constantly growing unfavorable trade balance and the still-present coal strike and its far-reaching consequences, has more than once occasioned surprise. It was recalled that at this time a year ago London was sending gold in substantial volume to New York. Announcement of the declaration of certain American and European bankers in favor of the removal of European tariff barriers was regarded as of special significance to the future of sterling, since as England is already on a practically free trade basis, she might gain access to markets now closed to her. The drop in values for a time revived talk of an advance in the Bank of England discount rate. It is not now, however, considered likely that such a step will be taken unless sterling price levels should drop radically. Although a higher bank rate would serve to draw funds to the British centre, it would also react unfavorably on business and might exercise a depressing effect on market opinion. Renewed selling caused weakness in the latter part of the week and the close was at the bottom.

As to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last was easier and demand declined to 4 84¾@4 84⅞ and cable transfers to 4 85¼@4 85⅝; trading was narrow. On Monday further easing, on free offering of commercial bills, resulted in depressing prices another 1-32 of one cent; the range was 4 84 23-32@4 84 25-32 for demand and 4 85 7-32@4 85 9-32 for cable transfers. An increase in the volume of commercial offerings sent rates down on Tues-

day to 4 84 15-32@4 84 19-32, with cable transfers at 4 84 31-32@4 85 3-32. Wednesday's market continued to show a declining tendency and quotations were 4 84 5-16@4 84 7-16 for demand and 4 84 13-16@4 84 15-16 for cable transfers. Firmness set in on Thursday on lessened offerings and there was a slight recovery to 4 84 3/8@4 84 7-16 for demand and 4 84 7/8@4 84 5-16 for cable transfers. On Friday the undertone was a shade easier with quotations fractionally lower; demand sold at 4 84 5-16@4 84 3/8 and cable transfers at 4 84 13-16@4 84 7/8; the volume of business transacted was not large. Closing quotations were 4 84 3/8 for demand and 4 84 7/8 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 84 1/4, sixty days at 4 80 1/4, ninety days at 4 78 3/8, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 80 1/2 and seven-day grain bills at 4 83 1/4. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 84 1/4.

No gold was actually received this week, although it is understood that \$2,000,000 is on its way here from Yokohama. According to the Japanese Financial Commission, other shipments of the precious metal are to follow. The purpose of the movement, as with previous consignments, is to stabilize the Japanese yen and enlarge gold holdings in New York. The Bank of England continues active in the matter of gold shipment, and reported sales of about £539,000 in bars, exports of some £68,000 in sovereigns to Switzerland and India and the receipt of £500,000 from Africa.

General buoyancy pervaded operations in Continental exchange and the week's dealings were featured by a rise to well over the 3.00-mark for French francs (3.02 3/4) while Italian lire rose to 4.40 1/2. These advances represent gains of 16 3/4 and 23 1/2 points, respectively, and while some of the advance was subsequently lost, the close was firm, and the strength was thought to reflect improvement in the political outlook in both countries. In France the progress made toward rehabilitation of finances contributed to bring the franc up to higher levels, especially as it was understood that the 1927 budget plan places a value of about 3 1/8 on the franc. Trading was extremely active at times, particularly on the London and Paris markets. Franc futures were strong and appreciably higher. Italian lire were favorably influenced by intimations that Premier Mussolini's deflationary measures (some of which are already in operation) were meeting with marked success. Another factor, however, was Government operations, designed to drive out or diminish the outstanding short interest in lire, and the market followed the same course that has been noted in recent weeks. Belgian francs came in for a large share of attention, the quotation rising from 2.79 1/2 to 2.84 1/2; although before the close there was a decline to 2.80, notwithstanding optimistic advices showing that arrangements for a large stabilization loan were practically completed and that Belgium's financial position is regarded as generally satisfactory. There is nothing new to report as regards Austrian exchange, and the same is true of Russia, the currencies of both countries remaining at nominal levels, without trading activity. German marks broke from the fixed rate to 23.76 1/2 without special activity. Greek exchange ruled comparatively firm at around 1.21, but closed around 1.19. In the minor Central European division, trading was quiet and rate changes small.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 163.05, as against 168.60 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 3.00, against 2.87 1/2; transfers at 3.01, against 2.88 1/2, and commercial sight bills at 2.99, against 2.86 1/2 a week ago. Antwerp francs finished the week at 2.80 for checks and at 2.81 for cable transfers, in comparison with 2.79 1/2 and 2.80 1/2 a week earlier. Closing rates on German marks were 23.76 1/2 for checks and 23.78 1/2 for cable transfers, against 23.79 and 23.80 a week ago, while Austrian schillings continue to be quoted at 14 1/8, unchanged. Lire finished at 4.33 for bankers' sight bills and at 4.34 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was 4.08 and 4.09. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.96 3/8 (unchanged); on Bucharest at 0.54 (unchanged); on Poland at 11.25, against 11.35, and on Finland at 2.52 1/4, unchanged from the previous week. Greek drachmae finished at 1.19 for checks and at 1.19 1/2 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 1.21 1/2 and 1.22.

The former neutral exchanges were neglected this week and trading showed a falling off, while rate changes were confined to a few points, with the exception of Norwegian krone, which continue to move in lively fashion. This week there was an advance from 24.00 to 24.61, a decline to 24.38 with a subsequent burst of strength that carried the quotation up to 25.09, or the highest level in ten years. These gyrations were due to the speculative boom that has been on since the action of the Norges Bank last week. Should the present rate of advance be maintained it would not be long before parity is reached, but this is not regarded as likely, since it would involve too great hardship upon Norwegian business. It is now predicted that Norway will return to the gold standard either at the end of the year or early in 1927. Danish and Swedish currencies were steady but only a point or two over last week's levels, and losing these gains before the close. Dutch guilders remain heavy, hovering around 39.97 all week. Swiss francs were weaker also, all on dull, narrow trading. Spanish pesetas moved erratically. Following a weak opening, there was an advance of about 20 points, to 15.28, then a drop to 15.11; later on a recovery to 15.26, with the closing down again to 15.09. These sharp up and down movements were attributed to speculative buying and selling.

Bankers' sight bills on Amsterdam finished at 39.96 3/4, against 39.98 1/2; cable transfers at 39.98 3/4, against 40.00 1/2, and commercial sight bills at 39.92 3/4, against 39.94 1/2 last week. Swiss francs closed at 19.29 1/2 for bankers' sight bills and at 19.30 1/2 for cable remittances. A week ago the close was 19.32 and 19.33. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.56 and cable transfers at 26.60 (unchanged). Checks on Sweden closed at 26.69 1/2 and cable transfers at 26.73 1/2, against 26.71 and 26.75, while checks on Norway finished at 25.09 and cable transfers at 25.13, against 24.03 and 24.07 the previous week. Spanish pesetas closed at 15.09 for checks and at 15.11 for cable transfers, which compares with 15.14 and 15.16 the week before.

With regard to South American exchange, the tendency was towards recovery, although trading was inactive. Argentine pesos closed unchanged, at 40.75 for checks and at 40.80 for cable transfers, while Brazilian milreis scored a gain of 55 points, finishing

at 13.90 for checks and at 13.95 for cable transfers, in comparison with 13.35 and 13.40 a week ago. Chilean exchange was strong and advanced to 12.15, then closed at 12.10, against 12.07, while Peru finished at 3.61, against 3.62 last week.

Interest continues unabated in Far Eastern exchange and spectacular weakness again featured the dealings. What were regarded as the heaviest declines yet faced occurred this week when the price of silver gave way completely causing a renewed crash in the values of the Chinese currencies. Hong Kong taels declined to 45 13-16@46³/₈, then closed at 46 7-16@47¹/₄, against 48 5-16@48¹/₂, while Shanghai dollars went to 57¹/₈@57¹/₂, then finished at 58¹/₈@58¹/₂, against 59⁷/₈@60¹/₂ a week ago. In sharp contrast to this weakness, Japanese yen again shot upward, touching another new high point of 49¹/₈ on good buying, partly of speculative origin. An influence that served to further strengthen this currency was announcement that gold shipments to this country would be resumed, presumably for the support of Japan's exchanges and to add to New York balances. In some quarters this was taken to indicate that a speedy return to the gold standard was in prospect; bankers usually well informed, however, do not take this view, pointing out that the crashing of silver prices and political upheaval in China, have combined to restrict Japan's trade with China, and it is understood that the Diet has frowned upon the idea of an immediate return to a gold basis. Cancellation of a large amount of paper rupees by the Indian authorities as a preliminary to India's return to the gold basis, failed to exert any influence on Indian exchange. Yokohama exchange finished at 48⁷/₈@49, against 48⁵/₈@48³/₄; Manila at 49⁷/₈@50, against 49³/₄@49⁵/₈; Singapore at 56¹/₄@56³/₈ (unchanged); Calcutta at 36¹/₄@36³/₈ (unchanged) and Bombay, 36¹/₄@36³/₈ (unchanged).

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 522 of the Tariff Act of 1922, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury the buying rate for cable transfers in the different countries of the world. We give below a record for the week just past:

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. OCT. 16 1926 TO OCT. 22 1926, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Oct. 16.	Oct. 18.	Oct. 19.	Oct. 20.	Oct. 21.	Oct. 22.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling.....	1.4078	1.4111	1.4101	1.4080	1.4086	1.4083
Belgium, franc.....	.0281	.0281	.0282	.0284	.0281	.0281
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007278	.007286	.007294	.007294	.007267	.007289
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.029618	.029620	.029623	.029620	.029627	.029620
Denmark, krone.....	.2659	.2660	.2660	.2660	.2660	.2660
England, pound sterling.....	4.8529	4.8524	4.8501	4.8483	4.8486	4.8483
Finland, markka.....	.025208	.025227	.025207	.025216	.025203	.025210
France, franc.....	.0288	.0290	.0292	.0301	.0301	.0299
Germany, reichsmark.....	2.381	2.381	2.381	2.380	2.380	2.379
Greece, drachma.....	.012189	.012118	.012073	.012067	.012084	.012028
Holland, guilder.....	.4000	.4001	.4000	.4000	.3999	.3999
Hungary, pengo.....	.1754	.1760	.1758	.1755	.1759	.1758
Italy, lira.....	.0411	.0417	.0423	.0433	.0434	.0434
Norway, krone.....	.2399	.2442	.2446	.2476	.2484	.2502
Poland, zloty.....	.1102	.1107	.1113	.1112	.1114	.1118
Portugal, escudo.....	.0510	.0511	.0511	.0510	.0510	.0510
Rumania, lea.....	.005312	.005372	.005369	.005334	.005332	.005378
Spain, peseta.....	.1509	.1517	.1518	.1516	.1520	.1515
Sweden, krona.....	.2673	.2673	.2674	.2673	.2673	.2673
Switzerland, franc.....	.1932	.1932	.1932	.1931	.1929	.1929
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.017685	.017684	.017679	.017676	.017676	.017674
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael.....	.6183	.6083	.6000	.5921	.6129	.6021
Hankow, tael.....	.6103	.5994	.5894	.5850	.6066	.5925
Shanghai, tael.....	.5923	.5798	.5670	.5686	.5880	.5721
Tientsin, tael.....	.6192	.6083	.6033	.5929	.6138	.6029
Hong Kong, dollar.....	.4749	.4699	.4527	.4547	.4685	.4596
Mexican dollar.....	.4450	.4388	.4218	.4313	.4408	.4338
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar.....	.4225	.4179	.4092	.4113	.4196	.4158
Yuan, dollar.....	.4188	.4142	.4054	.4075	.4158	.4121
India, rupee.....	.3613	.3613	.3613	.3613	.3614	.3613
Japan, yen.....	.4870	.4884	.4889	.4878	.4872	.4880
Singapore (S.S.), dollar.....	.5608	.5608	.5608	.5608	.5608	.5608
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar.....	1.000693	1.000656	1.000703	1.000692	1.000718	1.000714
Cuba, peso.....	.999250	.999125	.999156	.999156	.999188	.999156
Mexico, peso.....	.480000	.479500	.479667	.479667	.479733	.479750
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.998242	.998203	.998255	.998255	.998320	.998242
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.9274	.9272	.9273	.9274	.9275	.9276
Brazil, milreos.....	.1333	.1319	.1348	.1353	.1349	.1385
Chile, peso.....	.1209	.1212	.1210	.1210	.1210	.1210
Uruguay, peso.....	1.0035	1.0034	1.0019	1.0013	.9957	.9967

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$7,238,897 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Oct. 21. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$8,018,897, while the shipments have reached \$780,000, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended October 21.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$8,018,897	\$780,000	Gain \$7,238,897

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, Oct. 16.	Monday, Oct. 18.	Tuesday, Oct. 19.	Wednesday, Oct. 20.	Thursday, Oct. 21.	Friday, Oct. 22.	Aggregate for Week.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
96,000,000	110,000,000	74,000,000	90,000,000	88,000,000	88,000,000	Cr. 546,000,000

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

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

Banks of—	Oct. 21 1926.			Oct. 23 1925.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 154,095,823	£ 154,095,823	£ 152,740,756	£ 12,400,000	£ 159,722,990	£ 152,740,756
France.....	147,378,742	13,560,000	160,938,742	147,322,990	12,400,000	159,722,990
Germany.....	73,355,000	c994,690	74,349,690	51,391,050	c994,690	52,385,650
Spain.....	102,262,000	26,486,000	128,748,000	101,467,000	25,871,000	127,338,000
Italy.....	45,470,000	4,153,000	49,623,000	35,626,000	3,343,000	38,969,000
Netherlands.....	34,912,000	2,196,000	37,108,000	34,863,000	1,900,000	36,763,000
Nat. Belg.....	10,955,000	3,370,000	14,325,000	10,891,000	3,481,000	14,372,000
Switzerland.....	17,490,000	3,073,000	20,563,000	19,217,000	3,533,000	22,750,000
Sweden.....	12,572,000	—	12,572,000	12,840,000	—	12,840,000
Denmark.....	11,616,000	921,000	12,537,000	11,632,000	1,318,000	12,950,000
Norway.....	8,180,000	—	8,180,000	8,180,000	—	8,180,000
Total week.....	618,286,565	54,753,600	673,040,165	586,170,796	52,840,600	639,011,396
Prev. week.....	616,664,486	55,085,600	671,750,086	591,011,922	54,179,600	645,191,522

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 £9,275,000 held abroad. c As of Oct. 7 1924.

The Tariff as an International Issue.

The appeal for a general lowering of tariff duties and the removal of other impediments to international trade in Europe, which was issued by an international group of bankers and industrialists on Tuesday, is a weighty document. We do not recall any unofficial pronouncement which goes so directly to the heart of the European economic situation, or exposes so clearly the nature and evils of the vicious system of tariff restraint from which Europe suffers, as this compact and dignified statement so suddenly and unexpectedly given to the world. "It is difficult to view without dismay," the appeal declares, "the extent to which tariff barriers, special licenses and prohibitions since the war have been allowed to interfere with international trade and to prevent it from flowing in its natural channels." "At no period in recent history has freedom from such restrictions been more needed," yet, "at no period have impediments to trading been more perilously multiplied without a true appreciation of the economic consequences involved." "There can be no recovery in Europe till politicians in all territories, old and new, realize that trade is not war, but a process of exchange, that in time of peace our neighbors are our customers, and that their prosperity is a condition of our own well-being."

The root of the difficulty is laid bare by the signers of the appeal with an unsparing hand. "The break-up of great political units in Europe dealt a heavy blow to international trade. Across large areas, in which the inhabitants had been allowed to exchange their products freely, a number of new frontiers were erected and jealously guarded by customs barriers. Old markets disappeared. Racial animosities were permitted to divide communities whose interests were inseparably connected." How has the situation been met? "To mark and defend these new frontiers in Europe licenses, tariffs and prohibitions were imposed, with results which experience shows already to have been unfortunate for all concerned. One State lost its supplies of cheap food, another its supplies of cheap manufactures. Industries suffered for want of coal, factories for want of raw materials. Behind the customs barriers new local industries were started, with no real economic foundation, which could only be kept alive in the face of competition by raising the barriers higher still. Railway rates, dictated by political considerations, have made transit and freights difficult and costly. Prices have risen, artificial dearness has been created. Production as a whole has been diminished. Credit has contracted and currencies have depreciated. Too many States, in pursuit of false ideals of national interest, have imperiled their own welfare and lost sight of the common interests of the world by basing their commercial relations on the economic folly which treats all trading as a form of war."

These are solemn words, and more than one politician in Europe will find them uncomfortable reading. Grave and severe as they are, however, they contain nothing new, nothing that the signers of the appeal might not themselves long since have uttered had they thought the occasion opportune. The European tariff situation has been for years an open book, plain to anyone who chose to turn its pages and scan the contents. Repeatedly, for more than two years, we have pointed out in these columns the impossible program of trade restriction which was being carried out in Europe, and have insisted that no amount of manipulation of taxes, currencies or budgets would avail to put Europe economically on its feet as long as international trade was being systematically impeded at almost every turn. Other journals, together with a long list of economists and men of affairs whose knowledge and experience entitle them to be heard, have said the same thing. Now come 163 leaders of industry and finance in Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States, with a crushing arraignment of a condition which politics has imposed, and an appeal to Europe to lift the burdens which weigh upon it and to permit industry and trade to live and prosper.

Two things in particular are forced upon consideration by this extraordinary pronouncement. The first is the convincing exposure which it offers of the economic folly of the Paris peace treaties. The politicians and so-called experts who framed the Paris treaties, governed as they are now seen to have been far more by revenge and self-seeking than by a sincere desire to make Europe a better place to live in than it had been before, laid the foundations of

the economic and political system which the signers of the appeal have now unsparingly condemned. It is unfortunately true that the territorial and political arrangements then made cannot easily be changed, and that the struggle for freedom of trade and industrial prosperity must long be carried on under serious handicaps which cannot well be disturbed, at least for some years, without danger of reviving the national animosities which worked so disastrously throughout the war and in the conclusion of peace. The great task to which the signers of the appeal summon Europe cannot, accordingly, be undertaken save under conditions of peculiar difficulty, and in the face of the same political arguments which have contributed to make Europe what it is to-day. We cannot think that the trade consortiums or trusts which are being formed in Europe, whatever benefits they may entail through the regulation of production and the restraint of ruinous competition for markets, offer anything more than a temporary panacea; for a trust, after all is said and done, is only one of the means by which industry and trade wage war, and it is precisely for the abolition of economic war, and the substitution of a simple "process of exchange," that the signers of the appeal call. Whatever the difficulties, however, the task must be begun, and "the substitution of good-will for ill-will, of co-operation for exclusiveness," must be painfully, intelligently and persistently sought.

The other aspect of the appeal concerns its effect upon the tariff policy of the United States. The document itself makes no reference to this country, and a careful reading of its text seems to indicate that the European situation was what its signers had particularly in mind. Any such forcible indictment of the tariff policy of Europe, however, inevitably raises the question of the wisdom of the policy of high protection to which the United States is at present committed. At this point the appeal appears to have stirred up some anxiety at Washington. Mr. Coolidge, who is reported as concluding—and, as it would seem, properly so—that the appeal was intended to apply to Europe alone, is said to have expressed the conviction that American conditions, among them the much discussed American standard of living, are so far different from those in Europe that no reduction of the American tariff is to be thought of. As the head of the Republican party and a convinced supporter of protection in its most extreme form, Mr. Coolidge's position is only what was to be expected, but official adherence to a party tenet is no proof that protection in any form is a good thing, nor does it show how long the United States can hope to remain a high protectionist country in the face of a general movement in Europe for greater and more rational freedom of trade.

However, the situation in the United States is by no means parallel to that in Europe. There are no tariff barriers between the 48 States of the American Union. On the other hand, in Europe the system is carried to the point of absurdity and, in the matter of customs duties and restrictions, the hand of every State is set against every other State; and the matter is made infinitely worse by the creation under the Treaty of Versailles, as alluded to in this week's manifesto, of a number of petty States which did not exist before. The paramount requirement is that Europe shall proceed to her own relief. To

that end a co-operative movement on the part of the United States is not necessary, and without this first prerequisite of independent action on the part of the European States on their own behalf they cannot hope for the economic restoration so vital to their complete recovery and enduring prosperity. All efforts, therefore, should be directed to the attainment of this great desideratum. When greater freedom of trade among the countries of Europe shall have been achieved, the foundation will have been laid for greater freedom of world trade, not excluding the United States of America, which, after all, is 3,000 or more miles away from Europe. Indeed, the latter result would seem to follow not only logically, but inevitably. The first step, however, is imperative in any event, and that is plainly what the signers of the document made public the present week obviously had in mind. Their appeal should not go unheeded.

The Case of the Chemical Foundation.

The decision handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States on Oct. 11 upholding the validity of the sale of certain German patents, copyrights and trade marks to the Chemical Foundation, Inc., by the Alien Property Custodian, is one of those judicial pronouncements which raises as many questions as it answers, and in regard to which an appreciable body of public opinion in this country, which has been awaiting with deep interest the outcome of the suit, is likely to feel that it has been silenced rather than convinced. Two of the issues which the decision leaves open, one involving a large question of public policy as well as one of constitutional interpretation, and the other touching closely the constitutional status of private property, merit special examination.

The main issue involved in the controversy between the Government and the Chemical Foundation concerned the right of the President, acting under the authority of certain acts of Congress and through a designated official of the Government, to authorize the transfer, eventually made by private sale, without advertisement, and at a notoriously low price, of certain German patents and other similar property which had been seized as enemy property during the war, to a private corporation the president of which was himself the Alien Property Custodian, and all of whose directors, officers and voting trustees were chosen by, or in accordance with, the direction of a former incumbent of the Custodian's office.

The Chemical Foundation, which became the immediate beneficiary through the transfer thus effected, is a Delaware corporation, created for the express purpose of acquiring enemy-owned patents seized by the Alien Property Custodian, and empowered to hold the property and rights so acquired "in a fiduciary capacity for the Americanization of such industries as may be affected thereby, for the exclusion or elimination of alien interests hostile or detrimental to the said industries, and for the advancement of chemical and allied science and industry in the United States." The corporation is further empowered to "grant to the United States non-exclusive licenses to make, use and sell the inventions covered by the patents, and also to grant like licenses, on equal terms and without advantage as between licensees, to American citizens and corpora-

tions under control of American citizens." The capital stock of the corporation, consisting of 5,000 shares of \$100 par value, is divided into two classes: 4,000 shares of non-voting preferred stock, entitled to cumulative dividends of 6%, and 1,000 shares of common stock, all of the latter being deposited, under a voting trust agreement, with five trustees, who thus control the corporation. Any net earnings remaining after provision for the retirement of the preferred stock at par and accrued interest, and dividends of not exceeding 6% on the common stock, "shall be used and devoted to the development and advancement of chemistry and allied sciences, in the useful arts and manufactures of the United States, in such manner as the board of directors shall determine."

It was alleged by the Government in the lower courts that the formation of the corporation involved a conspiracy on the part of certain manufacturers, who had been able because of war conditions to monopolize certain chemical industries in the United States, to secure the transfer to themselves, or to a corporation which they controlled, at nominal prices, of the seized German patents, thereby enabling them to perpetuate the monopoly, and that the sales "were procured through the fraudulent deception of the President, the Alien Property Custodian, and other officials." The Supreme Court, in its decision, accepted the findings of fact in the lower courts that there was no conspiracy, and held that the arrangement which was made under the authority of the President "was intended to amount to a public trust for those whom the patents will benefit and for the promotion of American industries. . . . The Foundation is properly to be considered an instrumentality created under the direction of the President to effect that disposition and subsequent control of the patents which he determined to be in the public interest."

The Supreme Court having held that no conspiracy had been shown, that allegation must, of course, be dismissed. The policy to which the Court has given its sanction cannot, however, be viewed without much concern. What has happened is that a great department of American industry, important in peace as well as in war, with its native powers reinforced by the acquisition of foreign patents seized by the Government as a war measure, has been to a large extent turned over to the keeping of a private corporation created under State law, operating for private profit to the extent of a 6% cumulative dividend on its stock, controlled by five trustees acting under a voting trust, and free from interference by the United States so long as it does not violate Federal law. Exactly how such action is to be reconciled with the declared policy of the United States in regard to trusts, the Court in its decision does not say. There is nothing in the statutes under which the President acted to indicate a purpose on the part of Congress to vest the predominant control of the chemical industry in the United States in a State corporation, or in any body acting in a fiduciary capacity under either State or Federal law, or to authorize such a disposition of the German patents as would, apparently, contravene the existing anti-trust laws.

Some light, perhaps, is thrown upon the attitude of the Court at this point by its ruling on a related question. It was urged in behalf of the Government,

that Section 41 of the Federal Criminal Code forbids any officer or agent of any corporation to act as an officer or agent of the United States for the transaction of business with such corporation. The Court held, however, that the section in question did not void the sale of the German patents to a corporation of which the Alien Property Custodian was president, on the ground that Section 41, which was enacted before the war, "is a penal statute, and is not to be extended to cases not clearly within its terms or to those exceptional to its spirit and purpose," and that the Trading With the Enemy Act, under which the German patents were seized, "is a war measure covering specifically, fully and conclusively the seizure and disposition of enemy property." The reasoning would be more cogent if the sale of the patents had been made while hostilities were in progress, but the Chemical Foundation was not incorporated until February 1919, three months after the armistice, and when everybody knew that the war was over. If the doctrine championed by the Court is to prevail, there would seem to be no reason why any Federal statute, general and comprehensive in terms and laying down a rule of policy intended to be observed under all circumstances, may not be infringed or even directly contravened, with the approval of the Supreme Court, by means of a later statute admittedly intended to deal only with the incidents of war, but so construed as to give it continuing application in time of peace.

The second large question of policy raised by the decision concerns the right of a Government to appropriate to the use of its nationals, through confiscation, the private property of enemy subjects, when such property is not, and never has been, within the actual theatre of war operations and is not being used, at the time of confiscation, to aid the enemy cause. The volume of protest which has been raised, in Congress and in the country, while the suit has been pending, against the appropriation of the German chemical patents and their transfer to the Chemical Foundation, is doubtless one of the main reasons which impelled the Government to bring suit to recover the property.

It is of course true, as the Court points out, that "there is no constitutional prohibition against the confiscation of enemy properties." It is also true that Article 297 of the Treaty of Versailles makes elaborate provision for the confiscation and disposition of German enemy property, and that the treaty of peace between the United States and Germany debars the prosecution of any claims arising out of the seizure or sale of German property taken over by the United States during the war. It is a fair question, however, whether the decision of the Supreme Court in the present case does not run counter to what have hitherto been regarded as sound prin-

ciples both of American constitutional law and of international law. The absence in the Constitution of a provision prohibiting the doing of a particular thing by Congress has not hitherto been regarded as giving to Congress, by implication, the right to do the particular thing in question. "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution," so runs Article X of the amendments, "nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." The whole spirit of international law, in more recent times, has been against depriving enemy nationals of their private property for the benefit of a victorious Government or its nationals, particularly when the property was not within the area in which hostilities were being carried on or was not being used in prosecution of the war.

From this point of view, the elaborate provisions of Article 297 of the Treaty of Versailles appear as a distinct backward step in the development of an enlightened international jurisprudence, and a menace to the integrity of private property rights everywhere. It is no longer seriously pretended anywhere that such confiscatory provisions have any other sanction than force, and property rights that are subordinated to force, especially when their subject is investments abroad, cannot properly be said to have any assured legal support at all. Article 297 is not, to be sure, directly binding upon the United States, but the doctrine which it embodies would seem to have found at least inferential support in the Supreme Court in view of the unqualified approval which the Court has given to the acts of the Alien Property Custodian.

The Court has spoken, and its word is law until its decision is modified or reversed. It is to be hoped that the Chemical Foundation may use its acquired property and rights with entire disinterestedness, and that the high purposes which its charter of incorporation professes may prove to be no mere form of words. It is even more earnestly to be hoped, however, that no more cases like this one may arise, and that the property of former German subjects which still remains in the hands of the Government may find its way, as soon as possible, to its former owners wherever such restoration is practicable. A repetition of such a controversy as has centred about the Chemical Foundation would go far to nourish the fear that the appropriation of enemy private property by the Government in time of war, and its eventual sale after hostilities have ceased to a private corporation upon which the Supreme Court, without apparently a shadow of statutory warrant, confers the status of a trustee, is not a long step from the appropriation of the domestic property of Americans whenever the Government can be persuaded that some trustee, real or assumed, can use the property to greater national advantage.

The New Capital Flotations in September and for the Nine Months to September 30.

Following the reduced offerings during August, the new capital flotations in September were again on a greatly enlarged scale. The increase extended, too, to all the leading groups of securities. Our tabulations, as always, include the stock, bond and note issues by corporations and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also Farm Loan

emissions. The grand total of the offerings of new securities under these various heads during September reached \$535,218,705. This compares with only \$345,999,259 in August, but with \$582,279,598 in July; with \$723,549,858 in June; with \$600,747,562 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 and with \$506,180,910 in October.

As stated, the increase extended to all the leading groups of securities. The total of the municipal issues ran up to \$129,863,392, against \$64,224,479 in August and \$115,290,336 in September last year, foreign Government offerings amounted to \$74,900,000, against only \$34,000,000 in August and \$61,800,000 in September last year, while the aggregate of securities placed by corporations, domestic and foreign, reached no less than \$328,705,313, against \$243,449,780 in August and \$310,687,732 in September 1925. The foreign corporate offerings included in the latter totals were \$70,500,000 in September 1926, against \$45,845,000 in August and only \$31,135,000 in September 1925.

Financing on behalf of industrial corporations totaled \$221,069,082 during September, comprising more than two-thirds of the entire corporate output of \$328,705,313 for the month, and showing an increase over the previous month's total of \$158,930,780 for industrial issues. Railroad issues ranked second in volume with \$61,706,000 for September, as compared with no more than \$15,085,000 for August. Public utility offerings in September were only \$45,930,231, as against \$69,434,000 in August and \$211,829,480 in July.

Total corporate offerings in September were, as previously noted, \$328,705,313, and of this amount \$266,048,000 comprised long-term issues, \$14,330,500 were of short-term maturity and the remainder, \$48,326,813, consisted of stock issues. The portion used for refunding purposes was \$45,474,200, or almost 14% of the total. In August, however, \$67,294,500, or over 38%, was for refunding. In July the amount was \$59,748,000, or only about 12%; in June, \$93,362,700, or almost 20%; in May, \$12,237,000, or less than 3%; in April, \$111,069,770, or over 25%; in March, \$37,168,000, or only about 7%; 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 September of last year \$16,378,900, or only about 5% of the total, was for refunding.

The \$45,474,200 raised for refunding in September of the present year comprised \$16,210,000 new long-term to refund existing long-term, \$5,000,000 new long-term to refund existing short-term, \$20,500,000 new long-term to replace existing stock issues, \$1,671,900 new short-term to refund existing long-term, \$150,000 new short-term to refund existing short-term, and \$1,942,300 new stock to replace existing stock.

Foreign corporate issues sold in this country during September aggregated \$70,500,000 and comprised the following: Canadian: \$20,000,000 Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. 20-year coll. tr. 4½s, 1946, offered at 96½, yielding 4.77%; \$18,000,000 Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., 1st and gen. mtge. 6s, "A," 1941, offered at 97, to yield about 6.30%; \$3,000,000 Shawinigan Water & Power Co. 1st ref. mtge. 5s, "E," 1955, brought out at 102½, yielding about 4.80%, and \$2,500,000 Ste. Ann Paper Co., Ltd., 1st mtge. 6½s, "A," 1946, issued at par. Other foreign: \$24,000,000 Siemens & Halske (A. G.) Siemens-Schuckertwerke (G. m. b. H.) deb. 6½s, 1951, sold at 99, yielding 6.55%, and \$3,000,000 Leipzig Overland Power Companies (Germany) mtge. 6½s, 1946, offered at 92½, to yield about 7.20%.

Among the domestic issues, the largest corporate offering of the month was \$35,000,000 Illinois Central RR. Co. 40-year 4¾s, 1966, brought out at 96½, to yield about 4.95%. Another sizeable railroad issue was \$5,000,000 Cleveland Union Terminals Co. 1st mtge. 5s, "B," 1973, offered at 103½, yielding about 4.80%.

Industrial issues of exceptional size were as follows: \$13,000,000 Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp. (Del.) 1st mtge. 6s, "A," 1941, issued at 99½, yielding 6.05%, and 300,000 shares of no par value common stock offered at \$43 per share, involving \$12,900,000, and \$7,215,300 Series "A," 7% cum. pref. stock of the same corporation, the offering of the latter issue being made at 99, yielding 7.07%; \$13,000,000 Union Tank Car Co. equip. tr. 4½s, 1927-36, sold on a 4.70% basis; \$10,000,000 Consolidated Cigar Corp. conv. 6s,

1936, offered at 99½, yielding 6.07; \$7,500,000 R. H. Macy & Co., Inc., deb. 5¼s, 1927-36, offered at prices ranging from 100.483 to 100.386, yielding from 4.75% to 5.20%; \$6,000,000 Fox Theatre & Office Bldg. (Flatbush Ave. & Nevins St. Corp.), Brooklyn, N. Y., 1st mtge. fee 6½s, 1941, placed at par, and \$5,000,000 Stanley-Crandall Co. of Washington 1st mtge. 6s, 1946, issued at par.

Public utility issues were featured by the following: \$6,000,000 Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp. conv. deb. 6½s, 1941, offered at 99, yielding about 6.60%, and \$5,000,000 Federal Water Service Corp. conv. deb. 6s, "A," 1996, offered at 96, to yield about 6.25%.

Five foreign Government loans came on the market during September. They totaled \$74,900,000, and were as follows: \$20,000,000 Argentine Government six months' Treasury bills, offered on a 5.25% basis; \$16,900,000 Argentine Government 6% public works issue of Oct. 1 1926, due 1960, offered at 98¾, yielding 6.10%; \$20,000,000 Free State of Prussia 6½s, 1951, offered at 95, yielding 6.92%; \$15,000,000 Republic of Finland 6½s, 1956, issued at 94, yielding 6.98%, and \$3,000,000 Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (Jugoslavia) six months' Treasury 6s, March 31 1927, offered at par.

Farm loan financing was confined to two small issues aggregating \$1,750,000, both being offered on a 4.55% basis.

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: \$8,725,000 Erie RR. participating certificates, due March 1 1930, offered at 100¾, yielding 4½%; if called March 1 1927, and 6% thereafter to maturity; \$5,000,000 Cities Service Co. 6% cum. pref., offered at a price to yield 6.70%, and 17,500 shares of no par value common stock of Kaynee Co. (Cleveland), offered at \$22½ per share, involving \$393,750.

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

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

	1926.	New Capital.	Refundng.	Total.
		\$	\$	\$
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.				
Corporate—				
Domestic—Long term bonds and notes	163,888,000		31,669,000	195,548,000
Short term	12,508,600		1,821,900	14,330,500
Preferred stocks	22,439,844		400,000	22,839,844
Common stocks	23,944,669		1,542,300	25,486,969
Canadian—Long term bonds and notes	38,450,000		5,050,000	43,500,000
Short term				
Preferred stocks				
Common stocks				
Other For'n—Long term bonds & notes	22,000,000		5,000,000	27,000,000
Short term				
Preferred stocks				
Common stocks				
Total corporate	283,231,113		45,474,200	328,705,313
Foreign Government	71,900,000		3,000,000	74,900,000
Farm Loan Issues	1,750,000			1,750,000
War Finance Corporation				
Municipal—	129,018,392		845,000	129,863,392
Canadian				
United States Possessions				
Grand total	485,899,505		49,319,200	535,218,705
NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPT. 30.				
Corporate—				
Domestic—Long term bonds and notes	1,846,836,330		410,351,170	2,257,187,500
Short term	199,885,295		36,864,900	236,550,195
Preferred stocks	392,727,618		10,627,500	403,355,116
Common stocks	480,729,583		12,569,875	493,299,458
Canadian—Long term bonds and notes	134,342,000		32,508,000	166,850,000
Short term	1,250,000			1,250,000
Preferred stocks	4,000,000			4,000,000
Common stocks	990,000			990,000
Other For'n—Long term bonds & notes	261,474,000		15,815,000	277,289,000
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	3,396,375,564		528,155,745	3,924,531,309
Foreign Government	306,519,000		17,873,000	324,392,000
Farm Loan Issues	86,375,000		40,200,000	126,575,000
War Finance Corporation				
Municipal—	989,264,947		13,999,547	1,003,264,494
Canadian	53,792,000		46,000,000	99,792,000
United States Possessions	8,288,000			8,288,000
Grand total	4,840,614,511		646,228,292	5,486,842,803

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 SEPTEMBER FOR FIVE YEARS.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.	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.	163,888,000	31,660,000	195,548,000	173,059,500	11,078,900	184,138,400	162,535,700	25,937,800	188,473,500	104,728,000	3,182,000	107,910,000	129,655,400	82,500,000	212,155,400
Short term	12,508,600	1,821,900	14,330,500	18,580,000	2,000,000	20,580,000	13,939,000	1,621,000	15,560,000	3,150,000	—	3,150,000	425,000	—	425,000
Preferred stocks	22,439,844	400,000	22,839,844	43,667,000	900,000	44,567,000	31,525,000	11,500,000	43,025,000	5,350,000	1,000,000	6,350,000	29,763,500	—	29,763,500
Common stocks	23,944,669	1,542,000	25,486,669	27,667,332	2,400,000	30,067,332	7,166,860	—	7,166,860	23,529,160	—	23,529,160	124,925,000	—	124,925,000
Canadian—															
Long term bonds and notes.	38,450,000	5,050,000	43,500,000	—	—	—	26,000,000	—	26,000,000	—	—	—	350,000	—	350,000
Preferred stocks	—	—	—	1,600,000	—	1,600,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Foreign—															
Long term bonds and notes.	22,000,000	5,000,000	27,000,000	29,735,000	—	29,735,000	30,000,000	—	30,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Short term	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,200,000	—	2,200,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Preferred stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total corporate.	283,231,113	45,474,200	328,705,313	294,308,832	16,378,900	310,687,732	273,366,560	39,058,800	312,425,360	137,107,160	4,182,000	141,289,160	286,180,400	82,500,000	368,680,400
Foreign Government	71,900,000	3,000,000	74,900,000	53,800,000	8,000,000	61,800,000	14,940,555	27,059,445	42,000,000	5,000,000	50,000,000	55,000,000	—	—	—
Farm Loan Issues	1,750,000	—	1,750,000	4,700,000	—	4,700,000	10,000,000	—	10,000,000	2,000,000	—	2,000,000	89,700,000	—	89,700,000
War Finance Corporation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Municipal	129,018,392	845,000	129,863,392	111,883,997	3,406,339	115,290,336	120,580,466	3,756,211	124,336,682	55,679,825	718,250	56,398,075	98,482,345	1,294,311	99,776,656
Canadian	—	—	—	—	—	—	90,698,203	—	90,698,203	—	—	—	2,608,000	3,885,000	6,523,000
United States Possessions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	610,000	—	610,000	5,142,000	—	5,142,000
Grand Total	485,899,505	49,319,200	535,218,705	464,692,829	27,785,239	492,478,068	509,585,784	69,874,461	579,460,245	200,396,985	54,900,250	255,297,235	482,142,745	87,679,311	569,822,056

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

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	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	61,706,000	—	61,706,000	11,684,000	—	11,684,000	124,960,000	3,653,000	128,613,000	23,810,000	1,000,000	24,810,000	30,637,400	—	30,637,400
Railroads	26,722,000	1,789,000	28,511,000	67,550,000	—	67,550,000	31,904,500	17,913,500	49,818,000	31,155,000	1,150,000	32,285,000	29,084,500	22,500,000	51,584,500
Public utilities	1,650,000	3,300,000	4,950,000	1,500,000	—	1,500,000	13,700,000	—	13,700,000	1,275,000	—	1,275,000	7,225,000	—	7,225,000
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	—	13,000,000	13,000,000	1,496,000	—	1,496,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other industrial and manufacturing	55,190,000	5,560,000	60,750,000	13,407,000	2,878,000	16,285,000	3,875,000	—	3,875,000	10,000,000	—	10,000,000	—	—	
Oil	—	—	—	10,024,100	7,975,900	18,000,000	1,378,700	3,621,300	5,000,000	9,568,000	382,000	9,950,000	11,015,000	—	11,015,000
Land, buildings, &c.	42,300,000	306,000	42,606,000	51,583,400	225,000	51,808,400	39,567,500	250,000	39,817,500	8,000,000	—	8,000,000	30,000,000	—	30,000,000
Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shipping	12,950,000	5,050,000	18,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	23,820,000	12,700,000	36,520,000	45,550,000	—	45,550,000	3,150,000	500,000	3,650,000	17,520,000	—	17,520,000	3,205,000	—	3,205,000
Total	224,338,000	41,710,000	266,048,000	202,794,500	11,078,900	213,873,400	218,535,700	25,937,800	244,473,500	105,078,000	3,182,000	108,260,000	131,066,900	82,500,000	213,566,900
Short Term Bonds and Notes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Railroads	5,703,100	1,671,900	7,375,000	15,700,000	—	15,700,000	2,200,000	—	2,200,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Public utilities	175,000	—	175,000	—	—	—	3,704,000	1,621,000	5,325,000	3,150,000	—	3,150,000	—	—	—
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	1,650,000	—	1,650,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other industrial and manufacturing	350,000	—	350,000	75,000	—	75,000	2,600,000	—	2,600,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oil	—	—	—	400,000	2,000,000	2,400,000	6,850,000	—	6,850,000	—	—	—	300,000	—	300,000
Land, buildings, &c.	3,130,500	—	3,130,500	3,105,000	—	3,105,000	785,000	—	785,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shipping	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	1,500,000	150,000	1,650,000	900,000	—	900,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	125,000	—	125,000
Total	12,508,600	1,821,900	14,330,500	20,180,000	2,000,000	22,180,000	16,139,000	1,621,000	17,760,000	3,150,000	—	3,150,000	425,000	—	425,000
Stocks—															
Railroads	8,501,931	1,542,300	10,044,231	45,431,232	2,400,000	47,831,232	24,825,000	11,500,000	36,325,000	5,280,120	—	5,280,120	16,038,500	—	16,038,500
Public utilities	3,850,000	—	3,850,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	124,225,000	—	124,225,000
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,000,000	—	5,000,000
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	1,940,000	—	1,940,000	2,500,000	—	2,500,000	1,299,600	—	1,299,600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other industrial and manufacturing	28,272,582	—	28,272,582	20,306,100	900,000	21,206,100	4,529,760	—	4,529,760	6,800,000	—	6,800,000	3,535,000	—	3,535,000
Oil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Land, buildings, &c.	2,800,000	—	2,800,000	47,000	—	47,000	1,200,000	—	1,200,000	10,000,000	—	10,000,000	—	—	—
Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	800,000	—	800,000	—	—	—
Shipping	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	1,020,000	400,000	1,420,000	1,050,000	—	1,050,000	4,000,000	—	4,000,000	5,999,040	1,000,000	6,999,040	5,890,000	—	5,890,000
Total	46,384,513	1,942,300	48,326,813	71,334,332	3,300,000	74,634,332	38,691,860	11,500,000	50,191,860	28,879,160	1,000,000	29,879,160	154,688,500	—	154,688,500
Foreign Government	61,706,000	—	61,706,000	13,684,000	—	13,684,000	127,160,000	3,653,000	130,813,000	23,810,000	1,000,000	24,810,000	46,675,900	—	46,675,900
Farm Loan Issues	40,927,031	5,003,200	45,930,231	128,681,232	2,400,000	131,081,232	60,433,500	31,034,500	91,468,000	39,585,120	1,150,000	40,735,120	153,309,500	22,500,000	175,809,500
War Finance Corporation	5,675,000	3,300,000	8,975,000	1,500,000	—	1,500,000	13,700,000	—	13,700,000	1,275,000	—	1,275,000	12,225,000	—	12,225,000
Municipal	3,990,000	13,000,000	16,990,000	1,496,000	—	1,496,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canadian	83,812,582	5,560,000	89,372,582	33,788,100	3,778,000	37,566,100	9,312,500	—	9,312,500	10,000,000	—	10,000,000	16,750		

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30 FOR FIVE YEARS.

9 MONTHS ENDED SEPT. 30.	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															
Short term	1,846,876,350	410,351,170	2,257,187,500	1,699,812,875	335,741,925	2,035,554,800	1,407,457,923	312,146,177	1,719,604,100	1,304,680,457	336,808,543	1,641,489,000	1,226,954,435	528,928,415	1,755,882,850
Preferred stocks	199,685,295	36,864,900	236,550,195	155,608,750	79,580,000	235,188,750	209,822,000	29,891,000	239,713,000	125,495,700	22,916,800	148,412,500	93,926,000	23,011,000	116,937,000
Common stocks	392,727,616	10,627,500	403,355,116	4,571,458,585	31,593,500	4,603,052,085	198,775,227	26,900,222	225,675,550	219,998,847	68,609,839	288,608,686	231,291,100	30,300,000	261,591,100
Canadian	480,729,583	12,569,875	493,299,458	330,472,321	48,276,910	378,749,231	411,187,939	5,500,000	416,687,939	221,671,274	3,266,760	224,938,034	228,613,332	10,291,625	238,904,957
Long term bonds and notes	134,342,000	32,508,000	166,850,000	54,495,000	10,050,000	64,545,000	61,875,000	8,000,000	69,875,000	23,346,600	---	23,346,600	18,581,500	---	18,581,500
Short term	1,250,000	---	1,250,000	19,600,000	2,500,000	22,100,000	21,150,000	---	21,150,000	---	---	---	11,200,000	---	11,200,000
Preferred stocks	4,000,000	---	4,000,000	1,000,000	2,600,000	3,600,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,500,000	---	3,500,000
Common stocks	990,000	---	990,000	---	2,600,000	2,600,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other Foreign															
Long term bonds and notes	261,474,000	15,815,000	277,289,000	190,635,000	---	190,635,000	76,680,000	10,000,000	86,680,000	24,100,000	---	24,100,000	80,445,000	1,250,000	81,695,000
Short term	19,000,000	6,000,000	25,000,000	46,000,000	---	46,000,000	24,200,000	---	24,200,000	---	---	---	---	---	---
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	3,396,375,564	528,155,745	3,924,531,309	2,959,263,531	512,942,335	3,472,205,866	2,411,148,189	392,437,400	2,803,585,589	1,919,292,878	431,601,942	2,350,894,820	1,894,511,367	593,781,040	2,488,292,407
Foreign Government	306,519,000	17,873,000	324,392,000	364,631,000	103,000,000	467,631,000	243,945,555	---	243,945,555	145,845,000	56,000,000	201,845,000	354,305,000	15,000,000	369,305,000
Farm Loan Issues	86,375,000	40,200,000	126,575,000	110,797,100	14,527,900	125,325,000	154,400,000	---	154,400,000	245,118,000	55,032,000	300,150,000	312,040,000	42,000,000	354,040,000
War Finance Corporation	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Municipal															
Canadian	989,264,947	13,999,547	1,003,264,494	1,058,285,774	37,200,626	1,095,486,400	1,124,796,297	13,629,304	1,138,425,601	749,984,545	15,979,240	765,963,785	895,514,624	23,339,269	918,854,893
United States Possessions	53,792,000	46,000,000	99,792,000	38,658,000	94,522,000	133,180,000	130,254,765	16,650,000	146,904,765	26,308,000	14,941,679	41,249,679	67,994,650	107,135,000	175,129,650
Total municipal	8,288,000	---	8,288,000	4,175,000	---	4,175,000	6,035,000	---	6,035,000	3,461,000	---	3,461,000	29,626,000	---	29,626,000
Grand Total	4,840,614,511	646,228,292	5,486,842,803	4,535,810,405	762,192,861	5,298,003,266	4,070,579,806	599,776,149	4,670,355,955	3,090,099,423	573,554,861	3,663,654,284	3,553,992,641	781,255,309	4,335,247,950

CHARACTER AND GROUPING OF NEW CORPORATE ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30 FOR FIVE YEARS.

9 MONTHS ENDED SEPT. 30.	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	270,607,000	36,055,000	306,662,000	306,817,500	110,719,000	417,536,500	522,609,800	140,891,900	663,501,700	293,404,500	27,073,000	320,477,500	428,486,380	108,223,570	536,709,950
Public utilities	800,701,330	245,597,170	1,046,298,500	649,794,400	137,402,100	787,196,500	525,677,423	123,266,077	648,943,500	361,395,971	165,319,629	526,715,600	334,724,039	142,221,161	476,945,200
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	117,731,000	35,184,000	152,915,000	34,650,000	4,346,000	38,996,000	90,312,000	20,148,000	110,460,000	236,018,139	46,806,861	282,825,000	91,785,000	1,750,000	93,535,000
Equipment manufacturers	6,799,000	13,000,000	19,799,000	66,000,000	---	66,000,000	9,295,000	---	9,295,000	8,210,000	---	8,210,000	---	---	---
Motors and accessories	66,000,000	---	66,000,000	76,150,000	350,000	76,500,000	4,480,000	8,315,000	12,795,000	21,962,000	4,288,000	26,250,000	11,650,000	2,500,000	14,150,000
Other industrial and manufacturing	223,877,000	76,306,000	300,183,000	162,256,800	36,613,700	198,870,500	99,204,000	18,699,900	117,903,900	115,739,447	25,139,053	140,878,500	129,550,881	56,464,119	186,015,000
Oil	54,515,000	7,935,000	62,450,000	70,424,100	21,475,900	91,900,000	11,310,700	7,899,300	19,210,000	66,016,000	30,804,000	96,820,000	73,149,300	108,220,700	181,370,000
Land, buildings, &c.	462,616,000	19,653,000	482,269,000	461,618,300	19,643,000	481,261,300	202,850,000	1,040,000	203,890,000	148,369,000	1,250,000	149,619,000	98,594,000	8,530,000	107,124,000
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	19,850,000	5,050,000	24,900,000	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	215,814,000	19,286,000	235,100,000	136,176,000	10,927,000	147,103,000	79,429,000	1,886,000	81,315,000	97,109,000	36,076,000	133,185,000	135,331,335	74,568,865	209,900,200
Total	2,240,260,330	458,066,170	2,698,326,500	1,944,942,875	345,791,925	2,290,734,800	1,546,012,923	322,146,177	1,868,159,100	1,352,127,057	336,808,543	1,688,935,600	1,325,980,935	530,178,415	1,856,159,350
Short Term Bonds and Notes															
Railroads	6,500,000	16,000,000	22,500,000	24,500,000	400,000	24,900,000	56,250,000	19,000,000	75,250,000	9,087,500	---	9,087,500	32,351,800	3,000,000	35,351,800
Public utilities	64,753,100	13,896,900	78,650,000	106,320,000	26,980,000	133,300,000	88,742,000	15,041,000	103,783,000	36,802,200	11,512,800	48,315,000	18,245,000	20,011,000	38,256,000
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	6,175,000	---	6,175,000	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	---	---	---	---	---	---
Motors and accessories	14,860,000	200,000	15,060,000	---	---	---	9,000,000	---	9,000,000	15,496,000	9,600,000	25,100,000	16,700,000	---	16,700,000
Other industrial and manufacturing	43,750,000	5,750,000	49,500,000	17,693,750	---	17,693,750	5,160,000	3,200,000	8,360,000	3,000,000	1,800,000	4,800,000	800,000	---	800,000
Oil	12,966,000	7,034,000	20,000,000	17,000,000	52,200,000	69,200,000	60,350,000	---	60,350,000	44,814,000	---	44,814,000	30,400,000	---	30,400,000
Land, buildings, &c.	19,387,000	---	19,387,000	21,555,000	---	21,555,000	3,710,000	---	3,710,000	1,080,500	---	1,080,500	---	---	---
Rubber	32,250,000	---	32,250,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Shipping	500,000	---	500,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,000,000	---	1,000,000	---	---	---
Miscellaneous	21,794,195	484,000	22,278,195	7,725,000	---	7,725,000	29,285,000	---	29,285,000	3,535,500	---	3,535,500	3,500,000	---	3,500,000
Total	222,935,295	42,864,900	265,800,195	221,208,750	82,080,000	303,288,750	255,172,000	37,891,000	293,063,000	125,495,700	22,916,800	148,412,500	105,126,000	23,011,000	128,137,000
Stocks															
Railroads	10,240,000	---	10,240,000	2,000,000	---	2,000,000	26,823,737	---	26,823,737	300,000	---	300,000	26,968,100	---	26,968,100
Public utilities	394,450,813	9,256,600	403,707,413	368,274,247	23,062,500	391,336,747	405,852,389	22,855,223	428,707,612	129,056,016	11,076,000	140,132,500	230,536,670	26,318,625	256,855,295
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	40,525,000	---	40,525,000	12,890,000	---	12,890,000	15,484,160	---	15,484,160	28,012,246	4,896,760	32,909,006	36,936,250	---	36,936,250
Equipment manufacturers	5,628,500	---	5,628,500	---	---	---	1,962,100	---	1,962,100	---	---	---	4,008,000	1,393,000	5,399,000
Motors and accessories	43,160,650	---	43,160,650	101,659,000	1,110,000	102,769,000	7,756,760	200,000	7,956,760	19,155,325	1,335,000	20,490,3			

DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING SEPTEMBER 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.
\$			%	
20,000,000	Railroads— New construction; other corp. purp	96 3/4	4.77	Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. Coll. Tr. 4 3/4s, 1946. Offered by National City Co.; Guaranty Co. of New York, and Bank of Montreal.
5,000,000	Capital expenditures	103 3/4	4.80	Cleveland Union Terminals Co. 1st M. 5s, "B," 1973. Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank, and National City Co.
356,000	New equipment		4.70	Erie RR. Equip. Tr. 4 3/4s, M. M., 1927-41. Offered by Drexel & Co.
750,000	New equipment		5.25	Georgia & Florida Ry. Equip. Tr. 5s, 1927-41. Offered by Harrison, Smith & Co. and Hayden, Stone & Co.
35,000,000	New construct.; other corp. expend.	96 3/4	4.95	Illinois Central RR. 40-Year 4 3/4s, 1966. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co.
600,000	Additions and betterments	100	6.00	Minneapolis Northfield & Southern Ry. 1st M. 6s, "A," 1941. Offered by the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis.
61,706,000	Public Utilities—			
2,750,000	Refunding; add'ns, impts., &c.	95 3/4	5.30	Arkansas Water Co. (Little Rock, Ark.) 1st M. 5s, "A," 1956. Offered by W. C. Langley & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
1,500,000	General corporate purposes	99	6.10	Associated Telephone Utilities Co. Conv. Deb. 6s, "A," 1941. Offered by Falne, Webber & Co. and I. Mitchum, Tully & Co., San Francisco.
1,000,000	Acquisitions, construction, &c.	93 3/4	5.45	Broad River Power Co. 1st & Ref. M. 5s, "A," 1954. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Pynchon & Co.
325,000	Additions and betterments	100	7.00	Central Utah Water Co. 1st M. 7s, "A," 1941. Offered by Banks, Huntley & Co.
2,000,000	General corporate purposes	100	5.00	Dallas Power & Light Co. 1st M. 6s, "C," 1952. Offered by Lee, Higginson & Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co., and Coffin & Burr, Inc.
250,000	Extensions, betterments, &c.	97	5.75	Delaware River Water Co. 1st M. 5 1/2s, "A," 1946. Offered by Damon & Bolles Co., Boston.
5,000,000	Acquire constituent companies	96	6.25	Federal Water Service Corp. Conv. Deb. 6s, "A," 1996. Offered by G. L. Ohlstrom & Co., Inc.
1,000,000	Additions, extensions, &c.	96	5.30	(The) Kansas Electric Power Co. 1st M. 5s, 1951. Offered by W. C. Langley & Co.; Bonbright & Co., Inc., and A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.
400,000	Extensions, improvements, &c.	99	6.62	Kentucky Electric Power Corp. Conv. Deb. 6 1/2s, 1936. Offered by Hambleton & Co., Baltimore, and Biddle & Henry and Brown & Co., Philadelphia.
3,000,000	Extensions, impts., working capital	92 3/4	7.20	Leipzig Overland Power Cos. (Germany) Mtge. 6 1/2s, 1946. Offered by W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and International Acceptance Bank, Inc.
500,000	Additions, improvements, &c.	100	5.00	Mutual Telephone Co. (Erie, Pa.) 1st M. 5s, "B," 1945. Offered by R. F. Devoe & Co.
1,235,000	Additions and extensions	99	5.07	Northern New York Utilities, Inc., 1st Lien & Ref. M. 5s, "E," 1955. Offered by F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc., and E. H. Rollins & Sons.
6,000,000	Acquire constituent companies	99	6.60	Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp. Conv. Deb. 6 1/2s, 1941. Offered by White, Weld & Co. and Blyth, Witter & Co.
3,000,000	General corporate purposes	102 3/4	4.80	Shawinigan Water & Power Co. 1st & Ref. M. 5s, "E," 1955. Offered by Brown Bros. & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Alex. Brown & Sons, and Jackson & Curtis.
551,000	Extensions, betterments, &c.	97 3/4	5.71	Union Water Service Co. 1st Lien 5 1/2s, "A," 1951. Offered by G. L. Ohlstrom & Co., Inc.
28,511,000	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c.			
150,000	General corporate purposes		5 1/2-6	American Steel Products Co. (Macomb, Ill.) 1st M. 6s, 1927-32. Offered by Bartlett, Knight & Co., Chicago.
4,000,000	Refunding; working capital	99 3/4	5.54	Interstate Iron & Steel Co. 1st M. 5 1/2s, "A," 1946. Offered by A. G. Becker & Co.; A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and the National Republic Co.
800,000	Lease and develop property	100	7.00	Shipman Coal Co. Conv. Deb. 7s, 1941. Offered by Hayden, Stone & Co.
4,950,000	Equipment Manufacturers—			
13,000,000	Refunding		4.70	Union Tank Car Co. Equip. Tr. 4 3/4s, 1927-36. Offered by Blair & Co., Inc., and Freeman & Co., New York.
600,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes	100	6.00	Alaska Refrigerator Co. (Muskegon, Mich.) 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1941. Offered by Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc., Detroit.
10,000,000	Acquisitions; working capital	99 3/4	6.07	Consolidated Cigar Corp. Conv. 6s, 1936. Offered by Hornblower & Weeks; Cassatt & Co.; Hemphill, Noyes & Co.; W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and Chas. D. Barney & Co.
2,000,000	New plant	100.70-100	5 1/2-6	Dewey Portland Cement Co. 1st M. 6s, "A," 1928-42. Offered by Chicago Trust Co. and Hitchcock & Co.
3,500,000	Working capital	100	6.00	Holland Furnace Co. Deb. 6s, 1936. Offered by Continental & Commercial Co. Hornblower & Weeks, and Union Trust Co., Chicago.
250,000	Retire current liabilities	100	7.00	Joubert & Goslin Machine & Foundry Co. (Birmingham, Ala.) 1st M. 7s, 1927-46. Offered by Ward, Sterne & Co. and Jamison & Co., Birmingham, Ala.
1,300,000	Retire curr. debt; working capital	99	6.60	McCallum Hosiery Co. (Northampton, Mass.) 6 1/2s, 1941. Offered by Merrill, Lynch & Co. and Hallgarten & Co.
13,000,000	Acquire constituent co.; wkg. cap.	99 3/4	6.05	Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp. 1st M. 6s, "A," 1941. Offered by National City Co.; Hemphill, Noyes & Co.; Lehman Bros.; Hornblower & Weeks; Cassatt & Co.; Rogers Caldwell & Co., Inc.; Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.
2,500,000	Acquis. and develop. of property	100	6.50	Ste. Ann Paper Co., Ltd., 1st M. 6 1/2s, "A," 1946. Offered by Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., and Wood, Gundy & Co., New York.
24,000,000	Refunding; working capital	99	6.55	Siemens & Halske (A. G.) Siemens-Schuckertwerke (G. m. b. H.) Deb. 6 1/2s, 1951. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co.; Mendelssohn & Co.; Marshall Field, Glorie, Ward & Co., and International Acceptance Bank, Inc.
1,600,000	Working capital	100	6.00	Tennessee Copper & Chemical Corp. 15-Year Conv. Deb. 6s, "A," 1941. Offered by company to stockholders.
2,000,000	Refunding; working capital	96	6.35	Universal Gypsum & Lime Co. 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1946. Offered by Peters Trust Co., Omaha, and Porter & Co., Boston.
60,750,000	Land, Buildings, &c.—			
120,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.50	Adelphia Apts. 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1928-36. Offered by Garard & Co., Chicago.
300,000	Development; construction		5.50-6.50	Alameda (Calif.) Park Co. 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1927-36. Offered by Wm. Cavalier & Co., San Francisco, and Central National Bank, Oakland, Calif.
200,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00	Avenue "U" Postal Stations, Inc. (Brooklyn, N. Y.) 1st M. 6s, 1936. Offered by Leverich Bond & Mortgage Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y.
80,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.50	Baker Bldg., Inc. (Minneapolis) 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1929-36. Offered by Thorpe Bros., Minneapolis.
200,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.50	Broadway Residential Apts., Inc. (San Francisco) 1st (closed) M. 6 1/2s, 1928-41. Offered by Bradford, Kimball & Co., San Francisco.
1,250,000	Real estate mortgage		5-6	Butler Bldg. (Chicago) 1st M. Leasehold 6s, 1927-41. Offered by Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc.
300,000	Refunding; retire other debt	100	6.00	John A. Campbell 1st M. 6s, 1936. Offered by Union Trust Co., Detroit.
350,000	Retire curr. debt; other corp. purp.	100	6.00	(Frank T.) Caughy Co. (Detroit) 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1936. Offered by Benjamin Dansard & Co. and Union Trust Co., Detroit.
300,000	Finance constr. of church edifice	100	6.00	Central Lutheran Church (Minneapolis) 1st M. 6s, 1930-42. Offered by John C. Kuek & Co., Minneapolis.
600,000	Finance constr. & equip. of bldg.	100	6.00	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of New Orleans, La., 1st M. 6s, 1930-46. Offered by the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati.
250,000	Finance construction of building		5 1/2-6	Court Arcade (Tulsa, Okla.) 1st M. 6s, 1927-35. Offered by Real Estate Mtge. & Tr. Co., St. L.
2,000,000	Finance construction of building		6.08-6.50	Court-Livingston Office Bldg. (66-74 Court Street Realty Corp.), Brooklyn, N. Y., 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1929-41. Offered by Greenebaum Sons Securities Corp., New York.
600,000	Finance construction of building	101.37-100	5 1/2-6	Denver Theatre Bldg. 1st M. 6s, 1929-46. Offered by the International Trust Co. and Boettcher & Co., Denver, Colo.
225,000	Refunding; Improvements		5 1/2-6	Des Moines (Iowa) University 1st (c.) M. 6s, 1929-33. Offered by Whitaker & Co., St. Louis.
285,000	Finance construction of apartments	100	6.00	Dorchester Apts. (Bertschar Realty Corp.), Brooklyn, N. Y., 1st M. 6s, 1928-38. Offered by Empire Bond & Mtge. Co., New York.
150,000	Finance construction of apartments	100	6.50	Eason-Wood Apt. (Highland Park, Mich.), 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1928-33. Offered by Guaranty Trust Co. of Detroit.
175,000	Improvements to property	100	7.00	Figueroa Street Co. 1st (c.) M. Leasehold 7s, 1929-41. Offered by California Secur. Co., Los Angeles.
260,000	Finance construction of apartments	100	6.50	Fleetwood Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1928-34. Offered by Garard & Co., Chicago.
2,600,000	Finance construction of buildings		5 1/2-6 1/2	Fort Worth Properties Corp. (Fort Worth, Tex.) 1st M. 6 1/2s, "A," 1929-41. Offered by Laurence Sterne & Co. and Ames, Emerich & Co.
550,000	Finance construction of apartments		6.13-6.50	433-437 Briar Place Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1929-38. Offered by Greenebaum Sons Inv. Co., Chicago.
1,700,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00	1420-1422 Walnut Street (Phila.) 1st M. 6s, 1936. Offered by Cassatt & Co., Edw. B. Smith & Co., Mackle, Hents & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co., Philadelphia.
6,000,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	Fox Theatre & Office Bldg. (Flatbush Ave. and Nevins Street Corp.), Brooklyn, N. Y., 1st M. Feb 6 1/2s, 1941. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
1,050,000	Finance construction of building		6.00-6.30	Frances Orpheum Bldg. (Sioux City, Ia.), 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1929-41. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
1,850,000	Finance construction of building		5.87-6.25	Franklin-Adams Block (Chicago) 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1929-38. Offered by Greenebaum Sons Securities Corp., New York.
105,000	Finance construction of apartments	100	6.00	Henley Court Apt. (Detroit) 1st M. Senior Series 6s, 1928-36. Offered by Guaranty Tr. Co. of Det.
100,000	Provide funds for loan purposes		5.00-5.75	Hibernia Mortgage Co. 1st M. Coll. Tr. 6s, Series "I," 1927-32. Offered by Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., New Orleans.
490,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.00	(The) Hyde Park (Kansas City, Mo.) 1st M. 6s, 1928-37. Offered by Ellis & Co., Cincinnati.
200,000	Addition to building	100	6.00	Illinois Masonic Hospital Association 1st (c.) M. 6s, 1927-32. Offered by Market Traders State Bank, Chicago.
650,000	Acquisition of property	100	6.00	(B. F.) Keith's Empress and Regent Theatres (Grand Rapids Operating Co.) 1st (c.) M. 6s, 1928-42. Offered by Guardian Trust Co., Detroit, and Grand Rapids Trust Co.
2,000,000	Finance construction of apartments		6.00-6.50	Kenilworth (Kenilworth Bldg. Corp.), Germantown, Pa., 1st (c.) M. 6 1/2s, 1928-39. Offered by American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc., New York.

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$			%	
925,000	Land, Bldgs., &c. (Concluded). Consolidation of debt; impts.	100	6.50	Louise Lathrup (Det.) 1st M. 6 1/8s, 1936. Offered by Fenton, Davis & Boyle, Grand Rapids, Wm. L. Ross & Co., Chicago, and Fidelity Trust Co., Detroit.
575,000	Finance construction of hotel	100	6.00-6.30	Leland Hotel (Chicago) 1st M. 6 1/8s, 1928-41. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
150,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	Maramor Bldg. (Columbus, O.) 1st M. Leasehold 6 1/8s, 1929-37. Offered by S. Ulmer & Sons, Columbus, O.
1,400,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.50	(The McCormick (Chicago) 1st M. 6 1/8s, 1928-36. Offered by Chicago Trust Co., Litten & Roberts, Rock Island, Ill. and Matheny, Dixon & Co., Springfield, Ill.
650,000	New construction	100	5.50	Marywood College (Scranton, Pa.) 1st M. 5 1/8s, 1927-41. Offered by Whitaker & Co., St. Louis.
600,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	Medico-Dental Bldg. Co. of San Diego, Calif. 1st (c.) M. 6 1/8s, 1929-41. Offered by Nat'l Mtge. Co. of Calif. and Wright, Alexander & Greeley, San Francisco.
350,000	Addition to building	100	5.25-5.50	Methodist Hospital (Madison, Wis.) 1st M. 5 1/8s, 1928-36. The Second Ward Securities Co., Milw.
350,000	Addition to building	100	5.00	Methodist Hospital (Memphis, Tenn.) 1st M. 5s, 1928-38. Offered by Federal Commerce Trust Co., St. Louis.
100,000	Development of property	100	6.00	Michigan Investment Co. (Harroun Park Subdivision), Detroit, 1st M. 6s, 1927-36. Offered by Fenton, Davis & Boyle, Grand Rapids.
56,000	Refunding	100	6.00	Moose Temple (Seattle, Wash.) 1st M. 6s, 1927-36. Offered by Seattle Title Trust Co.
2,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100	5.50	Mortgage-Bond Co. of N. Y. 10-year mtge. 5 1/8s, Series 10, due 1936. Offered by company.
500,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00	Nalle Office Bldg. (Austin, Tex.) 1st M. 6s, 1928-36. Offered by Mortgage & Securities Co. and Whitney-Central Banks, New Orleans.
305,000	Finance construction of hotel	100	6.50	Natchez (Miss.) Investment Co., Inc., 1st M. 6 1/8s, 1928-41. Offered by Standard Bond & Mtge. Co., Inc., Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., New Orle., and Mtge. Bond & Tr. Co., Jackson, Mich.
750,000	Real estate mortgage	100	5 1/2-6 1/2	Newcomb Hotel Co. (Little Rock, Ark.) 5 1/8s and 6 1/8s, 1927-36. Offered by American Southern Trust Co., Little Rock, Ark.
2,000,000	Real estate mortgage	100	7.00	165 Broadway Bldg. (Benenson Bldg. Corp.), N. Y. City, Gen. Mtge. 7s, 1941. Offered by Pearsons-Taft Co. and Stroud & Co., Inc.
2,100,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.20-6.55	Park-Murray Office Bldg. (Park-Murray Corp.) 1st (c.) M. 6 1/8s, 1930-41. Offered by H. O. Stone & Co., New York.
600,000	Finance construction of apartments	100	6.50	(The Royaton (Highland Apt. Co.), Phila., 1st M. 6 1/8s, 1928-36. Offered by F. H. Smith Co.
135,000	Improvements to property	100	5.25	St. Augustin's Church Corp. (Des Moines, Ia.) 1st M. 5 1/8s, 1927-46. Offered by Des Moines National Co., Iowa National Bank and Metcalf, Cowgill & Co., Des Moines, Iowa.
120,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.00	6443-6457 Sheridan Road Bldg. 1st M. 6s, 1928-33. Offered by Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc., Chicago.
2,100,000	Finance lease of property	101-100	5-6	Southern Realty Corp. 1st M. 6s, 1927-46. Offered by Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc., Lorenzo E. Anderson & Co., Prescott, Wright, Snider & Co. and Geo. H. Burr & Co.
400,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00	United Arbeiter Temple Association (Deutsches Haus), Detroit, 1st M. 6s, 1928-36. Offered by Wm. L. Davis & Co., Detroit.
200,000	Additions and improvements	100	5.25-6.00	Valley Investment Co. (St. Louis County, Mo.) 1st (c.) M. 6s, 1927-36. Offered by Geo. H. Burr & Co. and Taussig-Day-Fairbank & Co., Inc., St. Louis.
1,000,000	Finance lease of property	100.62-100	6 1/4-6 1/2	Warner Bros. Properties (Warner Bros. Realty Corp.), Los Angeles, 1st M. 6 1/8s, 1928-40. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
150,000	Finance sale of property	100	6.50	(Glover) Watson (Det.) 1st M. 6 1/8s, 1936. Offered by Benjamin Dansard & Co., Detroit.
150,000	Finance sale of property	Price on application		(The) Woodbrook Co. 1st M. 6 1/8s, 1936. Offered by Nicol, Ford & Co., Inc., Detroit.
\$2,606,000	Shipping—			
18,000,000	Refunding; acquisitions	97	6.30	Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., 1st & Gen. M. 6s, "A," 1941. Offered by Kissel, Kinnlutt & Co., the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Blair & Co., Inc., Bank of Montreal, the Royal Bank of Canada, Nesbitt, Thompson & Co., Ltd., and Wood, Gundy & Co.
	Miscellaneous—			
1,100,000	Acquire constituent companies	99 1/2	6.55	Amalgamated Laundries, Inc., 10-year 6 1/8s, 1936. Offered by Throckmorton & Co. and E. F. Gillespie & Co., Inc., New York.
250,000	Finance construction of toll bridge	100	6.00	Arrowhead Bridge Co. 1st M. 6s, 1946. Offered by Paine, Webber & Co.
3,000,000	Improvements to property	100	6.50	Bayway Terminal (New York Harbor) 1st M. 6 1/8s, "A," 1946. Offered by Mackie, Hentz & Co. and Pogue, Willard & Co.
250,000	New plant	100	5-6	Borin Bros., Inc. (Det.) 1st M. 6s, 1927-36. Offered by Harris, Small & Co. and Union Tr. Co., Det.
2,000,000	Retire current debt; wkg. capital	100	6.50	(The) Butterick Publishing Co. Debenture 6 1/8s, 1936. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
1,000,000	Acquire additional properties	101-100	5 1/2-6	Federal-Hygenic Ice Refrigerating Companies Sec. 6s, "B," 1928-41. Offered by Central Trust Co. of Ill. and Ames, Emerich & Co., Chicago.
600,000	Refunding; acquisitions; wkg. cap.	100	6.50	Hill-Behan Lumber Co. of Missouri (St. Louis) 1st (c.) M. 6 1/8s, 1927-36. Offered by Whitaker & Co., St. Louis.
375,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes	99	6.60	Lackawanna Laundry Co., Inc. (Scranton, Pa.), 1st (c.) M. 6 1/8s, 1941. Offered by J. H. Brooks & Co., Scranton, Pa.
7,500,000	Refunding	100	4.75-5.20	R. H. Macy & Co., Inc., Debenture 5 1/8s, 1927-36. Offered by Lehman Bros.
2,700,000	Acquisitions; working capital	100	6.50	Manchester Terminal Corp. (Houston, Tex.) 1st M. 6 1/8s, "A," 1941. Offered by Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., and Spencer Trask & Co.
3,500,000	Finance construction of toll bridge	100	7.00	New Orleans Pontchartrain Bridge Co. 1st M. 7s, 1946. Offered by Peabody, Houghtelling & Co., Inc., Wm. R. Compton Co., Watson, Williams & Co., Lorenzo E. Anderson & Co., Hemp-hill, Noyes & Co. and Knight, Dysart & Gamble.
2,000,000	Finance construction of toll bridge	98	7.55-10.15	New Orleans Pontchartrain Bridge Co. Deb. 7s, 1941. Offered by Peabody, Houghtelling & Co., Inc., Wm. R. Compton & Co., Watson, Williams & Co., Lorenzo E. Anderson & Co., Hemp-hill, Noyes & Co. and Knight, Dysart & Gamble.
250,000	Acquisitions; working capital	101-100	5 1/2-6	Sabi Robbins Paper Co. 1st M. 6s, 1927-36. Offered by the Fifth-Third Nat. Bank and W. E. Hutton & Co., Cincinnati.
3,000,000	New construction	100-99	6-6.10	Seaboard Terminal & Refrigeration Co. (Jersey City, N. J.) 1st M. Fee and Leasehold 6s, 1929-41. Offered by Spencer Trask & Co., the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co. and Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Inc.
5,000,000	Acquisitions; construction, &c.	100	6.00	Stanley-Grandall Co. of Washington 1st M. 6s, 1946. Offered by Edw. B. Smith & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., Cassatt & Co. and Hayden, Stone & Co.
4,000,000	Acquisitions; construction, &c.	99 3/4	6.02	Stanley-Rowland-Clark Corp. 1st M. Fee and Leasehold 6s, 1946. Offered by Edw. B. Smith & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., Cassatt & Co. and Hayden, Stone & Co.
\$8,500,000				

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.
\$				
2,500,000	Public Utilities—			
425,000	Acquisitions; working capital	100-98 1/2	5-5.40	Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co. 5s, 1927-30. Offered by First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee.
	Refunding; improvements, &c.	99	6.00	Ohio Central Telephone Co. 1-yr. Coll. Tr. 5s "A," Sept. 1 1927. Offered by Thompson, Kent & Grace, Inc., Chicago.
3,750,000	Refunding; acquisitions	98 3/4	5.45	Tide Water Power Co. 1st Lien & Ref. M. 5s "C," 1929. Offered by Hemphill, Noyes & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Coffin & Burr, Inc., Stroud & Co., Inc., and Otis & Co.
700,000	New plant	100	4.87-5.00	West Boston Gas Co. 4 1/8s, Sept. 1 1928-29. Offered by the First Nat. Corp., Boston.
7,375,000	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c.			
175,000	Development of property	100	6.50	Hart Coal Corp. Mtge. Lien 6 1/8s, Dec. 1 1929. Offered by Thompson, Ross & Co., Inc., Chicago, and Thos. B. Greening & Co., Seattle.
	Motors and Accessories—			
150,000	Construct & equip. new plant	100	6.00	Universal Products Co. 1st (closed) M. 6s, Aug. 15 1931. Offered by Benjamin Dansard & Co., Detroit.
1,500,000	Fund current debt; working capital	100	6.00	West American Finance Co. Coll. Trust 6s "B," due monthly from April 15 1927 to Aug. 15 1927, both incl. Offered by Peirce, Fair & Co., Shingle, Brown & Co. and Carstens & Earles, Inc.
1,650,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.—			
350,000	Retire bank loans; working capital	99 1/2	6.20	Kahler Shoe Co., Inc., 3-yr. 6s Sept. 1 1929. Offered by McKinley & Morris and Vought & Co., Inc.
	Land, Buildings, &c.—			
500,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100	6.00	Arundel Mortgage Co. 1st M. 6s "B," 1929-31. Offered by Nelson, Cook & Co., J. Harmanus Fisher & Sons and Townsend, Scott & Sons, Baltimore.
1,300,000	Acquisition of property	100	5.00	Comstock Investment Co. 1st M. 5s, Nov. 30 1929. Offered by Detroit Tr. Co., Security Tr. Co., Harris, Small & Co., Nicol, Ford & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co., Detroit.
625,000	Finance sale of property	100	6.50	(K. L.) Grennan Realty Trust 1st M. & Coll. Tr. 6 1/8s, 1927-31. Offered by the Guardian Tr. Co. and Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cleveland.
48,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100.41-100	5 1/2-7	Industrial Bank of Richmond Coll. Trust 7s, 1928-30. Offered by Scott & Stringfellow, Richmond, Va.
32,500	Finance construe'n of apartment	100	8.00	The Riverside Apts. (Miami, Fla.) 1st Lien Mtge. 8s, July 15 1930. Offered by the Miami Mortgage & Guaranty Co., Miami, Fla.
500,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100	6.00	Security Bond & Mortgage Co. (Fla.) 1st M. Coll. Tr. 6s "E," 1927-31. Offered by J. A. W. Iglehart & Co., Baltimore; Bodell & Co., Providence; Harris, Smith & Co., Phila., and Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co., Salt Lake City, Utah.
125,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100	5 1/2-7	Virginia Bond & Mortgage Corp. Coll. Tr. 7s "M," 1927-30. Offered by Wheat, Galleher & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va.
3,130,500	Miscellaneous—			
1,500,000	Acquire constituent companies	99	6.75	National Theatre Supply Co. 5-yr. 6 1/8s, Sept. 1 1931. Offered by West & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and W. S. Hammons & Co.
150,000	Refunding	100	6.00	Orange Crush Holding Corp. 1-yr. 6s, Sept. 1 1927. Offered by Knight, Blanchard & Co., Chicago.
4,650,000				

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares	Purpose of Issue.	a Amount Involved.	Price Per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$		\$		%	
*10,128 shs	Public Utilities— General corporate purposes	992,544	98	7.14	Associated Telephone Utilities Co. \$7 Cum. Prior Pref. Offered by Paine, Webber & Co., N. Y., and Mitchum, Tully & Co., San Francisco.
772,000	New construction; working capital	772,000	96	6.24	Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by Beyer & Small, Portland, Me.
*11,085 shs	Retire bank debt; additions, &c.	637,387	57 1/2	---	Massachusetts Lighting Companies Com. Offered by company to stockholders.
2,100,000	Acquire constituent companies	2,100,000	100b	7.00	Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by White, Weld & Co. and Blyth, Witter & Co.
4,000,000	Additions to plant	4,000,000	100	---	Southern New England Telephone Co. Capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*25,705 shs.	Refunding	1,542,300	60	---	Staten Island Edison Corp. Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
		10,044,231			
*100,000 shs	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c. Acquire predecessor company	3,850,000	38 1/2	---	Scullin Steel Co. Partic. Pref. Cum. \$3 per share. Offered by Spencer Trask & Co., Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc., and G. H. Walker & Co.
*40,000 shs.	Motors & Accessories— Expansion of business	1,940,000	48 1/2	---	Marmon Motor Car Co. Com. Offered by Hallgarten & Co. and Green, Ellis & Anderson
*30,000 shs.	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Acquisition of property, &c.	900,000	10 shs. Pref.	{ For	Cellulose Products, Inc. (Mass.), Convertible Pref. Cum. \$2 per share. Offered by Watson & White.
*15,000 shs.	Acquisition of property, &c.	3,747,282	77	{ 5 shs. Com	Cellulose Products, Inc. (Mass.), Com. Offered by Watson & White.
*48,666 shs.	Acquisitions; working capital	2,910,000	48 1/2	{ \$300	Consolidated Cigar Corp. Com. Offered by company to stockholders.
*60,000 shs.	Retire stock; working capital	2,910,000	48 1/2	---	Pacific Coast Biscuit Co. Conv. Partic. Pref. Cum. \$3 50 per share. Offered by Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broome, Inc.
*300,000 shs	Acq. constituent cos.; working cap.	12,900,000	43	---	Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp. (Del.) Com. Offered by Lehman Bros., Hemphill, Noyes & Co., Hornblower & Weeks, Cassatt & Co., Rogers, Caldwell & Co., Inc., Mitchell, Hutchins & Co. and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.
7,215,300	Acq. constituent cos.; working cap.	7,215,300	99	7.07	Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp. Series A Conv. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by National City Co., Hemphill, Noyes & Co., Lehman Bros., Hornblower & Weeks, Cassatt & Co., Rogers Caldwell & Co., Inc., Mitchell, Hutchins & Co. and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.
600,000	Acquisition additional property	600,000	100	7.00	Union Biscuit Co. (St. Louis) 7% Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by Smith, Moore & Co., Francis Bros. & Co., Stickney, Denyven & Co. and Knight, Dysart & Gamble, St. L.
		28,272,582			
1,000,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Addition to building	1,000,000	97 1/2	7.17	American Furniture Bldg. Corp. (Chicago) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Whiting & Co., Chicago.
1,500,000	Acquisition of property	1,500,000	97	6.20	California Group Corp. 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by Wm. R. Staats Co., San Francisco.
300 cts.	Finance lease of property	300,000	1,000	6.00	Eggleston Ave., 3d to 4th Streets (Cincinnati) Land Trust Cts. Offered by the Herrick Co., Cleveland, and Fourth & Central Trust Co., Cincinnati.
		2,800,000			
1,000,000	Miscellaneous— Refunding; acquisitions	1,000,000	100	7.00	Denver Union Stock Yards Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Blodget & Co., N. Y., and Bosworth, Chanute & Co., Denver.
*8,000 shs.	New capital	420,000	1 sh. Cl. A	{ For	Mary Lee Candy Shops, Inc. (Detroit) Class A stock. Offered by Backus, Fordon & Co., Detroit.
*8,000 shs.	New capital	420,000	1 sh. Cl. B	{ 52 1/2	Mary Lee Candy Shops, Inc. (Detroit) Class B stock. Offered by Backus, Fordon & Co., Detroit.
		1,420,000			

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$			%	
1,000,000	Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco 5s, 1936-56	103 1/2	4.55	Harris, Forbes & Co., Wm. R. Compton Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.
750,000	Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Los Angeles 5s, 1936-56	103 1/2	4.55	Harris, Forbes & Co., Wm. R. Compton Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.
1,750,000				

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Amount.	Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$			%	
20,000,000	Argentine Govt. 6 Months Treasury Bills	---	5.25	Placed privately by J. P. Morgan & Co. and National City Bank.
16,900,000	Argentine Govt. 6% Public Works Issue of Oct. 1 1926, due 1960	98 1/2	6.10	J. P. Morgan & Co. and National City Co.
15,000,000	Republic of Finland External Loan 6 1/2s, 1956	94	6.98	National City Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Brown Bros. & Co., New York Trust Co. and Continental & Commercial Co., Chicago.
20,000,000	Free State of Prussia 6 1/2s of 1926, due 1951	95	6.92	Harris, Forbes & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., the Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y., New York Trust Co., Mendelsohn & Co., International Acceptance Bank, Inc., and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.
3,000,000	Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (Jugoslavia) 6 Mos. Treas. 6s, Mar. 31 1927	100	6.00	Blair & Co., Inc.
74,900,000				

* Shares of no par value.

a Preferred stocks of a stated par value are taken at par, while preferred stocks of no par value and all classes of common stocks are computed at their offering prices.

b Bonus of one share of common stock given with each share of preferred.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Oct. 22 1926.

Trade is good, if we take such indices as freight car loadings, railroad earnings, the sales of mail and chain stores and the universality of employment of labor at high wages—and they are guides not to be despised. But it is evident that recent bad weather at the West and low prices in the cotton belt have had some prejudicial effect on retail trade in those parts of the country. Of late, too, there have been snow storms in northern New York and also in Massachusetts, Vermont and other parts of New England, which may have interfered with trade somewhat. Cotton has declined another cent, and this is a trial for the South. The price has latterly got down to a new low level for these times. The Chairman of the Government Commission, Eugene Meyer Jr., will consult with cotton merchants and bankers to-day as to the best means of withdrawing 4,000,000 bales from the market to lighten the load of a crop that looks more and more like 17,000,000 bales and upward. Warehouses and compresses at the South in some instances are said to be filled to overflowing. The storage question may assume unusual importance in a season of an extraor-

inary crop. In this emergency it is worth remembering that spot cotton business has recently revived at New York after an interval of many years, that the sales this week approximate 30,000 bales, and that there are storage facilities available here for 400,000 bales, which towards the end of January will be increased to 500,000. New York in former times was a very large spot market, becoming prominent just after the Civil War, when the South was impoverished and naturally availed itself of the great banking facilities here, where it promptly obtained advances of 60% or more on the cotton sent to this city. As the South grew in population and wealth, a process of decentralization naturally set in. The South could and did finance its cotton. It can do it now, but whether it has adequate storage room for so vast a crop as this high record one is another matter. For a time at least it may be to its advantage to send more cotton to New York, where it will have a prompt sale on at least as advantageous terms as anywhere else.

Wheat has advanced some 5 cents a bushel, in spite of very high ocean freights and some decrease in export buying on that account. The extraordinary thing is that Canadian wheat is being shipped to England at 43 to 44 cents a bushel

freightage. Roughly speaking, the European wheat crop is supposed to be 10% smaller than that of last year. And it is a significant fact that France has just reduced its import duty on wheat 6½ cents per bushel. Freights recently advanced 15 to 20% at Canadian ports. This all comes of the coal strike in Great Britain, which is so obstinately prolonged to the disadvantage of all classes of society, not excepting the workers themselves. It tends to increase the price of food and other costs of living. For the tonnage which is required to bring coal to England would otherwise be employed in bringing food, etc. It also affects the cotton trade to some extent as well as the sugar trade, to go no further. Every effort was made to settle this unfortunate strike. As the case stands, there seems to be no immediate promise of a settlement of the trouble. Meanwhile ocean freight rates steadily rise. It operates more or less to the disadvantage of the American farmer. The Canadian wheat crop is not turning out so well as expected. The grading at Winnipeg shows a quality that is a matter of complaint. The price of Indian corn has also advanced, as the husking returns from different parts of the belt are not satisfactory. Other grain has advanced, but unfortunately, there has been practically no export demand for rye. That may come later if rye is to be used as a substitute for wheat across the water to any considerable extent.

Raw sugar advanced mainly owing to a cyclone in a number of provinces in Cuba, attaining a velocity of 110 to 150 miles an hour and causing considerable damage, it is feared, in the sugar districts. The world's crop this year, it turns out, is nearly 100,000 tons smaller than the last one, and if there has been any considerable damage in Cuba, the estimate of 5,200,000 tons as the last crop may have to be modified. Coffee, after declining for a time, has latterly advanced sharply on active transactions, in response to a stronger market in Brazil and rising exchange, and partly, also, to an evidently oversold condition of the speculative market here. The dislocation of the currency in Brazil is regrettable, as it gives rise to unfortunate fluctuations in exchange and more or less disarrangement of business generally. There has been an active demand for soft coal, partly for export, and the wages of miners have been increased. Some increase has also been granted to railroad labor. Copper has been declining. Petroleum seems to be tending downward. Cotton goods have been quiet awaiting the trend of the price of the raw material. This has been the case at home and abroad. The big crop has had an unsettling effect in Manchester and also in Alexandria, Egypt. The Egyptian cotton crop, by the way, is also large and prices have recently been declining sharply. At the same time there is a good foreign demand for the actual cotton at the South and Galveston, Houston and New Orleans are urgently calling for a larger supply of ocean tonnage from the Shipping Board at Washington. Not only European spinners, but those of Bombay, are buying American cotton, as well as the spinners of Japan. Provisions have been lower, but of late there has been some recovery in prices, with a better cash trade. One interesting feature is that there is a good demand now-a-days for jewelry as well as radio apparatus. The leather trade is brisk and the shoe industry is active. Wool has been rather quiet and at some of the Australian sales prices have declined. But owing to the cold or stormy weather over much of the country, the wholesale demand for woolen goods and clothing generally has increased. The steel trade is less active. Pig iron sales are not, as a rule, large, and German iron is again invading the Boston market. Cattle prices are lower. The sales of lumber have fallen off, but for all that they are larger than those of a year ago.

Food index prices are lower and perhaps on the whole the general trend of world prices of merchandise is lower as the state of the world's currencies improves and progress is manifestly after unforgettable years back towards the gold basis. In other words, there is a tendency here and there over the globe towards deflation, or in other words, a substitution of gold currency for paper money. After a recent sharp decline, stocks have recently advanced in an oversold market, and the transactions here to-day exceeded 1,700,000 shares. Railroad bonds were in steady demand, although some of the foreign issues were lower. The tendency of foreign currencies has been upward. That has cheered London, as was very manifest to-day. All the Continental exchanges have shown an upward tendency. The decline in silver has had a depressing effect on Chinese

exchange. It is gratifying to merchants to note such a clear evidence of the great buying power of the country as is shown in the fact that Class I railroads established a new August record in the amount of freight handled and the expedition with which the tonnage was moved, according to reports to the Bureau of Railway Economics. The daily average movement of freight cars was 31.5 miles, a record in all time for the month and only seven-tenths miles lower than the record for any month, i. e. October of last year, when the average was 32.2 miles.

At Fall River, Mass., the cotton mills are said to be running at 77%. At Holyoke, Mass., the Lyman mills resumed operations after a ten-day shutdown and will operate four days per week for the present. At Dover, N. H., the Pacific mills are said to be operating a night crew in several rooms to fill orders. Manchester, N. H., wired that a New Hampshire town will disappear with the closing of the cotton mill at Rollinsford, N. H. Directors of the mill voted to abandon the property and little hope is maintained in leasing the mill. This is the first cotton mill to stop in the State. The Amoskeag Co. at Manchester, N. H., makes an all-American rayon production. As a bid on the part of South Carolina for Eastern and Northern textile plants, in the general election in that State in November, 23 counties are asking for authority to extend textile enterprises exemption from payment of county taxes for a period of five years. Tire mills were said to be covering first half of next year requirements in the tire fabric market, but a good percentage of their needs must yet be covered. Employment in the cotton mills of the United States in September gained 6.4% as compared with August, according to a preliminary report. At Greenville, S. C., mills are said to be well employed at a satisfactory profit. At Richmond, Va., the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation announced that it will lend to customers indebted to the corporation 10 cents a pound on cotton stored in bonded warehouses at the rate of 5% interest in an effort to aid the cotton situation.

The garment strike is said to be nearing its end here. A compromise plan may bring about peace in the strike of 40,000 workers. The strike of the paper box makers has caused hat manufacturers to delay deliveries. Some New York firms have had to use all types of containers, including corrugated cartons, flimsy unmarked boxes and in some instances almost anything that could be obtained. A severe shortage is expected by many firms that do not make their own containers.

The weather here has been cool and pleasant. To-day it was 41 to 58 degrees. On the 21st it was 40 to 50. At Chicago and Cincinnati it was 36 to 56; at Cleveland 42 to 50; at Milwaukee 36 to 54; at Kansas City 42 to 68; at Montreal 32 to 40; at Boston 30 to 48; at Pittsburgh 40 to 52; at St. Paul 38 to 58. Havana, Cuba, had a cyclone of 110 to 150 miles an hour on the 19th. Hundreds were killed in the Havana and outlying districts. The property loss is estimated at \$35,000,000. Some 100 vessels were sunk or disabled. Many towns and villages were devastated throughout Cuba. Hundreds of homes were wrecked. A new tropical storm is reported. Florida escaped the last one. Earthquake tremors were reported in San Francisco. The Adirondack, New York, region has 2 to 8 inches of snow. An unusually heavy autumnal fall occurred there on the 20th inst. The fall was 8 inches at Tupper Lake, 6 at Elizabethtown, and 2 at Malone. At Tupper Lake and Elizabethtown the snow saturated with water, broke down telegraph, telephone and electric wires and poles. In Elizabethtown the electric lighting system was temporarily crippled. Many trees broke down under the weight of the wet snow, which lodged on the leaves. On the 20th inst. northern Vermont was cut off from wire communication as a result of a snow and sleet storm that swept northern New England late on the 19th and on the following morning. Many cities, including St. Albans, Burlington, Montpelier, Barre, Newport, St. Johnsbury, Rutland and Middlebury, were in the isolated area. North Adams, in northern Berkshire County, Mass., reported that there was ten inches of snow on top of the Mohawk Trail.

Wholesale Prices Higher in September.

Wholesale prices in September averaged slightly higher than in August, according to information collected in representative markets by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The Bureau's weighted index number, which includes 404 commodities or price series, registered 150.5 for September compared with 149.2 for

the month before, an increase of nearly 1%. Compared with September 1925, however, with an index number of 159.7, there was a decrease of 5 3/4%. The Bureau, in its statement of Oct. 16 adds:

Farm products in general were 2-3% higher than in August, due mainly to advances in cattle, hogs, eggs, hides and wool. Smaller increases also were recorded for foods, clothing materials, fuels, metals and building materials, while there was no change in the price level for chemicals and drugs. Housefurnishing goods and miscellaneous commodities, on the other hand, were lower than in August.

Of the 404 commodities or price series for which comparable information for August and September was collected, increases were shown in 122 instances and decreases in 98 instances. In 184 instances no change in price was reported.

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

Groups and Subgroups.	1925.		1926.	
	September	August	September	August
Farm products.....	160.4	137.9	141.1	138.6
Grains.....	157.5	139.2	138.6	135.6
Livestock and poultry.....	155.5	131.9	141.0	140.8
Other farm products.....	164.9	141.7	140.8	140.8
Foods.....	160.3	150.8	152.0	152.0
Meats.....	165.8	153.4	157.4	157.4
Butter, cheese and milk.....	154.5	144.7	150.0	150.0
Other foods.....	160.7	152.6	151.1	151.1
Clothing materials.....	189.3	174.7	175.2	175.2
Boots and shoes.....	186.7	184.3	184.3	184.3
Cotton goods.....	182.3	160.3	161.3	161.3
Woolen and worsted goods.....	206.9	189.7	189.2	189.2
Silk, &c.....	180.6	160.1	162.2	162.2
Fuels.....	169.3	179.5	182.0	182.0
Anthracite.....	229.0	225.4	225.4	225.4
Bituminous coal.....	200.4	198.5	202.3	202.3
Other fuels.....	135.4	158.4	161.0	161.0
Metals and metal products.....	127.2	126.6	127.0	127.0
Iron and steel.....	133.7	133.9	134.5	134.5
Nonferrous metals.....	113.1	110.8	110.5	110.5
Building materials.....	174.1	171.8	172.4	172.4
Lumber.....	182.8	180.9	182.3	182.3
Brick.....	204.1	204.7	205.0	205.0
Structural steel.....	129.1	129.1	132.4	132.4
Other building materials.....	168.3	164.8	163.7	163.7
Chemicals and drugs.....	135.6	130.8	130.8	130.8
Chemicals.....	128.7	118.7	118.9	118.9
Fertilizer materials.....	108.2	108.5	108.2	108.2
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....	178.5	182.5	182.5	182.5
Housefurnishing goods.....	167.6	160.8	160.4	160.4
Furniture.....	147.7	140.2	140.1	140.1
Furnishings.....	232.9	228.4	226.5	226.5
Miscellaneous.....	134.9	121.8	120.4	120.4
Cattle feed.....	130.5	115.2	109.5	109.5
Leather.....	140.3	134.8	135.9	135.9
Paper and pulp.....	186.5	171.8	164.3	164.3
Other miscellaneous.....	118.8	104.2	104.5	104.5
All commodities.....	159.7	149.2	150.5	150.5

Course of Retail Food Prices in September.

The retail food index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor shows for Sept. 15 1926, an increase of about 1 3/4% since Aug. 15 1926; a decrease of nearly one third of 1% since Sept. 15 1925; and an increase of a little more than 5 1/2% since Sept. 15 1913. The index number (1913=100.0) was 159.0 in Sept., 1925; 155.7 in August, 1926; and 158.5 in Sept., 1926. The Bureau on Oct. 18 added:

During the month from Aug. 15 1926, to Sept. 15 1926, 14 articles on which monthly prices were secured increased as follows: Strictly fresh eggs, 15%; potatoes, 8%; pork chops, 5%; butter, 4%; round steak, rib roast, chuck roast, plate beef, fresh milk, evaporated milk, cheese, rolled oats and rice, 1%; and sirloin steak, less than five-tenths of 1%. Sixteen articles decreased: Onions, 10%; macaroni, 4%; canned red salmon and flour, 3%; lard and cabbage, 2%; navy beans, baked beans, canned peas and prunes, 1%; and bacon, ham, leg of lamb, hens, tea and bananas, less than five-tenths of 1%. The following twelve articles showed no change: Oleo-margarine, vegetable lard substitute, bread, cornmeal, corn flakes, wheat cereal, canned corn, canned tomatoes, granulated sugar, coffee, raisins and oranges.

Changes in Retail Prices of Food by Cities.

During the month from Aug. 15 1926 to Sept. 15 1926, the average cost of food increased in 49 cities as follows: Kansas City, Louisville, and St. Louis, 4%; Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Peoria, Philadelphia, Rochester, Salt Lake City, and Springfield, Ill., 3%; Bridgeport, Cincinnati, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Newark, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Omaha, Pittsburgh, Richmond, St. Paul, Scranton and Washington, 2%; Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Charleston, S. C., Denver, Fall River, Houston, Jacksonville, Little Rock, Manchester, Mobile, New Haven, Portland, Me., Portland, Ore., Providence, San Francisco, Savannah, and Seattle, 1%; and Memphis less than five-tenths of 1%. In Birmingham there was a decrease of less than five-tenths of 1% and in Butte no change in the month.

For the year period Sept. 15 1925, to Sept. 15 1926, 26 of the fifty-one cities showed decreases: Portland, Ore., and Salt Lake City, 4%; Houston, San Francisco, and Seattle, 3%; Butte, Denver, Los Angeles, and Newark, 2%; Boston, Buffalo, Fall River, Memphis, New Haven, New York, Providence, and Scranton, 1%; and Birmingham, Bridgeport, Dallas, Little Rock, Louisville, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Omaha, and Portland, Me., less than five-tenths of 1%. The following 24 cities showed increases: Jacksonville, 4%; Milwaukee, 3%; Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Mobile, Norfolk, Pittsburgh, and Savannah, 2%; Atlanta, Charleston, S. C., Columbus, Detroit, Manchester, Philadelphia, St. Paul, and Washington, 1%; and Baltimore, Chicago, Kansas City, Peoria, Richmond, Rochester, and Springfield, Ill., less than five-tenths of 1%. In St. Louis there was no change in the year.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, food on Sept. 15 1926, was 68% higher in Chicago, Richmond, and Washington; 67% in Detroit; 66% in Baltimore and Birmingham; 65% in Atlanta; 63% in Cincinnati; 62% in Buffalo, Charleston, S. C., Jacksonville, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Scranton; 61% in Cleveland and Pittsburgh; 60% in Milwaukee, New York, and Providence; 59% in Boston; 58% in New Haven; 57% in Indianapolis; 56% in Kansas City, Minneapolis, and Omaha; 55% in Dallas, Louisville, Manchester, and New Orleans; 54% in Fall

River; 53% in San Francisco; 51% in Little Rock; 50% in Memphis and Newark; 47% in Los Angeles and Seattle; 41% in Denver; 39% in Portland, Ore., and 36% 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.

Business Summary of Bank of Montreal.

The Bank of Montreal in its "Monthly Business Summary" (dated Oct. 22) based on information received from its branches throughout Canada and from its offices abroad, says in part.

Taking a broad view of Canadian commercial conditions during the past month, the improvement previously noted is well maintained. The grain crops of the Prairie Provinces, as well as those of Ontario and Quebec, have suffered somewhat in quality by reason of unpropitious weather, protracted rains having impeded harvesting and threshing with resultant lower grades; yet it seems certain that the total yield of wheat will approximate that of last year and be marketable at a profitable price. The untoward weather conditions have delayed marketing of the crops, slightly reducing gross railway earnings in the first half of October from the corresponding period last year, but this loss may fairly be expected to be overcome as the months pass. On Oct. 16 the visible supply of wheat in Canada was 34,764,000 bushels, or only 88,000 bushels less than at the like period in 1925. The congestion of grain at the port of Montreal unfortunately persists, due mainly to shortage of ocean tonnage through diversion of tramp vessels to coal carrying from United States ports, and the pressure for tonnage is reflected in a substantial increase in rates.

The generally improved state of business in Canada finds expression in our enlarged bank note circulation of about 10%, an increase in notice deposits of 6% and of 7% in mercantile loans as compared with a year ago.

Production of newsprint is unabated. September production of pig iron in Canada was 80% greater than in September 1925, and that of steel ingots nearly 70% greater. Automobile production continues to show enlargement over last year, the August output having been 73% and that of the eight months 35% in excess of 1925. Building operations are still quite active, and when the total value is compiled at the end of the year a gratifying gain over 1925 will be recorded. The boot and shoe industry retains recent improvement; general dry goods trade, both in mill production and distribution, is considered satisfactory, and the hardware trade is enjoying a fair degree of activity. Business insolvencies in the quarter ended Sept. 30, though slightly larger in number, show a decrease of 20% in liabilities.

Straus & Co., in September Building Survey, Find a Decline in Projected New Buildings.

Reports made to S. W. Straus & Co. by the building departments of 463 cities and towns in different parts of the United States showed a loss of 16% in September, compared with September 1925. The same cities lost 4 1/2% during the first nine months of the year compared with the same period last year. The volume of building permits for the three quarters of the year was \$3,281,735,879, compared with \$3,437,704,769 for the first nine months of last year. In September these centres reported building permits of \$324,568,492, compared with \$384,640,210 last September. The reports show a loss between August and September of 13%, which is approximately 2% more than the usual decline for this period. It appears, therefore, that the curve of building activity is now dipping just a little below the normal line. A further factor in the situation, is the rise in building costs between September a year ago and the month under review. Indices compiled by various authorities were from 2 to 4 points higher for September than for the same month in 1925.

The falling off in building activities was fairly well scattered over the country. In many of the leading building centres losses were especially pronounced. New York, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Boston, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, Portland, Ore., and Oakland, Calif., reported a considerable decline for September as compared with the same month a year ago. On the other hand important gains were shown in Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco, Newark, N. J., Baltimore, Albany, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Yonkers and Columbus, Ohio. The Survey goes on to say:

The reports made to S. W. Straus & Co. comprise the first figures obtainable from Florida since the storm. While the September reports were, of course, greatly affected by the disaster and showed a pronounced decline as compared with the same month last year, a very sizable volume of permits were filed in the leading centres of the State. Among these were: Coral Gables, \$1,112,654; Daytona Beach, \$584,200; Jacksonville, \$1,216,617; Lakeland, \$834,650; Miami, \$844,496; Miami Beach, \$321,775; Orlando, \$1,052,297; St. Petersburg, \$672,600; Tampa, \$916,077; West Palm Beach, \$321,775. For the first nine months of the year the 30 principal centres of the State had building permits of \$144,688,512, compared with \$162,839,478 for the first nine months of 1925.

Twelve Leading States.

The twelve leading States, based on reports for three-quarters of 1926 as submitted to S. W. Straus & Co., were:

States—	No. of Places.	Volume of Permits.
1. New York.....	31	\$916,841,318
2. Illinois.....	19	328,955,499
3. California.....	58	276,546,105
4. Michigan.....	14	183,462,420
5. Pennsylvania.....	18	176,120,921
6. Ohio.....	26	163,509,466
7. Florida.....	30	144,688,512
8. New Jersey.....	27	132,201,370
9. Massachusetts.....	28	110,509,257
10. Texas.....	16	96,470,920
11. Indiana.....	15	67,090,218
12. Connecticut.....	15	59,672,636

Building Materials.

The high level of actual construction activity during September held building material prices steady for the most part. Only linseed oil and lumber showed any real weakness, though a few localized price declines in other materials were also reported, as, for example, lime at Detroit and common brick at St. Louis and Philadelphia. Most of the materials, however, including sand, gravel, crushed stone, Portland cement, wire and cut nails and steel, were firm. Birmingham mill prices for steel and nails were higher than during the previous month.

One important development in the building material situation during September was the organization of the steel cartel in Continental Europe, which began functioning Oct. 1. There is some disagreement in this country as to the effect of the international trust on our steel industry and on domestic steel prices. Many authorities believe that competition in some items, especially along the Atlantic Seaboard, will be intensified. Another question that arises is whether this combination will set a precedent for similar action in other industries. Already there is talk about the formation of a European trust in the plate glass industry.

The Labor Situation.

During September wages in the building trades were well stabilized, and employment, both present and prospective, in practically all the trades was generally satisfactory. In a survey of more than fifty principal cities it was found that the advance in the average level of wages was small, although in some cities slight increases were made as of Oct. 1. While there are fluctuations in wage scales, it seems apparent that these fluctuations are within a narrower cycle and are considerably in contrast to the period from 1915 to 1923.

TWENTY-FIVE CITIES REPORTING LARGEST VOLUME OF PERMITS FOR 1926 WITH COMPARISONS.

	9 Months		September		1924.
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
New York (P. F.)	750,692,537	737,621,683	77,492,942	85,702,984	44,972,825
Chicago	264,779,900	277,532,350	25,943,500	20,550,000	20,228,200
Detroit	142,618,734	138,687,911	15,737,336	14,908,454	12,524,789
Philadelphia	102,359,305	136,361,340	9,598,360	9,592,390	8,665,805
Los Angeles	94,277,860	115,767,533	8,163,581	11,071,923	13,090,467
Washington, D.C.	53,292,950	52,415,138	4,750,210	4,733,415	4,379,062
Cleveland	51,511,975	53,333,150	4,128,250	5,430,400	4,833,725
San Francisco	43,943,708	39,318,786	4,001,012	3,158,082	5,671,784
Boston (P. F.)	42,277,650	54,475,554	3,627,826	10,499,691	3,906,119
Newark, N. J.	36,766,791	32,483,033	3,747,869	2,014,144	1,558,284
Baltimore	33,681,520	34,715,270	3,693,000	3,162,620	2,737,000
St. Louis	32,769,229	44,266,810	2,765,027	4,663,865	2,783,960
Milwaukee	32,242,680	31,103,297	3,941,757	4,904,356	6,992,512
Pittsburgh	29,950,402	34,378,419	1,843,936	4,523,937	1,985,234
Seattle	26,403,800	25,956,465	2,862,185	2,805,050	1,439,970
Portland, Ore.	26,301,925	31,257,930	2,617,530	3,539,655	2,548,575
Miami	25,203,208	38,233,017	844,496	5,803,989	1,426,529
Albany	23,628,609	12,141,077	3,872,456	2,624,913	625,260
Cincinnati	23,011,424	23,882,355	3,443,094	1,549,530	2,511,590
Houston	22,446,292	19,120,108	1,741,665	1,976,326	1,092,120
Oakland	21,641,243	29,473,095	2,123,002	3,000,070	2,502,144
Buffalo	21,559,255	21,815,312	2,834,357	2,635,315	1,635,536
Yonkers	20,979,373	16,736,198	3,209,894	1,733,360	1,098,200
Columbus, O.	20,567,300	23,185,400	2,211,700	2,088,000	1,488,800
Mt. Vernon	19,515,778	8,491,408	721,708	966,540	292,650
	1,962,424,048	2,032,752,639	195,917,743	213,639,039	150,991,140

Note.—P. F. Indicates plans filed.

Lumber Trade Records Good Business.

The "lumber thermometer" of business is encouraging, according to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association's weekly review of the industry. Virtually the same number of comparably reporting softwood mills show a gain in current orders for the past week of about 10% over last year's business, shipments the same and a slight increase in production. For the first 41 weeks of the year this group of mills enjoyed a business 350,000,000 board feet in excess of that of the like period of 1925. Reports from about 150 other mills, softwood and hardwood, support the showing of the comparable mills. According to this yardstick, the lumber business is about 5% heavier this year than last. Owing to its universal use in manufacturing and building and, now-a-days, short-order buying, lumber is considered an excellent gauge of general business activity.

As compared with the preceding week, both softwood and hardwood had a larger market, according to the association's report, from which we quote the following.

Unfilled Orders Gain.

The unfilled orders of 229 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 623,934,257 ft., as against 596,820,796 ft. (revised) for 227 mills the previous week. The 121 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 239,962,650 ft. last week, as against 241,693,200 ft. for the week before. For the 108 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 383,971,607 ft., as against 355,127,596 ft. for 106 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 343 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 93% and orders 99% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 102 and 100; and for the West Coast mills 82 and 97.

Of the reporting mills, the 318 with an established normal production for the week of 223,510,481 ft., gave actual production 102%, shipments 95% and orders 102% 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	343	342	350
Production	240,234,406	231,694,928	243,120,452
Shipments	224,501,679	225,217,207	234,744,574
Orders (new business)	238,074,695	218,551,163	218,955,983

The following revised figures compare the softwood lumber movement of the same seven regional associations for the first 41 weeks of 1926 with the same period of 1925:

	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1926	9,809,588,725	10,028,924,927	10,030,435,554
1925	9,958,701,613	9,860,988,482	9,680,426,189

The mills of the California White and Sugar Pine Association, San Francisco, make weekly reports, but, not being comparable, are not included in the foregoing tables or in the regional tabulation below. Eighteen of these mills, representing 49% of the cut of the California pine region, gave their production for the week as 23,478,000 ft., shipments 16,833,000 and new business 15,403,000. Last week's report from 17 mills, representing 50% of the cut, was: Production, 25,082,000 ft.; shipments, 18,403,000, and new business, 17,646,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 108 mills reporting for the week ended Oct. 16 was 3% below production and shipments were 18% below production. Of all new business taken during the week 49% was for future water delivery, amounting to 54,101,789 ft., of which 39,485,246 ft. was for domestic cargo delivery and 14,616,543 ft. export. New business by rail amounted to 51,243,280 ft., or 46% of the week's new business. Thirty-nine per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 36,488,619 ft., of which 27,812,449 ft. moved coastwise and intercoastal and 8,676,170 ft. export. Rail shipments totaled 52,079,979 ft., or 55% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 5,441,009 ft. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 145,537,481 ft., foreign 122,807,828 ft. and rail trade 115,626,298 ft.

Labor.

Other than pine sawmilling, which as usual at this time of year is tapering off for the season, industries are generally more active and employing more men than has been the case in recent years, according to the Four L Employment Service. Woods work is gradually getting under way for the winter. West of the Cascades, except where outdoor work has been slowed up because of rains, employment continues at a high point with fewer men out of work than has been the case in recent years.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 121 mills reporting, shipments were 2.23% above production and orders 0.34% below production and 2.52% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 67,032,750 ft., shipments 68,763,300 ft. and production 67,271,936 ft. The normal production of these mills is 76,087,372 ft. Of the 118 mills reporting running time, 79 operated full time, 11 of the latter overtime. Two 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 some increases in production and shipments and new business about the same as that reported for the week earlier.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, Calif., reports a slight decrease in production, a nominal increase in shipments and a big gain in new business.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Virginia, with one less mill reporting, shows some decreases in production and shipments, and a 50% reduction in new business.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with three fewer mills reporting, shows notable decreases in production and shipments, and a good gain in new business.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, (in its softwood production) with one less mill reporting, shows a slight decrease in production, a nominal increase in shipments, and new business about the same as that reported for the previous week.

Hardwood Reports.

The hardwood mills of the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association reported from 16 mills, production as 1,665,000 ft., shipments 3,981,000 and orders 3,537,000.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tennessee, reported from 109 units, production as 17,326,730 ft., shipments 18,299,030 and orders 18,662,232. The normal production of these units is 18,111,000 ft.

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

	Mills.	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
Week ended Oct. 16	125	18,991,730	22,280,030	22,199,232
Week ended Oct. 9	134	20,433,551	22,475,698	21,269,229

For the past forty-one weeks all hardwood mills reporting to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association gave production as 1,208,325,936 ft., shipments 1,194,211,959, and orders 1,229,989,787.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

One hundred and six mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended Oct. 9 manufactured 113,720,893 feet, sold 97,146,283 feet, and shipped 107,156,441 feet. New business was 16,574,610 feet less than production and shipments 6,564,452 feet less than production.

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

Week Ended—	Oct. 9.	Oct. 2.	Sept. 25.	Sept. 18.
Number of mills reporting	106	106	109	107
Production (feet)	113,720,893	111,855,833	117,354,502	111,553,162
New business (feet)	97,146,283	102,691,719	109,167,817	117,290,907
Shipments (feet)	107,156,441	120,294,634	112,414,311	112,940,937
Unshipped balances:				
Rail (feet)	112,718,826	122,202,546	130,518,371	132,561,770
Domestic cargo (feet)	132,819,202	137,912,822	156,076,480	159,357,508
Export (feet)	109,589,568	110,043,450	115,145,065	105,076,599
Total (feet)	355,127,596	370,158,818	401,739,916	396,995,877
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
First 41 Weeks—				
Average number of mills	106	115	124	132
Production (feet)	4,256,503,387	4,095,439,347	3,807,399,368	4,126,108,021
New business (feet)	4,385,490,483	4,225,054,354	3,840,609,433	4,184,720,830
Shipments (feet)	4,375,932,294	4,275,795,561	3,961,219,857	4,316,910,965

Falling Off in Building Construction in Illinois During September.

September building for the State has fallen off nearly \$8,900,000 from the figures reported for August, avers Rueben D. Cahn, Chief of the Bureau of Labor Research of the Illinois Department of Labor, in his summary for September under date of Oct. 18, in which he goes on to say.

Most of this decrease is due to decreases in Chicago and surrounding communities. Blue Island and Cicero are the only cities in the metropolitan district whose construction increased during September, whereas 9 cities down-State show very considerable gains. Bloomington in September issued permits for five times the value of August construction. Joliet

nearly quadrupled its August building, and Decatur more than trebled its August figures. September building for the State as a whole is ahead of September 1925 by nearly \$6,500,000.

Home building forms the greatest proportion of September construction in all cities except Decatur, East St. Louis, Peoria and Rockford. In Evanston and Springfield non-residential building is almost equal to home construction. Decatur has three new factories totaling \$1,015,300 in value; East St. Louis has three factories valued at \$142,000; Peoria plans for three factories totaling \$176,000; Rockford has one new factory valued at \$90,000 and a theatre building worth \$295,000. Springfield plans a store worth \$100,000 and Evanston for a factory valued at \$250,000.

Chicago provides new housekeeping dwellings for 3,229 families in September. Evanston, next in rank, plans accommodations for 76 families; Berwyn follows with new homes for 74 families. During the first nine months of 1926 Chicago has provided dwellings for 28,701 families, Berwyn for 1,131, Evanston for 780, Oak Park for 597.

Decatur leads all cities except Chicago in September building. Outside the metropolitan area, Joliet follows Decatur with \$853,700. Rockford is third with \$694,330. These down-State cities surpass every city in the metropolitan area except Chicago (\$27,143,945) and Evanston (\$1,069,000). During the first nine months of 1926 Peoria has authorized building worth \$4,912,745; Decatur takes second place with \$4,508,577; Rockford is third with \$4,414,347. Springfield follows with \$3,781,465; East St. Louis with \$3,717,382.

In the metropolitan area, Chicago, with new building during September valued at \$27,143,945, is first. Next comes Evanston with \$1,069,000. Berwyn is third with \$443,000. During the first nine months of 1926 Chicago has authorized building worth \$27,916,220. Evanston is second with \$11,783,970, Berwyn third with \$6,917,600. Oak Park follows with \$4,943,413, and Cicero with \$4,284,208.

The following tables are supplied by Mr. Cahn.

NUMBER AND COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PERMITS ISSUED IN ILLINOIS CITIES IN SEPTEMBER 1926, BY CITIES, ACCORDING TO KIND OF BUILDING.

Cities.	Total.					
	Sept. 1926.		Aug. 1926.		Sept. 1925	
	No. Bldgs.	Esti-mated Cost.	No. Bldgs.	Esti-mated Cost.	No. Bldgs.	Esti-mated Cost.
Whole State	4,588	\$35,140,121	4,775	\$44,004,280	28,697,175	\$1,421,222,238,873
Chicago	2,642	\$27,143,945	2,974	\$56,695,489	20,555,200	\$916,177,901,800
Outside Chic.	1,946	\$7,996,176	1,801	\$8,308,791	8,141,975	\$505,433,073
Aurora	151	\$369,572	151	\$422,968	256,687	\$62,309,023
Berwyn	27	\$443,000	115	\$772,200	682,500	\$41,358,800
Bloomington	27	\$186,000	14	\$34,000	91,000	\$12,132,000
Blue Island	49	\$174,591	36	\$71,470	166,555	\$14,138,300
Canton	7	\$84,425	None	None	6,000	None
Cicero	65	\$395,127	76	\$302,865	420,934	\$55,359,900
Danville	16	\$107,500	18	\$103,000	149,000	\$14,98,000
Decatur	101	\$1,282,987	116	\$996,700	426,725	\$27,136,350
E. St. Louis	177	\$395,719	148	\$330,592	438,717	\$44,166,300
Elgin	120	\$177,933	134	\$238,731	172,067	\$27,128,800
Evanston	120	\$1,069,000	121	\$1,674,450	1,523,050	\$30,569,000
Highland Pk	30	\$202,540	35	\$224,496	198,152	\$11,167,800
Joliet*	46	\$53,700	47	\$221,957	*	\$10,767,500
Moline	118	\$6,324	98	\$142,534	103,173	\$6,28,750
Murphysboro	3	\$12,000	2	\$7,000	80,950	None
Oak Park	96	\$357,100	101	\$900,640	174,921	\$16,250,250
Peoria	125	\$475,475	136	\$572,050	244,845	\$30,191,750
Quincy	26	\$42,470	43	\$171,875	68,975	\$8,27,900
Rockford	203	\$694,330	192	\$416,012	508,100	\$61,204,300
Rock Island	96	\$83,694	72	\$51,124	68,526	\$17,404,950
Springfield	124	\$298,954	96	\$955,349	1,984,723	\$31,110,850
Wilmette	36	\$154,515	33	\$196,478	270,350	\$4,75,500
Winnetka	17	\$79,250	17	\$102,300	109,025	\$5,57,000

* Figures not available before April 1926.

NUMBER AND COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PERMITS ISSUED IN ILLINOIS CITIES FROM JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1926, BY CITIES ACCORDING TO KIND OF BUILDING.*

Cities.	Total x		Total	Residential Buildings.		
	Jan.-Sept. 1926.		Jan.-Sept. 1925.	January to August 1926.		
	No. Build-ings.	Estimated Cost.	Estimated Cost.	No. Build-ings.	Estimated Cost.	Families Protected for (House-keeping Dwellings).
Whole State	38,349	\$341,279,050	\$347,579,540	14,834	\$215,164,401	36,815
Chicago	22,940	\$274,916,220	\$277,532,550	9,523	\$170,995,850	29,701
Outside Chicago	15,409	\$66,362,830	\$70,046,990	5,311	\$44,168,551	7,114
Aurora	1,093	\$3,326,583	\$2,963,134	433	\$2,262,453	442
Berwyn	1,517	\$6,917,600	\$7,511,925	806	\$6,405,500	1,131
Bloomington	197	\$971,260	\$1,084,600	99	\$728,100	104
Blue Island	369	\$1,111,276	\$1,360,255	102	\$743,650	109
Canton	28	\$141,475	\$38,075	4	\$11,800	4
Cicero	599	\$4,284,208	\$5,345,728	272	\$3,098,500	447
Danville	128	\$1,253,800	\$1,139,100	101	\$725,400	145
Decatur	1,118	\$4,508,577	\$4,418,165	461	\$2,151,800	470
East St. Louis	1,222	\$3,717,382	\$4,569,178	415	\$2,876,283	543
Elgin	1,040	\$2,700,469	\$2,184,731	237	\$1,068,578	242
Highland Park	975	\$11,783,970	\$10,224,870	328	\$7,527,370	780
Moline	324	\$1,845,230	\$1,749,933	156	\$1,550,441	156
Murphysboro	22	\$1,124,147	\$733,880	127	\$659,388	135
Oak Park	783	\$4,943,413	\$792,900	9	\$30,300	9
Peoria	1,208	\$4,912,745	\$6,215,375	210	\$3,759,350	597
Quincy	343	\$1,069,836	\$4,793,518	284	\$2,983,250	304
Rockford	1,519	\$4,414,347	\$4,718,946	536	\$669,200	160
Rock Island	602	\$982,092	\$1,140,306	110	\$404,950	693
Springfield	1,126	\$3,781,465	\$4,735,854	316	\$1,842,838	387
Wilmette	238	\$1,213,362	\$1,574,327	84	\$1,036,900	84
Winnetka	149	\$1,138,200	\$1,800,165	60	\$955,000	60

*Joliet omitted; no figures available before April 1926.

x Total includes additions, alterations, repairs and installations, details of which are not shown for lack of space.

Automobile Production Still High.

September production of motor vehicles in the United States, as reported to the Department of Commerce, was 397,123, of which 350,811 were passenger cars and 46,312 were trucks, as compared with 425,626 passenger cars and trucks in August and 321,857 in September 1925. The Ca-

nadian figures for each month of 1926 are supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

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 September data for 20 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.	Canada.	Total.	U. S.	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	37,550	36,364	1,486
September	274,227	263,855	10,372	60,482	58,002	2,480
Total (9 months)	2,804,208	2,695,057	109,151	379,921	355,505	16,416
1926.						
October	408,017	394,096	13,921	46,013	44,323	1,690
November	337,435	328,694	8,741	40,048	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	334,524	319,763	14,761	41,685	37,608	4,077
March	399,105	381,116	17,989	49,233	44,848	4,386
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	*339,547	18,818	*47,070	*44,137	2,933
July	*328,816	*315,863	12,953	*41,847	*39,592	2,255
August	393,115	*380,258	12,857	47,772	*45,368	2,408
September		350,811	(b)		46,312	(b)
Total (9 months)		3,118,461			385,888	

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

Automobile Prices and New Models.

The price reductions put into effect by the Marmon Motor Car Co. range from \$105 to \$205 on the various models which have been changed somewhat, as recorded on page 1939 of last week's "Chronicle."

Numerous Reductions Occur in Prices of Crude Oil and Gasoline.

Crude oil prices were reduced in several sections of the country during the week just closed. Though none of the cuts were far-reaching in effect, they tend to show the trend of the market. On Oct. 16 the South Penn Oil Co. reduced the price of Keister crude oil 25c. a barrel to \$2 05 a barrel. Other grades of Pennsylvania crude remained unchanged. On the same day the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency also reduced Keister crude oil in Buffer County, Pa., 25 cents per barrel, making the new price \$2 05 per barrel.

The Grayburg Pipe Line on Oct. 21 cut the price of crude in the Somerset field, Texas, from 25c. to 30c. per barrel, according to grade. The new price is \$1 for 28 gravity, ranging up to \$2 15 for 38 gravity and above. This reduction was at once met by other purchasing agencies in the field.

In the gasoline markets several price changes were announced, all of them being reductions. In Washington, D. C., on Oct. 16 the Penn Oil Co. reduced the retail price of straight run gasoline from 24 to 22 cents a gallon. The export price of gasoline on the Atlantic seaboard was reduced 1/2c. per gallon in case lots on Oct. 18, making the new price 27.40 cents.

An important announcement was made Oct. 20 by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, when it reduced the price of gasoline 1 cent a gallon to 18 cents, tank wagon, throughout its territory, except in North Carolina and South Carolina, where the reduction was 1/2 cent per gallon, making the price 19 cents, tank wagon.

The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana on the same date cut tank wagon price of gasoline 1 cent a gallon in Arkansas and Tennessee.

Indications of a "price war" were seen in the fact that on Oct. 21 the Penn Oil Co. of Washington, D. C., announced that a further cut of 1 cent a gallon in the District of Columbia in straight run gasoline will be made Saturday, making the retail price 21 cents. The selling price of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey is 23 cents for straight run gasoline.

On Oct. 22 quotations in the wholesale markets at Chicago stood as follows: U. S. motor grade, 9 3/4 @ 9 7/8c. a gallon; kerosene, 41-43 water white, 6 7/8 @ 7c. a gallon; fuel oil, 24-26 gravity, \$1 35 @ 1 37 1/2 a barrel.

Crude Oil Production Shows Substantial Increase.

An increase of around 29,950 barrels per day was reported by the American Petroleum Institute on Oct. 20. This was substantially greater than the increase reported last week and brought up the estimated daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Oct. 16 to 2,234,150 barrels, as compared with 2,204,200 barrels for the preceding week. The daily average production east of California was 1,625,850 barrels, as compared with 1,601,700 barrels, an increase of 24,150 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks mentioned below.

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(In Barrels)—	Oct. 16 '26	Oct. 9 '26	Oct. 2 '26	Oct. 17 '25
Oklahoma	486,150	474,950	470,500	474,400
Kansas	114,300	114,800	115,150	110,100
North Texas	244,350	230,200	212,000	75,650
East central Texas	55,900	55,800	57,800	81,400
West central Texas	99,150	100,300	98,500	71,400
Southwest Texas	43,650	4,050	44,950	42,850
North Louisiana	57,000	57,900	58,200	48,400
Arkansas	149,900	150,150	151,100	204,100
Gulf Coast	166,750	167,450	174,400	102,350
Eastern	109,000	109,500	110,000	104,000
Wyoming	65,250	62,850	67,500	86,250
Montana	20,800	20,850	20,900	17,000
Colorado	7,900	8,100	8,500	4,450
New Mexico	5,750	4,800	4,750	5,050
California	608,300	602,500	600,000	655,500
Total	2,234,150	2,204,200	2,194,250	2,082,900

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 Oct. 16 was 1,250,400 barrels, as compared with 1,228,150 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 22,250 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas, heavy oil, was 1,132,550 barrels as compared with 1,110,300 barrels, an increase of 22,250 barrels.

In Oklahoma, production of North Braman is reported at 14,800 barrels, against 15,150; South Braman, 6,750 barrels, against 6,800 barrels; Tonkawa 36,350 barrels, against 36,900 barrels; Garber, 25,000 barrels, against 26,100 barrels; Burbank, 49,150 barrels, against 46,800 barrels; Bristow-Slick, 27,150 barrels, against 27,300 barrels; Cromwell, 15,100 barrels, against 15,300 barrels; Pappose, 9,500 barrels, against 9,550 barrels; Wewoka, 26,590 barrels, against 27,050 barrels; Seminole, 47,200 barrels, against 34,950 barrels.

In north Texas, Hutchinson County is reported at 143,050 barrels, against 131,900 barrels, and Balance Panhandle 11,600 barrels, against 10,350 barrels. In east central Texas, Corsicana Powell, 24,300 barrels, against 24,250 barrels; Nigger Creek, 12,250 barrels, against 12,200 barrels; Reagan County, west central Texas, 29,250 barrels, against 29,100 barrels; Crane and Upton Counties, 11,000 barrels, against 12,450 barrels; and in the southwest Texas field, Luling, 20,650 barrels, against 20,750 barrels; Laredo District, 16,850 barrels, against 17,100 barrels; Lytton Springs, 3,650 barrels, no change. In north Louisiana, Haynesville is reported at 9,150 barrels, against 9,200 barrels; Urania, 15,450 barrels, against 16,700 barrels; and in Arkansas, Smackover light, 14,000 barrels, against 14,150 barrels; heavy, 117,850 barrels, no change; and Lisbon, 7,650 barrels, against 7,800 barrels. In the Gulf Coast field, Hull is reported at 22,650 barrels, against 21,450 barrels; West Columbia, 8,900 barrels, against 8,850 barrels; Spindletop, 78,900 barrels, against 79,800 barrels; Orange County, 6,700 barrels, against 7,150 barrels; and South Liberty, 4,050 barrels, no change.

In Wyoming, Salt Creek is reported at 45,900 barrels, against 43,150 barrels; and Sunburst, Mort., 18,000 barrels, no change.

In California, Santa Fe Springs is reported at 47,500 barrels, no change; Long Beach, 95,000 barrels, against 93,500 barrels; Huntington Beach, 53,000 barrels, against 50,000 barrels; Torrance, 27,000 barrels, no change; Deminguez, 21,000 barrels, no change; Rosecrans, 13,000 barrels, no change; Inglewood, 41,000 barrels, no change; Midway Sunset, 94,000 barrels, no change; Ventura Avenue, 48,800 barrels, against 50,500 barrels.

International Paper Price Unchanged.

Prevailing price of \$65 a ton for newsprint in carload lots will be the contract price for 1927, according to a statement made by International Paper Co. announcing next year's prices, according to the "Wall Street News" of yesterday (Oct. 22).

Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for September 1926.

The Department of Commerce announced on Oct. 4 that according to preliminary figures, compiled by the Bureau of the Census, 37,413,598 cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on Sept. 30 1926, of which 32,134,682 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 31,321,936 for August, 31,082,482 for July, 31,770,900 for June, 33,267,410 for May, 32,893,042 for April, and 31,571,554 for September 1925. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was 8,247,975,101. During September the normal time of operation was 25½ days (allowance being made for the observance of Labor Day in some localities), compared with 26 for August, 26 for July, 26 for June, 25½ for May and 25-2-3 for April. Based on an activity of 8.78 hours per day, the average number of spindles operated during September was 36,839 408, or at 98.5% capacity on a single shift basis. This

percentage compares with 87.4 for August, 78.9 for July, 88.4 for June, 88.9 for May, 98.2 for April and 83.8 for September 1925. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 220. 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		Active Spindle Hours for September.	
	In Place Sept. 30.	Active During September.	Total.	Ave. per Spindle in Place.
Cotton growing States	17,882,130	17,145,328	5,323,958,627	298
New England States	17,808,140	13,531,118	2,614,849,640	147
All Other States	1,723,328	1,458,236	309,166,834	179
Alabama	1,468,042	1,418,810	402,496,466	274
Connecticut	1,198,892	1,004,522	183,404,671	153
Georgia	2,919,084	2,807,606	825,066,935	283
Maine	1,130,600	903,116	158,124,129	140
Massachusetts	11,357,826	8,319,152	1,601,862,700	141
New Hampshire	1,427,862	1,042,702	205,198,192	144
New Jersey	415,604	373,162	63,939,576	154
New York	893,428	722,612	164,195,578	184
North Carolina	6,082,636	5,763,706	1,861,378,356	306
Pennsylvania	123,672	104,702	19,928,665	161
Rhode Island	2,548,152	2,130,254	440,049,281	173
South Carolina	5,359,464	5,288,076	1,753,827,566	327
Tennessee	571,964	530,188	152,347,566	266
Texas	239,828	221,898	68,906,870	287
Virginia	711,314	685,594	149,310,966	210
All other States	965,170	818,552	197,937,584	205
United States	37,413,598	32,134,682	8,247,975,101	220

Cottonseed Oil Production During September.

On Oct. 19 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 September 1926 and 1925.

COTTON SEED RECEIVED, CRUSHED AND ON HAND (TONS).

State.	Received at Mills * Aug. 1 to Sept. 30.		Crushed Aug. 1 to Sept. 30.		On Hand at Mills Sept. 30.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
United States	1,092,776	1,348,668	538,365	601,514	577,981	779,430
Alabama	75,502	111,114	38,036	48,766	37,722	62,635
Arizona	7,119	6,685	6,703	6,788	456	1,067
Arkansas	66,086	104,730	31,074	48,082	35,684	56,919
California	9,909	5,445	5,530	3,469	4,379	2,350
Georgia	125,398	168,506	66,916	63,397	60,935	105,422
Louisiana	53,910	100,713	25,869	41,420	28,239	59,345
Mississippi	144,890	219,272	59,282	79,686	91,243	142,565
North Carolina	39,984	52,487	16,109	21,259	24,252	31,574
Ohio	40,100	54,484	24,325	27,838	16,193	29,940
South Carolina	48,063	67,105	26,176	28,622	22,606	39,847
Tennessee	37,310	57,215	23,406	28,466	15,728	29,196
Texas	436,687	378,406	210,360	193,506	237,289	205,993
All other	7,818	22,506	4,579	10,215	3,255	12,577

* Includes seed destroyed at mills but not 23,576 tons and 32,276 tons on hand Aug. 1, nor 10,893 tons and 22,439 tons reshipped for 1926 and 1925, respectively.

COTTONSEED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, SHIPPED OUT AND ON HAND.

Item.	Season.	On Hand Aug. 1.	Produced Aug. 1 to Sept. 30.	Shipped Out Aug. 1 to Sept. 30.	On Hand Sept. 30.
Crude oil (pounds)	1926-27	*8,405,715	156,111,308	126,510,461	*58,158,232
	1925-26	4,847,333	175,755,391	148,949,605	53,813,649
Refined oil (pounds)	1926-27	†145,603,880	693,188,535	-----	†64,567,610
	1925-26	173,549,345	123,254,830	-----	57,308,614
Cake and meal (tons)	1926-27	151,578	244,099	268,613	127,064
	1925-26	18,976	281,744	211,337	89,383
Hulls (tons)	1926-27	97,989	149,241	100,315	146,915
	1925-26	39,503	166,448	130,158	75,793
Linters (running bales)	1926-27	68,186	94,876	87,252	75,810
	1925-26	18,547	112,700	83,530	47,717
Hull fiber (500-lb. bales)	1926-27	14,586	659	1,912	13,333
	1925-26	4,008	6,448	3,880	6,576
Crabapples, notes, &c. (500-lb. bales)	1926-27	7,633	2,911	5,122	5,422
	1925-26	1,788	3,429	2,188	2,999

* Includes 3,532,157 and 4,753,320 pounds held by refining and manufacturing establishments and 2,970,733 and 21,901,240 pounds in transit to refiners and consumers Aug. 1 1926 and Sept. 30 1926, respectively.

† Includes 3,044,473 and 4,899,116 pounds held by refiners, brokers, agents and warehousemen at places other than refineries and manufacturing establishments, and 2,699,519 and 5,566,073 pounds in transit to manufacturers of lard substitute, oleomargarine, soap, &c., Aug. 1 1926 and Sept. 30 1926, respectively.

‡ Produced from 102,665,627 pounds of crude oil.

EXPORTS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS FOR TWO MONTHS ENDING SEPT. 30.

Item—	1926.	1925.
Oil, crude, pounds	327,699	923,961
Refined, pounds	415,763	5,412,022
Cake and meal, tons	48,046	32,780
Linters, running bales	11,374	4,525

Further Decline in World Zinc Stocks—Sharpe Estimates World Stocks Oct. 1 at 30,100 Metric Tons, Against 33,200 Sept. 1.

A. J. M. Sharpe, Honorary Foreign Secretary of the American Zinc Institute, estimates world stocks of zinc Oct. 1 at 30,100 metric tons of 2,204.6 pounds each, compared with 33,200 tons Sept. 1, decrease of 3,100 tons. Stocks of zinc Aug. 1 were 37,200 tons, he estimated; July 1, 40,600; June 1, 49,200; and March 1, 33,500 tons. The "Wall Street Journal" of Oct. 21, from which we quote, also says:

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

	Oct. 1.	Sept. 1.	Aug. 1.	July 1.	June 1.	May 1.
United States.....	14,200	16,500	20,900	23,400	27,200	23,000
Canada.....	2,200	2,400	2,300	2,100	2,400	2,200
Australia.....	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Germany and Poland.....	5,000	5,500	5,800	6,500	9,000	7,500
Belgium.....	2,100	2,000	1,800	1,800	2,800	2,600
France.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,000
Great Britain.....	1,200	1,400	1,000	1,200	2,200	1,800
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	1,500
Total.....	30,100	33,200	37,200	40,600	49,200	43,100

Mr. Sharpe, in reviewing the world situation Oct. 1, says: "The coal strike in Great Britain is proving a much longer drawn out affair than anyone anticipated. With advent of winter there is a general desire on part of the miners' leaders to reach an agreement, but, as they lack any policy whatever, ways and means for reaching a settlement of the dispute are difficult to find.

"I stress this coal strike because of its effect on the zinc situation so far as the United Kingdom is concerned. In the first place, it has entirely closed down British zinc smelters, and even when the dispute is over it will be another month or so before the zinc smelters are operating. Secondly, there is the effect the coal stoppage has had on actual consumption of zinc.

At the outset it almost paralyzed consuming industries, but when once it was apparent that the struggle would be a long one, the galvanizers and other large users of zinc made arrangements to carry on as far as possible with aid of foreign fuel, and in some cases foreign semi-manufactured materials.

"That efforts of British manufacturers to carry on in such difficult circumstances have been successful is eloquently testified by importations of slab zinc, which are really little below those of the few months preceding the strike. Consumption has, of course, suffered, on a scale equal to the erstwhile production of 4,000 tons monthly in the United Kingdom.

"Belgian output is fully maintained and production elsewhere is such as to call for no special comment.

"Consumption in Europe is satisfactory, having regard to the state of political and industrial affairs. Rolling mills on the Continent are particularly busy and continue to be booked up for three months ahead.

"Stocks on this side of the Atlantic are about as low as they can be, so that technically the zinc situation in Europe is quite sound. Reviewing the position from the market angle, it will be seen that there is no scope for any material fall in the selling price; on the other hand, the chances are more in favor of an advance in the quotation following termination of the British coal strike and consequent moderate increase in consumption."

Steel Operations Show Slight Slackening—Pig Iron Market Affected by Fuel Prices.

Recent reports of reduced shipments from mills to automobile and implement plants are made more definite this week, and in the Pittsburgh district there is evidence that the steel industry is selling less to other lines of consumption and producing somewhat less than in the past two months. declares the weekly market review issued Oct. 21 by the "Iron Age."

In pig iron also the week's developments have been more striking than of late, both producers and consumers showing concern over the steady rise in fuel prices and the uncertainties it has brought upon the pig iron market, observes the "Age," adding.

Youngstown steel plants have made the chief reduction in operations, their production of steel ingots declining to 78% of capacity. Thus the average for Pittsburgh and near-by districts is not far from 80%, as against 85% in the past six weeks.

While the Steel Corp.'s operations are holding close to 85%, some stocking of semi-finished and finished steel is indicated. With the corporation, as with the larger independent companies, operations are expected to show no decided change in the next few weeks—probably less than that in new orders, seeing that in some products, bars and sheets particularly, buyers are covered until late in the year.

Thus with this year's lead of 3,500,000 tons of ingots over the 1925 output to Sept. 30, an increase of 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 tons over the 44,000,000 tons of ingots for last year is a reasonable expectation.

Rails, as in other years, will be an important factor in late fall bookings. The New York Central's 227,675 tons was the largest purchase of the week, the Santa Fe coming second with 129,860 tons of rails and 17,110 tons of tie plates.

The slackening noticed last month in large fabricated steel work is reflected in the Department of Commerce report. From 250,000 tons in August lettings dropped to 186,000 tons in September, or from 82 to 61% of capacity. The total for the nine months, though 4% off from the nine months of 1925, is still large, 1,906,000 tons.

For the past week structural awards, at 14,500 tons, were about half those of the previous weeks, and new inquiries amount to 11,500 tons.

Cleveland may become a basing point for steel bars in view of the early starting of a new mill there producing 15,000 tons a month. Bars have been quoted as low as 2c. at Cleveland, and large buyers who are still getting shipments on 1.90c., Pittsburgh, contracts have done little fourth quarter buying at 2c.

Lake shipyards have a fair supply of work and two boats are pending requiring 5,400 tons of plates.

Demand for standard weight pipe as well as for oil well pipe has fallen off, and tin plate operations, which were rated with those of pipe mills a few months ago, are seasonably less.

September sales of sheets by independent manufacturers set a new high record, with a total of 448,147 net tons, exceeding Oct. 1925, by almost 45,000 tons. Sales of the third quarter of the year were much in excess of both production and shipment, but in the corresponding quarter of 1925 production was higher than either sales or shipments, causing an accumulation that later weakened the market.

Steel casting business held closely in September to the August rate, bookings bring 50 and 51% of capacity, respectively, for the two months.

The new possibilities in the pig iron market are due to the soaring of coal prices, largely because of export demand. Run of mine gas coal has sold at \$3 to \$3 50 at mine for export. Non-union mines are paying \$1 a day wage advance. Thus far spot coke has not been advanced, but the market is stronger on large tonnages for future shipment, and blast furnaces are chary of selling pig iron for first quarter.

Japan has lately been notably active. Since Sept. 1 probably 100,000 base boxes of American tin plate have been included in sales, with 35,000 boxes or more under inquiry. Prices, which compare with the British

export price, figure back to \$4 60 per box, Pittsburgh. Japanese sheet inquiries call for 8,000 to 10,000 tons for delivery into January. For the Tokio subway, 900 tons of rails have been placed in the United States.

Welsh tin plate production is now about 60% of normal, more works using foreign coal and steel.

The "Iron Age" composite prices are unchanged. That for pig iron remains at \$19 71 per gross ton, against \$19 88 a year ago, and that for finished steel at 2 453c per pound, against 2 403c. twelve months earlier, leaving the usual composite price table standing as follows:

Finished Steel		Pig Iron.	
Oct. 19 1926, 2.453c. Per Lb.		Oct. 19 1926, \$19 71 Per Gross Ton.	
One week ago.....	2.453c.	One week ago.....	\$19 71
One month ago.....	2.437c.	One month ago.....	19 46
One year ago.....	2.403c.	One year ago.....	19 88
10-year pre-war average.....	1.683c.	10-year pre-war average.....	15 72
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.		Based on average of basic iron at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.	
High.	Low.	High.	Low.
1926...2.453c. Jan. 5; 2.403c. May 13	1926...\$21 54 Jan. 5; \$19 46 July 13	1925...2.560c. Jan. 6; 2.306c. Aug. 13	1925...22 50 Jan. 13; 18 96 July 7
1924...2.789c. Jan. 15; 2.460c. Oct. 14	1924...22 88 Feb. 26; 19 21 Nov. 3	1923...2.824c. Apr. 24; 2.446c. Jan. 2	1923...30 86 Mar. 20; 20 77 Nov. 20

Buying policies of consumers of finished steel have become more strongly tinged with conservatism the past week says the "Iron Trade Review" this week. Consumption has developed little deflection, outside of the automotive and parts industries, where seasonal shrinkage will come later than usual. Mill shipments for October to date are practically on a parity with September, but incoming tonnage tends to become lighter, observes this trade journal in its Oct. 21 summary of market conditions, which contrasts with the preceding remarks quoted from its contemporary, the "Iron Age". Some large users, it is evident, adds the "Iron Trade Review," overbought for the third quarter prior to the advance to 2 cents Pittsburgh, or equivalent, for bars and shapes and 1.90 for plates. These users were permitted to specify uncompleted portions of these contracts this month, accounting in part for decreased new commitments. Knowledge that they can obtain shipments of heavy finished lines on a week's notice, in most instances, has fortified some consumers in running inventories still lower, continues the "Review," from which we further quote:

A natural reaction to this condition is to be found in prices. It cannot be said that the price structure has weakened materially yet concessions, always present in the strongest market, are more numerous. Consumers tend more toward waiting out the market. This is especially true of pig iron. As a result there is a checkered market, with the trend not clearly discernible.

The Steel Corp. subsidiaries, with an ingot rate just under 86% are operating somewhat higher than independent producers. Fuel is forging to the front as a market factor that will command added attention as the fourth quarter wears on. In the Connellsville and other districts coke oven operators can sell their coal at the equivalent of \$5 or more for cobb. Blast furnace operators are felling this situation in their costs. Should the British coal strike terminate shortly, it is believed that domestic winter requirements plus stocking which industrial consumers are doing on an increasing scale against a probably suspension in the bituminous fields next April will tend to maintain a firm fuel market.

Sales of sheets, as well as alloy steel, in the past week reflected a curtailment of automobile production but the condition of mill order books is evidenced by a report of the National Association of sheet and tin plate manufacturers showing September sales of 448,147 tons to have been the largest for any month since Nov., 1924. September sales represented 140% of the industry's monthly capacity.

The "Iron Trade Review's" composite price on 14 leading iron and steel products this week is \$38 14. This compares with \$38 13 last week and \$37 85 the previous week.

Press dispatches from Pittsburgh stated on Oct. 21 that prices of all grades of pig iron were advanced 50 cents a ton. Quotations are now, basic, \$18 to \$18 50, Valley; Bessemer, \$19 to \$19 50, Valley, and No. 2 foundry \$18 50 to \$19, Valley.

Standard furnace coke was advanced 25 cents a ton. Quotations after the increase stand at \$3 75 to \$4 25 for contract and \$3 50 to \$4 for spot.

Each week brings out new pig iron inquiries, fully replacing the tonnage actually contracted for. Total sales are a little in excess of the previous week, the improvement being largely in the East, says Rogers Brown & Crocker Bros., Inc., and adds:

The strength of the coal market is responsible for several advances in the price of domestic iron. This advance in the price of fuel was probably started by the demand from England but there are now domestic factors involved, such as wages, which may later become so prominent that the complete resumption of English coal production would cause little reaction here.

A few inquiries have been received for American pig iron to go to England but it does not appear probable that business can be done as our prices are still considerable above the Continent.

No change is apparent in the rate of pig iron consumption. Coke prices show a further increase, a number of operations finding there is better revenue to be had in selling coal than in converting it into coke.

Demand for Bituminous Coal Grows—Prices Higher—Anthracite Trade Steady.

The line of demarcation in bituminous coal activity again has become sharply defined, observes the "Coal Age" on Oct. 21 in its market review. Throughout the great Appa-

tachian region, with the exception of Alabama and parts of Tennessee, demand is swelling and prices on spot deliveries are advancing so rapidly that weighted average figures have touched the highest point reached since September 1923. West of that great coal-producing belt, however, business still awaits the touch of zero to give it the accepted superficial aspects of liveliness, reports the "Age" in giving interesting details regarding the market, from which we quote further as follows:

As has been the case since mid-July, overseas movement brought about by the British strike is primarily responsible for the marked improvement in Eastern coals. Lake business, which has been the largest since 1923, also has played an important part; indeed, without it the export movement would not have been able to lift the industry out of the rut of the humdrum. Together they have taken the pressure of West Virginia and eastern Kentucky out of competitive inland all-rail markets and permitted increases in production where they were little anticipated.

One of the notable results of this movement has been an increase in output in southern Ohio from 18 to 20% of capacity to 65 to 70%. Central Pennsylvania also has been mining more coal. Some benefit already has come to the Illinois and Indiana fields in the way of increased home demand, due to the higher prices asked for spot Eastern grades and the reduction in the free tonnage. Productive capacity in the Middle West, however, is so large that it is doubtful if any violent upward swing in prices will take place.

Support for this assumption is to be found in the course of spot prices on Illinois and Indiana coals the past week. Small increases in quotations on central Illinois and Fifth Vein Indiana screenings and a slight readjustment in lump figures on Fourth Vein marked the extent of the changes. These increases were in nowise attributable to export or lake influences, but to weather conditions. If a violent swing comes, transportation difficulties or extreme weather conditions probably will be the cause.

Production in the Middle West, however, is better than the unemotional state of the spot market would indicate. But there still remains a large unused surplus capacity. In the Eastern fields, on the other hand, output is reaching the limits of labor and transportation facilities, particularly in West Virginia, parts of central Pennsylvania and eastern Kentucky. Even western Pennsylvania is recognizing the existence of a labor problem apart from the struggle to deunionize some of the mines in that field.

From present indications the unusual export movement will outlast the lake shipping season and soften the reaction which usually comes with the cessation of the heavy run of coal to the Lake Erie ports. Baltimore temporarily has robbed Hampton Roads of its leadership. During the week ended Oct. 14 there were 66 clearances from the first-named port, aggregating 409,990 gross tons. In the same period 28 vessels cleared from Hampton Roads with 158,596 tons of cargo coal for foreign ports. Sixty-nine of the vessels clearing from the two ports were destined to the United Kingdom and carried over 425,000 tons.

Lake loadings for the week ended Oct. 17 were 720,706 net tons of cargo and 47,617 tons of vessel fuel, bringing the season's total to date to 24,281,110 tons, as compared to 22,201,274 tons last year.

The "Coal Age" index of spot bituminous prices on Oct. 18 was 202 and the corresponding weighted average price was \$2.45. This was an increase of 10 points and 12c. over the figures for Oct. 11. Only one decline, an average of 5c. in West Virginia was mine-run at Cincinnati, entered into the figures. Low volatiles advanced 5 to 50c.—the last-named increase applying to New England shipments. Another flurry in western Pennsylvania shot up Pittsburgh district prices 15 to 60c. Both Southern and eastern Ohio quotations were higher. Kentucky, too, moved upward.

Anthracite developments have been less spectacular, but steady improvement marks the course of the market in hard coal. Production the week ended Oct. 9 was 2,069,000 net tons. There has been no change in the relative positions of the different sizes, but premium stove finds a readier sale.

The Connellsville coke market was featureless last week.

Under the stress of rapidly advancing prices, increases in production, a continued export demand of sustained proportion, the coming of winter, together with some car shorter and much labor difficulty, it is hard to understand how the coal market remains as near to being well poised as it is, asserts the "Coal and Coal Trade Journal" in its Oct. 21 summary of conditions in the market.

Such excitement as exists is certainly excusable and there are those who believe that the restraining bonds may burst at any moment. All things considered, a coherent orderly trend of the market to-day is something to cause wonder.

It is evident that Europe and other places in the world continue to cry for American coal, and it further seems to be the case that this cry will last for a considerable time. Grain is forced to bid high for vessels that would otherwise carry fuel, and orders are coming in from the continent of Europe to American shippers for future supplies that appear to overlook any suggestion that England might soon be able to take care of them. Not to mention that speculation is rife would be omitting an actual condition. But so far it is incidental and as the situation is changing from day to day with great rapidity, it may quickly disappear, continues the "Journal," which adds further remarks from which we quote as follows.

Production is increasing rapidly. The question is, whether it is doing so fast enough to satisfy the real needs of this coal-consuming world. For the moment it appears to be doing so, but this may be only for the moment. Mines are opening that have long been closed because at present prices they can be operated at a profit. It is to be noted that shifting labor appears to be scarce in several sections. This is inevitable and just now it is something particularly to be regretted. 1927 looms before the coal world with its strike possibilities and the fact that a larger number of mines is sending profitable coal to the surface is bound to be a factor in the situation.

The anthracite situation is generally a healthy one: The demand is large and only a small portion of the bins are full. Here, however, foresight and care on the part of the dealers is having its effect. So far far the customer has had no reason to complain, and it can be said that,

unless an overwhelming call comes suddenly, the one who supply the needs will be ready to do their part sufficiently and well.

In New England a report of another price increase in bituminous coal is the leading feature. This comes on top of one already made a month ago, and there is declared to be a real shortage in the section.

The rush at the Great Lake ports that is now manifest was to be expected. All along the shores loading and unloading is going on as rapidly as possible. The Sault Ste. Marie Canal will close, it is announced, on Dec. 14 and the movement bids fair to continue at full pace until that date.

Local conditions in the West are better. Coal appears and is bartered and used in a steady stream that defies congestion or speculation. The few who thought they foresaw a trying situation they could take advantage of, have apparently been disappointed. Increased organization in this section is having its effect.

There is more contract buying apparently all along the line. The industries are awake. Perhaps they have been more awake than was believed a short time ago. Higher prices for steam coal have not caused any evident excitement.

The possibility of a considerable car shortage has not developed as was at one time expected. Only one or two of the roads seem to have given signs of distress in this regard. Warnings that were issued and precautions that were taken appear to have had the desired effect.

The great benefactors of the coal market at this time are those who seek to suppress excitement and who do not encourage speculative procedure. A strong and normal market should induce similar conditions. Abnormal nervousness is the thing to be feared. It is pleasant for "Coal and Coal Trade Journal" to report that the one who have most control over the market are doing everything possible to prevent abnormal nervousness from appearing.

Increases Shown in Output of Bituminous Coal, Anthracite and Coke.

The output of bituminous coal showed a gain of 396,000 net tons during the week ended Oct. 9, reports the U. S. Bureau of Mines this week. Anthracite and coke also gained in production, the former by about 1% or 17,000 net tons, and the latter by around 24,000 net tons, according to the statistics issued regularly by the Bureau, which reports further details as follows:

Bituminous coal production continues to increase, reaching a point during the first week in October which has rarely been attained by that date in recent years. The total output, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 12,404,000 net tons, a gain of 396,000 tons, or 3.3%, over output in the preceding week.

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

	1926		1925	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date. b
Sept. 25.....	11,717,000	397,943,000	11,232,000	358,220,000
Daily average....	1,953,000	1,756,000	1,872,000	1,581,000
Oct. 2. c.....	12,008,000	409,951,000	11,008,000	369,228,000
Daily average....	2,001,000	1,762,000	1,835,000	1,587,000
Oct. 9. d.....	12,404,000	422,355,000	11,681,000	380,909,000
Daily average....	2,067,000	1,770,000	1,947,000	1,596,000

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

Total production of bituminous coal during the calendar year 1926 to Oct. 9 (approximately 239 working days) amounts to 422,355,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1920.....	423,083,000 net tons	1923.....	441,685,000 net tons
1921.....	313,624,000 net tons	1924.....	358,855,000 net tons
1922.....	294,766,000 net tons	1925.....	380,909,000 net tons

ANTHRACITE.

Production of anthracite during the week ended Oct. 9 is, estimated at 2,069,000 net tons, an increase of about 1% over the revised figure for the preceding week.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1926		1925	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date. a
Sept. 25.....	2,509,000	59,946,000	13,000	61,255,000
Oct. 2. b.....	2,052,000	61,998,000	14,000	61,269,000
Oct. 9c.....	2,069,000	64,067,000	15,000	61,282,000

a Minus one day's production first week in January to equalize number of days in the two years. b Revised since last report. c Subject to revision.

Total production of anthracite during the calendar years 1926 to Oct. 9 amounts to 64,067,000 tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1922.....	31,768,000 net tons	1924.....	68,349,000 net tons
1923.....	72,179,000 net tons	1925.....	61,282,000 net tons

BEEHIVE COKE.

Production of beehive coke increased perceptibly during the week ended Oct. 9. Total output is estimated at 208,000 net tons, as against 184,000 tons in the preceding week. The gain was principally in Pennsylvania.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week Ended—			1926	1925
	Oct. 9	Oct. 2	Oct. 10	to Date.	to Date. a
Pennsylvania & Ohio.....	172,000	151,000	162,000	7,534,000	5,664,000
West Virginia.....	15,000	16,000	12,000	595,000	470,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.....	7,000	4,000	16,000	505,000	698,000
Virginia.....	6,000	6,000	6,000	279,000	272,000
Colorado & New Mexico.....	5,000	4,000	4,000	203,000	185,000
Washington & Utah.....	3,000	3,000	3,000	134,000	151,000

United States total.....	208,000	184,000	203,000	9,250,000	7,440,000
Daily average.....	35,000	31,000	34,000	39,000	32,000

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Oct. 20, made public by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Oct. 22, and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows a reduction of \$118,200,000 in bill and security holdings, more than offsetting the increase of \$100,200,000 reported the preceding week, together with decreases of \$26,500,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation and \$16,700,000 in deposits, and increases of \$9,600,000 in cash reserves and \$7,700,000 in non-reserve cash. Holdings of discounted bills were \$117,300,000 below the preceding week's total, while holdings of acceptances purchased in open market increased \$1,500,000 and holdings of Government securities declined \$1,200,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows.

Discount holdings of the New York Reserve bank declined \$95,200,000, of Boston \$23,800,000, of San Francisco \$8,700,000, and of Philadelphia \$5,600,000. Discount holdings of the Atlanta bank increased \$3,900,000 and of St. Louis \$6,500,000. A decline of \$11,200,000 in open-market acceptance holdings at the New York bank was more than offset by increases at most of the other Reserve banks, principally Atlanta and San Francisco, whose holdings increased \$3,200,000 and \$3,300,000, respectively.

Most of the Federal Reserve banks report a smaller volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation than a week ago, the principal declines being: Philadelphia, \$8,300,000, New York \$8,000,000 and Cleveland \$7,800,000.

The statement in full, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages—namely, pages 2112 and 2113. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Oct. 20 1926 is as follows.

	Increases (+) or Decreases (—)	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	+\$9,600,000	+\$65,500,000
Gold reserves.....	+7,000,000	+47,500,000
Total bills and securities.....	-118,200,000	-40,600,000
Bills discounted, total.....	-117,300,000	-16,300,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	-49,200,000	-3,100,000
Other bills discounted.....	-68,100,000	-13,200,000
Bills bought in openmarket.....	+1,500,000	-400,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	-1,200,000	-16,800,000
Bonds.....	-500,000	-2,600,000
Treasury notes.....	+600,000	-112,200,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	-1,300,000	-98,000,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	-26,500,000	+34,900,000
Total deposits.....	-16,700,000	-26,400,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	-3,600,000	+7,100,000
Government deposits.....	-11,100,000	-26,700,000

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 now succeeded in expediting the time of the appearance of the figures, and they are made public the following week on Mondays instead of on Thursdays. Under this arrangement the report for the week ending Oct. 13 was given out after the close of business on Monday of the present week.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 693 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Oct. 13 shows declines of \$7,000,000 in loans and discounts and \$14,000,000 in investments, together with increases of \$109,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$65,000,000 in time deposits and \$79,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported reductions of \$42,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$19,000,000 in investments, \$18,000,000 in net demand deposits and an increase of \$49,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve bank.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including U. S. Government obligations, were \$38,000,000 below the previous week's

total, the principal changes including declines of \$42,000,000 in the New York district, \$10,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$9,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, and an increase of \$34,000,000 in the San Francisco district. All other loans and discounts increased \$31,000,000, increases of \$23,000,000 in the San Francisco district and \$6,000,000 each in the Boston and St. Louis districts being offset in part by a decline of \$10,000,000 in the New York district. Total loans to brokers and dealers, secured by stocks and bonds, made by reporting member banks in New York City were \$82,000,000 below the Oct. 6 total, loans for their own account and for out-of-town banks having declined \$63,000,000 and \$23,000,000, respectively, while loans for the account of others increased \$4,000,000. 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 U. S. Government securities declined \$7,000,000 at banks in the New York district and \$11,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities decreased \$3,000,000, the principal changes including a reduction of \$11,000,000 in the New York district and an increase of \$10,000,000 in the San Francisco district.

Net demand deposits were \$109,000,000 above the total reported for Oct. 6, the principal increases being \$49,000,000 in the San Francisco district, \$22,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$15,000,000 in the St. Louis district, \$14,000,000 in the Dallas district and \$11,000,000 in the Cleveland district. Time deposits increased \$65,000,000, principally in the San Francisco and Atlanta districts.

Total borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks were \$79,000,000 above the previous week's figure, banks in the New York district reporting an increase of \$51,000,000 and banks in the Boston and Cleveland districts increases of \$17,000,000 and \$16,000,000, respectively, while banks in the Chicago district reported a reduction of \$13,000,000.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 2113—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 (—)	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total.....	-\$7,000,000	+\$542,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	-4,000,000	-48,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	-34,000,000	+350,000,000
All other.....	+31,000,000	+240,000,000
Investments, total.....	-14,000,000	+133,000,000
U. S. securities.....	-11,000,000	-23,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	-3,000,000	+156,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	+21,000,000	-10,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+29,000,000	+11,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+109,000,000	-32,000,000
Time deposits.....	+65,000,000	+488,000,000
Government deposits.....	-26,000,000	+64,000,000
Total borrowings from F. R. banks.....	+79,000,000	+35,000,000

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 (Oct. 23) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

CANADA.

A generally satisfactory condition prevails in the wholesale and retail trade of Canada, especially in the large commercial centers.

GERMANY.

There has been much speculation in Germany concerning the London conversation between British and German industrial leaders and its accomplishments. Local opinion considers it probable that the question of British participation in the international steel cartel was taken under advisement and that consideration was also given to a possible revival of the Anglo-German dye pact. The continuance of the British coal strike has favorably affected the coal and iron and steel industries. In particular it is reported that the coal syndicate has contracted for the delivery of its entire production until the end of this year. Other industries are generally in a favorable situation. The stock market remained strong with an active demand for shipping and iron and steel shares, as well as for shares of the dye trust. The number of bankruptcies and of government assisted unemployed showed a further decrease during September as compared with August.

BELGIUM.

General business conditions in Belgium are dull, except in the heavy industries. It is reported in Belgium that plans for stabilization of the Belgian franc have been completed and that a loan to that end may be launched early in November. The point at which stabilization will be fixed has not been announced. With a view to facilitating stabilization the Government has been speeding tax collections and has imposed additional taxes. A transmission tax of 2 or 4% has been applied to numerous exports, and a luxury tax of 6 or 10%, according to classification, is now levied on certain kinds of wearing apparel, bath tubs and jewelry. The National Treasury is in good position. During the past three months purchases of foreign exchange amounted to \$60,000,000 which covered the foreign floating indebtedness without depreciating the franc. Bank clearings have

been higher and money rates firmer. The unfavorable trade balance continues to increase. The iron and steel industry is maintaining a record output, while it is stated locally that the coal production for the year will probably attain the highest level ever reached. The cement and glass industries are producing at a capacity rate. Of the major industries, textiles are the slowest, but show some improvement over the last month. Other lines of industry and trade are generally dull. The wheat crop it is said will be the lowest since 1922 but the oat crop is very large. Signs of an excellent flax yield are reported.

THE NETHERLANDS.

Business conditions in The Netherlands continued to improve during September. Unemployment increased somewhat during September, but the labor situation is much better than a year ago. Government finances are in good condition. Stock market quotations have been strong in general and the issue market has been extremely active. New capital subscribed through September was one-third greater than for the same period of last year. The coal trade and shipping activities have benefited by the prolonged British strike. Conditions in the metal industries are fairly satisfactory, the leather and shoe trades are good, but the textile industry is dull. Wheat, barley and sugar beet crops are good but other crops are below the average. The adverse trade balance has increased.

SWEDEN.

The Swedish money market became firmer during the latter half of September. The seasonal demand for money increased toward the end of that quarter due to a combination of factors, chief among which were the considerable amount of capital exported and the trend toward an unfavorable trade balance. The latter condition is due largely to the British coal strike. The eventual effect of the Continental steel cartel is causing considerable concern in Sweden, and as a result nervous feeling has existed on the Bourse, especially in industrials. The industrial share index has registered a slight decrease, but the banking share index has risen two points since Sept. 14. This indicates that the previously accumulated losses have been practically written off, and that the earning capacity of the banks is increasing.

ESTHONIA.

Following the example of the Bank of Esthonia, all private banks in Esthonia decided to reduce the discount rates by 2% after Oct. 1. As the previous discount rate for bills amounted generally to 20%, the new rate will not exceed 18%, including commission and other extra charges.

LATVIA.

For the first seven months of the year Latvian imports exceeded exports by 27,000,000 lats. Judging from the stock of foreign currency in the country, the Finance Ministry feels that the general balance is favorable and has instructed the Credit Department to draw up a statement on the balance of payments to ascertain the definite position of the country in this respect. During the week ending Sept. 25 the first large shipments of grain arrived in Riga, consisting of 1,104 tons of rye and 1,127 tons of wheat and wheat bran, which were principally American grain transhipped from Hamburg.

GREECE.

Continued lack of rain threatens a water shortage in Athens and serious injury has already been caused to crops. The exchange value of the drachma is steadily improving and is fluctuating only slightly around \$0.0125. The rate of paper metallic to drachmas for the import duty on flour has been increased from 5 to 6.25, shipments made before Oct. 12 being exempted. The cost of living index continues to rise, and the Government is said to be considering taking measures to prevent the continued influx of rural population into the larger cities—a movement which threatens further to increase unemployment in the cities and hamper agricultural development, according to report from Consul Edwin A. Plitt, Athens. In general, the economic and financial situation remains unchanged. The conventional interest rate on civil and commercial transactions has been raised to a legal maximum of 15% annually.

TURKEY.

It is reported in Turkey that the Turkish match monopoly has been granted to a Belgian company. This concession covers both importation and local manufacture and sale, the concessionaire agreeing, in return, to build a factory large enough to meet the demands of the Turkish market. This factory is to be ceded to the Turkish Government at the termination of the monopoly contract. The concession for the manufacture and sale of fireworks, cartridges, &c., is said to have been granted by the Turkish Government to a native concern. Progress is reported also in the organization of local production of alcoholic beverages, particularly brandy, and the final award of the alcoholic beverage import monopoly concession has not yet been made.

PALESTINE.

Weather conditions have been favorable during August and September and crop conditions are in general, good. Vegetable yields are reported to be somewhat low, but grain production is good and fruit crops excellent. A Palestine Government Currency Board has been constituted to provide for and to control the supply of currency to Palestine, to ensure that the currency is maintained in satisfactory condition, and generally to watch over the interests of Palestine so far as currency is concerned.

EGYPT.

Egypt's foreign trade continued to show a decrease during August, the eight months' totals being: Imports, £E33,609,000 in 1926 as compared to £E35,860,000 in 1925; exports, £E27,205,000 in 1926 as compared to £E34,842,000 in 1925. This decrease was almost wholly due to the lower values of cotton exports; tobacco imports increased in value during the eight months' period. The official preliminary estimates for the 1925-26 cotton crop are, seed cotton, 6,651,000 kantars, and ginned cotton, 6,799,000 kantars. Owing to the delay in publication of the law limiting the area to be planted with cotton, many farmers have been unable to conform to it, and the Ministry of Agriculture has postponed its execution. Raw cotton prices continue rather weak.

HAWAII.

Record crops of all principal products have been harvested in Hawaii this season. Sugar cane has yielded in excess of 788,000 short tons, or about 55,000 short tons more than had been expected. The pineapple crop set a new record and the coffee yield was in excess of 7,000,000 bags.

JAPAN.

The general tone of business in Japan is somewhat less optimistic, although fundamental conditions are good and no serious decline is anticipated locally in either exports or imports.

NORTH CHINA.

Business conditions throughout the upper Yangtze region and North China show little improvement. In some districts there is a practical suspension of trade due to the monopolization of the railways by the military forces. Trade is still further depressed by the heavy financial

subsidies imposed by the military rulers on Chinese banks and commercial bodies. The Shansi Provincial Government is negotiating a contract with Marconi representatives for a new central wireless plant to be erected in Taiyuan-fu, the capital of the Province, with perhaps six smaller out-stations located at strategic points. The Chinese civil authorities in Peking and other North China cities report an impending shortage of coal and other supplies.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

Java trade for September was better than for the previous month. In the Outer Possessions stocks of imported commodities were heavy, but rubber moved fairly well. On the whole, the month showed improvement over recent trends in the Netherlands East Indies, and conditions were considered satisfactory. Money was slightly tighter on account of financing sugar and coffee exports.

INDIA.

General business conditions in India show noticeable improvement in spite of lower price levels for Indian produce. This situation has come about largely by culmination of a successful monsoon. The cotton milling, engineering and machinery industries, however, remain somewhat depressed.

AUSTRALIA.

The price of wool and the progress of sales continue to be the outstanding interest in Australia as the spring season opens. Sales at Sydney remain firm, with the price of greasy merino going as high as 29½ pence per pound, while at Melbourne the price remains around 25 pence per pound. Wool receipts from July 1 to Sept. 30 this year reached 859,000 bales, as compared with 618,000 bales for the same period last year. Disposals have been satisfactory.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Philippine business was somewhat better in September than in the previous month but below that of the corresponding period last year. Improvement expected in October has not materialized, chiefly because of weak export markets, and some pessimism prevails in local business circles.

PORTO RICO.

Business conditions in Porto Rico during the first half of October improved slowly. Weather conditions have remained favorable to growing crops. Collections are somewhat slower as imports grow and exports lag pending the marketing of crops.

COLOMBIA.

The Magdalena River is in good condition and all boats are moving on the upper and lower rivers. The La Dorada railroad connecting La Dorada, Honda, Mariquita and Beltram and forming the link between the upper and lower rivers in the Bogota-Barranquilla chain, is reported short of fuel, but this condition is believed temporary. The freight congestion continues at the Pacific port of Buenaventura and also on the Pacific Railroad which runs inland from that port. The bad conditions of Buenaventura have been caused primarily by a lack of sufficient port facilities to handle the large volume of incoming cargo and to the inability of the railroad with its limited equipment to move the freight as rapidly as received. The paralysis of traffic on the Magdalena River, the main artery of transportation of the country, resulted in considerable diversion of cargo to Buenaventura thus aggravating the congestion caused by inadequate traffic facilities at that port. However, efforts are being made to remedy these conditions at the port by harbor improvements and greater railroad facilities but it is believed in Colombia that such improvements will take considerable time.

BRAZIL.

Exchange continues to weaken rapidly due largely to the withdrawal of the support of the Bank of Brazil and to the effect of the announcement of the financial policy of the president-elect who has intimated that he is in favor of stabilizing the milreis rather than subject the country to the perils of forcing it back to par (\$0.324). The new President takes office on Nov. 15. A further contributing factor is said to be the general desire for weak exchange among the important export and manufacturing interests, the latter being hard hit by the relative cheapness of foreign goods as the exchange value of the milreis increases. Coffee prices are up. Stocks at Santos on Oct. 15 were 838,000 bags.

ARGENTINA.

The week's trade in all export products was slow but there has been increasing activity in import lines. Official estimates of exportable surpluses of crops on Oct. 1 were: Wheat, 1,120,170 metric tons; and linseed, 77,713 metric tons. The cattle market is slow. The Government is discussing with the frigorificos the possible methods for aiding cattle producers. The Executive has proposed reductions in export duties on wool and quebracho extract.

PERU.

The acute financial situation existing in Peru during the past month continues without abatement. Exchange was quoted at \$3 50 to the Peruvian pound on Oct. 16 as compared with \$3 55 on Oct. 9. This is the lowest quotation since the World War. Few dollar or sterling drafts are available and the Reserve Bank has discontinued exchange operations. There has been no further Congressional action on the emergency tariff measure which was presented as an aid to exchange stabilization.

Manifesto Appealing for Removal of European Tariff Barriers—President Opposed to Lowering of Domestic Tariff—Secretary Mellon Says Declarations Not Applicable to United States.

The removal of European tariff barriers is sought in a manifesto made public at London on Oct. 19, bearing the signature of leading bankers and business men of Europe and the United States, two of the latter whose names appear in the list of signers being J. P. Morgan and Gates W. McGarrah. The manifesto—the text of which is given under another heading in this issue—recites that "it is difficult to view without dismay the extent to which tariff barriers, special licenses and prohibitions since the war have been allowed to interfere with international trade and to prevent it from flowing in its natural channels." "Happily," it says, "there are signs that opinion in all countries is awaking at last to the dangers ahead. The League of Nations and the International Chamber of Commerce have been laboring to reduce to a minimum all formalities, prohibitions and restrictions, to remove inequalities of treatment in other mat-

ters than tariffs, to facilitate the transport of passengers and goods. . . . Some States have recognized in recent treaties the necessity of freeing trade from the restrictions which depress it. And experience is slowly teaching others that the breaking down of the economic barriers between them may prove the surest remedy for the stagnation which exists."

Newspaper accounts from Washington on Oct. 19 indicated that the President, assuming that the United States was among those to whom the appeal was directed, had taken occasion to assert his adherence to the present tariff; later it was indicated in behalf of the Administration that the view was held that the declarations were not applicable to the United States—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, who was quoted to this effect on Oct. 21, announcing that he would later issue a statement in the matter relative to the Administration's stand. On the 19th inst. the New York "World", referring in a Washington dispatch to the views evinced in Administration circles with the announcement of the manifesto, said in part:

All official Washington manifested interest in the "World's" and other stories of the remarkable plea for the elimination of import duties that interfere with international trade. Leaders of the Republican Party are much concerned because of the character and standing of the men who signed it. They are afraid the effect will be to influence voters at the coming election and start a drive that will knock the foundations from their big issue.

Blow at Industry Seen.

The proposal of the bankers met with a quick and hostile slap at the White House. It was explained by the spokesman that such a plan would help international bankers but hurt manufacturers in this country, lower the American standard of living and reduce the wages of factory workers.

Secretary Mellon said he had not seen the appeal. He did not indicate his attitude but it is understood he stands with the President.

The name of Mr. Morgan gave the anti-tariff plea a significance here it would not have had without it. That makes it far-reaching and serious at home as well as abroad.

The President has the New England view of the tariff. He will not agree to a general lowering of duties.

The White House spokesman declared the Administration is sympathetic toward the economic recovery of Europe, but it cannot participate in a program that would contribute to the destruction of business and lowering of standards in America.

Although the President had not seen the manifesto put out by Messrs. Morgan, Gates W. McGarrath of New York; J. J. Mitchell, Chicago; Melvin A. Traylor, Chicago; Albert H. Wiggin and others, he was familiar with its purpose and declarations. He had evidently been coached and was prepared for its appearance. His spokesman discussed it readily and fluently.

Ready to Lead Opposition.

He doubts if the tariff can be revised downward without a great loss to American manufacturers and factory operatives and labor generally. It was intimated that this is one of several movements to level the tariff. The President, it was asserted, is ready to lead the opposition campaign.

On the following day (Oct. 20) one of the press accounts from Washington, that appearing in the New York "Times," said.

Closer reading of the text of the manifesto by numerous bankers and industrialists as given the public at London developed a conviction among officials to-day that the plan is intended for Europe and not for America. President Coolidge yesterday indicated that if the plan were intended to effect the removal of American custom tariff rates, he would look upon it with disfavor. The manifesto, when more carefully read, is now construed in official circles here as not being applicable at all to the American tariff system.

It is reiterated officially that there is no truth in the reports from Berlin that Montague Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, presented the trade barrier plan to Secretary Mellon when the latter was recently in Europe on a vacation trip. Mr. Mellon never saw the plan until he read it in this morning's newspaper and it was not even broached to him. Moreover, the matter was not taken up with Under-Secretary of the Treasury Winston when he was in Europe earlier in the year.

The view that the manifesto is not applicable to the American tariff system is understood to be generally held in American banking circles and by Julius H. Barnes, Vice-President for the United States of the International Chamber of Commerce at Paris, who declared to-day that the declaration for the removal of certain international trade barriers "has no political coloring whatever." Mr. Barnes issued his statement through the American section of the international chamber here. It reads in part:

"The declaration that barriers should be framed not to obstruct needlessly the flow of international trade has no political coloring whatever. World opinion has generally accepted the declaration of American business men that a proper protective tariff for America preserves the higher wage scales and higher living standards of America until other peoples will advance to that same level."

Specific barriers, the removal of which is aimed at, are double taxation, lack of international protection of patents, trade marks and designs, lack of centralized credit information, lack of uniformity in commercial letters of credit, inadequacy of the international parcel post, antiquated customs classifications and cumbersome and complicated customs formalities.

The American committee of the chamber, which made its report to the International Council in Paris, feels that the intrusion of government in price-fixing or restriction of production of raw materials is unfair to the dependent consuming world. It is unfair, it is argued, in that it deprives the consumers of the world of the protection of the play of attractive prices in increasing supplies and in the end it usually brings defeat to the industry which it attempts to help by the stimulation of competing production.

The "United States Daily" of Oct. 21 in referring to Secretary Mellon's forthcoming statement said.

Secretary Mellon announced orally on Oct. 21 that within a few days he may make formal statement setting forth his views concerning the recently published manifesto of the European bankers dealing with international trade and the effect thereon of tariff duties. The head of the Department of the Treasury said he was conducting research work preparatory to the publication of such a statement should the results of his study warrant it.

Mr. Mellon said he was convinced that the declarations of the bankers are not applicable to the United States. He added that there are numerous angles to the situation as presented in the manifesto which should be "clarified." It was his thought, he said, that the whole subject should be taken up and freely discussed from the standpoint of this nation.

Denies Advance Information.

The Secretary denied he had any advance information relative to the plan among the financiers to make public such a document.

"It came as a surprise to me," he declared. "As much as of a surprise, perhaps, as to any one else."

Mr. Mellon said nothing had been mentioned to him concerning the plan during his visit to several of the European countries on vacation last summer. He remarked that J. P. Morgan, the New York banker whose name was reported as appended to the declaration, was a fellow passenger aboard the ship on which the Treasury official went to Europe, but that nothing was said by Mr. Morgan that in any way indicated he had such a plan in his mind.

The manifesto was among the subjects Mr. Mellon discussed with President Coolidge at the White House just prior to the announcement by the Secretary of his contemplated statement.

In saying that it was the understanding that Mr. Mellon's statement would place the Administration in the attitude of standing firm for adherence by the United States to its present tariff policy, the New York "Times" Washington advices Oct. 21, said in part.

The determination of the Administration to outline its position on the tariff in the light of the manifesto was reached at the White House at a conference of Secretary Mellon with President Coolidge. Mr. Mellon's discussion will be made public in the immediate future. It may take the form of a statement to the press or an address.

The Secretary, it is believed, will not only make a formal exposition of the home tariff policy but will also seek to dissociate the Administration from any connection with groups of international bankers engaged over the economic affairs of the world.

Vice-President Julius H. Barnes of the International Chamber of Commerce emphasized to-night that the manifesto had no relation to the United States tariff. He insisted that it was designed to "point out trade barriers which in Europe to-day are interfering seriously with international trade."

While tariffs do constitute in Europe serious barriers to trade between countries which geographically resemble our own States here in America," he said, "it must be remembered there are other barriers to trade just as important as tariffs. Some of these were pointed out by the American Committee on Trade Barriers which reported in June to the Council of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris. The American report and reports from other countries will be consolidated and presented at the full meeting of the International Chamber to be held in Stockholm next June.

"At that time it is hoped the business men of the world will be able to make certain recommendations looking to the elimination or modification of some of the trade barriers which have been under discussion.

"It is certain, however, that the American delegation to the Stockholm meeting will allow there no move to bring about any action looking to a lowering of America's tariff such as would destroy the protection which American workers now enjoy. As was pointed out by the American committee, the United States is in a different position from Europe with respect to tariffs in that we have here a great buying territory which is able to purchase the output of our great factories without the bar of tariff walls."

The "Times" of Oct. 22, also said.

Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co. said yesterday that there was no doubt that Mr. Morgan had signed the international bankers' manifesto calling for the breaking down of tariff and trade barriers in Europe.

A cable dispatch from London has quoted the "Daily Telegraph" as saying that it learns J. P. Morgan has informed the American press that his name was appended to the international bankers' manifesto without his sanction." Mr. Morgan is now in Europe.

Text of Manifesto Signed by Bankers of Europe and United States, Appealing for Removal of Tariff Barriers.

London cablegrams on Oct. 19 made known the text of the manifesto signed by bankers and business men of fifteen nations, including the United States, appealing for the removal of "tariff barriers, special licenses and prohibitions," which it is declared have since the war "been allowed to interfere with international trade and to prevent it from flowing in its natural channels." Elsewhere in these columns we refer further to the appeal. Its text follows herewith.

A PLEA FOR THE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS UPON EUROPEAN TRADE.

We desire, as business men, to draw attention to certain grave and disquieting conditions which, in our judgment, are retarding the return to prosperity.

It is difficult to view without dismay the extent to which tariff barriers, special licenses and prohibitions since the war have been allowed to interfere with international trade and to prevent it from flowing in its natural channels. At no period in recent history has freedom from such restrictions been more needed to enable traders to adapt themselves to new and difficult conditions. And at no period have impediments to trading been more perilously multiplied without a true appreciation of the economic consequences involved.

The break-up of great political units in Europe dealt a heavy blow to international trade. Across large areas, in which the inhabitants had been allowed to exchange their products freely, a number of new frontiers were erected and jealously guarded by customs barriers. Old markets disappeared. Racial animosities were permitted to divide communities whose interests were inseparably connected. The situation is not unlike that which would be created if a confederation of States were to dissolve the ties which bind them and to proceed to penalize and hamper, instead of encouraging, each other's trade. Few will doubt that under such conditions the prosperity of such a country would rapidly decline.

To mark and defend these new frontiers in Europe licenses, tariffs and prohibitions were imposed, with results which experience shows already to have been unfortunate for all concerned. One State lost its supplies of cheap food, another its supplies of cheap manufactures. Industries suffered for want of coal, factories for want of raw materials. Behind the customs barriers new local industries were started, with no real economic

foundation, which could only be kept alive in the face of competition by raising the barriers higher still. Railway rates, dictated by political considerations, have made transit and freights difficult and costly. Prices have risen, artificial dearthness has been created. Production as a whole has been diminished. Credit has contracted and currencies have depreciated. Too many States, in pursuit of false ideals of national interest, have imperiled their own welfare and lost sight of the common interests of the world by basing their commercial relations on the economic folly which treats all trading as a form of war.

There can be no recovery in Europe till politicians in all territories, old and new, realize that trade is not war but a process of exchange, that in time of peace our neighbors are our customers, and that their prosperity is a condition of our own well-being. If we check their dealings their power to pay their debts diminishes and their power to purchase our goods is reduced. Restricted imports involve restricted exports, and no nation can afford to lose its export trade. Dependent as we all are upon imports and exports, and upon the processes of international exchange, we cannot view without grave concern a policy which means the impoverishment of Europe.

Happily there are signs that opinion in all countries is awaking at last to the dangers ahead. The League of Nations and the International Chamber of Commerce have been laboring to reduce to a minimum all formalities, prohibitions and restrictions, to remove inequalities of treatment in other matters than tariffs, to facilitate the transport of passengers and goods. In some countries powerful voices are pleading for the suspension of tariffs altogether. Others have suggested the conclusion for long periods of commercial agreements embodying in every case the most favored-nation clause. Some States have recognized in recent treaties the necessity of freeing trade from the restrictions which depress it. And experience is slowly teaching others that the breaking down of the economic barriers between them may prove the surest remedy for the stagnation which exists.

On the valuable political results which might flow from such a policy, from the substitution of good-will for ill-will, of co-operation for exclusiveness, we will not dwell. But we wish to place on record our conviction that the establishment of economic freedom is the best hope of restoring the commerce and the credit of the world.

October, 1926.

The list of signers to the appeal, as reported in the New York "Times" account (with the reservations of France and Italy), are as follows.

AUSTRIA.

OSCAR BERL, Merchant.
DR. OTTO BOHLER, Steel Manufacturer.
DR. SIEGMUND BROSCHE, Chemical Manufacturer.
DR. PAUL HAMMERSCHLAG, Oesterreichische Credit-Anstalt fur Handel und Gewerbe.
ALFRED HEINSHEIMER, Managing Director Vienna Bank-Verein.
MAXIME KRASSNY-KRASSIEN, Chairman Niederosterreichische Escompte-Gesellschaft.
DR. ARTHUR KRUPP, Berndorfer Metallwaren-Fabrik.
LUDWIG MEINL, Manufacturer.
LUDWIG NEURATH, Oesterreichische Credit-Anstalt fur Handel und Gewerbe.
DR. REDLICH, Ex-Minister.
DR. RICHARD REIBISCH, President Austrian National Bank.
BARON LOUIS ROTHSCHILD, Messrs. S. M. von Rothschild, Vienna.
RICHARD SCHOELLER, Steelworks, Schoeller Blackmann.
RUDOLPH SIEGHART, President All. Ost. Boden-Credit-Anstalt.
FRITZ TILGNER, President Austrian Chamber of Commerce.
LUDWIG URBAN, President des Hauptverbandes der Industrie Osterreichs.

BELGIUM.

J. CARLIER, Vice-President Council of Industry and Commerce.
HECTOR CARLIER, Adm. Del Banque d'Anvers.
M. DESPRET, President Banque de Bruxelles.
CHARLES FABRI, Managing Director Banque d'Outremer.
E. FRANQUI, Vice-Governor Societe Generale de Belgique.
F. HAUTAIN, Governor Banque National de Belgique.
J. VAN HOEGAERDEN, Director-General S. A. d'Ougree Marihaye.
J. JADOT, Governor Societe Generale de Belgique.
O. LEPREUX, Vice-Governor Banque National de Belgique.
F. M. PHILIPPSON, Banker.
R. TILMONT, Director Banque National de Belgique.
P. TRASENSTER, President S. A. d'Ougree Marihaye.
T. WIENER, Vice-President Credit Generale Liegeois.
PAUL VAN ZEELAND, Director Banque National de Belgique.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

DR. JOSEF BARTON, President of the Czechoslovak Textile Manufacturers' Association.
DR. O. FEILCHENFELD, Managing Director of the Bohmische Eskompt Bank.
DR. HANUS KARLIK, President of the Central Association of Czechoslovak Sugar Industry.
DR. BOHUSLAV MARIK, Chairman of the Ceskomoravska-Koblen A. G.
IAN NOVOTNY, General Director of the Pramyslova Bank.
DR. VILEM POSPISIL, Governor of the Czechoslovak National Bank.
DR. JAROSLAV PREISS, General Manager of the Zinnostenska Bank.
DR. VACLAV SCHUSTER, President of the Allgemeiner Bohmischer Bankverein.
DR. ADOLF SONNESCHEIN, Director Vitkovice Iron Works.
DR. EDUARD STUTZ, Vice-Chairman of the Bohmische Union Bank.

DENMARK.

A. O. ANDERSEN, Chairman of the Danish Steamship Owners' Assn.
C. C. CLAUSEN, Manager, Privatbanken of Copenhagen.
EMIL HERTZ, Manager, Danske Landmanskbank.
ERNST MEYER, Chairman of the Merchants' Guild.
ETATSRAAD FR. NORGAARD, General Manager Copenhagen Handelsbank.
P. P. PINSTRUP, Chairman of the Council of Agriculture.
LENSBARON ROSENKRANTZ, Managing Director, National Bank of Copenhagen.

FRANCE.

(TRANSLATION.)

The undersigned, fearing that certain passages of this manifesto might be subject to differences of interpretation, desire to set out precisely the points on which they are in agreement.

They are of the opinion that the state of instability and of economic disorder with which the European countries are contending at this time had its origin in the consequences of the war and particularly in the monetary crisis which resulted from it. They are of the opinion that in order to prevent a disquieting situation becoming worse it is necessary above all else that the countries in which currency has not yet been stabilized should move with all possible speed toward a sound currency. These countries can do this all the more easily if the economic relations among the nations are re-established on a normal basis favoring commercial exchanges.

They are of the opinion in this connection that the high rates or the excessive rigidity of certain tariff systems, the exaggerations direct or indirect of protectionism, of discrimination or of preferences, the obstacles put in the way of international transactions by restrictive transport regulations should be condemned.

They declare themselves therefore in favor of all measures which tend to suppress such artificial barriers which stand in the way of a free return to the economic relations among the nations which prevailed before the war.

They are indeed not able to forget that it is impossible for any modern State to live and prosper without maintaining commercial relations with other States and that by reason of the close interdependence among the nations it is only by a mutual exchange of services, credits and merchandise that the economic equilibrium of the world can finally be obtained.

R. P. DUCHEMIN, President de la Confederation Generale de la Production Generale de l'Industrie Cotonnieres.
HORACE FINLAY, Directeur Generale de la Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.
E. FOUGERE, President de l'Association Nationale d'Expansion Economique; President de la Federation de la Soie.
R. LABERDIER, Regent de la Banque de France; President du Syndicat Generale de l'Industrie Cotonnieres.
M. LEWANDOWSKI, Administrateur-Directeur du Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris.
R. MASSON, Directeur Generale du Credit Lyonnais.
H. DE PEYERIMHOFF, President du Comite Central des Houilleres de France.
P. RICHEMOND, Administrateur de la Banque Nationale de Credit; President de l'Union des Industries Metallurgiques et Mineres.
CH. SERGENT, Ancien Sous-Secretaire d'Etat aux Finances; President de la Banque de l'Union Parisienne.

GERMANY.

Gen. Kommerzienrat Dr. BOSCH, Chairman, Chemical Trust, Heidelberg.
Geheimrat FELIX DEUTSCH, Chairman, General Electric, Berlin.
DR. CARL MELCHIOR, M. M. Warburg & Co., Hamburg.
FRANZ VON MENDELSSOHN, Banker, Berlin.
DR. SCHACHT, President of the German-Reichsbank.
KARL FRIEDRICH VON SIEMENS, Chairman, Siemens Bros., Berlin.
FRANZ URBIG, Disconto Gesellschaft, Berlin.
Generaldirektor VOGLER, Steel Trust, Dortmund.
F. H. WITTHOEFT, Senior Partner, Arnold Otto Meyer, India Merchants, Hamburg.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Sir ARTHUR BALFOUR, Chairman, Arthur Balfour & Co., Ltd., Sheffield.
HENRY BELL, Director, Lloyds Bank, Ltd.
Sir HUGH BELL, Bart, Ironmaster.
LORD BRADBURY, Director, Williams Deacons Bank, Ltd.
WILLIAM CARNEGIE, General Manager, National Bank of Scotland, Ltd.
W. H. COATS, Chairman, J. & P. Coats, Ltd.
Sir JOHN COWAN, Chairman, Redpath, Brown & Co., Ltd.
LAURENCE CURRIE, Glyn, Mills & Co.
F. C. GOODENOUGH, Chairman, Barclays Bank, Ltd.
NORMAN L. HIRSH, General Manager and Director, Union Bank of Scotland, Ltd.
ROBERT M. HOLLAND-MARTIN, C.B., Chairman, Bank of Liverpool and Martin's, Ltd.
LORD INCHCAPE, Chairman, Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.
LORD INVERNHAIRN, Chairman, W. Baerdmere & Co., Ltd., Glasgow.
WALTER LEAF, D.Litt., Chairman, Westminster Bank, Ltd.
KENNETH LEE, LL.D., Chairman, Tootal, Broadhurst, Lee & Co., Ltd.
SIR FREDERIC LEWIS, Chairman, Furness Withy & Co., Ltd.
LORD MACLAY OF GLASGOW, Shipowner.
ANDREW MCCOSH, Chairman, William Baird & Co., Ltd.
Right Con. REGINALD MCKENNA, Chairman, Midland Bank, Ltd.
Sir ALAM NIMMO, Chairman of the Scottish Coal Owners' Association.
Right Hon. MONTAGU COLLET NORMAN, Governor, Bank of England.
Right Hon. VISCOUNT NOVAR, K.T., P.O., D.S.O., Director, Union Bank of Scotland, Ltd.
A. A. PATON, Chairman, Liverpool Cotton Association.
J. W. BEAUMONT PEASE, Chairman, Lloyds Bank, Ltd.
EUSTACE R. PULBROOK, Chairman of Lloyds.
LORD REVELSTOKE, Baring Bros. & Co., Ltd.
ALEXANDER ROBB, General Manager, Commercial Bank of Scotland, Ltd.
LIONEL N. DE ROTHSCHILD, N. M. Rothschild & Sons.
Sir FELIX SCHUSTER, Bart., Director of the National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
GEORGE J. SCOTT, Treasurer and General Manager, Bank of Scotland.
Sir Josiah STAMP, President of the Executive of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway.
Sir D. M. STEVENSON, Bart., Ex-Chairman, British Coal Exporters' Federation.
REES GRIFFITH THOMAS, General Manager, British Linen Bank.
DOUGLAS VICKERS, Chairman, Vickers, Ltd.
LORD WEIR, Weir & Co., Glasgow.
Sir GLYNN H. WEST, Chairman, Rylands Bros., Ltd.
WILLIAM WHITELAW, Chairman, London and North Eastern Railway.
Col. F. VERNON WILLEY, Francis Willey & Co., Ltd., Bradford.
Sir PERCY WOODHOUSE, President, Manchester Chamber of Commerce.
Sir ALBAN WILKINSON, K.B.E., General Manager, Royal Bank of Scotland.
D. YOUNG, General Manager, the Clydesdale Bank Ltd.

HOLLAND.

Dr. C. J. K. VAN AALST, President Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij, Amsterdam.
S. P. VAN EEGHEN, merchant banker, Amsterdam.
F. H. FENTENER VAN VLISSINGEN, manufacturer, Utrecht.
E. HEBLING, President Chamber of Commerce, Amsterdam.
Dr. A. J. VAN HENGEL, Director Rotterdamsche Bankvereniging, Amsterdam.
Dr. P. HOFSTEDE DE GROOT, Managing Director Amsterdamsche Bank.
PAUL MAY, Lippmann, Rosenthal & Co., Bankers.
Dr. W. A. MEES, R. Mees & Zoonen, bankers, Rotterdam.
A. F. PHILIPS, Managing Director "Philips Gloeilampenfabrieken," Eindhoven.
D. W. STORK, Stork Bros., Inc., Hengelo.
C. E. TER MEULEN, Hope & Co., bankers.
Dr. Q. J. TERPSTRA, shipbuilder, Rotterdam.
Professor Dr. M. W. F. TREUB, ex-Minister of Finance, The Hague.
Dr. F. G. WALLER, Managing Director Nederlandsche Gist & Spiritus-fabrik, Delft.
Th. VAN WELDEREN BARON RENGERS, Agricultural Economist, Oenkerk, Friesland.
Dr. G. VISSERING, President Nederlandsche Bank, Amsterdam.

HUNGARY.

ANTHONY EBER, General Manager Hungarian Italian Bank.
CHARLES DE ERNEY, General Manager First National Savings Bank.
HENRY FELNER, Chairman First Hungarian Steam Milling Co. of Budapest.
Exc. GUSTAVUS GRATZ, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs.
Count JOHN HADIK, ex-Minister of the Crown.
Baron JOHN HARKANYI, ex-Minister of Commerce.
Baron MAURICE KRONFELD, Director National Bank of Hungary.
Baron PAUL KORNFELD, Director Hungarian General Credit Bank.
Baron MARCEL MADARRASSY-BECK, President Hungarian Discount and Exchange Bank.
EMIL MUTSCHENBACHER, Managing Director Hungarian Agricultural Union.
Count LADISLAS SOMSSICH, President Agricultural Union.
Exc. JOHN TELESKY, ex-Minister of Finance.

ITALY.

G. AGNELLI, President Fiat Company.
ANTONIO STEFANO BENNI, President of the General Fascist Confederation of Italian Industries.
BIAGIO BOORRIELLO, Vice-President, Union of Chambers of Commerce.
ETTORE CONTI, Senator and Industrialist.
RICCARDO GUALINO, President Sna Viscosa.
FELICE GUARNERI, Director-General Association of Italian Corporations.
GINO OLIVETTI, Chief Secretary General Fascist Confederation of Italian Industries.
NICOLA PAVONCELLI, President of the Board of the Bank of Italy.
ALBERTO PIRELLI, President Association of Italian Corporations.
L. TOEPLITZ, Administrator Banca Commerciale Italiana.
The undersigned, while signifying their agreement with the spirit which has dictated the above manifesto, wish to place on record that had it been possible for them to co-operate in the framing of the document they

would have preferred to give a different and more precise form to some of its passages. Above all, they would have liked that criticism should have been exercised not only as regards the excessive height of customs tariffs and the rigidity of customs regulations in force in some countries but also in respect of all the numerous forms of direct or indirect protection, discriminations or preferences, artificial subsidies and restrictions on emigration "With such reservations they willingly subscribe to the manifesto."

NORWAY.

CAESAR BANG, President Federation Norwegian Industries.
E. G. BORCH, President of the Royal Agricultural Society of Norway.
Sir THOMAS FEARNLEY, Shipowner.
KAMSTRUP HEGGE, Managing Director Nan Norske Creditbank and President of Association of Norwegian Private Banks.
HERONYMUS HEYERDAHL, Chairman Christiania Bank of Kreditkasse.
A. F. KLAVENES, Shipowner.
N. RYGG, President of the Bank of Norway.
H. WESTFAL-LARSEN, President Norwegian Shipowners' Association.
WILH. WILHELMOSEN, Shipowner.

POLAND.

Dr. HENRY ASCHKENOVY, Managing Director Banque d'Escompte de Varsovie.
STANISLAW KARPINSKI, President Banku Polskiego.
Exc. MARJAN SZYDLOWSKI, Representative of Association of Mining Industries of Upper Silesia.
A. DE WIENLAWSKI, Vice-President Banque de Commerce.

RUMANIA.

MAURICE BLANK, Vice-President Banque Marmoresch, Blank & Co., Bucharest.

SWEDEN.

GANNAR DILLNER, Managing Director Trafikaktiebolaget Grangesberg-Oxelosund, Stockholm.
J. S. EDSTROM, Managing Director Almanna Svenska Elektriska Aktiebolaget, Stockholm.
GUST EKMAN, General Manager Aktiebolaget Gotsborgs Bank.
IVAR KREUGER, Managing Director Svenska Tandsticksaktiebolaget, Stockholm.
VICTOR MOLL, Governor Bank of Sweden.
O. RYDBECK, General Manager Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget.
HELMER STEN, General Manager Aktiebolaget Svenska Handelsbanken.
K. A. WALLENBERG, Chairman Stockholms Enskilda Bank.
MARC WALLENBERG, Chairman Swedish Bank Association.

SWITZERLAND.

G. BACHMANN, President Banque National Suisse, Zurich.
FREDERICK DOMINICE, Adm. Union Financiere de Geneve.
LEOPOLD DUBOIS, Chairman Societe de Banque Suisse.
ALBERT LOMBARD, Vice-President Swiss Association of Banks.
RUDOLF SARASIN, President Chamber of Commerce, Basle.
CARL SULZER SCHMID, President Gebruder Sulzer Aktiengesellschaft, Winterthur.

UNITED STATES.

GATES W. MCGARRAH, Banker, New York.
J. J. MITCHELL, President Illinois Merchants' Trust Co., Chicago.
J. P. MORGAN, Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., New York.
THOS. N. PERKINS, Delegation of the Citizens of the U. S. A., Member of the Reparations Commission.
MELVIN A. TRAYLOR, President First National Bank, Chicago.
ALBERT H. WIGGIN, President Chase National Bank, New York.

Conflicting Reports as to Origin of Manifesto for Removal of Tariff Barriers.

While a Berlin press account credits the origin of the manifesto appealing for the removal of the tariff barriers to Montagu Norman of the Bank of England, a London account reports Berlin as its origin. Before the manifesto was made public on Oct. 19, advices of its coming were carried some days before in the London "Times," the New York "Times" in a reference to this in a London cablegram Oct. 16 (copyright) stating.

A declaration of the utmost importance regarding American co-operation in measures for the reconstruction of European trade and commerce will be issued next Wednesday by prominent bankers and business men of all the great European nations, including Britain, and of the United States, according to the "Sunday Times."

The "Sunday Times" quotes an unnamed high British financial authority as follows:

"The present situation of Europe is extremely difficult and a way out must be discovered without delay. The policies hitherto pursued by the nations have increased, not diminished, difficulties. A complete change of policy consequently is imperative to restore credit and bring about that great expansion of trade which the situation urgently demands.

"The full significance of this important declaration will be realized when the names and standing of the signatories become known. The declaration cannot fail to have far-reaching consequences, both in the political and business world."

The Berlin Associated Press cablegram of Oct. 19 bearing on the origin of the manifesto said.

The economic manifesto signed by leading financiers of Europe and the United States and made public in various countries to-day, was conceived in London in July, German press and banking circles assert, by Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England.

Mr. Norman presented it to Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, Andrew W. Mellon, American Secretary of the Treasury, and Benjamin Strong, of the Federal Reserve Bank, New York, in the course of their vacation trips in France and Holland, and, according to the same authority, they approved it with slight modifications. Mr. Mellon, it is said, submitted a copy to President Coolidge and discussed the manifesto in London with Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who approved it. It was then easy to obtain signatures.

The reason that the French signed with reservation is believed to have been that they realized the franc must be stabilized before trade affairs were discussed. The German commentators assert that England's initiative can be explained because "it is virtually a free trade nation surrounded by protectionist nations."

The manifesto is the subject of comment and discussion by most of the Berlin newspapers, which generally regard it as an admission by the leading bankers and industrialists of the world that they recognize that the economic clauses of the Versailles Treaty are mainly responsible for the present "sorry state of the world's trade and commerce."

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, and other prominent financiers are absent from Berlin, but in business and industrial circles the manifesto is strongly approved. It is argued that the views it expresses have long been held by all leading German bankers and magnates, although only a few of them have signed it.

Emphasis is laid on the assertion that the manifesto was drawn up chiefly on British initiative and that it appears at a moment when British industry is seriously depressed.

The "Boersen Zeitung" points out that, although the manifesto does not mention the Versailles Treaty, everyone knows that trade will improve when the restrictions imposed by the treaty are removed. Many papers indorse the demand for the removal of customs restrictions, but also point out that the position of Russia is not taken into account by the manifesto, and fear that until the Russian problem is settled the aims for which the signatories are striving can hardly be attained.

The "Kreuz Zeitung" and "Deutsche Tages Zeitung" are the only journals dissatisfied with the manifesto; they foresee that the signature of business men on the document will lack influence in politics, and "certainly will not succeed either in annulling or altering the treaty."

From the London Associated Press advices of Oct. 19 we take the following in which Berlin is referred to as the place where the manifesto hailed from.

A certain air of mystery surrounds the genesis of the document. No one seems to know just where it originated, although common belief is that it had its origin in Berlin.

The fact that the manifesto was issued to the London press through a well known advertising agency is regarded as unusual, while further comment has as unusual, while further comment has been caused by talk of connecting it with the reported formation of a great banking trust, which is said to have intended to use its resources to overcome obstacles thrown in the way of the resumption of European trade by the depreciated and varying exchange. Whether the creation of such a trust will be one of the first effects of passing from words to deeds on the part of the great banker signatories has still to be seen, but all attempts to induce those bankers to talk on the subject thus far have failed.

Public opinion has also jumped to connect the manifesto with the recent discussions at Romsey between English and German financiers. Some doubt is cast on this, however, because it is stated that the document has been in preparation for at least six months.

Publication of the manifesto in the British press has been set for tomorrow and consequently the press is not commenting on it as yet to any extent. The "Westminster Gazette" tomorrow will call attention to the fact that it is just a century since the bankers and merchants of England petitioned Parliament in almost similar terms for the removal of restrictions after the Napoleonic wars. The paper recalls that it was twenty years before the repeal of the corn laws ushered in the period of prosperity during the Victorian era in England and expresses the fear that it may take twenty years now before a lowering of the world's trade barriers in the shape of tariffs and other restrictions will be achieved.

John J. Mitchell, Signer of Manifesto, Supports It Insofar as It Applies to European Tariffs—Other Views.

John J. Mitchell, President of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago, one of the signers of the declaration for the removal of European trade barriers, stated on Oct. 19, according to Associated Press advices from Chicago, that, as a signer, he supported the international trade manifesto so far as it applies to European trade barriers, but does not thereby advocate lowering the American tariff. He is quoted as saying.

The manifesto pertains exclusively to Europe. I signed it last summer in Europe just before sailing home. The English financiers whose names are attached to the document were desirous of having some American names also, though I told them that I could not see what good that would do.

It should be distinctly understood that the manifesto in no way refers to American tariffs, either by allusion or inference. Many of the trade restrictions now effective in Europe are extremely destructive to European prosperity as a whole and should have been removed long ago. The American tariff is a different matter, and I do not wish to discuss any phase of it.

That the bankers here view the manifesto as applying solely to European affairs is indicated in the following, which we quote from the New York "Times" of Oct. 20.

While entirely unofficial in character, the international trade appeal issued yesterday is expected in some quarters in New York to hasten relief from tariff difficulties in Europe by impressing various Governments with the importance of reform. The fact that some of the biggest names in finance are attached to the appeal is expected to influence political leaders throughout Europe.

Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Chase National Bank, one of the signers of the appeal, said yesterday that he was asked to give his support to the movement on a visit to London early this summer and willingly agreed. Throughout the post-war period financial leaders both here and abroad had reiterated that one of the principal needs of Europe was to remove restrictions which had sprung up against commerce and travel.

J. P. Morgan, whose signature is on the appeal, is now in Europe, and Gates W. McGarrath, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Chase National Bank, the third New York signer, sailed for Europe last week.

Leading New York bankers said they were aware for months of the existence of the international appeal, but were not informed of its details until the publication of its text yesterday. They said it was not really a manifesto, but simply an expression of opinion by financial leaders as to the best way to solve some of the pressing problems of Europe growing out of the war.

The appeal has no official status and the American bankers who signed it, it was said here yesterday, did so just as they would support any worthy cause for which their aid was enlisted. It was made clear by several financiers that the American signatories had no thought of propounding a policy of free trade for the United States. Their attitude was that if their advice or co-operation in restoring normal conditions in Europe were desired they would gladly give it, and their ideas coincided with the aims of the European financiers toward stabilization. American tariff or trade policies, they held, had nothing to do with the situation.

Robert L. Owen, former Chairman of the Committee of Banking and Currency of the United States Senate, who framed the Federal Reserve Act, was much impressed with the appeal. He said:

"The one great obstacle to the rapid restoration of Europe is the custom houses which interrupt commerce, transportation and trade between the States of Europe and prevent the economies and conveniences necessary to their highest industrial development. No American could conceive of doing business in the United States if he had to have his goods examined every time they went out of a State and every time they went into a State as they crossed the American Continent. "Free trade between the American States has greatly developed American industries, and Europe needs the same favorable conditions. America should favor free trade in Europe, because as Europe becomes prosperous our exports to Europe will increase."

Alfred O. Corbin, partner in the firm of F. J. Lisman & Co., international bankers, stated, according to the New York "Journal of Commerce," that "commercial restrictions in the different European countries, especially in the succession States of important economic commonwealths, have been decidedly inimical to the welfare of the nations involved. The results of the appeal for lowered tariff barriers represent a most decided step forward in the attempt to effect a speedy rehabilitation of war-torn Europe." He added.

It should tend to do away with the still existing racial antagonisms and national ill feelings in Continental Europe. It should speed up the plans under way to effect currency stabilization in those European countries which have not as yet seen their way to do it. It will doubtless greatly improve the credit standing of European nations in the world's financial markets with the inevitable result that European obligations will sell at levels more truly representative of their inherent worth, greatly enhanced by recent developments.

President Schacht of German Reichsbank Says Manifesto Applies Only to European Tariff Conditions.

The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Evening Post" under date of Oct. 20, says it was learned that the idea of issuing the appeal for better economic collaboration between all European countries was initiated in London by Sir H. Bell of Lloyds who asked Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, to obtain German signatures. The account (copyright) goes on to say:

No copy of the appeal seems to have been submitted recently, at least to the German signatories, because several of them said to-day they had no recollection of every being asked to sign, nor did the Federal Association of German Industries have any such knowledge. Since a similar manifesto is being prepared in connection with the International Chamber of Commerce meeting it was desired to bring out this one first.

Although the widest significance is ascribed to the document and although it is described as part of a campaign to call an international economic conference and force the issue of international debts, assurances from Dr. Schacht's office are that the manifesto has nothing whatever to do with this question.

Expect Revision of Treaty.

Nationalist circles take the document, with its criticism of present customs conditions, as an attack on the Versailles Treaty, which they hold responsible for creating the new States and hence the tariff walls. They hail the manifesto as a prelude to treaty revision.

The "Germania," the organ of Chancellor Marx, interprets the manifesto as an effort of international credit givers to remove hindrances to German exports in order to make the execution of the Dawes plan possible.

Some of the American signatories awaken special comment, particularly that of Gates McGarrah, whose name on a free-trade manifesto causes some surprise, all the more because several Berlin newspapers garble the text and represent it as an appeal for international free trade rather than a document addressed exclusively to Europe.

Dr. Schacht emphasizes that the policy recommended in the document in no way affects the United States, but is directed exclusively at Europe.

He said he regretted that, due to a technical misunderstanding, publication, which was intended for to-day, was premature, and added that many more German business men were prepared to sign.

"The whole manifesto only refers to tariff conditions existing in Europe," he said, "where, as opposed to the United States, not one vast economic territory exists but a broken complex of States economically hostile. The fact that a number of Americans also signed only indicates that their observations of European conditions coincide with our analysis of the reasons for Europe's economic distress and our recommendations for a cure."

Simultaneously with the publication of the manifesto rumors are being circulated that Herr Hoesch, the German Ambassador in Paris, has been instructed to sound out sentiment on an international economic conference. That the German Government has any intention of taking the initiative in such a conference is vigorously denied in official circles.

Council of International Chamber of Commerce Backs Bankers Trade Plea for Europe—Delegates at Paris Meeting Extend Recommendations of Bankers.

The approval by the Council of the International Chamber of Commerce of the declaration for the removal of trade barriers is the subject of the following message to the New York "Herald-Tribune" (copyright) from its Paris correspondent Oct. 20.

The interest generated by the publication of the "bankers' manifesto" counseling free trade as a pancea for international economic and financial problems was further increased to-day when the council of the International Chamber of Commerce here, with delegates representing 24 nations present, approved the bankers' proposals and made even more radical recommendations for a modification of the economic relations between nations.

The meeting of the council was held in the newly-opened quarters of the International Chamber here, with Sir Alan Anderson, of Great Britain, presiding over the 60 delegates, of whom the Americans were N. Dean Jay, of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Alexander Legge, President of the International Harvester Co.; F. Edson White, President of Armour & Co., and John N. Willys, President of the Willys-Overland Co.

Delegates Applaud Manifesto.

The text of the bankers' manifesto was read and applauded. It was admitted that the manifesto was inspired by the policies of the International Chamber and a resolution introduced by Herr von Mendelssohn, President of the German national committee of the International Chamber, which was seconded by Etienne Clementel, former French Minister of Finance, gave definite approval to the "accord which exists between the principles of the manifesto and which have inspired the policies of the Chamber and which are given a new expression in the report of the trade barriers committee, which must be considered as the interpretation given by the business world to the manifesto just published."

The report which the trade barriers committee approved to-day follows the bankers in laying great stress on the seriousness of the situation created by the number and the height of the tariff walls surrounding many countries,

which constitute the most serious barrier to international trade. The report of this committee represents a month's study by Sir Arthur Balfour and his colleagues following their appointment as a special committee of the League of Nations. It will be presented to the League's coming international economic conference and will be subject to ratification at the biennial congress of the International Chamber of Commerce at Stockholm in June.

Condemn Sudden Changes.

Going beyond the recommendations of the bankers' this report condemns sudden changes in tariffs by decrees or by placing goods in different classifications and demands that such practices cease entirely. Ad valorem duties are condemned on the ground that they lead to difficulties, facilitate secret discrimination and result in practices which unfairly increase regular tariffs.

The report goes into the question of international industrial combinations such as the recent Franco-German-Belgian steel cartel and recommends their extension on the ground (1) that they promote the interests of industry by the elimination of competition; (2) promote the interests of labor through the medium of steady employment; and (3) work to the good of the consumer by reducing costs and lowering prices.

On this section of the report the American national committee has reserved its opinion. The report says that an extension of these international industrial cartels will contribute a means of surmounting tariff barriers and may prepare the way to wider economic agreements between nations.

The report of the Balfour Committee sidestepped the questions of immigration and emigration as matters of national sovereignty in its discussion of the treatment of foreigners in various countries. The committee demanded, however, that uniform laws shall secure the rights of foreigners in all countries under an international convention. It recommends that compulsory passport visas be abolished, because they hamper the movements of business men and affect invisible exports by restricting tourist trade.

It is demanded that foreigners be given the same legal and social rights as nationals everywhere, with complete freedom of movement, right of domicile and the liberty to establish any business or industry. The report then formulates a series of demands regarding obstructions to rail, sea and air traffic, the most important of which is a recommendation for the standardization of railway rolling stock, the general adoption of a twenty-four-hour time table and simplification and uniformity of regulations and formalities.

Those concerned with sea transport demand the immediate ratification by all governments in the League of Nations freedom of ports convention and its application in letter and in spirit until flag discrimination is abolished. It is demanded that air transport be given absolutely free rein.

The Associated Press advices from Paris on that day (Oct. 20) said.

The Council of the International Chamber of Commerce to-day added its voice to the international financiers' manifesto made public yesterday pleading for release from restrictions and hindrances to international trade.

Sir Alan Anderson, director of the Bank of England and acting President of the International Chamber, told the chamber that free trade was the only remedy for the financial and commercial ills that now beset Europe. The bankers' manifesto, made public yesterday, expressed a similar thesis in which a plea was made for the removal of tariff barriers and other restrictions upon European trade.

Sir Alan asserted that Europe was in the slough of an economic despond, with only misleading and fictitious prosperity in countries of depreciated exchange. Protective tariffs, he said were responsible for this economic slump.

Suggestions in Report of Sir Arthur Balfour to Carry Out Principles of Tariff Manifesto.

Associated Press cablegrams from Paris Oct. 20 said.

Cessation of flag discrimination in ocean-carrying trade, abolition of passport visas and an end to ad valorem duties are among the detailed suggestions made by Sir Arthur Balfour to carry out the principles of the international bankers' manifesto in a report which was approved to-day by the council of the International Chamber of Commerce.

The report demands protection of the rights of foreigners in all lands by uniform laws, and absolute freedom of travel by air, rail and sea, with standardization of rolling stock to facilitate communications from one country to another.

It calls for ratification of the League of Nations' freedom of ports convention, and says traffic in war material ought to be exempt from export duties.

The report closes with the suggestion that the League of Nations organize a commercial and tariff commission, bringing together representatives of the various Governments to consider international trade questions.

British Are Skeptical Regarding Bankers Tariff Proposal—Do Not Believe Nations Will Lower Customs Barriers.

From the New York "Times" we take the following London advices Oct. 21.

References, mainly skeptical in tone, to the bankers' manifesto issued this week were made at a dinner here to-night at which delegates of the Imperial Conference were guests of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce.

"We have all read the manifesto signed by bankers and business men dilating on the difficulties to be encountered in foreign trade," said Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the British Board of Trade. "Whether these difficulties are likely to be completely removed by the manifesto some of the more skeptical may take leave to doubt."

"But while we can all agree with the signatories of that manifesto as to the difficulties to be encountered we may draw from that statement the lesson to concentrate on the development of empire trade."

"It may have been a wise thing to do, but we live in a practical world," was the comment on the manifesto made by Premier Bruce of Australia. "While in a reformed world we may get progressive reductions in armaments and reach the ideal before us, I feel they are super-optimists who believe that countries, with their national instinct, are going to cast down tariff barriers."

G. C. Vyle, President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, thought there was no real parallel, as had been suggested, between the United States of America and a similar union between all the nations of Europe. If there was to be a choice between Britain joining such an economic union, from which the rest of the Empire was excluded, and of standing out of this economic union of European States by remaining a member of the Commonwealth of British Nations, he had no hesitation in predicting which way the mother country would cast its vote.

Manchester Backs Bankers Tariff Manifesto.

The following Manchester (England) Associated Press advices Oct. 10 are from the New York "Herald-Tribune".

The economic manifesto calling for elimination of European trade barriers is cordially received in various quarters here, where it is recalled that the movement originated at a dinner in Manchester in 1924 by the late Lord Sheffield, a close student of economics.

Sir Arthur Haworth, Chairman of the Manchester Royal Exchange, favors letting down trade barriers. He said: "Without more international trade Europe's recovery will be terribly slow."

Sir Charles Macara, veteran cotton trade leader, commenting on the action of the financiers, said: "I view the proposal as one of the greatest manifestos ever issued."

Italians Cite Obstacles to Bankers Tariff Manifesto—Point to Steps Taken by Rome to Reduce Customs Tariffs.

The following Rome (Italy) advices Oct. 19 (copyright) are from the New York "Times".

The international appeal by business men for the gradual abolition of customs barriers among European nations, published this evening, has been well received on the whole, though the most influential newspapers in their comments formulate specific reservations.

While it is admitted that the suppression of tariff walls is possibly a desirable thing, the opinion is expressed that any such scheme would stand small chance of being universally accepted unless accompanied by other special measures for the protection of countries like Italy, which have growing industries but no raw materials. It is argued that otherwise universal free trade would benefit only countries with well-established and strong industrial organizations and commanding vast supplies of raw materials.

These arguments are, besides, clearly expressed in the special declaration attached to signatures of the Italian adherents to the appeal.

The "Tribuna", official Fascist organ, concludes its comments with the following reference to Italy's attitude toward high customs barriers:

"Italy, within the last few years, has concluded with almost all European countries trade treaties, all of which include a most-favored-nation clause, which, as is known, may lead to a considerable reduction of customs tariffs. Italy has, in addition, consistently followed a policy of commercial demobilization, abolishing almost all the import and export restrictions which existed immediately after the war. It is now the other nations turn to give equally good proof of good-will."

Chairman of Bank of Poland Approves Bankers Tariff Manifesto Only in Principle.

Warsaw (Poland) Associated Press advices Oct. 20 state.

The manifesto of European and American financiers was published in the newspapers here to-day.

Stanislaw Karpinski, Chairman of the Bank of Poland, who signed the declaration, has issued a statement that he approves the manifesto only in principle; he finds that its ideas can be enforced only in the future when capital will be more equally disposed.

Former Premier Grabski strongly attacks the declaration, asserting that it is unfavorable to the new post-war countries and contains allusions against the partition of Siles. He says that the declaration tends to make Poland absolutely dependent on Germany.

Visit to United States of Queen Marie of Rumania—Reports that Yesterday's Luncheon at the Bankers' Club was Preliminary Toward \$100,000,000 Loan.

Queen Marie of Rumania, who arrived in the United States on the steamer Leviathan on Oct. 18, has since been the recipient of uninterrupted honors, New York City according her the first official welcome. After the greetings in this city on Oct. 18 she left for Washington, and on Oct. 19 she was the guest of honor at a dinner given in the White House by President and Mrs. Coolidge. Baltimore on Oct. 20 and Philadelphia on Oct. 21 also accorded her a welcome. Before going to Philadelphia on the 21st, a reception in her honor was given at noon by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York and it is interesting to note that she is the first woman to be so honored in the 158 years of the Chamber's existence. Yesterday's (Oct. 22) entertainment in her behalf included a luncheon at the Bankers' Club, this city. Regarding this, we quote the following from last night's "Evening Post":

Her Majesty, Marie of Rumania, lunched to-day behind the locked doors of the Bankers' Club on the fortieth floor of the Equitable Building, with many of New York's leading financiers, and then motored north to Morningside Heights, where Columbia University, its faculty and student body, gave her the warmest welcome she has received in the city.

Significance was given the luncheon by the secrecy which hedged it about and the exclusion of the press for the first time since Marie made her well-advertised arrival.

Marie's purpose in appearing before the assembled capitalists of New York—there were among the guests Thomas Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., Clarence Dillon of Dillon, Read & Co., Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank, and Alvin W. Krech, Chairman of the Equitable Trust Co.—was reported to be founded in a desire to pave the way for a request for a loan of \$100,000,000 for her nation.

This report was, of course, stoutly and even vehemently denied by those surrounding the Queen and by those who were concerned in giving the function. The host was Major Radu Irimescu, director of the Banque Chrissoveloni, a large Rumanian financial institution.

Queen Marie is accompanied to the United States by two of her children, Prince Nicholas and Princess Ileana.

Dr. Schacht Defends Reichsbank Reserve—Answers Critics that He Will Abandon Gold Standard When England and America Do.

Dr. Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, defended his policy of keeping the gold reserve from 40 to 45% of the mark issue before an inquiry board of the Money and Credit Committee, meeting in the Reich's Economic Council Chamber on Oct. 21, says copyright advices to the New York "Times," from which the following is also taken.

Dr. Schacht has been censured and criticized for his stratagem in acquiring the gold bullion, which his opponents say he is hoarding in the Reichsbank vaults instead of placing it with American banks where it would draw interest and serve the same purpose of maintaining the stability of the mark. These foes of the gold standard advanced economic theories whereby the monetary system can be maintained without a gold reserve. To all of this Dr. Schacht replied that the proof of the pudding is the eating. Since Germany's currency holds its value on the world market by being backed with not less than 40% of gold reserve, he is convinced that his policy is correct.

"I believe," said Dr. Schacht, "that the system of a gold standard with a gold bullion reserve is the only one possible under present conditions of production and world trade, but I am willing to accept any other monetary theory, without previous examination, as soon as it is accepted by England and America."

A monetary system without a gold reserve Dr. Schacht believes feasible only for limited sections, such as in a city, where it is practical when the entire industry is controlled by one organization, but he finds it impractical for international, or even national application.

Dr. Schacht further defended his management of the Reichsbank by citing the success with which his system overcame radical changes in public finances, such as the separation of the railways, posts and internal revenue from the public funds through the provisions of the Dawes plan.

Dr. Schacht again warned against contracting excessive foreign credits, since it would put the country up against a problem equally serious as the present reparations transfer, and by draining the country for payments of both interest and annuities, would cripple production, endangering the export and trade balance.

During the past year the gold and bond reserve had varied from 41 to 46% of the mark note issue.

Poland Bankers Readopt Kemmerer Plan—Visit of W. P. G. Harding.

Following his declaration that he has nothing to do with recommending an American loan to the Polish Government, W. P. G. Harding, former Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, began a series of visits in a private capacity to Poland's financial institutions with the head of one of Warsaw's leading banks on Oct. 21, it is learned from a copyright account to the New York "Times" from Warsaw, Oct. 21. It also has the following to say.

While insisting that he has no immediate intention of recommending further foreign loans, the American financier said that he is studying the entire situation in his vacation time with a view to applying his findings to future American financial activities abroad.

The whole of Poland's financial colony has been in a furor since the arrival of Mr. Harding, hoping that he had come here to advance an immediate loan, but his statement to the contrary has cooled off his reception and enthusiasm has reverted once more to the Kemmerer plan of sane financing, with which Mr. Harding has declared himself to be unconcerned.

Finance Minister Czechowicz paid faint praise to Dr. Kemmerer to-day while asserting that his recommendations were already being assimilated.

"We have studied his plan carefully and we have already effected the greatest economies, with the result of a balanced budget," the Finance Minister said. "Moreover, we have sought new sources of income to meet the expenses of the Government, which are naturally rather high, in view of the fact that the State is in process of rebuilding."

"The fact that the items for national defense and education run into considerable figures is clearly in line with the American Commission's recommendations, all of which will be ultimately realized. There is no question that we will avail ourselves in the fullest measure of these products of American efficiency."

M. Czechowicz presented assurances to the American financier that the zloty will be stabilized at the present rate, nine to the dollar. Continuing, he said:

"The State income must be raised but I am not willing to impose new taxes because of our complicated system of collecting them, as also noted by Dr. Kemmerer. The improved and simplified method of collecting taxes will open many new sources of income, without harming the economic life of the country. Only then can we honestly ask for foreign credits."

The new Finance Minister gave credit to M. Klarnier, his predecessor and collaborator with Dr. Kemmerer, for the first time since the first Cabinet of Marshal Pilsudski was turned out and the Marshal himself took charge of the upbuilding of the Government, which is now apparently going on smoothly.

At the same time, preparations for dissolving the Sejm are being made by the Dictator and the present probability is that new elections will be held in the Spring.

T. W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co. Denies Report of Berlin Interview on Dawes Plan and War Debts.

Thomas W. Lamont of Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. made the following statement on Oct. 20:

One of the New York papers has to-day printed a Berlin dispatch repeating an alleged interview with me published a fortnight ago by the "Industrie-und-Handels-Zeitung" of Berlin, and attributing to me statements with reference to the operation of the Dawes Plan and the handling of war debts. That purported interview is a complete fabrication. I have never seen a representative of the Berlin newspaper and did not hear of the alleged interview until a copy of it reached me by mail a few days ago. On seeing it I sent a cablegram to the Wolff Bureau at Berlin branding the interview as entirely without foundation.

Bonus Paper for Banking Loans—Adjusted Service Certificates Will Have \$262,538,344 Borrowing Value.

The following is from the New York "World" of Oct. 22:

A new class of paper for bank loans, the initial value of which is about 1% of the total amount of loans and discounts of all American banks, will make its first appearance on Jan. 1 next. It is the adjusted service certificates issued by the United States Government to the veterans of the World War.

This paper next year will have an estimated loan value of \$262,538,344. It will increase each year until it matures. Thus in 1928 the loan value will approximate \$370,910,606, for 1929 about \$482,048,654, and for 1930 around \$590,893,686, according to figures furnished to the "American Bankers Association Journal" by Gen. Frank T. Hine, Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau.

Tampico (Mexico) Bank Suspension.

Tampico (Mexico) advices Oct. 21 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated:

Juan Brito Bros., prominent bankers here, have suspended payments, announcing that the institution is solvent and that the suspension is probably temporary.

Deposits amount to several million pesos. Suspension was declared due to a run started by the suspension of the Tampico Banking Co.

Associated Press advices from Mexico City Oct. 21 state:

The National Banking Commission asserts that the suspension of payments by two banks in Tampico yesterday was required for the protection of depositors. It was added liquidation of the banks has been demanded because they were unable to fulfill their legal requirements.

The Commission says gold depositors will not lose their deposits if the judicial liquidation proceeds. It is declared that since 1925 the institutions have been unable to carry sufficient reserves to cover American dollar deposits.

Offering of \$42,500,000 Republic of Chile Bond—Books Closed—Issue Oversubscribed.

Offering of the \$42,500,000 Republic of Chile 6% external sinking fund gold bonds was made on Oct. 18 by the syndicate headed by Hallgarten & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. The bonds were offered at 93¼ and interest, to yield about 6.50%. It was announced that the subscription books had been closed early in the day, the issue having been heavily oversubscribed. A substantial amount of the bonds was withdrawn for sale in Great Britain, Holland, Switzerland, Sweden and Canada. The proceeds of this loan will be used for the construction of roads and sanitary works, for the retirement of certain existing internal debt, and to provide funds for the payment of current indebtedness of the Republic (including the \$10,000,000 5% notes due Feb. 25 1927) to the end that at Dec. 31 1926, all floating debt shall have been paid or provided for. The issue will be dated Oct. 1 1926, and will mature April 1 1960; it will be redeemable only through the sinking fund, on April 1 1927, or on any interest date thereafter at face amount on not less than 10 days' notice. A cumulative sinking fund of 1% per annum is provided for, to operate semi-annually through purchase of bonds at or below face amount or if not so obtainable then by call of bonds by lot at face amount. The Republic reserves the right to increase the amount of any sinking fund payment, and to tender bonds in lieu of cash. The sinking fund is calculated to redeem the entire issue at or before maturity. The bonds will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (April 1 and Oct. 1) will be payable in New York City at the office of either of the Fiscal Agents, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., or Hallgarten & Co., in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness; or at the option of the holder in London at the office of the Sub-Fiscal Agent, J. Henry Schroder & Co. in Sterling at exchange rate of \$4.8665 to the Pound Sterling; without deduction for any Chilean taxes, present or future. Don Lautaro Rosas, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Chile in his advices to the bankers says in part.

Obligation.—These bonds will be the direct obligation of the Republic of Chile and principal and interest will be payable in time of peace or war irrespective of the nationality of the holder. The Fiscal Agency agreement will provide that if in the future the Republic shall issue or dispose of any bonds or loan secured on specific revenues or assets, these bonds shall be equally and ratably secured therewith.

Revenues.—The budget for 1927 aggregates in round figures \$117,000,000 and will be submitted to Congress entirely balanced. For the years 1922 to 1925, inclusive, total revenues, exclusive of receipts from loans or from the sale of capital assets, amounted to \$282,554,089, while total ordinary expenditures amounted to \$323,644,195. Included in the above figure of ordinary expenditures was over \$41,000,000 for amortization of external debt alone, or practically the entire amount by which the expenditures exceeded the revenues.

Debt.—Official records disclose that there has been no delay or default in interest payment on external debt for over 84 years. By agreement with the bondholders, amortization was deferred from 1880 to 1884 on account of conditions arising from the War of 1879. Between 1885 and 1914, Chile placed loans in London and on the Continent for a total principal amount of \$46,662,638 (\$227,983,728) which were offered to the public on an average yield to maturity of approximately 5.04%.

The present total debt of the Republic, including this issue and all guaranteed obligations, aggregates about \$288,000,000, of which approximately \$90,000,000 consists of guaranteed obligations for railroad companies, the

Mortgage Bank, workmen's dwellings, irrigation projects and municipal loans. Government owned properties have an estimated value of approximately \$650,000,000, which is over twice the total debt.

Monetary System.—By legislation enacted last year upon recommendations of a Commission of American experts, the country has established a financial structure providing a stable currency. The peso now has a gold parity equal to \$0.12166 United States currency and is currently quoted at substantially this rate.

The Republic has agreed to make application to list the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. The bonds were offered when, as and if issued and accepted and subject to the approval of counsel. Temporary bonds or interim receipts of the National Bank of Commerce in New York will be deliverable in the first instance. Associated with Hallgarten & Co. and Kessel, Kinnicutt & Co. in the offering were Halsey, Stuart & Co., Incorp.; Lehman Brothers; J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.; Cassatt & Co.; William R. Compton Co.; Continental & Commercial Co., Chicago; The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; Northern Trust Co., Chicago; Guardian Detroit Co., Incorp.; E. H. Rollins & Sons; Bank of Italy, San Francisco; the Canadian Bank of Commerce; Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd.; Edward B. Smith & Co., Merrill, Lynch & Co., and J. G. White & Co., Incorporated. The proposed offering was referred to in our issue of a week ago, page 1948.

Offering of \$2,500,000 Unterelbe Power & Light Co. of Germany.

A. G. Becker & Co., New York offered, Oct. 19 at 99¼ and interest to yield about 7.08% a new issue of \$2,500,000 Unterelbe Power & Light Co., 15-year 7% sinking fund mortgage gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1941. The bonds will be secured by a direct mortgage in the gold mark equivalent of at least the principal amount of bonds outstanding, on properties, exclusive of additions to be made out of the proceeds of this loan, which have been independently appraised at \$5,834,000 or more than 2.3 times the amount of this issue. The entire capital stock of the Unterelbe Power & Light Co. is owned by the City of Altona, Germany situated upon the River Elbe immediately adjoining the City of Hamburg and having a present population of about 185,000. The company is engaged in supplying electric power and light, without competition, to the City of Altona and certain nearby districts and, through a subsidiary, supplies gas and water in this territory, the total population served being approximately 260,000. Proceeds are to be used to finance additions to the company's properties which will be subject to the mortgage securing the bonds. The company's property is not subject to the so-called Dawes Mortgage but the company is obligated, under laws enacted to put the Dawes Plan into effect, to make annual payments which, on the basis of present assessments, are estimated at a maximum of \$35,000 a year. Further details regarding the offering are given in our "Investment News" column of to-day's issue, p. 2142.

Offering of \$2,000,000 City of Chemnitz (Germany) One-Year Gold Note—Books Closed—Oversubscription.

Public offering of participation certificates of a \$2,000,000 City of Chemnitz (Germany) one-year 5½% treasury gold note was made on Oct. 21 by Blair & Co., Inc. The participation certificates were priced at 99½ and accrued interest, to yield 6%. The note is dated Nov. 1 1926 and matures Nov. 1 1927. The note is payable to the order of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York and will be deposited with and held by said bank for the benefit of the holders the participation certificates. It is announced that the books have been closed, an oversubscription being reported. The issue is in denominations of \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (May 1 and Nov. 1), will be payable in U. S. gold coin or of equal to the present standard of weight and fineness, in New York City without deduction for any taxes, present or future, of the German Government, the Saxon State or the city. The proceeds of this treasury note are to be used for additions and improvements to the income producing properties owned by the city (electric and water works, street railways, &c.). Dr. Johannes Huebschmann, Chief Mayor of the City of Chemnitz furnishes information to the following effect:

Direct Obligation.—The treasury note of the City of Chemnitz against which these participation certificates are to be issued is to be the direct and unconditional obligation of the city, which pledges its good faith and credit for the prompt payment of principal and interest, and covenants that as long as the principal or interest of this note remains unpaid, it will not create, issue or guarantee any loan, bond, note or other obligation secured by a lien or charge on any of its assets or revenues or upon any assets or revenues of enterprises owned or controlled by the city, unless this note shall be secured equally and ratably with such loans, obligations or guar-

antees. The issuance of this note has been approved by the Governmental body of the District supervising the municipality (Kreishauptmannschaft), being fully authorized for this purpose by the decision of the District Council (Kreisausschuss) of Oct. 16 1926. The city owns valuable real estate, public buildings and productive enterprises, including water supply, gas and electric systems, the value of which is estimated to be in excess of \$70,000,000. For 1925, the net receipts from the public utility works owned by the city amounted to about \$2,000,000, while for the same year, receipts from leased real estate owned by the city amounted to about \$200,000.

Public Debt.—Exclusive of the present issue, the total funded debt of the city under the revaluation law of July 16 1925, consists of pre-war and post-war bonds aggregating the equivalent of not over \$2,000,000 principal amount.

The city is not directly liable for reparations payments. The maximum annual charges under the Dawes Plan on property owned by the city are estimated not to exceed the equivalent of \$30,000.

Definitive Bonds of City of Dresden External Loan of 1925 Ready for Delivery.

Speyer & Co. announce that the definitive bonds of the City of Dresden twenty-year 7% sinking fund gold bonds external loan of 1925 are now ready for delivery at their office, 24 & 26 Pine Street, New York City, in exchange for and upon surrender of their interim receipts.

Permanent Engraved Bonds of National Bank of Panama Ready for Exchange.

The Trust Company of North America, 93 Liberty St., New York City, as trustee, announces that permanent engraved bonds of the Banco Nacional (Panama) guaranteed, sinking fund, 6½%, twenty-year gold issue, series A, due Jan. 1 1946, with Jan. 1 1927 and subsequent coupons attached, are now ready for exchange for outstanding interim receipts.

Exchange of Duisburg (Germany) Bonds.

Harris, Forbes & Co. announce that the following definitive bonds are now ready to be exchanged for outstanding interim certificates: \$3,000,000 City of Duisburg, Germany, 7% bonds, due serially from Nov. 1 1926 to 1945.

Permanent Bonds of City of Porto Alegre (U. S. of Brazil) Ready.

Permanent bonds are now ready in exchange for interim certificates of City of Porto Alegre (U. S. of Brazil) 40-year 7½% sinking fund gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1966, at the offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago.

Offering of \$500,000 4¼% Bonds of Illinois Midwest Joint Stock Land Bank.

C. F. Childs & Co. are offering at 100 and accrued interest, to yield 4.25%, \$500,000 4¼% farm loan bonds of the Illinois Midwest Joint Stock Land Bank of Edwardsville, Ill. The bonds will be dated Nov. 1 1926, will mature Nov. 1 1956. Principal and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) will be payable at the National City Bank, New York; Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago; First National Bank, St. Louis, and Edwardsville National Bank, Edwardsville, Ill. They are coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000, fully registerable and interchangeable; the bonds will be redeemable at par and accrued interest on Nov. 1 1936, or on any interest date thereafter. They are exempt from all Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, excepting State and inheritance taxes. The Illinois Midwest Joint Stock Land Bank began business in the fall of 1922. The bank, chartered to operate in Illinois and Missouri, loans on farm lands only in Illinois and principally in counties in the middle western and central parts of the State. Dividends have been paid at the rate of 6% per annum since Jan. 1 1925. The following is furnished.

Analysis of Loans as of September 30 1926.

Total loans—729.....	\$5,704,300 00
Installments matured (principal).....	146,311 59
Appraised value of land.....	12,155,412 00
Appraised value of land and buildings.....	14,290,047 00
Average amount loaned per farm.....	\$7,824 83
Average number of acres per farm.....	156
Total acres mortgaged.....	113,561
Average appraised value per acre of land.....	\$107 03
Average appraised value per acre of land and buildings.....	\$125 83
Average amount loaned per acre.....	\$50 23
Percentage of amount loaned to appraised value of land.....	46.93%
Percentage of amount loaned to appraised value of land and buildings.....	39.92%

The capital is \$350,000; surplus and profits, \$40,530; and reserve (legal), \$10,200. Farm Loan bonds outstanding total \$5,145,000.

New State Financing Corporations Proposed by President Coolidge's Cotton Committee in Behalf of Cotton Growers—Two New Members of Committee.

The suggestion that new State financing corporations be formed as a means of aiding in the long-time marketing of this year's cotton crop was made on Oct. 19 by the special Cotton Committee whose appointment by President Coolidge was noted in our issue of Oct. 16, page 1949. Announcement of the committee's suggestions was made in the following statement issued by the committee on Oct. 19:

At conferences yesterday and to-day with a committee representing the cotton co-operative marketing associations of the South, the progress of the co-operative movement, the possibility of enlarging its usefulness in handling the present cotton surplus, which requires a more prolonged marketing period than would be necessary under ordinary conditions when no large surplus exists, and methods of storing and financing a large amount of cotton for a period of 20 months or such less time as may be necessary were fully discussed. The committee reported that the associations handled approximately 1,500,000 bales last year and have the forces and facilities for storing and handling a much larger quantity this year. The Government, through its various agencies, stands ready to lend all possible assistance in furthering the development of the co-operative marketing principle in the present situation.

The President's committee is now considering whether it may not be advisable to bring about the formation, at central points in Southern States, of some additional financing machinery suitable to the present unusual conditions. The committee feels that the organization of State financing corporations which could make advances, discountable at the Federal Intermediate Credit banks, and perhaps at the larger banks in Southern cities, to growers of cotton for a long enough period to permit the careful and orderly marketing of a certain percentage of the crop in each State in relation to the supply as a whole, would be a practical and effective means of supplementing the facilities of existing agencies.

Mr. Meyer reported that investigations during the past few days indicate that the regular machinery for the normal marketing and consumption of cotton is working smoothly. There appears to be no important congestion at the present time. Apparently warehouse facilities have been ample to take care of the movement and storage so far, but to some extent at least the Southern States may properly make plans for storage at interior points, leaving central and port warehouses in better position to take care of contingencies which may arise.

Not only are the Intermediate Credit banks of the Farm Loan System and the Federal Reserve System extending ample facilities for rediscount, but many of the banks in the larger financial centres are extending every facility to their country correspondents in the South and are in no way putting any pressure which would force liquidation or interfere with orderly marketing. The growers themselves must have sufficient confidence in the ultimate value of their commodity to justify them in refraining from dumping it under present conditions, and must recognize that the success of any arrangements that may be made for financing and storing the surplus of the present crop will depend, in large degree, upon the extent to which they adopt a program of gradual, orderly marketing and adjust their next year's acreage to the existing supply and probable consuming demand.

It was agreed by the committee that Mr. Meyer should visit leading points in the South with the view of studying conditions on the ground and conferring with representative men in the various States who are in touch with the growing, warehousing, financing, and marketing of cotton.

Announcement was made at the same time that George R. James, Vice-Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, and Albert C. Williams, Commissioner of the Farm Loan Board, had been added to those previously named as members of the committee, the original members being Secretaries Mellon, Jardine and Hoover and Eugene Meyer Jr., as Chairman.

With the opening in Washington on Oct. 18 of the two-day conference, it was announced in Washington advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce" that the removal of 4,000,000 bales of cotton from the market for a period of 18 months or two years, coupled with a drastic cut in 1927 cotton acreages, and overtures for long-time credits at favorable rates of interest would be features of a plan to be presented to the President's special Cotton Committee by representatives of Southern co-operatives. The dispatch to that paper on Oct. 18 said:

These facts were revealed here to-day following a preliminary conference with representatives of the Memphis gathering and of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange of Memphis.

Secretaries Mellon, Jardine and Hoover and Managing Director Eugene Meyer Jr. of the War Finance Corporation received the views of these men. At a session this morning, B. W. Kilgore of Raleigh, N. C., and Oscar Johnston of Memphis, detailed to Mr. Meyer the events as they transpired at the Memphis meeting, and later these two also attended the general session participated in by John T. Orr of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation, Dallas; J. E. Conwell of Atlanta, President and General Manager of the Georgia Cotton Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association; Chas. G. Henry, President, and Captain J. S. Wilman, director, Arkansas Cotton Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association; Allan Northington, General Manager of the Alabama Farm Bureau Co-operative Association, of Montgomery; L. F. McKay, Memphis, Secretary, and Aaron Shapiro, counsel of the American Cotton Exchange.

Difficulties Arising.

The cotton farmers face two vast difficulties—one comes with the physical size of the crop and the need for additional transportation and storage facilities; the other is the desirability of long term credits at a rate of interest normally applying to short-term credits. The Government can be of great help in this latter particular through the Intermediate Credit banks. It is thought probable that the cotton men would like perhaps as much as \$60,000,000 over and above the \$30,000,000 which the Intermediate Credit banks already have made available. It is pointed out that the services of these facilities have never been availed of to anywhere near the volume of credit obtainable.

It is thought that the credit to be afforded for carrying the 4,000,000 bales of cotton, which are to be withdrawn from the market under the proposa

to-morrow to be presented to the President's committee, will have to be for a period of perhaps two years in part. The stand is taken that to flood the market next season or earlier by dumping this amount of baleage on the market would bring about a condition similar to that now existing.

Withdrawal must be for a definite, as well as a reasonably long period of time, it is maintained. It is pointed out that while there is much talk about the large amount of credit available for handling the cotton crop in its entirety, this credit for the most part is of the short term variety. At 12c. per pound, the cotton to be retired would run close to a quarter of a billion dollars.

In its advices from Washington on the succeeding day (Oct. 19), the same paper said:

A definite plan for financing the retirement of 4,000,000 bales of cotton from the 1926 crop was presented to-day by representatives of the American Cotton Growers, Exchange in concluding a conference, which lasted two days, with the committee appointed by President Coolidge to examine into the cotton difficulties of the South.

Southern capital is to be invited to participate in this plan by the formation of local financing institutions in central points in the South to serve as a guarantor to the Government against loss from a further fall of cotton prices through advances that are to be made by the intermediate credit banks.

Curtailment Vital, Is View.

It was made clear by representatives of the exchange that no definite figures were agreed to by the President's committee, nor was approval given to the proposal that loans to farmers would be made on the basis of an agreement under the terms of which growers would be bound to curtail acreage next year by a given per cent.

The Government is especially precluded under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act from participating in any plan the effect of which would be to increase or decrease commodity prices, but while ostensibly refusing to hear of any such scheme to compel acreage reduction, the members of the President's committee are aware that any scheme to put cotton on its feet again would be futile without some sort of compulsory curtailment of production for next year.

On the basis of statistics in the possession of cotton men, they advanced the idea that the minimum amount of cotton to be retired is 4,000,000 bales. The loan value would be fixed on the basis of the day's quotations on delivery to specified warehouses, with adjustments made in the cotton on account of difference in grade.

Financial Plans Given.

The proposal to the Government then is that the intermediate credit banks shall advance 75% of the money required to finance the holdings of the cotton in retirement, the remaining 25% to be raised by the South and constitute a margin of safety to protect the Government funds to the extent of a 3c. per pound drop, should that occur. That would make available \$60,000,000 of private funds and \$180,000,000 of Government money.

A reduction in acreage of as much as 33 1-3% was discussed. This figure will be advanced to the farmers of the South in the hope that they will agree to a provision in contracts obliging an acreage cut, the hope being that such plan may result in curtailment throughout the cotton belt of at least 25% of the present 48,000,000 acres planted to cotton this year.

The cotton men, following this conference, left Washington for their respective homes to start the work going. Meetings of bankers, growers, shippers and business men will be undertaken in Raleigh, Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis and Dallas, in the order named, at which the plan will be explained more fully. Eugene Meyer, Managing Director, and Floyd R. Harrison, director, of the War Finance Corporation, representing the President's committee, will leave Washington to-morrow night for the points named for the purpose of assisting in the formation of the proposed new financial institutions and paving the way for putting the plan into full operation.

Ship Board to Aid.

A committee of about thirty, representing the American Cotton Shippers' Association, which embraces over 90% of the cotton shippers and producers in the United States, appeared at the Shipping Board to-day at the instance of Secretary Hoover and Secretary Jardine. They were accompanied by Mr. Meyer and urged upon the board the necessity for ships to carry cotton out of the Gulf in view of the present cotton crisis and the shortage of ships with which to carry export cotton.

Chairman O'Connor assured the committee that the board had recently directed that sufficient ships be immediately put in service to move this cotton and that additional ships had already been put into service. Twenty-six ships are now being put into condition by the Shipping Board to be placed immediately in the service to relieve the cotton planter and the shipper, he declared.

Meyer Meeting.

Earlier in the day these representatives of the American Cotton Shippers' Association, an affiliation of the Texas Cotton Association, Arkansas Trade Association, the Atlantic Cotton Association, Gulf Cotton Association, Arizona Cotton Association, Oklahoma Cotton Exchange and the Southern Cotton Shippers' Association met with Mr. Meyer for the purpose of advising him of the work done at the New Orleans meeting a week ago.

The cotton men tendered to Mr. Meyer and the other members of the President's committee the co-operation of the organizations they represent and particularly stressed to Mr. Meyer the importance of having the co-operation of the Washington Government in every intelligent move that can be made to bring about a reduction in the cotton acreage for the coming crop, bringing out the greatest influence that can be exerted by the Federal Reserve System in this regard.

The "United States Daily" on Oct. 20 said:

The visiting committee of the American Cotton Shippers' Association reported the results of a conference held in New Orleans on Oct. 11. It was stated that this meeting went on record as unanimously endorsing the following points:

- "1. Cotton at the present level is below the cost of production.
- "2. This being the case it is a safe commodity for investment.
- "3. Spinners may now well be urged to anticipate their requirements not only for the present season but for at least a portion of the season 1927-1928, and even periods beyond in view of the acreage reduction for the next crop and uncertainty of the growing season.
- "4. There is an abundance of money available through the banking institutions for liberal advances on cotton at the present prices, and the banks of the South are urged to so inform the cotton producers and merchants.

Counselling Suggested.

- "5. The above being the case the farmer should be counselled:
 - "(a) To go ahead with the harvesting of his crop before the elements damage the quality;

"(b) but to sell as little as possible at the present level, store the remainder in a dry place and hold for better prices;

"(c) also to make a very substantial reduction in cotton acreage for next year.

"6. Also that banks be urged, in making advances to producers on this crop and for producing the next crop, to do so contingent upon the borrower making a substantial reduction in acreage."

In view of the appointment of the President's Cotton Committee, the New Orleans meeting authorized its committee to arrange the present meeting for the purpose of reviewing the action taken at New Orleans, and to tender the services and co-operation of the organizations represented at the New Orleans meeting.

Co-operation Sought.

The New Orleans committee, it was stated, was instructed to particularly stress to the President's committee "the importance of having the co-operation of Washington in every intelligent move that can be made to bring about a reduction in the cotton acreage for the coming crop, bringing out the great influence that can be exerted by the Federal Reserve System in this regard." It also was instructed "incidentally to discuss other matters relating to the general subject of cotton in its present unfortunate position."

At Raleigh (N. C.) on Oct. 21 Mr. Meyer suggested the formation of a \$1,000,000 finance corporation to the North Carolina Bankers Association as one means of aiding the cotton situation. The corporation would be capable of holding, through assistance of cotton co-operative associations, approximately 300,000 bales of cotton from the market. It is said that shortly after the suggestion was presented the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association offered to co-operate with the Bankers' Association in carrying out the proposal.

Yesterday (Oct. 22) Associated Press advices from Columbia, S. C., said:

The Federal Intermediate Credit banks are prepared to advance \$200,000,000 if necessary to meet the present cotton price situation, Eugene Meyer, Chairman of President Coolidge's cotton committee, said upon his arrival here to-day on a tour of the cotton belt.

In a statement issued before he went into a conference with cotton men and bankers of South Carolina, Mr. Meyer warned the South not to become panicky over the cotton crop report to be issued by the Department of Agriculture on Monday. Regardless of what the report may show, he said, the storage and financial resources of the country are ample to take care of the surplus and market it at fair prices, provided the people keep their heads.

G. H. Milliken Offers Services to Eugene Meyer in Behalf of Cotton Growers—Manufacturers Desirous of Aiding in Relief.

Gerrish H. Milliken, President of Deering Milliken & Co., which sells the output of more than 900,000 cotton spindles, on Oct. 21 addressed the following letter to Eugene Meyer, Jr., Chairman of President Coolidge's special cotton committee, advising him that cotton manufacturers are anxious to do everything in their power to aid the profitable production of cotton in the South. Mr. Milliken is also Treasurer of the Cotton-Textile Institute, a director of the National City Bank and President or director of many textile mills in both the North and South. The letter follows:

My dear Mr. Meyer: It is of much interest to me, as it must be to all interested in the use of cotton, that you have accepted the chairmanship of the President's special committee, the purpose of which, I understand, is to aid in the orderly marketing of this year's extraordinary crop. I am sure you will find that cotton manufacturers, cotton textile merchants and all who are engaged in the cotton textile industry, will co-operate with you to the fullest extent.

The ability of the cotton grower to obtain an adequate price for his product concerns the cotton manufacturer just as vitally as it does the farmer himself and any sound measures which benefit the grower must necessarily also be helpful as well to those who manufacture and market cotton goods.

It is a very great mistake for any one to assume that the interests of the cotton manufacturer and those of the cotton grower in the price of raw cotton are antagonistic. They are mutual to an extent that is not generally realized. As a matter of fact one of the primary considerations which resulted in the formation of the Cotton-Textile Institute was the desire of the cotton manufacturer to bring about a better understanding of the mutual problems of the cotton producer and cotton consumer.

American cotton mills are dependent upon Southern fields for practically their entire supply of raw material, so it should be perfectly evident that the manufacturer of cotton goods is anxious to do everything in his power to aid the profitable production of cotton in the South in order that he may have a steady and unflinching source of raw material.

Another reason for the cotton manufacturer's desire that the cotton farmer raise a profitable crop, is the fact that cotton represents a greater proportion of our national purchasing power than almost anything else produced by the American farmer, and the products of the cotton manufacturer cannot be sold at a profitable price if so large a section of the country as that represented by the growing of cotton, is suffering financially.

Any curtailment of the prosperity of the cotton farmer is reflected first and most seriously in the cotton textile industry. Cotton so cheap that it involves an actual financial loss to cotton growers, is a detriment to cotton manufacturing. What the cotton manufacturer needs is a steady supply of cotton at a price which will show a profit to the farmer, not the kind of supply which has been in evidence for the last four or five years, namely very short and very large crops at abnormally high or abnormally low prices.

As I have already stated, I believe you will find the cotton manufacturers most desirous of lending their assistance in every way that will help the orderly marketing of the cotton crop, as the lasting prosperity of the textile industry is dependent on the prosperity of the farmer and the consumer of cotton in its finished state.

Please feel free to call upon me whenever you think that I can be of any service.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) GERRISH H. MILLIKEN.

J. W. Jay, of New York Cotton Exchange, After Meeting with President Coolidge's Committee, Says All Branches of Government Are Striving to Help Cotton Farmer.

Following a visit to Washington, where with other cotton interests he conferred with the special committee named by President Coolidge to consider the cotton situation, John W. Jay, Vice-President of the New York Cotton Exchange, issued the following statement on Oct. 20:

A committee from the New York Cotton Exchange, consisting of Mr. J. Lawrence Watkins Jr., Thomas F. Cahill and myself, and representatives of the American cotton shippers and affiliated associations, who handle about 93% of the American cotton crop, met by appointment in Washington Tuesday with Mr. Eugene Meyer, Chairman, and Secretaries Mellon, Hoover and Jardine of the special cotton committee appointed by President Coolidge. The special committee at this time is considering plans to effect a retirement of 4,000,000 bales of cotton from the market for a considerable period. Their present view seems to be that this can best be done through the different associations with the assistance of all branches of the cotton business, bankers and Federal agents. The Government will arrange for the lending of funds on cotton properly warehoused and protected. Any properly constituted body may borrow such funds on long time at a low rate of interest to the extent of ten times its capital. Farmers will be encouraged to market in an orderly manner and pressure will be brought to bear to reduce next season acreage. Chairman Meyer intends to visit at once the principal Southern cities to get the movement under way.

Chairman Meyer accompanied the committee to the Shipping Board, where Chairman O'Connor of the Board stated that every available dock, including the navy yards, were working full 24-hour shifts to condition ships to replace British bottoms that had been withdrawn from the cotton and grain trade for coal carrying.

My personal conclusion is that the special committee, all Government officers, bankers and all departments of the cotton trade are earnestly striving by every means within their power to help the cotton farmer obtain the best possible price for his commodity. Cotton is unquestionably selling below the cost of production and must in time react upwards, which time can be hastened by the restoration of confidence and orderly marketing. My view is that every lock of cotton should be picked and properly stored. Property once created should never be destroyed because it is selling below the cost of production. Time alone will correct a condition of that kind. Of course, the success of any movement in the direction of mitigating existing emergency conditions depends upon a small cotton crop in 1927, which in turn rests in the hands of the farmer through acreage curtailment.

Expansion of Chicago Cotton Futures Market.

Expansion of the Chicago cotton futures market has been in progress for the past few months, and the volume of trading for October will far surpass that of any previous month, according to Samuel P. Arnot, Chairman of the Cotton Committee of the Chicago Board of Trade. Mr. Arnot says:

As an indication of the market's remarkable growth, index numbers on trading recently were prepared. The volume for June was given as 24, the volume for July as 172, for August 306 and for September 424. It is safe to say that October's volume will be more than double that of September. When this Exchange was granted its broad charter in 1849, trading was permitted in all agricultural products. But the cotton market was not created until an economic need became apparent, and the extent of this need is now indicated by the exceptional expansion. Chicago now takes its place beside the other two great American cotton markets.

New York, the oldest and largest market, is not a natural point of concentration. But that market recently decided to spend \$5,000,000 for modern warehouses in order to function properly. Chicago's contract provides delivery at Houston and Galveston, where vast warehouse facilities are available without much expense to the Board of Trade, facilities far superior to anything New York can hope to have.

The surprising growth of the Chicago cotton market is due in largest measure to its attractive contract. Houston and Galveston delivery mean that the cotton is available at the world's greatest spot cotton basin. It is the point of concentration of over half of the export surplus.

States east of the Mississippi produced 2,467,000 bales of cotton in 1873, nearly all being shipped north or exported. Half a century later, or in 1923, production totaled 4,369,000 bales. And Southern mills consumed all but 360,000 bales, which were shipped North or exported. Back in 1873 States west of the Mississippi produced 1,473,000 bales. Half a century later production totaled 5,570,000 bales. The bulk of the huge crop west of the Mississippi is exported through Galveston and Houston, the delivery point on Chicago contract, and the supply far exceeds that at any point in any land. Thus the importance of the Chicago market's contract may be easily visualized.

Cotton is America's biggest money crop. Except for that crop our trade balance would have been on the red side for many years. For three years prior to last year the volume of exported cotton represented 58% of the value of our agricultural exports, which include wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, hogs and hog products, and cattle and cattle products. The cotton crop in recent years has had a value of about a million and a half, practically half of which has been sold for export, bringing to this country \$750,000,000 from foreign consumers. Every pound of cotton moves into commercial channels. So dealers must have hedging privileges. With half the crop going for export, it means hedging two or three times as compared with that portion of the crop used at home. Hence there is great need for adequate futures trading facilities, and the facilities for futures trading and hedging at Chicago have proved exceptionally attractive to the cotton trade. This accounts for the market's recent growth, which has forged a commercial link between the Chicago district and the great Southwest.

The Chicago Board of Trade is the world's largest grain market and the largest and oldest provision market. Chicago quotations are looked upon as the real representation of values the world over in nearly all farm products. This market is now rapidly taking its place in the world of cotton.

B. L. Layton Found Guilty of Violating Georgia Law Prohibiting Dealing in Cotton Futures on Margin.

The following Associated Press advices from Atlanta, Ga., yesterday (Oct. 22) appeared in the "Sun":

B. L. Layton, representing the cotton brokerage firm of Fenner & Beane, was found guilty to-day of violating the Georgia Securities Law, which prohibits dealing in cotton futures on margin, and was sentenced by Judge John D. Humphries of the Fulton Superior Court to pay a fine of \$1,000 and serve twelve months in jail.

The trial was in the nature of a test case of the Georgia law. The jury returned the verdict after several hours' deliberation.

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.

- Oct. 18—Renewal, 5%; high, 5%; low, 4½%; last, 4½%. Remarks: Turnover, average proportion. Free offerings brought about lowering of rate to 4½%.
- Oct. 19—Renewal, 4½%; high, 4½%; low, 4½%; last, 4½%. Remarks: Light demand. Ample supply all day and at close, with reports of small loans outside below the market.
- Oct. 20—Renewal, 4½%; high, 4½%; low, 4½%; last, 4½%. Remarks: Volume moderate, with offerings freely made at the renewal rate.
- Oct. 21—Renewal, 4½%; high, 4½%; low, 4%; last, 4%. Remarks: Light turnover. Money in supply at close at 4%.
- Oct. 22—Renewal, 4½%; high, 4½%; low, 4½%; last, 4½%. Remarks: Quiet day. Sufficient offerings for all requirements, with money over at close.

Statements of previous weeks have appeared weekly in our issues since July 10: last week's statement will be found on page 1949 of our issue of a week ago.

Failed Firm of W. A. Gove & Co. Offer 20% to Creditors.

W. A. Gove & Co. of 50 Congress St., Boston, which was petitioned into bankruptcy, on Sept. 29, on Oct. 11 filed a schedule in the Federal Court of Boston, showing liabilities of \$70,015 and assets of \$10,545, and made a composition offer of 20% of its creditors, according to the Boston "Herald" of Oct. 12. The composition offers 10% and 10% notes payable in one year, it was stated.

Meeting of Sauk County (Wis.) Bankers' Association.

At the fall meeting of the Sauk County Bankers' Association, Baraboo, Wis., on the evening of Oct. 12, there were one hundred bankers and their wives and guests present. The three speakers for the evening were: A. M. DeVoursney, Manager of the Protective Department of the W. B. A., spoke on organizing the county under the "Vigilante Plan." J. W. Jackson of Madison, a member of the W. B. A. Agricultural Committee discussed the subject, "Relation of the Banker to the Farmer." S. Edwin Earle, President of the Northern Bank Note Co., gave the motion picture lecture, "What Price Checks," which depicts the manufacturing of bank checks, commercial stationery and securities by lithography. E. R. Anderson, the Northern Bank Note Co.'s representative in Milwaukee, assisted.

Payment of \$151,000,000 Oct. 15 in Interest on Liberty Loan and Treasury Bonds.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued the following notice Oct. 13:

On Friday, Oct. 15, approximately \$151,000,000 in interest will be payable by the Government on the following obligations:

Fourth Liberty Loan, 4¼% bonds of 1933-38.....	Rate. 4¼%
Treasury bonds, 4¼% bonds of 1947-52.....	4¼%

Of the above total of \$151,000,000, about \$54,000,000 is payable at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Interest on registered bonds is paid by check by the Treasury in Washington and mailed to the owners of bonds. Coupons due on Oct. 15 may now be sent to the Coupon Collection Division of the Federal Reserve Bank, which is prepared to receive them.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon Says Enactment of McFadden Branch Banking Bill is of Interest to Farmer as to Banker Because of Loaning Provision.

Following a conference on Oct. 18 with a Memphis delegation of bankers and representatives of cotton growers, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon issued a statement in which he expressed the hope that the differences between the two houses of Congress on the McFadden Branch Banking Bill would be ironed out shortly after Congress reconvenes in December, and the legislation passed. Secretary Mellon called attention to the fact that larger loans on readily marketable agricultural products will be possible under the new legislation. Referring to the meeting and what Secretary Mellon had to say, the New York "Journal of Commerce" said in part.

At the morning meeting there was considerable discussion as to how the farmers could be aided through the passage by Congress of the McFadden national bank bill with its broadened credit features.

The opportunity presented itself for bringing to the attention of the cotton industry that the passage of the measure by Congress would be very helpful to its members.

It was pointed out that this bill cannot possibly become a law for several months yet, but Secretary Mellon expressed the opinion that if there appeared to be sufficient support back of the bill to insure the adoption of the conference report when Congress reconvenes that fact would have great influence upon the cotton situation.

Secretary Favors Bill.

The bill was later discussed by Secretary Mellon in a formal statement, as follows:

"It is not perhaps generally known that the McFadden Banking Bill, which has passed both Houses of Congress and is now pending in conference owing to differences of view on some questions, may be an important factor in the successful handling of the cotton situation. For a number of years the co-operative cotton marketing organizations and many cotton planters have had difficulty in securing adequate accommodations from their local banks.

"It was largely in response to the recommendations made by them and their banks to Congress that Section 10 was inserted in the banking bill, which would permit national banks to make larger loans upon such readily marketable agricultural products as cotton, grain and the like. The law, as it stands to-day, prohibits any national bank from lending upon such security to a single customer an amount in excess of 25% of the bank's capital and surplus.

"Section 10 of the proposed banking bill doubles this limit. It is hoped that the differences between the two houses of Congress can be ironed out shortly after Congress reconvenes in December and the banking legislation passed. This is important to the farmer as well as to the national banker."

Judge Elbert H. Gary's Remarks Before American Iron and Steel Institute—Satisfactory Business Outlook—Possibility as to International Steel Agreement.

Judge Elbert H. Gary, in addressing as President the semi-annual meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute at the Hotel Commodore, this city, yesterday (Oct. 22) used for his theme "Friendly Co-operation," referring to the recent historic occasion of the German Republic's entry into the League of Nations, when addresses were made by Briand and Stresemann, he said.

They were frank, sincere and eloquent in language, and lofty in sentiment. They will always stand out in history as worthy of the highest commendation by intelligent and fair-minded people. By the language of these addresses, Briand and Stresemann pledged their respective countries to forever pursue the paths of peace.

He bespoke the application of the same principle of friendly co-operation in personal business relations, and in part said:

At times it has appeared to be the belief of some of the manufacturers of iron and steel that they were justified in going outside of their natural territory and, by cutting the prices as advertised in the trade journals, obtaining an order for goods on the ground that there was and could be no promise or rule to the contrary, and that a man selling goods should go no further than to consider whether a single order would permit of a profit to himself. This is a much mistaken notion when one considers the final result and influence upon his business. If a man endeavors to conceal his action, supposing that it will not be discovered by the competitors, he is generally mistaken, for in one way or another the truth is exposed. Everyone who listens at this time knows, by actual practice, the statement made is justified by the facts. For proof of what has been asserted, reference need only be made to the individual experiences of those who are present. If one producer is unfairly treated by another, he will generally, sooner or later, treat the one who has been unfair in the same way, and eventually the influence of the action of both extends to others, until often a situation is produced which will be very harmful to the whole trade. If everyone present will adhere to the proper practice, as heretofore in these remarks suggested, continual and continuous profits will be realized, a spirit of friendship will be maintained, and peace of mind and soul will be an additional recompense to all of us.

Reference was made in his speech to the anticipated competition of iron and steel manufacturers here and abroad, his remarks on this point being as follows:

We have heard recently of considerable discussion relating to anticipated competition between the iron and steel manufacturers of the United States and their foreign competitors; but it is believed that should it become necessary an international conference would be held between all these interests, and a full, open discussion indulged in, after which a fair understanding could be reached. Of course, no agreement between the different interests relating to prices could legally be entered into without the sanction of our law administrators. But if the necessity arose, it is thought the approval of the public authorities of this country, if they were fully informed and permitted to express opinions on the subject, might be obtained.

Conferences, open discussions and reasonable bases for maintaining peace and prosperity in business matters have become popular and desirable all over the world. It is not too optimistic to assert that a platform of peace and prosperity could and will be adopted, and if so would be adhered to. Briand and Stresemann built better than they knew. Let us do our part, up to the limit of our right and opportunity.

Regarding the business outlook, Judge Gary said:

On the basis of the volume of business now being secured by the United States Steel Corp., the industry as a whole at the present time is entering new orders for approximately 80% of its normal capacity. This, when all things are considered, should be viewed as quite satisfactory. If the industry could be guaranteed continuous operations equal to 80% of capacity, it would result in fairly economical costs and reasonably profitable returns.

There appear to be no clouds on the business horizon which indicate the demand for steel products in the aggregate will be substantially reduced in the near future, although necessarily in a matter of this kind the perspective must be limited as to period of time. While the earnings results for the quarter ending Sept. 30 have not yet been fully made up, we believe they will for the industry as a whole be fully as good as they were for the preceding quarter, which were quite satisfactory.

The crop reports as we have them indicate the production this year will be nearly as large as in 1925, which was a bountiful year. Of course, in some particular products or in some sections of the country, this may not be the case. But viewed in the aggregate and for the entire country, it is believed it will. And it is the general total of all which in the end influences comparative business conditions.

Money is plentiful, the amount in circulation being about \$43 per capita and ample to care for all business. Collections are satisfactory, indicating the soundness of the credit situation. There is sufficient labor to meet all demands and, we think, should be and is entirely satisfied both with rates of pay and conditions of employment.

We sometimes think unfavorable statements published concerning the trend of business are either pure surmises or put out for ulterior purposes, political or otherwise. One thing we know positively, namely that the Administration at Washington is reasonable and fair towards all business and all interests; and we have reason to believe that the majority in Congress will support the policies and good work the President has inaugurated from time to time and performed to the satisfaction of the people generally.

So far as the question of import tariffs is concerned, we believe no legislation will be attempted, and certainly none passed, which will be really harmful to the business of the country. While there will be continued competition in the steel industry by foreign producers, we think from the statements they make there is no reason to feel they will seriously interfere with production of the United States.

On the whole, there appears to be plenty of business in hand and prospective, and sufficient funds and credit to do it with, to maintain the very favorable volume of production at reasonable profit which has prevailed for the past year. Therefore, we have faith in the future.

C. M. Schwab Says Steel Production Will Reach 50,000,000 Tons This Year—President Coolidge's Praise of Mr. Schwab.

Production of steel in the United States this year will break all records, Charles M. Schwab, Chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel Co. said in an oral statement made at the White House, Oct. 18, following a talk with President Coolidge. From the "United States Daily" (the authority for this) we also take the following.

"The steel industry marches steadily on," explained Mr. Schwab, "and I foresee a production of 50,000,000 tons this year. It will be remembered that folks laughed at me a few years back when I predicted 15,000,000 tons and then 25,000,000 tons. Why I believe that we can go right ahead until we double even this stupendous figure.

"I have read articles recently that big business is beginning to feel a little uneasy about the prospect of continuance of the prosperity boom, but I can only speak for my own business. The steel mills continue to operate at maximum capacity, and I see no signs of a break."

Mr. Schwab said that in his opinion, Eugene Grace, President of the Bethlehem concern, had summed up the situation in a recent article in which the opinion was expressed that from now on the country would never again face prolonged periods of depression.

According to a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" President Coolidge paid tribute on Oct. 19 to Mr. Schwab, singling out the Chairman of the Board of the Bethlehem Steel Co. as a striking example of the opportunities offered to industry and ability in this country. The "Times" account says.

Mr. Schwab called on President Coolidge yesterday to talk about business conditions. Incidentally, he said that the American steel industry had enjoyed more prosperity this year than during the World War.

The President remarked to-day that when he saw Mr. Schwab he could not help thinking what the steel man had made of himself, beginning as he did with no property and only meagre opportunities and rising to be a captain of industry, ranking among the greatest in the world.

Mr. Coolidge also recalled that Mr. Schwab had not only cited the evidences of prosperity in the steel business but had expressed the opinion that business in general was good and would continue so for years.

One reason for the present prosperity, in the opinion of the President, was the increase in the productivity of the American workman, shown by figures prepared by the Labor Department and made public to-day by Mr. Coolidge.

This increased productivity, the President thought, had given American skilled labor higher wages and permitted the producer to sell his output in competition with countries abroad where wages and living standards were lower than in this country.

Compared with 1914, when the sale was 100, the President gave figures to show the increased productivity of the American workman in 1925. In the automobile industry it was 310 greater than in 1914; in the petroleum, 177 greater; in cement, 158; in iron, and steel, 150; in paper and pulp, 133; in rubber tires and coke (for 1923), 154, and in timber output 106 greater.

This increase in productivity since the outbreak of the World War, the President regarded as the foundation for the increase in wages since 1914. Without it, the American workman would not be enjoying his present high wages and standard of living, he thought.

Myron T. Herrick Ambassador to France Before Bond Club of New York Urges Patience with France—United States and the League.

Myron T. Herrick, United States Ambassador to France, was the guest of honor at a luncheon meeting of the Bond Club of New York held at the Bankers' Club on Thursday last Oct. 21. Ambassador Herrick said that however much we may be criticised abroad "that there is a profound respect at the bottom for our ideals and purposes." He declared his "faith in France to the end" and urged that "we keep our heads and let us carry through with this." "Let us" he said, "face the future sure that we have the capacity, ability and good sense to keep level with all the nations of the world." Mr. Herrick in addressing the meeting referred to the fact that he had sat for more than five years in the Council of Ambassadors; while not attempting to criticise the League of Nations, he said that "in these over five years, there has not been more than 1% of the questions that are brought before that Council of the League of Nations that relate to us," and "that had we been obliged to vote on every instance that arose there, we would have entangled

ourselves in something that would have made it far more unpleasant than any of the unpleasantness that exists to-day."

In introducing the Ambassador, Medley G. B. Whelpley, President of the club, said:

The opportunity of having you with us for this brief hour is a two-fold privilege. As citizens, we have come to regard you as a far-visions statesman, and yet all of us here know you to be as well an extraordinarily able and successful banker.

Indeed, it is likely that our guest's unusual effectiveness in public life has been materially enhanced by his continuous participation in business activities.

Throughout the length and breadth of all his associations the Ambassador has carried the reputation of one most graciously versed in the amenities of life, and withal he has accumulated a most distinguished list of honors. I dare say the Ambassador could not recount them all. For many years he has been an officer of the Cleveland Society for Savings, where he began in 1886 as Secretary-Treasurer. After serving for 27 years as President, he became in 1921 Chairman of the Board. He has been President of the American Bankers Association and was the first President of the Savings Bank Section of that Association. He continues to serve on the boards of several of our leading industrial corporations and life insurance companies.

In the field of public service he has found time to serve as a member of the City Council of Cleveland, was six times delegate to the Republican National Convention, was a Presidential Elector, a member of the staff of President McKinley when he was Governor of Ohio, and was Governor of the State of Ohio himself from 1903 to 1906.

In 1912 he was first appointed Ambassador to France, remaining in that capacity until 1914. Again in 1921 he was appointed Ambassador to France (1921 to date) and holds that post to-day.

During the war his work in France was indeed great. He established the American Ambulance Hospital at Neuilly, organized the American Relief Clearing House at Paris, and its counterpart in America; he became Chairman of the American Committee for Devastated France, Chairman of the Executive Committee of America's Gift to France; Chairman of the American Agencies for Relief in France, Chairman of the War Camp Community Service and Mayor's War Relief Commission in Cleveland.

In recognition of his great work France conferred upon him the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

No more significant recognition has come, however, than the great personal popularity he enjoys among all classes of the French people. Representing American interests and defending American rights, he has given us a magnificent example of serving loyally his own country and yet winning and holding permanently the friendship of another people.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Honorable Myron T. Herrick, this representative American who has done so much for America, both at home and abroad.

Mr. Herrick's address follows in part.

Really, the fact that one has been in the banking business and understands something of the fundamental structure of society, the foundation upon which it is built, is a help even if you are an ambassador. I have thought in these days, when I have been over there—and I have been sitting on the Council of Ambassadors for upward of six years now, where all the questions come up which go to the League of Nations, as an observer—I have had my eyes opened a bit about it. I am going to tell you just a little about it, not so much as to do any harm.

One of the things that I have determined in these four or five years is this—and one of the things, if I had to do it, the last five years that we passed over, heartbreaking five years, I would do it in another way, and I will tell you why: In the first place, we bankers—of course, when we say "we" it is we that are really at the bottom of most things, and I believe it is true. I do not believe you can build structures, nationally or internationally, that are not sound economically. It is the foundation upon which the superstructure of governments and everything must be built. I say this in regard to that: That, first, in my opinion, we should have safeguarded the finances, stabilized if possible the economic structure of this country, before we began to build the structures in the air. I do not believe that political organizations, strictly political, can combine nations, can bring them together for practical working without first they build the foundation. I do not think we would have had so much trouble if we had given our first attention to this. I do not criticize, gentlemen, I am not meaning to, but I will say this: With the contacts that I have had with the bankers, the statesmen and the people of the world, and with the great problems confronted—and when I look and stand before them all, I feel like a child without knowledge, and I swear I don't believe that any of us see very far through it yet. But I am full of hope and full of optimism, and gradually I can see the light coming.

But can it be possible in this day and age in the world that twenty-five million people should have been killed, that we could have gone on the next day and reconstructed the world? I am inclined to think it was necessary for us to go through all this turmoil, to go through all the trouble and agony and anguish that we have, in order to come finally to an understanding of what is necessary, to understand ourselves. I feel that that is true of Europe, and I feel it is true of America.

Now, this matter about the Council of Ambassadors: As I say, I want to tell you a little, but nothing that will hurt, and it is this:

Before the war, there was a league called a League to Enforce Peace. Here is one of the high priests [pointing to Thomas W. Lamont]. I was a member of it, Mr. Lowell, Mr. Taft, and a good many others. We had an idea, an aspiration, and a high purpose. We did a number of things in the way of study, of advice, and things of that sort, and from that I think I may say authoritatively came the idea of the League of Nations promulgated by President Wilson. And yet, when President Wilson came back with his League to be ratified, because I was associated with that, I was asked to go along with the prominent gentlemen across this State and speak for the ratification. I was quiet inclined to do it, really, because of my education with these gentlemen and my own feelings, and aspirations, about it, but I said this "I feel that I would like to do it if I might make some reservations myself in the speeches I make, and those reservations that I would like to make would be these: I do not believe that we should ratify an agreement which violates our Constitution without some reservations—somewhat in the attitude of some of my friends on the other side—make some reservations; if I can say as I go and speak that I believe we should ratify just as it stands to-day provided we give notice to the world that asks us to ratify that just as soon as we get the economic structure raised, the foundation laid, we shall either withdraw or we shall ask for a recognition of that provision in our Constitution known as Article X. If I am permitted to go and say that, I would be pleased to go, because I feel it is so important that we settle down again to business in the world. But I feel that the economic situation is so perilous, that that is the foundation on which we should build."

I was in New York, and I got a telephone the next day, and I told them that I had thought it over that night, and that I had better stay home, or words to that effect. I said I would be polite about it. But it did not go. So I went over to France with that idea in my mind.

I tell you, gentlemen, I have sat for more than five years in the Council of Ambassadors, and my eyes are opened on this point. I am not attempting to criticize in any sense the League of Nations. I am simply an observer, and therefore silent. But I do feel, being a member of the organization to enforce peace and full of the ideas that are in the League of Nations, I do say this: that in these over five years, there has not been more than one per cent of the questions that are brought before that Council of the League of Nations that relate to us, and that has been a tremendous surprise to me. I have had this feeling. I want to say it is true that the result would be different, but I have had this feeling during the five years or more: That had we been obliged to vote on every instance that arose there, we would have entangled ourselves in something that would have made it far more unpleasant than any of the unpleasantness that exists to-day. That is my feeling in regard to it.

I feel another thing: That I have learned in sitting there that whatever Europe may say about us, however we may be criticized, however we may be cartooned, I believe, as the experience of this contact through these years, that there is a profound respect at the bottom for our ideals and purposes. I believe it—a profound respect. They know we did not ask any territory, they know that America wants nothing of Europe but fair dealing. I believe that moral authority which exists to-day in the United States, if we handle it properly, is a power far beyond our comprehension. It reaches to the outermost ends of the earth, and it is simply a question of preserving, safeguarding and becoming intelligent administrators of that power.

I say to you young gentlemen that I believe you are a rather better type than the young men of my own age, I really do, in some respects—I do not want to say in too many. But I do want to say this: In the meetings of twenty-five years ago, when we came together, we were thinking mostly of ourselves, we were thinking mostly of material things. I think to-day, I believe it is true in politics, we have got seven or eight of the fine young men in Cleveland in politics, Legislatures, and everywhere, that did not exist before. I believe that when the young gentlemen here who represent this Bond Association come together, that it is different from our day in this respect: That you feel that you owe a responsibility for the good of your community, and the advance of it, and the general welfare, that we did not think much about. I believe you are much better in that respect, because I say to you now that unless we in America from now on take concern in our Government, unless we do what our forefathers did, place above us obligation to our country, the good of mankind generally, a consistent care of the other fellow's rights, we are not going to get very far as a Government; we are not going to be able to exercise that moral authority which will all but rule the world—and I say "rule" it in a decent sort of way. That is the only way we want it to be done.

You think in international terms, as we did not think at all, and you are trying to understand other peoples. Here is France. They do not understand us very well, and we do not understand them very well. I would like to say this, and I would like to say it because they have treated me just as this young man has in his speech—they have been awfully good to me. I will say this, that there is something in two thousand years of civilized living, gentlemen, that is ineffably fine. It may take something out of mankind, but I say that it puts something in that is fine and beautiful. Why, gentlemen, have you seen the French soldier before the war, the little fellow with the red pants and the whiskers who we did not think would get anywhere, whom we did not take seriously. Have you seen him marching in those armies, marching to the music of the Marseillaise. It gives you something of an inspiration, something that represents a purpose, and a people that is sublime and beautiful. They are wonderful people.

We have our characteristics that are not altogether beautiful; so has any nation. But I say, above all else, what we need between each other is understanding. We had that understanding at the beginning of this nation, and for God's sake don't let us forget it, whatever may be said. Let us keep it always in mind, what may be said to-day, what may be said to-morrow that is irritating, but patience, patience; a patience that "passeth all understanding" is ours to have, ours to possess. Don't let us be temperamental; don't let us be cross and mean. Why, my God, men, what would we do if six million of our young men were dead and we were in difficulties with our credit. How would we hold ourselves. Would we keep our tempers always.

Remember these things; remember that, after all, there is a future in which we have got to live with the other nations; we have a future to live together, a future where we will be in closer contact than we are to-day. Let us always keep it in mind. We are going to be in closer contact than we have ever been before.

I tell you, I would be willing—I will ask you, that is a better way to put it, then nobody will say anything about it—I will ask you, what do you think would happen if the nations that are all our debtors, who would like to have us wipe the slate clean, what would happen—it is not going to, because what we ask is fair, it is not going to happen—but supposing we asked them, "When you settled this debt, you all ought to have gotten together as debtors and made another arrangement, because it was an arrangement relating to all Europe, you should have gotten together and done that, instead of settling separately." Supposing it should happen that Europe—I am speaking of my faith in nations in this respect, mind you—if we said to them to-day, "Come together now, and tell us what you think you ought to pay us"; think you that those nations, thinking of the future and the agreements they have to make between themselves, and, mind you, they must make it together—think you they would say to us, "We don't owe you anything"? No. I say, national honor, national aspiration, self-interest, the future, the knowledge that we deal together—Europe would not do that. I do not believe it. I have faith in the future.

I have faith in France, no end. France has shown herself in war what she is, and I believe that in peace—and I do not complain of the years that elapsed—I believe that in peace she is going to show what she is. She is going to react on all those fundamental virtues that made a great nation.

I have seen this several times, and I always stop to look: I see a group of little boys going to school, a French teacher at the head. I see the Frenchmen stop on the streets and look at those boys, men and women. Those little chaps don't know what they are thinking about. They are thinking not only about the past, but the future of France. They are a proud people, impatient, if you please,—we are impatient, all peoples are impatient.

Let us keep our heads and let us carry through with this. Let us understand, you bankers, that you are now a creditor nation. We did not seek it; it has come to us. But it is the biggest thing in all the history of our country to us. Are we going to think of our opportunities or our obligations. Let us consider that the obligation is the greater thing, and let us face the future sure that we have the capacity, ability and good sense to keep level with all the nations of the world. That one great force—the Dawes Plan would not have been made without it. Germany did not especially like

the Dawes Plan, neither did France or England, but America's business men and bankers suggested it, and it was created, the first progressive step toward financial stabilization.

So I say, if we keep our heads, if we only comprehend what we are, if we are only modest, fair and decent, and accord to others what we should do, always good-natured, always with a smile, the power and the glory of the United States will live forever.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

Four New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week as follows: That of George C. Thomas to Richard E. Boesel; that of Sidney B. Curtis to Louis P. Roeker; that of Walter C. Loucheim, Jr., to Edward Klauber, and that of Robert H. Childs to Frederick H. Mindermann. The consideration in each case was stated to be \$140,000. The last preceding sale was for \$150,000. The membership of Arthur L. Warthen, Jr., was reported sold to Charles F. Zeltner this last mentioned, being a partnership transfer.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has denied motion of National Liberty Insurance Co. to permit appeal to the Court of Appeals in its case contesting the validity of the Bank of America's voting trust agreement, says the "Wall Street Journal" of yesterday (Oct. 22). Unanimous decision of the Appellate Division, Supreme Court, holding the voting trust valid, therefore, is maintained.

Lewis B. Gawtry has been elected President of the Bank for Savings of this city, succeeding Walter Trimble, whose death was referred to in our issue of Sept. 25, page 1589. Mr. Gawtry became a trustee of the bank in 1903 and was elected First Vice-President in 1920. John Y. G. Walker has been elected First Vice-President of the bank to succeed Mr. Gawtry. Mr. Walker is a Vice-President of the Central Union Trust Co.

W. E. Bell, Vice-President of Harris, Forbes & Co., is sailing to-day on a business trip of several months' duration to Europe. He will visit London, Paris and Berlin.

The directors of the Grace National Bank of this city have elected John A. Conway, Vice-President and T. H. L. O. Stucke has been elected manager of the foreign department, of which he had been assistant manager. Mr. Conway before becoming Vice-President had been Assistant Vice-President.

The board of directors of the Central National Bank of this city has elected Ernest V. Connolly as President succeeding A. F. Maxwell. Mr. Connolly had previously been Vice-President of the National Park Bank, a post from which he retires in order to take up his new duties. His connection with the National Park Bank covered a period of eleven years. He commenced his banking career in 1893 with the First National Bank of New York and remained with that institution for a number of years. Subsequently Mr. Connolly became President of the Commercial National Bank of Long Island City, going from there to the National Park Bank when the Commercial National was absorbed by one of the large New York institutions.

The Chelsea Exchange Bank of this city has purchased the building and property at 3819 Third Ave., near Claremont Parkway, Bronx, and will establish a new branch at this location soon after taking possession of the building. The bank will open for business in this section on Saturday Oct. 30, in temporary quarters at 558 Claremont Parkway, pending completion of remodeling of the Third Ave. property to conform with banking requirements. Edward S. Rothchild, President of the Chelsea Exchange, has arranged for a reception to be held at the temporary quarters between noon and midnight on Oct. 30. Souvenirs will be distributed to all new customers. Peter Blake will be Manager of the new branch, and Irving Schwartz, Assistant Manager.

Lane F. Gregory has been appointed an Assistant Treasurer of Lawyers Trust Co. of this city.

The banking house of Clark, Dodge & Co. at 51 Wall St. has leased for an uptown branch office the entire second floor in 460 Park Avenue, at the corner of 57th St., for a long term of years. The ground floor of the building is occupied by the Park Avenue branch of the National City Bank.

Frank W. Remick, a member of the Boston investment banking house of Kidder, Peabody & Co., widely known in financial circles, and former President of the Boston Stock Exchange, died in the Massachusetts General Hospital in

that city on Oct. 16. A heart attack, which followed an operation he had undergone on the previous Tuesday, was the immediate cause of death. Mr. Remick was born in East Boston in 1861 and was graduated from the Boston English High School in 1879. On Oct. 3 of that year he entered the employ of Kidder, Peabody & Co. and became a member of the firm on Oct. 2 1905. Since Nov. 10 1885 he had been a member of the Boston Stock Exchange and its President for three terms. Mr. Remick was identified with many large interests. At the time of his death he was a member of the Governing Committee of the Boston Stock Exchange, Vice-President of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, Vice-President and Trustee of the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, director of the Fairhaven Mills, director of the Kidder Co. of Lowell and Springfield, the Kidder, Peabody Acceptance Corp., the Middlesex & Boston Street Ry. Co., the Mississippi River Power Co., the Puget Sound Electric Ry. Co., the Puget Sound Light & Power Co., trustee of the Union Mills, Inc., the United States Worsted Corp., the Suburban Electric Securities Co., &c., &c.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the City Bank & Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn., will be held on Oct. 27 to act on the recommendation of the directors for the proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$900,000 to \$1,000,000, referred to in these columns on Oct. 16. The additional 1,000 shares is to be issued in the form of a stock dividend to stockholders of record as of Oct. 6, in the ratio of one share for every nine shares held.

According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Oct. 15, Hubert J. Horn Jr. has been elected a Vice-President of the Broad Street Trust Co. of Philadelphia and three new directors have been added to the board, as follows: Senator Samuel W. Salus, Arthur A. Brennan and H. J. McCaully.

Newspaper advices from Philadelphia on Oct. 14 stated that at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Market Street Title & Trust Co. of that city on Oct. 13 the following changes had taken place in the personnel of the institution: Alexander Wilson Jr. resigned as President and was elected Chairman of the Board; Harrison N. Diesel, formerly a Vice-President, was elected President in lieu of Mr. Wilson; John B. Waltz, heretofore Title Officer, was made Vice-President and Title Officer, and John Mamourian, formerly Auditor, was elected Comptroller. B. G. Moore was re-elected a Vice-President, and all the other officials were also retained in their various positions.

At a meeting of the directors of the National Central Bank of Baltimore on Oct. 15, the following important changes were made in the personnel of the institution as the result of the recent death of its President, August Weber, according to the Baltimore "Sun" of Oct. 16: John P. Lauber, heretofore a Vice-President, was elected to the newly-created office of Chairman of the board of directors, while William E. Katenkamp, formerly a Vice-President, was promoted to the presidency. The latter was also elected a director to succeed the late Mr. Weber in that capacity. Harry H. Hahn, the Cashier of the institution, was given the additional title of Vice-President. The foregoing, together with John Broening Jr., who was recently elected Assistant Cashier, make up the official staff of the bank. Mr. Lauber, the newly appointed Chairman of the Board, is President of the Central Fire Insurance Co. He had been a Vice-President of the bank since 1915. Mr. Katenkamp entered the National Central Bank 21 years ago as a discount clerk and filled various positions until 1918, when he was made Assistant Cashier. In January 1925 he was elected Cashier and in June last promoted to a Vice-President, the position he has now relinquished for the presidency. Mr. Hahn has been with the bank since 1918, when he started as Auditor. He became Assistant Cashier in January 1925 and Cashier in June last. The National Central Bank has combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$975,000, and total resources of \$5,850,000.

The following in regard to the status of the defunct Drovers National Bank of Denver—one of several Denver banks which failed in December of last year—is taken from the Denver "Rocky Mountain News" of Oct. 7:

The Drovers National Bank, which closed its doors on Dec. 18 1925, has \$282,032.39 cash on hand, according to the quarterly report of the receiver, which was released yesterday by M. Myerson, assistant receiver. The bank had \$1,731,097.16 in assets at the time of its suspension, according to the statement, which says that the remaining assets uncollected total \$1,151,201.84, and the total liability of the bank is \$1,051,603.57.

The Drovers National Bank was one of the three owned and controlled by Gordon Hollis, which closed their doors a week before last Christmas. M. J. Barnett, expert accountant for the United States Department of Justice, is at the present time investigating the dealings of the bank which led up to the crash. This investigation is entirely independent of the work of the receiver.

The failure of the Drovers National Bank was reported in these columns in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 19.

The City National Bank of Bismarck, N. D., with deposits in excess of \$800,000, has been closed, according to an Associated Press dispatch from that city on Oct. 15, appearing in the New York "Times" of Oct. 16.

Edward B. Patrick has been appointed by the Citizens' & Southern Co. (head office Savannah, Ga.) Resident Manager of the company's new office in Columbus, Ga., according to an Associated Press dispatch from that city on Oct. 7, appearing in the Atlanta "Constitution" of the following day. The dispatch further stated that Mr. Patrick, who had been with the Citizens' & Southern Co. since Jan. 15 last, would leave Savannah to open the new office on Oct. 15. The Citizens' & Southern Co. (which is a subsidiary of the Citizens' & Southern Bank) maintains branch offices in Atlanta, Macon, Augusta and in Charleston, S. C. Mills B. Lane is Chairman of the Board of Directors and William Murphy President of the company.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market suffered a bad setback on Saturday and again on Tuesday and Friday, and practically all leading stocks moved downward to lower levels. Industrial specialties suffered the sharpest declines experienced in several weeks, many of the more prominent issues selling down to new low levels. During the brief session on Saturday, a wide selling movement forced many of the market leaders downward from 1 to 5 points. United States Steel common was particularly weak and broke to 136 1/4 and General Motors was down nearly 4 points. Du Pont was also weak and closed with a net loss of more than 6 points. On Monday the trend of the market was completely reversed, many stocks moving forward from 1 to 10 points. Industrial stocks were especially prominent, particularly General Motors which moved briskly forward and closed with a gain of nearly 3 points and United States Steel common which advanced to 138 5/8 at its high for the day. Railway shares moved to the forefront early in the trading, and motor stocks were in strong demand at improving prices, with the specialties also generally higher.

On Tuesday the trend of the market was again downward, all the gains of the preceding day being swept away in the wave of selling that occurred in the final hour. The break came after midsession and motors, steel and equipment shares tumbled downward in many instances to new low levels. Specialties and oil shares were particularly weak. The conspicuous recessions of the day included General Motors, which declined 6 1/8 points, United States Steel common which fell 3 1/2 points, and du Pont, which dropped 11 1/2 points at its low for the day. On Wednesday the market was more or less confused, many issues displaying considerable strength, while others were moving downward, specialties were irregular and the steel industrials had alternating periods of weakness and strength. Railroad shares were generally steady, though Chesapeake & Ohio and New York Central both showed a net loss at the closing hour. Atchison, on the other hand, improved and recorded a net gain in the final trading. The strong stocks of the day were the mail order and mercantile shares. On Thursday, under the leadership of United States Steel, General Motors and du Pont the market again swung upward and gains ranging from 1 to 10 points occurred in several of the more active issues. While many of the gains were recorded in the opening hour, the market continued strong throughout the day, and practically the entire list participated in the upward climb. Trading in railroad stocks was particularly heavy, the strong stocks including Atchison, with a gain of 7 points, followed by advances of 1 to 5 points in New York Central, Union Pacific, Lehigh Valley, Erie, St. Louis-San Francisco common, Atlantic Coast Line and Baltimore & Ohio. Pere Marquette and Chesapeake & Ohio were also in strong demand at steadily rising prices. Oil stocks were comparatively quiet, but metal stocks scored substantial gains, particularly American Smelting, Kennecott and Anaconda. Timken Roller Bearings was one of the outstanding features of the trading and moved briskly forward to a new high in all time at 85. Railway equipment issues also were in strong demand, and substantial advances were recorded by

American Locomotive, Westinghouse Air Brake, Pullman and Baldwin Locomotive. On Friday the market was moderately strong in the early trading, but shortly after midsession heavy selling broke out in several sections and the trend was again downward. As the day advanced Atchison, which had been one of the strong stocks of the first hour, broke to 152 3/4, and General Motors receded to 142 3/8. United States Rubber moved against the trend and closed with a net gain of 5 points. The final tone was weak.

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

Week Ended Oct. 22.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds	United States Bonds.
Saturday	1,135,015	\$2,711,000	\$2,141,000	\$371,800
Monday	1,658,901	5,052,500	3,477,000	1,040,100
Tuesday	1,873,317	5,559,000	2,441,000	856,000
Wednesday	2,108,440	4,913,000	2,656,000	736,500
Thursday	1,836,936	5,080,500	2,904,000	695,000
Friday	1,781,700	5,995,000	2,127,000	251,000
Total	10,394,309	\$29,311,000	\$15,646,000	\$3,950,400

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Oct. 22.		Jan. 1 to Oct. 22.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Stocks—No. shares	10,394,309	13,799,070	370,815,296	340,339,088
Government bonds	\$3,950,400	\$5,297,550	\$212,377,750	\$289,843,110
State & foreign bonds	15,646,000	18,005,500	527,217,950	575,279,500
Railroad & misc. bonds	29,311,000	41,927,000	1,598,178,200	2,508,813,775
Total bonds	\$48,907,400	\$65,230,050	\$2,337,773,900	\$3,373,936,385

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Oct. 22 1926.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	13,517	\$7,000	18,119	\$2,500	314	\$2,000
Monday	22,628	11,000	30,158	32,100	2,234	29,300
Tuesday	31,667	58,200	24,486	12,200	3,463	33,700
Wednesday	25,528	35,000	43,073	34,900	3,816	53,000
Thursday	27,692	12,050	31,681	33,900	1,558	14,200
Friday	10,398	15,000	15,385	17,000	1,479	26,000
Total	131,430	\$138,250	162,902	\$132,600	12,864	\$158,200
Prev. week revised	119,758	\$84,800	126,789	\$122,600	8,980	\$82,900

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will again show a small decrease 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, Oct. 23), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 1.2% smaller than in the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$10,472,721,423, against \$10,594,154,189 for the same week in 1925. At this centre there is a loss for the five days of 5.1%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows.

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended October 23.	1926.	1925.	Per Cent.
New York	\$4,562,000,000	\$4,807,000,000	-5.1
Chicago	554,536,784	572,094,252	-3.1
Philadelphia	508,000,000	479,000,000	+6.0
Boston	577,000,000	419,000,000	+37.7
Kansas City	140,853,071	144,000,000	-2.2
St. Louis	136,500,000	140,100,000	-2.6
San Francisco	173,448,000	186,640,000	-7.3
Los Angeles	158,317,000	138,096,000	+14.6
Pittsburgh	166,994,950	156,120,535	+6.9
Detroit	164,851,643	163,760,601	+0.6
Cleveland	110,149,897	106,945,458	+3.0
Baltimore	94,457,246	103,059,737	-8.4
New Orleans	76,938,776	80,610,599	-4.6
13 cities, 5 days	\$7,423,647,367	\$7,496,427,182	-1.0
Other cities, 5 days	1,303,620,486	1,422,765,195	+27.5
Total all cities, 5 days	\$8,727,267,853	\$8,919,192,377	-2.2
All cities, 1 day	1,745,453,570	1,674,961,812	+4.2
Total all cities for week	\$10,472,721,423	\$10,594,154,189	-1.2

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 Oct. 16. For that week there is a decrease of 1.9%, the 1926 aggregate of clearings being \$9,415,726,498 and the 1925 aggregate \$9,601,569,529. Outside of New York City the decrease is 3.8%, the bank exchanges at this centre having shown a loss of only 0.2%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District there is an increase of 3.1% and in the Cleveland Reserve District of 5.4%, but in the New York Reserve District (including this city) there is a falling off of 0.1%. In the Philadelphia

Reserve District the totals are smaller by 3.0%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 9.4% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 20.6%. The Chicago Reserve District has a decrease of 7.9%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 3.5% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 10.0%. The Kansas City Reserve District has a loss of 3.6% and the Dallas Reserve District of 8.2%, but the San Francisco Reserve District has a gain of 1.9%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week Ended Oct. 16 1926, 1925, Inc.or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston to 12th San Fran) and Total (129 cities).

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

Main table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended October 16, 1926, 1925, Inc.or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows include various Federal Reserve Districts (e.g., First Federal Reserve District, Second Federal Reserve District) and their constituent cities.

Clearings at—

Week Ended October 16.

Table with columns: 1926, 1925, Inc.or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows include various Reserve Districts (e.g., Seventh Federal Reserve District, Eighth Federal Reserve District) and their constituent cities.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Oct. 13. d Week ended Oct. 14. e Week ended Oct. 15. * Estimated.

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Address of Welcome of Narcisse Perodeau, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec.

In welcoming the Investment Bankers Association of America to Quebec, Narcisse Perodeau, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, stated that "the convention with which I am now brought in contact will certainly be considered one of the most important which we will have witnessed. It is, in reality, the reunion in our midst of eminent financiers who form one of the most powerful organizations on this continent, the Investment Bankers Association of America." He added:

If any one can say of the bank that it is the queen of industry and business, it seems to me that we can just as well say that the various branches of the Investment Bankers Association of America are its chief arteries, as it is through them that the necessary capital is obtained for the development of all kinds of industry.

I am delighted to see that you have chosen the old city of Quebec as the place of reunion this year. Let me assure you that you will find here the charm of its traditional hospitality. I am sure you will be pleased to admire the grand and varied panorama before your eyes as well as the historic souvenirs brought to your mind.

But however interesting our old city may be, you will not limit your views to the old walls. I understand that you propose to visit some of our regions which afford interest as regards industry and the investment of capital. I congratulate you thereon. I am sure you will bring back a favorable impression of these visits, and you will be pleased to bear witness to the fact that the capital already invested or which may be invested, our Province to you be considered "good, sound investment."

As head of the Executive of the Province, I rejoice in such a state of things and in the name of the Government and of the whole Province I wish all the success your important convention deserves. May your sojourn among us be pleasant, and may the friendly relations existing between Canada and the United States be further strengthened by this meeting together of distinguished men capable of advancing the interests of both countries. This is the wish that I am pleased to couple with my hearty expression of "Welcome."

Greetings Extended by John A. Fraser.

Greetings to the delegates at the convention of the Investment Bankers Association were extended by John A. Fraser, of the Dominion Securities Corporation, Ltd., Toronto, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Group of the I. B. A. of America and former Vice-President and former Governor of the Association, his remarks being as follows:

As I stand before this convention I am pleased in seeing so many representatives of the Investment Bankers Association assembled in Quebec, and particularly in seeing so many familiar faces—the friends made during the several years I had the honor of serving you as Governor and officer. By reason of serving on this Board, Mr. Gundy, the present Governor of this body, representing Canada, and I, have had advantages over the other Canadian members in making the acquaintance of our members. But I hope and do believe that before this week passes each delegate from Canada will have made a friend of each from the United States, which relationship will long continue with mutual affection, understanding and respect.

When in February last there arrived in Quebec City our late Secretary, the well-beloved whose memory is respected by all, Frederick H. Fenton, Mr. Harry Rascovar of New York, and myself, winter was at its height. The winter sports were being enjoyed by the youth of the United States and Canada with enthusiasm and gaiety. The scenes of skating, tobogganing, snow-shoeing and running with dog sleds, with the participants in bright French-Canadian winter costumes, under brilliant sunlight, were thrilling and typical of Quebec in the wintertime. The question immediately arose in our minds as to the weather conditions for the fifteenth convention to be held in the autumn—a necessary question, as the previous convention had been held in St. Petersburg in December 1925, under tropical conditions, and it was desirable not to hold the 1926 convention too early. After selecting the last week in September conditions arose which

made it necessary to defer until the 11th of October. Your Canadian Committee for the Convention has been hopeful though worried at times, for the weather in this northern country has a habit of becoming unsettled for short periods during the autumn. Nature has favored us with splendid autumn days.

During one of the conversations held by the three of us in this hotel, the question of the unique relationship of the two great countries of North America—United States and Canada—was discussed—such points as the 3,000-mile border line free of forts or armed forces, the simplicity of the methods in dealing with international questions, the ease of transacting business in each of the countries, the ease of travel to and from these countries and, in general, the perfect understanding between our respective citizens and Governments. One important factor encouraging this happy condition is the existence of international associations such as the Investment Bankers Association of America. It was at this point that Fred Fenton, with good vision, and always having at heart the best interests of the investment banking business on this continent and of this association, gave expression to the idea of inviting as guests to this convention the executive officers of the Investment Bankers Association of Canada. The executive of our association has carried out that idea and issued invitations which have been accepted by 12 members from Canada, who are joining with us in the proceedings commencing to-day.

I am informed by Mr. Harry Rascovar, the Director of Publicity, that there are assembled here 75 financial editors and writers. No convention would be a successful convention without their assistance and valuable co-operation.

I understand, also, that our gathering here is graced by the presence in Quebec of 220 ladies. I express the feeling of all when I say we are delighted to have them join in making this convention in Canada an outstanding week.

The members of this association located in Canada extend the most hearty and genuine welcome to their brother members from the United States, to the ladies, and representatives of the press. I have been asked by the President of the Investment Bankers Association of Canada to express to you in like manner a welcome from that association. We Canadians all trust that you will enjoy this week here and that from this day onward there will continue to grow friendship and good-fellowship, always with sincere affection, with clear understanding and with high respect each for the other.

Greetings of J. H. Gundy.

In telling the members of the Investment Bankers Association how much the Canadian people appreciated the compliment paid them by the association in choosing Canada as the place for the holding of its annual meeting, J. H. Gundy, of Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., of Toronto (a former Governor of the association), said that on the whole, "I think we are safe to suggest to the members of the association that we will be glad to have them come back to us often and take a part in the development of this great country."

Mr. Gundy welcomed the bankers in the following speech:

I am in a very serious predicament, I am afraid. You have been so well welcomed by His Honor, and by our ancient and dignified friend, Mr. Fraser, one of the fathers of investment banking in Canada, that I am in the position of the Scotchman getting off the train. You know, you can judge people's character by the way they act when they are traveling. The Englishman gets to the station, grabs his bag, and out he goes, looks at nobody. The Irishman gets up, gets half way out, and then goes back to pick up what he left behind. And the Scotchman gets up and looks around to see what anybody else has left behind. That is my position this morning. I am looking around to see what there has been in the way of welcome left to say to you.

It is indeed an honor and a pleasure, as a Canadian, and as an investment banker, to add a word of welcome to those words so well said already to you.

This is a great gathering in a city that has witnessed many great gatherings. The first one was a long time ago, 318 years, I think, when old Sam Champlain anchored his little ships below the rock here, gathered the boys around beneath the cliff, and tried to make up their minds whether they would starve or freeze to death if they wintered here. And he decided to establish the city and the capital. Since then Quebec has been the gate city of Canada, and it was below these windows that old LaSalle

and Marquette and Joliet discussed with their friends whether they would go up and see what was beyond, and they went from here to discover and explore the Great Lakes and the Mississippi watershed and down to New Orleans, where Mr. Robinson comes from. And then it was in this city that a few men got together and decided to establish a country called Canada. And they set up by-laws and discussed problems, just as we have been doing in connection with investment banking in the last few days.

And now we have added one more very important gathering to the distinguished record of great gatherings in the city of Quebec. And I think, as investment bankers, perhaps we are inclined to under-estimate the importance of the deliberations that take place at these gatherings.

As comparatively an outsider, perhaps I may have had some perspective of the situation. What is it? You have gathered, in the United States, in the last ten or twelve years, the surplus liquid capital resources of the whole world. England, France, Germany, Austria and South America are all now coming to you to learn from you whether these surplus capital resources of the United States shall be spent at home or shall be spent to rebuild Europe, or shall be spent to develop South America, or, perchance, shall be invested to advantage in the great country of Canada. I don't know whether it is a good thing for us to advise them to come here or not, Mr. Fraser. I think perhaps we ought to tell them something that is wrong with the country first, anyway.

You know what competition is! There are very few people here and there is a lot of rock, and there is a lot of waste land, and the distances are great and we are very much spread out. But then, as an honest member of the association, one must also admit that we have got some good, keen Scotch and Irish and French economists here to make a three-penny bit go almost as far as they do in old Scotland, and they built up a solid structure, which means that this country will develop into a great State in the years to come.

For instance, we are doing a tremendous foreign trade here for our eight million of population. I think it is about \$142 a head of foreign trade, very much greater even per head of population than the United States. Of every ten bushels of wheat produced in the world we produce one. We have great gold mines. More than half of the newsprint paper you use in the States comes from Canada, and most of it from the Province of Quebec.

We have a country that is well supplied, almost too well supplied, with railroads. It is easy to come from one part to another, and during the next few years this country is bound to have an influx of population, not only from Europe, but also from the United States, that will involve the necessity for tremendous expenditures of capital, and I think on the whole we are safe to suggest to the members of the Investment Bankers Association that we will be glad to have them come back to us often and take a part in the development of this great country.

It is a pleasure to welcome you because of the genial and cordial way in which you meet us in this meeting. It is a delight to know you personally and Canadian people appreciate very much the compliment which you have paid us in having this meeting of your association in Canada, in the great, historic city of Quebec.

Message from L. A. Taschereau, Prime Minister of Quebec.

A message from L. A. Taschereau, Premier of the Province of Quebec, featured the opening session of the annual convention in Quebec on Oct. 12 of the Investment Bankers Association of America, the message paying tribute to the high standing of the profession of the bankers and to the assistance rendered by the association in the development of Canada's resources. In the absence abroad of the Prime Minister, the message was read by Mr. Fraser. We give it herewith:

The Province of Quebec considers it a high privilege to offer its hospitality to the Investment Bankers Association of America, gathered here to study the means of further extending its sphere of usefulness.

You are meeting in an old French Province which has had the honor of playing a great role in the history of the American continent, and those of you who come from outside our borders will, no doubt, be interested in the monuments which recall the heroic deeds of our forefathers, in the traces of our former seigneurial regime, in the frugal and happy life of our "habitants" and in the peculiar structure of their farms, which might give you the impression that you are in Normandy instead of a country bordering the United States.

But, despite the perpetuation here of that atmosphere which reminds us of former generations, there is much new life in our old province, and we are forging ahead at such pace that we confidently expect to realize the hope expressed by one of our greatest statesmen, Sir Wilfred Laurier, that this century will witness in our country a development as spectacular and as substantial as that which took place in the American Union in the last hundred years.

We of the Province of Quebec especially appreciate the opportunity of welcoming the members of your association, which I understand includes investment bankers, not only from the United States, but from our own country, because we realize the high standing of your profession and in particular its importance to this Province in the assistance which you are able to render, and have already rendered, to the development of our vast resources. Through your agency, there has been secured the capital necessary to those men of energy of this country and of the United States who have had the vision and the enterprise to attempt this development. Through the credit which you have been instrumental in mobilizing for these purposes, the industry of our people has been increased, hidden wealth has been uncovered, our forests have been made to serve a useful purpose, and with your aid, new impetus has been given to our turbulent streams. Not only has industry been stimulated, but new and more economical means of manufacturing have been found. In short, our people have become an important factor in the production of the world's wealth.

In utilizing those reserves, the employment of which you control, we are proud of our accomplishments. It is with pride that we welcome you that you may see such plants as those which are busily engaged in converting our forests into the newsprint for the daily and weekly journals of this continent and of Europe. In what was recently a wilderness, you will see towns springing up beside a new industry on the upper tributaries of the mighty Saguenay. The rushing St. Maurice will be seen turning the wheels of important and varied industries and supplying power and light to thousands of our people. However, the industrial activity of this Province is not confined to these two districts. A short trip through our eastern townships, rich in scenic beauty, would show you how older cities like Sherbrooke and Drummondville, under the impetus fostered by your efforts are marching forward in industrial development.

Incidentally, you will find that our increased industrial activities are accompanied by that true handmaiden of commerce, an increased agricul-

tural production. I had occasion not long ago to show that in the last twenty years, while the number of our Quebec manufactures had trebled, acreage under cultivation had also increased threefold, and that while the capital invested in our industries was to-day six times what it was two decades ago, the value of our harvests had also increased 600%.

While many of our agriculturists are content to remain on the land inherited from their fathers of three and four generations ago, there are those who possess the spirit of the explorers of old and as hardy pioneers still go forth to clear and lay under the plow the remotest districts of our northern regions. Abitibi, Lake Temiscaming and Lake St. John are three names of which our farmers are as proud as the greatest captains of industry can be of places which they have dedicated to manufacturing and commerce. If some of the richest gold discoveries of our Royn district have been made, they are, in some measure, due to the fact that settlers went ahead through the forests and tilled thousands of acres of productive soil, while alongside lay tons of gold. From the windows of this room you may observe the natural advantages for shipping, trade and commerce which the St. Lawrence brings to this Province.

We welcome you not only for the part which you have played in our development, but because we hope that by learning more of us, of our resources and of our methods, you will acquire greater confidence in the existence of those fundamentals which you have a right to look for.

In your efforts more efficiently to extend credit to legitimate enterprise by conserving the savings of the people, the Government of this Province has been especially interested. We have given much sympathetic attention to your attempts to combat fraud and the unscrupulous promoter. It is particularly interesting to observe your enunciation of the idea that laws for the suppression of the fraudulent do not secure protection for the investor, but that education which will aid the investor in the exercise of a wiser investment judgment will bring him the only adequate protection.

In such a field your association is a force of immeasurable value. In this as well as in the special work which you are about to undertake in assisting public authorities in the amending and framing of legislation designed to protect the investor, this Government invites suggestions as to how it may co-operate.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of your courtesy in allowing my welcome to be read to you in my absence, and my disappointment that the duties of my office necessitate my departure for England only a few days before your meeting convenes.

Annual Address of President of the Association, Ray Morris—America Greatest Investment Country in the World.

The outstanding fact that "America has rather suddenly become by an enormous margin the greatest investing country in the world" was commented upon by Ray Morris, of Brown Brothers & Co., in his annual address as President of the association. Mr. Morris noted that "the old standards of investment banking, the old size of the task and the machinery for doing it have changed completely under this present-day set of conditions, where there are seven or eight thousand million dollars' worth of securities to be sold every year." "If we do our work in a big way and with complete thoroughness," he added, "we are apt to remain the custodians, otherwise we are apt in an increasing degree to be made subject to rules and regulations coming from outside our ranks and formulated by people who know less about the business than we do." "Never in the history of the world," said Mr. Morris, "were there as many men qualified to manufacture and sell securities gathered together at one time as we gather together at these meetings." President Morris referred to the work accomplished by various committees and spoke, too, of "the very effective work-out of our contact with the Blue Sky situation in the various States." His address follows:

I think the first instinct of every retiring President of the Investment Bankers Association is to express his deep gratitude at the privilege the members have given him. The contact that a President gets with the personnel of security houses all over the country is a thing that the fortunate holder of the office never forgets. I feel personally indebted to the hospitality of many hundred investment bankers who entertained me at the group meetings, and in attending those meetings, and the two conventions, I have traversed this year 34 States. I mention that merely to emphasize the extraordinarily complete geographical distribution of our organization.

The work of the year was greatly saddened for all of us by the untimely death of Fred Fenton, in the midst of his labors for the association. Fred was a true friend of every member, and the constructive growth of the association and its groups, over the years, was undoubtedly due more to him than to any other single member. He had the capacity of thinking out our problems both in the large and incomplete detail, and he combined with this a political sense, using the word in its best meaning, which enabled him to get things done with the minimum of lost motion. I want to add at this time a word of deep appreciation for the loving care which the Los Angeles group gave him during his illness.

I started the year, and I finished it, with the definite thought that the work of our national committee is exceedingly well done, and that the combination of this organization with the very valuable field work of the groups is undoubtedly the right set-up with the many different kinds of problems that come up. The national committees go back to the foundation of the association; the group organization is only about five years old, but it has become a most indispensable part of our work. In a year so full of constructive effort, it may seem unfair to single out any special instances, but I want, nevertheless, to call attention to the very effective work-out of our contact with the Blue Sky situation in the various States. Starting with the years of heroic work, nearly single-handed, by B. Wendell, we have now constituted a Blue Sky Bureau, as you know, under the official guidance of Mr. Davis, whose work is the double-headed proposition of selling to the various Blue Sky Commissioners the idea that the association and its membership are loyal friends of proper, workmanlike supervision, and, in turn, of interpreting to the membership the constantly changing status of the regulation. This Bureau rests on the principle long since adopted by the public utility companies, of working with regulation, instead of against it. Both parties, the regulators and the distributors, may be presumed to be quite honest in their purposes; the thing is to get them

around the table as friend and allies, against the common enemy, the crook. It was our pleasure a short time ago to entertain in New York the convention of Blue Sky Commissioners from the various States. Something like fifty of these gentlemen were present, and I think I am correct in stating that after a session of four days there they were shown with entire freedom all that was of interest to them in the workings of the issuing houses and of the Stock Exchange. They went home with the feeling that they were dealing with friends and equals, instead of with the extraordinarily inhuman type portrayed in newspaper headlines and movie captions under the general name of "Wall Street."

I have mentioned our work on the Blue Sky situation in some detail because it is a very good example of the kind of thing that an association can do, but that no single house can very well do by itself. There are many other instances of the value of co-ordinated effort in dealing with certain problems too big or too complicated or too widespread to be the natural responsibility of any single house.

I have before me the Sept. 7 "Bulletin," listing all bond issues of Texas road districts for which validating bills were introduced at the special session of the Texas Legislature which convened at Austin, Sept. 13. Most of you have seen this "Bulletin" and, although you may or may not have been interested in road district bonds, you may have noticed that this "Bulletin" covers some 820 separately listed issues, together with the date of the order creating, particulars of record of the amount, and the date of the election order and the date of the election. I think you are all of you more or less familiar with the special difficulties presented by the Texas road district cases and by the improvement district cases in the Northwest. At each State in this situation your Municipal Securities Committee, with the important aid of the groups, furnished legal and administrative guidance, and demonstrated conclusively how a general association can undertake work which otherwise is nobody's business because it is everybody's business. We have cheerfully made appropriations for this work which would have been a heavy burden on any individual house, but were borne, unnoticed, by the membership as a whole.

Another kind of thing that we can do is well exemplified by Howard Beebe's excellent work this year as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Bonds. We devoted a good deal of time at the group meetings last spring to discussing some of the very baffling problems with which our membership is faced in this matter of foreign bonds. At a time when high-grade American bonds are becoming very scarce, with extremely narrow commissions to cover the cost of merchandising, foreign bonds have been in relatively plentiful supply and with relatively wide commissions. The growing popularity of this class of security during the past two or three years has removed most of the early dread with which the general subject of foreign bonds was approached, but, nevertheless, many houses have felt greatly puzzled for guidance as to whether they ought to sell certain of these bonds to their customers or not. There was a great scarcity of reliable and important statistical information reflecting on the goodness or badness of the bonds offered and no way of getting information quickly or easily to supplement the information, perhaps prejudiced or colored, which was set forth in the offering circulars. This is a question which we have debated long and earnestly at Governors' meetings, and the way Howard Beebe has worked it out this year is quite in line with the best traditions of the I. B. A. You are familiar with his reports, so I will merely say that he and his committee have taken what seem the natural and sound steps towards creating a centralized and impartial bureau of service and information for the benefit of I. B. A. members who want to know about foreign bonds—again a job which no house could very well have performed alone.

The Committee on Ethics and Business Practice, headed by your incoming President, has also started a train of inquiry this year looking toward cleaning up some of the hitherto unsolved questions of fair procedure, that have perplexed the association from the earliest days. The results of its work, I think, are going to be far-reaching, and I want to digress a moment at this point to consider what may be called the internal problems of our work, as distinct from the external. Every time Arthur Gilbert has nothing to sell, or every time the fish aren't biting, he writes me a letter, six, eight or ten pages long, on this subject.

Gilbert points out that the association has always specialized in committee work dealing with the goods sold, rather than with the problems of selling them. We have, and have had, able committees passing on railroad and industrial securities, municipal and foreign bonds, but we have paid comparatively little attention to the relations between house and house; to salesmen's commissions; to our policy, if any, in relation to bonds where the margin of profit is less than a living wage; to syndicate terms and practices by the large issuing houses which make it difficult for the outlying districts to do their work properly and efficiently.

Part of this deficiency is being met this year by the able work which Pliny Jewell is doing. Reforms in business practice, and helpful modifications of it, do not happen overnight; they are usually the result of long effort, and anybody optimistic enough to think that every practice with the seeds of injustice in it will be changed as soon as a committee reports on it, ought, for punishment, to be made chairman of the committee. But my own feeling has been that we, as an association, can be immensely effective in correcting practices that we do not like if, and only if, we proceed on a basis of absolute unanimity, starting with a few great fundamentals that are quite above dispute; adopting those as standard practice with all due formality, and then proceeding quite gradually from the known to the unknown and the debatable; a little at a time, and with our feet always firmly on the ground. I have always imagined that the rather extraordinary durability of the Ten Commandments was due to the fact that Moses recorded the best standard practice of the time, rather than attempting to create new standards by legislation. Probably the journalistic comment of the time thought the Ten Commandments were rather dull; everybody knew about them anyway. And I suspect that when we get around to the formulation of ten commandments, or fourteen points, of good practice, that they will seem rather dull, too; most of us will always have done that way!

But, nevertheless, we as an association are definitely able to formulate what is fair and what is not, and to get our code adopted by the pressure of public opinion, if we limit ourselves to essentials, and adhere rigidly to a few fine, solid principles that are at the base of all good business.

The other half of our work between houses, inside the membership, is undoubtedly complicated by the fact that we, as an association, comprise both buyers and sellers, originators and distributors, and there sometimes seems to be lack of mutuality between the two functions. For that reason I have always felt that it was a cardinal point of our policy to be represented fully on the Board by both types of houses, and by the best men in the business. If you work any association with the best men in the business you somehow get the best results; if you let yourself be represented by juniors you get junior results! That is why I have wanted to reduce the number of Governors' meetings, and, in general, the pressure on Governors; so that the best and busiest men would be able to serve. We have always been fortunate in the quality of our Governors, and I hope we always will be, because if the undoubted leaders in any business stand together for mutual help, instruction and the promotion of friendly rela-

tions, then you have got the ideal of association work. And that, gentlemen, is what we stand for.

At the risk of saying over again some of the things which we discussed pretty fully in the group meetings, I should like to reiterate in closing that there are the best of reasons why this association and its work should be taken most seriously by originating and distributing houses alike. Apart from all the bread-and-butter questions of the services which we render to our members, and apart from the immense advantage which comes out of the personal contacts at conventions, Governors' meetings and group meetings, there stands out the fact that America has rather suddenly become by an enormous margin the greatest investing country in the world. The old standards of investment banking, the old size of the task and the machinery for doing it, have changed completely under this present-day set of conditions, where there are seven or eight thousand million dollars' worth of securities to be sold every year; where there is a selling organization developed on the models of the Liberty Bond campaigns and reaching into every hamlet across the country, and where there are the natural tendencies to do things hastily and not quite perfectly, growing out of the extraordinary rapidity with which this distribution has been developed.

To an extraordinary extent we are the custodians of this industry. If we do our work in a big way and with complete thoroughness we are apt to remain the custodians, otherwise we are apt in an increasing degree to be made subject to rules and regulations coming from outside our ranks and formulated by people who know less about the business than we do. It sounds like flattery, but it is the simplest common sense to point out that never in the history of the world were there as many men qualified to manufacture and sell securities gathered together at one time and place as we gather together at these meetings. We have the talent and we have the high moral standards that go with an honest attempt to do a good job for our customers and for our corporation clients. I see no reason why, with this very complete set of qualifications, the Investment Bankers Association cannot exercise, and continue to exercise, a clean, forceful and helpful leadership in the immense industry which we represent.

R. C. Leffingwell on "Foreign Bonds"—Looks for Early Shrinkage in Foreign Government Loans with Ability of European Nations to Finance Their Own Enterprises.

R. C. Leffingwell, of J. P. Morgan & Co., and formerly Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, in discussing the subject of "Foreign Bonds" at the Oct. 14 session of the convention of the Investment Bankers Association, stated that he expects "to see the time come, and come soon, when European Government loans in this market will shrink in number and amount." "There may and very probably will be an intermediate period of private foreign financing here," he said, "but I expect that the thrifty people of Europe will resume their habits of thrift and saving, and, given sound budgets and sound currencies, will begin to repatriate their foreign balances and to reaccumulate their capital savings and find means to finance their own enterprises at home." Referring to the fact that "the inter-Allied war debts have exercised an immense influence upon men's minds and have sentimentally retarded the return of confidence and reconstruction of Europe," Mr. Leffingwell said:

I shall not venture here upon a discussion of the merits of the question, but I venture the prediction that as in the past so in the future, great as the importance of the financial and economic aspects of indemnities and war debts may be, the political and sentimental importance is even greater. In the long run the decision of the question of reparations and the question of inter-Allied debts will be based, not upon the capacity to pay of the debtor, but upon the decision of the American people in agreement with the people of the rest of the world upon the question whether one nation should be compelled to make such payments to another nation, friend or foe, from generation to generation. The question of reparations in its diminished and unadjusted form, with the safeguards thrown around it by the Dawes plan, and the question of inter-Allied debts as they have been reduced in amount and extended in maturity by the American Debt Commission, are not to-day more financial and economic than political and sentimental questions.

Mr. Leffingwell said he did not "share the impatience of those who think that the problems of France, Italy and Belgium should have been solved as quickly and completely as those of Great Britain and the United States." "I don't doubt," he added, "that France, Italy and Belgium each in their own good time and each in her own good way will find a solution of her currency problem. I look forward to the return of each of these countries to the gold standard with confidence. I think each in its own way has made important progress since the war, and I think the end in sight for each." The solution of the currency problems of Poland, and of the Balkan States, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Jugoslavia and Greece were referred to by Mr. Leffingwell as second only in importance to the solution of the Problems of France, Italy and Belgium. His address in full follows:

It is nearly eight years since I had the pleasure of meeting the Investment Bankers Association in convention at Atlantic City. It was just a month after Armistice Day. It was the investment bankers, and the bond salesmen who in the days of the Liberty loans first heard about bonds and learned to sell them, who taught the people of America to buy Liberty bonds, and to save and pay for them.

Your President, Ray Morris, was Chairman of the Treasury Certificate organizations in the New York district. I remember attending a luncheon at the Bankers Club in New York well after the war was over and the fighting had stopped, at which were assembled the leading bankers from all over the district, bank presidents mostly. I remember admiring Ray's skill in making a 4½% taxable certificate, in a 6% money market, seem like a thing of beauty and romance.

Well, it was a thing of romance and beauty. It was precisely the sale of Liberty bonds and Treasury certificates to member banks and corporations and private investors which differentiated America's war finance from that of every other belligerent. The Treasury of the United States

never borrowed directly from the Federal Reserve banks—except overnight as it were on tax days and Liberty loan installment payment days to cover the float, the delay in collecting incoming checks.

The war was financed partly from taxes, partly from loans sold to investors and paid for from present savings, and partly from loans to the Government financed by the Federal Reserve banks and involving war inflation. But those loans were not direct loans from the Federal Reserve banks to the Government, but indirect loans made by the Federal Reserve banks to member banks. So the Federal Reserve banks' assets were live assets. They carried the obligation of the member banks, supported for the most part by the obligation of the customers of the member banks, to take up and pay for the bonds and certificates. That made it possible for the United States to return to the full gold standard in 1919, seven months after Armistice Day, by lifting the embargo on gold exports.

It was the efforts of the investment bankers of America, the Liberty Loan organization and the Treasury Certificate organization, which made it possible to finance every penny of our \$35,000,000,000 of war expenditures without one penny borrowed directly by the Government from the Federal Reserve banks.

What I have said is not irrelevant to the subject of foreign bonds which your President has assigned to me, for without America's prompt return to the gold standard, I don't know what measure of values there would have been to tie to here or in Europe during the years of reconstruction. I suppose only those few economists who would like to see a managed currency or a statistical dollar substituted for the gold standard, which is built upon centuries of experience and upon the habits of mankind, would differ with my view that the basis of all reconstruction throughout the world has been America's return to gold in 1919, and the Federal Reserve banks' wise control of our currency and credit structure.

Even at that meeting in Atlantic City, a month after Armistice Day, when the Fourth Liberty loan had just been sold, and our first concern was how to sell the Fifth or Victory loan which already loomed before us, our minds were turned, too, towards the business of European reconstruction and America's part in it. This is an excerpt from the stenographic report of my speech at that Atlantic City meeting:

"Now the future of America, as I see it, is something like this: We are a vast storehouse of materials and food that the world needs. Europe has been suffering for four years from a war which barely touched us, barely touched our lives; although it did fire our imaginations. Europe must have the things she wants and we must sell them to her. There is where the bankers' interest begins. Europe has no means to pay immediately, but she has perfectly good credit. She cannot ship us gold and we do not want her gold. She cannot begin to ship us commodities until her own reconstruction problem is solved. We can keep our stuff or we can sell it to her on credit.

"When the war broke in Europe in 1914, New York, the financial centre of the western hemisphere, of the whole America, was helpless. The one great nation in the world that was not involved in this war was helpless. Why? Because we did not have any foreign trade balance in our favor. We actually received—it is hard to remember it now—but we actually received a commission of British financiers and economists to discuss now Great Britain could help out the United States in solving the financial problems of the United States growing out of the fact that Great Britain was in the war. It did not take more than a few months for the thing to turn around. Well, we had no call money market, except that based on stocks. Everybody knows that a call money market based on stocks is liquid except when you need a call money market, and that is what happened in New York. We closed the stock exchange; it was very wise and very necessary. Meanwhile Great Britain drew in her current assets. If we are to have in the western hemisphere a financial capital, we must have a market for acceptances. We must be prepared to provide commercial credits for foreign trade. If we are to go on beyond that and retain our position as a creditor nation for a long period of years we have got to provide here a market for financial credits, for investment securities for foreign governments' obligations and there opens up a field which is quite untouched, so far as the American banker is concerned.

"The American banker, if I may say one word of criticism of him, is a bit too conservative. He dreads asking his clients to buy something they have never bought before. He must measure up to this new opportunity or fail to do the great service which is before him—the opportunity is far, the opportunity for service to the world as well as service to his own country while opening up a field of profitable investment for his clients."

I feel a good deal of hesitation in attempting to talk to you about foreign bonds. There is little or nothing to be said that has not already been said, and better said than I shall be able to say it. After all is said and done, in buying foreign bonds and offering them to our customers, we all have just the prosaic task of deciding whether they represent a sound, safe investment, and whether the price is right—the same questions we put to ourselves in relation to domestic bonds. Our business, yours and mine, as investment bankers is to answer these questions correctly if we can, and as often as we can. The questions are to be answered separately for each issue.

I am not an economist, nor a statistician, nor an historian, and could not if I would give you a learned paper upon the fascinating problems which interest them in relation to international trade and international debts.

I don't think that the problems of international finance growing out of the war are to be solved by any comprehensive plan, by any great dramatic gesture, or by any one colossal operation cleaning the slate. They are, I think, being solved day by day, a little here, a little there, and are being whittled down to manageable proportions almost without our knowing it. This view makes it difficult for me to pull together in a short address a few salient ideas to describe the situation as I see it.

But your President thought it might be worth while for me to come here and talk to you in a desultory way about this new phase of the American investment bankers' business, much as he and I have talked together at our office in New York or at our homes on Long Island.

It is a new phase of our business. Until the war America was on the whole a borrower rather than a lender. During the 18th and 19th centuries America was running into debt to Europe. That was perhaps partly due to the wars we were waging, but more to the fact that this was a new country naturally in need of capital for its development. As long ago as 1880 Sir Robert Giffin estimated that the annual borrowing or sales of securities in Europe on American account amounted to 50,000,000 pounds sterling or \$250,000,000*, and the annual interest on English capital invested abroad in public loans or shares in companies to be 85,000,000 pounds sterling.† Of this he thought about one-half was the interest on foreign public loans and about one-sixteenth the interest and dividends on American railway bonds and shares.

Foreign loans were the evidence of much of Europe's wealth. They were the instruments of the provision of capital to the new world. With the war came an immense displacement of wealth and the resale to America of many of the securities evidencing the indebtedness of the new world to the old. This was to enable the Governments of Europe to provide foreign buying power in order to supply their armies with munitions of war and their civilian populations with food and clothing while their own energies were being devoted not to the cultivation of the soil or to productive uses, but to the business of destruction. Thus from 1914 to 1918 shares and bonds passed in a stream across the Atlantic in exchange for wheat and shells and guns. Though four years of war and destruction could not add to the

wealth of the human race one bit, it did result in the transfer of ownership of much accumulated wealth from Europe to America. It did enable the new world in a few short years to pay down the mortgage which the old world had on its wealth. So much for the displacement of wealth as between the new world and the old.

Naturally this displacement of wealth, this transfer of part of Europe's accumulations to America was one of the causes of Europe's need of foreign loans, and one of the reasons why America was and is able measurably to meet that need.

Furthermore, Europe's habit of buying more of her foodstuffs, raw materials and finished products abroad, formed as we have seen during the war, could not immediately be abandoned. Normal activities could not be immediately restored. The political and territorial readjustments made in the treaties of peace resulted in the creation of new barriers to the restoration of normal conditions, and the protracted discussions which followed these treaties about economic, political and social questions naturally did not tend to facilitate the return to normal. Thus Europe's need to buy goods in America and elsewhere abroad has probably been greater than normal. Here also Europe's need to buy our goods carried with it the ability on our part to finance the purchase. Economic cause and effect being so often interchangeable, Europe's purchases in America necessitated loans, and the loans made possible the purchases.

After the war was over another factor developed, which led to the flotation of European loans here. The war and the events growing out of the war had wrecked the currencies of some of the European belligerents, had weakened others, and had left them adrift because they had been obliged temporarily to abandon the gold standard.

In continental Europe war and post-war inflation and the inability to return promptly to the gold standard created want of confidence in the countries most affected, and, paradoxically, the worse off any of the countries of continental Europe became in consequence of the displacement of capital for war purposes and of currency inflation, through the process of what has been called the flight of capital, the larger became its foreign investments. For if I may without irreverence say it in this connection, there is nothing truer of the movement of capital than that "to him that hath shall be given, and from that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." The very poverty of some of the Governments of Europe, the very weakness of their financial and currency structure, the very wealth of the United States, caused the flight of capital from Europe to the United States. This is one of the most important of the after-war developments. It has had most disastrous consequences for some European countries, but it has in it also the promise of relief from their burdens.

Before the war Europe was buying American securities. During the war America was buying back American securities from Europe, and was buying European securities. After the war the flow in part reversed itself, and while America continued to buy European securities the flight of capital from Europe to America set in and tended to neutralize it.

While then there has been a steady flow during and since the war of capital from America to Europe, there has been an important return of flow of capital from Europe to America. Our banks are heavily indebted to the banks and private depositors of paper money countries, for deposits are debts, a fact which some people forget. There are large European investments in American securities and purchases for European account of European securities issued here. While Americans are glad to have these deposits and transfers of capital to the United States, and we profit by them, and a good part of our prosperity has been attributed to easy money resulting from them, we must not overlook the fact that European deposits represent a debt from America to Europe, and paradoxically, as I have said, from banks and corporations of America to banks and individuals of the most poverty-stricken countries of Europe, those who have not yet, or only recently, been able to put their currencies on a gold basis.

The flight from the paper currencies, however much we may deplore it, must to some extent have resulted in the creation of the relation of debtor and creditor as between the country to which and the country from which the flight took place. To that extent the unstable money countries, including the United States. If there is a flight of capital from anywhere there is a flight of capital to somewhere. To the extent that capital has flown from the paper money countries of Europe to the United States of America, it counterbalances our direct loans to Europe.

I shall not venture an estimate of the extent or amount of the flight of capital from unstable money countries to stable money countries. Much has been said and written on the subject, but the very fact that the flight from these currencies has been regarded as unpatriotic and has been forbidden by legislation has added to the difficulty of obtaining any reliable figures which is inherent in the study of all invisible items in the international account. The natural reticence of the European resident about transfers of capital from his country abroad, taken together with the very proper reticence of American and other bankers about the affairs of their clients, foreign and domestic, added to the inherent difficulty of obtaining statistics about invisible movements, make caution in estimating very necessary.

Without, however, attempting to mention figures, we may get some notion of the dimensions of the problem by making a broad generalization. To some extent the paper currencies have been depreciated by direct inflation to meet Government deficits and debts. To some extent they have been depreciated in consequence of temporarily adverse balances of trade and payments in current international accounts growing out of the war. The third principal factor of the depreciation of the paper currencies in foreign exchange seems to be the flight from those currencies. The extent to which these three factors have contributed to the result varies, of course, in the case of each currency. I don't think it is a mistake to say that this third factor has been a very important one indeed in every instance. Neither the trade balance nor the direct paper money inflation to meet deficits and debts measurably accounts for the foreign exchange depreciation which has taken place. Therefore I conclude that there exists a very important factor of safety for the future in the foreign balances created in favor of the nationals of the paper money countries during the period of inflation.

Though I cannot hazard an estimate of the amount of these balances, I suppose that they greatly exceed in the more important instances, the amount of the loans floated in our markets since the war.

The French Committee of Experts in their report this summer declined to make an estimate, but stated that the credits thus formed abroad are an available reserve which can be used efficaciously to maintain the stability of the franc when other measures have made stabilization possible.

To these balances created in consequence of the flight from paper currencies must, of course, be added the not inconsiderable residue of the pre-war foreign investments of the nationals of these countries after deducting those sold to finance war purchases abroad, and those which became worthless or were depreciated in consequence of the war.

Though I don't know of authoritative figures for the Continental Allies, and the private studies of their position in relation to these invisible credit items, though very interesting and informing, appear to be indecisive, there do exist official or semi-official figures for England and Germany.

The second committee of experts, known as the McKenna Committee, which instituted an inquiry into the matter of German foreign assets, con-

*"The Growth of Capital," p. 122. †"The Growth of Capital," p. 161.

temporaneous with the inquiry of the Dawes Committee, estimated that German foreign assets at the end of 1923 amounted to 6½ billion gold marks, or, say, \$1,600,000,000.

In his last annual report, the Agent-General for Reparations Payments describes improved credit conditions and a decrease in the volume of foreign borrowing, and says that the German authorities have come to the conclusion that for several months past the aggregate foreign debt of Germany has not changed materially, and that a large volume of long-term issues placed abroad during that period has largely taken the place of the short debt already owned abroad but now repaid. He says that it is clear that any rate that latterly there has been a tendency for certain German issues placed abroad to flow back again into the hands of German investors, and that the German banks have become themselves substantial holders of liquid funds abroad.

Something of the sort has already taken place with reference to European neutrals. Such countries as Switzerland, Holland and Sweden have already stopped borrowing in this market, and have been calling their loans here, buying them up or paying them off. They have participated in the flow of capital from the unstable money countries, and some return flow of capital to their own.

Second only to the United States in financial strength after the war stood Great Britain. When the great war came British foreign investments were roughly said to amount to nearly 4,000,000,000 pounds sterling, carrying with them a revenue from abroad of nearly \$1,000,000,000 a year. Writing in 1914 R. H. Brand estimated Great Britain's surplus income from abroad, and therefore the amount which she was annually reinvesting abroad, at 190,000,000 pounds, or \$950,000,000.* The British Chancellor of the Exchequer on the 4th of May 1925 said in the House of Commons, "We have still, it is calculated, 3,000,000,000 pounds of foreign investment, the interest on which is calculated at about 220,000,000 pounds a year.† The "Board of Trade Journal" for Jan. 21 1926 estimated the United Kingdom's total income for overseas investments at 200,000,000 pounds for 1923, 220,000,000 pounds for 1924 and 250,000,000 pounds for 1925, a total greater by 6,000,000 pounds than Mr. Brand estimated for the pre-war year 1913.

This invisible capital of Europe is important because a doubt has been expressed whether Europe would be able to bear the burden of indebtedness being created in consequence of the loans which have been floated by European Governments, municipalities and companies in the United States during recent years—whether European countries would be able to find the foreign exchange, to make transfers. But do we know what is the position of the international capital account as between Europe and America, what is the residue of Europe's investments in America made before the war and not disposed of, what is the amount of capital which has flowed from Europe to America since the war, what is the amount of European investments in high grade American securities being made every year, even in the case of stable money countries? If we add Europe's pre-war investments in America, or what is left of them, to Europe's investments consequent upon the flight of capital from the unstable money countries, and Europe's investments in America consequent upon the normal appetite of Europe's stable money countries for speculative investments, higher yields, or a diversification of risk, what total shall we get? May it not go a long way to neutralize the more conspicuous flow of capital from America to Europe in the form of European public issues floated here?

The problem of transfers was not an invention of the great war, nor is the anxiety of financiers and economists a new thing. Let me read to you from an article which appeared in "Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine" for February 1875, describing the payment of the French indemnity after the Franco-Prussian war:

"As soon as it became known, five years ago, that France had to hand over £200,000,000 to Germany, it was generally predicted that the financial equilibrium of Europe would be upset by the transfer of so vast a sum from one country to another, and that the whole system of international monetary relations would be thrown into confusion. Apprehension of an analogous nature were abundantly expressed when the two French loans successively came out. Wise bankers shook their heads in Frankfurt, London, Amsterdam and Brussels, and assured their listeners that, though the money would probably be subscribed, it could not possibly be paid up under five years at least. And yet the whole of these vast transactions was carried out between 1st June 1871 and 5th September 1873; twenty-seven months sufficed for its completion; and not one single serious difficulty or disorder was produced by it. The fact was that the commercial world had no idea of its own power; it thought itself much smaller than it really is; it failed altogether to suspect that its own current operations were already so enormous that even the remittance of five milliards from France to Germany could be grafted on to them without entailing any material perturbation. Such, however, has turned out to be the case; and of all the lessons furnished by the war, no other is more practical or more strange."

The experience of France in paying the Prussian indemnity, the experience of Great Britain, whose foreign income appears to be increasing in spite of her losses in the war and the debt to us she assumed growing out of the war, the experience of Germany during the two years since the Dawes plan was put into effect, the experience of the European neutrals since the great war, ought to put the economic prophets of evil of the present day in a mood to some modesty. It ought to make them ready to admit that perhaps the capacity of the human race to overcome obstacles and barriers, fiscal and economic, may be greater than they have been able to foresee.

However, what I have been saying has reference to loans by private investors rather than inter-Government war debts.

One particular aspect of the displacement of wealth consequent upon the war, one which has perhaps had more than its proportionate share of emphasis in public discussion, is the German indebtedness and the inter-Allied war debts. The great merit of the Dawes plan was that it somewhat quieted, for the time being, at any rate, the discussion of this vexed question, and substituted for the opinions of politicians and economists that such and such things must be done on the one hand, and that such and such things were impossible on the other, a quiet method of experimentation and administration in charge of a modest, silent and indefatigable administrator, a man of amazing industry, extraordinary experience and precocious wisdom, Parker Gilbert.

The inter-Allied war debts have exercised an immense influence upon men's minds and have sentimentally retarded the return of confidence and reconstruction in Europe. Except in the case of Great Britain they have not exercised any great direct influence for the simple reason that except by Great Britain the amount of actual remittances on account of the war debt has been unimportant. I shall not venture here upon a discussion of the merits of the question, but I venture the prediction that as in the past so in the future great as the importance of the financial and economic aspects of indemnities and war debts may be, their political and sentimental importance is even greater. In the long run the decision of the question of reparations and the question of inter-Allied debts will be based not upon the capacity to pay of the debtor, but upon the decision of the American people in agreement with the people of the rest of the civilized world upon the question whether one nation should be compelled to make

such payments to another nation, friend or foe, from generation to generation. The question of reparations in its diminished and adjusted form, with the safeguards thrown around it by the Dawes plan, and the question of inter-Allied debts as they have been reduced in amount and extended in maturity by the American Debt Commission, are not to-day more financial and economic than political and sentimental questions.

If it is true that inflation during the war and after, and the fear of further inflation, growing out of the reparations claims and the inter-Allied debts among other things, led to the flight from the paper currencies affected; and if it is true that this flight led to further depreciation of those currencies and further inflation; and yet that it resulted in the creation of foreign credits available to the peoples of the countries whenever stabilization be achieved; then it is of the very essence of the matter that the whole business of reconstruction in Europe headed up to the restoration of European currencies on a gold basis, or something as nearly as possible approximating it.

In the past three and one-half years important progress has been made. Austrian, German and Hungarian currencies have been rehabilitated under the auspices of the League of Nations in two cases, and under the auspices of the International Dawes Commission in the third case. Each currency reform was set in motion in part with money provided by the American investor to the Government concerned. Great Britain returned to the gold standard a year and a half ago supported thereunto by the establishment of credits in her favor by the Federal Reserve banks and the American banking community. The currencies of Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland and Finland are at par, or within the gold points. The currencies of Spain and Norway are still depreciated 20% or 25%, but the major currency problems in Europe which remain to be solved are those of France, Italy and Belgium. I don't doubt that they will be solved that they are being solved. I don't share either the pessimism of those who think they should have been solved as were the currency problems of the bankrupt enemy nations, through a sort of international receivership preceded by a complete currency collapse, nor do I share the impatience of those who think that the problems of France, Italy and Belgium should have been solved as quickly and completely as those of Great Britain and the United States. I don't doubt that France, Italy and Belgium each in her own good time and each in her own way will find a solution of her currency problem. I look forward to the return of each of these countries to the gold standard with confidence. I think each in its own way has made important progress since the war, and I think the end is in sight for each. If we remember the Herculean task which Hamilton had to perform after the Revolutionary War, if we remember that it took 14 years after the Civil War to put our currency back on a gold basis, we shall, I think, be neither intolerant nor discouraged as we observe, and I hope endeavor to help, the strides which these three Allies who suffered so greatly during the war are making to restore their currencies.

A secondary problem in Europe concerns the currencies of Poland and of the Balkan States, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Yugoslavia and Greece. Three or four were creatures of the peace settlement as nations in their present form. I don't know the problems of these countries at first hand, but I don't doubt that they are having the earnest consideration of those who do. The solution of their problems is second only in importance to the solution of the problems of France, Italy and Belgium.

The part of America's finance, foreign loans and foreign investments, in furnishing the means for reconstruction of currencies in Europe has been very great and very important. More especially for highly civilized countries, highly industrialized and highly commercialized, unsound currency is a disastrous thing. Loans made thoughtfully and carefully to prevent the collapse of European currencies and to restore them to a gold basis are constructive loans. They serve the most useful purpose possible because they serve to stop the dry rot at the heart. European countries cannot grow rich by borrowing more money and more money abroad, but they can grow rich again if the loans they obtain abroad are used as keys to unlock the vaults of their own wealth. Stable currencies, sound fiscal and banking policies, balanced budgets, these are the true means to bring about the return flow of capital which has taken flight. American loans are only the entering wedge, a measure of confidence, a margin of safety.

It necessarily follows that American loans to Europe are not likely to be perennial. One by one the European countries should, and I believe will, complete their fiscal and currency reforms, and, having achieved sound budgets and sound currencies, will cease to borrow at home or abroad except for refunding. Just as the German authorities have sought to limit municipal and other borrowings abroad, and some of the neutral countries of Europe have redeemed loans floated in the post-war period in this market, and others have withdrawn from borrowing here, as England has contracted no new indebtedness here since the fighting stopped, I expect to see the time come, and come soon, when European Government loans in this market will shrink in number and amount. There may, and very probably will, be an intermediate period of private foreign financing here, but I expect that the thrifty people of Europe will resume their habits of thrift and saving, and, given sound budgets and sound currencies, will begin to repatriate their foreign balances and to reaccumulate their capital savings and find means to finance their own enterprises at home.

This presupposes some degree of political wisdom for dealing with the remaining problems growing out of the war. The at least tentative settlements of the reparations and war debt problems which have already been negotiated, the political settlement at Locarno, followed by the admission of Germany to the League of Nations and to membership in its Council, give grounds for optimism. I don't doubt that having stopped the war in 1918 and having completed the peace in 1923 the nations of the world, including the United States, will meet such further problems as experience may show exist in a constructive spirit. If the American investor has loaned money to European Governments for constructive purposes, and I think for the most part he has, then he will in the long run turn out to have made good loans and profitable investments. And those of you, members of the Investment Bankers Association, who aided him in his choice of investments will have not only a satisfied client, but the satisfaction of having taken part in a constructive job. The war was not over for the Treasury of the United States after Armistice Day eight years ago. In a sense it isn't over yet for some of the Governments in Europe who have not been able to fully adjust their affairs, but I think the end is in sight.

"Canadian Progress and Security." Address by Rodolphe Lemieux Before Investment Bankers Association.

In the absence of Rodolph Lemieux, K.C., M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons at Ottawa, who on account of ill health was prevented from being present at the convention, an address prepared by him on "Canadian Progress and Security," was read by James A. Eccles, Chairman of the Canadian Committee. Mr. Lemieux in depicting Canada's

†Page 27.

*"War and National Finance," page 81.

†"Board of Trade Journal," Jan. 21 1926, page 69.

development observed that "from 1897 to 1914 our progress was manifest. Before that period we were merely struggling, just plodding along. . . . But 1897 marked a turn for the better. Canadians were encouraged to seriously take stock of their capabilities and develop to the full the splendid heritage which nature laid at their feet." "With the close of the world struggle now almost eight years distant, Canada," he said, "is entering upon another great era of prosperity. Like a mammoth locomotive, the Dominion of Canada is again working under a full head of steam, and many record marks of other years in various fields of activity are bound to fall by the wayside." An instance of the country's expansion, he noted, "is to be found in the phenomenal development of the pulp and paper industry in recent years. Canadian paper mills have reached a daily capacity of 5,700 tons of newsprint." Mr. Lemieux also called attention to the fact that "Canada stands to-day fifth in trade among the world nations, is among the first six nations of the universe as an exporting and importing country, and is third in her per capita national wealth among 35 nations listed by the League of Nations." The following is the address of Mr. Lemieux in full:

At the outset of this address I wish to express my cordial thanks and sincere appreciation for the honor of being invited to attend your convention and take part in its deliberations. Your organization, the Investment Bankers Association of America, is, I am advised, the most representative and influential of the kind on the North American continent, and embraces in the wide range of its membership leading financiers and bankers from all parts of the United States and Canada.

I desire to congratulate you on the selection of Quebec as the rallying point for your fifteenth annual assembly. Something more than mere chance or caprice dictated your decision in that regard. Gentlemen, let us be frank. You were lured here by the spell of Quebec; Quebec, the most historical spot on the American continent and the capital city of the Province of the same name, which stands as the symbol of progress, just laws, orderly Government, religious and racial harmony, a happy and contented citizenry in this Dominion.

Whiel this most ancient of Canadian cities has bowed to some extent before the relentless onward march of modernity, you may yet behold all around you the landmarks and traditions of a mighty past. The spot on which this imposing structure stands witnessed the arrival of French discoverers almost four centuries ago. Here a young and vigorous nation was born and cradled. And over yonder, on the Plains of Abraham, the centuries-old duel between France and England in America had an epic climax, and the destinies of a vast country were altered in the course of a few hours of supreme fighting.

Your stay in our midst will, I am sure, furnish you with ample opportunity to glean more of Quebec's historical associations.

Need I dwell on the scenic beauty of Quebec and its surroundings? Quebec is verily the most picturesque city in Canada. And with pride I add, it is the most representative city in the Dominion. Here citizens of different races and creeds, many of them descendants of those gallant officers and soldiers who fought for the supremacy of British and French arms on the northern half of this continent, live in harmony. Here English and French-speaking citizens furnish concrete evidence that the words "concord" and "tolerance" are a living symbol.

The spirit of Quebec City is the spirit of the Province of Quebec. This Province not only preaches, but practices, the doctrine of justice and forbearance. Here broad gospel of good-will should inspire the whole of Canada. The vision and outlook of her people partake somewhat of the majestic sweep of the mighty St. Lawrence as it flows by serenely and untrammelled on its journey to the sea. The age-old Laurentian Mountains, towering sentinels to the north, epitomize the habitant's attachment to the soil. Like the purple ranges he sees in the distance along the rim of the horizon, the habitant is here to stay. And herein is one of the secrets of Quebec's greatness, the permanency of her population.

Of the 3,797,123 square miles of territory which constitute the area of the Dominion of Canada, no less than 706,834 square miles are encompassed within the boundaries of Quebec. The combined territories of France, Germany, Sweden and Italy fall some 7,000 square miles short of equaling the total area of this Province. Quebec is both the threshold and the gateway through which ocean navigation must pass on its way to the interior of the continent.

A bountiful nature must surely have been in one of its most generous moods when it shaped Quebec. The Province has long been noted for her vast natural resources. The people of this Province so liberally endowed are turning to practical account the fertile soil, the mineral, forest and power wealth that abound on all sides. Thanks to a good and wise legislation, the foresight and statecraft of such leading French-Canadian public men as Sir Lomer Gouin and the Hon. Alexandre Taschereau and their associates, Quebec has forged ahead with mighty strides, and stands to-day as the banner Province of Canada. Signs of her progressiveness are not lacking. This up-to-dateness is evidenced in many directions, in the educational institutions of every category that dot the Province, the modern methods employed in agriculture, the trend of her industrial expansion, the good roads policy that prevails. The Province stands as a pioneer in the building of modern highways. Quebec is to-day criss-crossed with 31,000 miles of good roads, on which the sum of \$75,000,000 has been expended within the last 15 years. And I might add that the Province is paying her way. Surpluses at the end of each financial year have come to be accepted as a matter of course. These surpluses are applied largely to the reduction of the Provincial debt, to promoting the cause of education and aiding humanitarian and charity endeavors. I said a moment ago that Quebec leads the way in the construction of modern highways. The Province is also a pioneer in the use of airplanes for forest fire patrols and aerial "cruising" of timber limits.

Of Canada's nine Provinces, none is attracting wider attention than Quebec. The October issue of the "American Review of Reviews" is largely devoted to a survey of the happy social and economic conditions that prevail in this Province and the conspicuous part taken therein by the local Government.

The "Review of Reviews" lays particular emphasis on the potentialities of Quebec, notably the power and forest resources. Gentlemen, the untold timber limits of the Provinces' northern areas form the gasis for a great pulp and paper industry of the present and the future. Her rivers, many of them as yet comparatively unknown, may be harnessed to supply over one-third of the electric power available in Canada. Quebec's mineral

deposits, particularly those of asbestos, have long been known for their quality and extent, while promising discoveries of copper and gold deposits have been made in Rouyn and neighboring townships in the north-western part of the Province.

Side by side, the United States and Canada are now working out the problems of a modern democracy within national and political frameworks, different in origin and to some extent in ideals. The United States were in a large measure trail blazers in their own right in assuming the role of "originator" in the separation from British political and social traditions. A republican form of government was substituted for the monarchical system, and a written constitution and declaration of rights for the institutions which had come into being through centuries of customs and many successive enactments.

On the other hand, the origin of Canada was quite different. The birth of the nation involved no separation from the mother country. We have the same dreams of happiness, vision the same goal of progress, and pursue the same ideal of a prosperous, contented country, not without but within the British political and social fabric. It is the unbroken connection with Britain, the maintenance of British institutions, ideals and traditions that give to Canada her distinctive character, and to her relations with the United States their true significance.

If there are differences, there are common problems and possibilities which arise out of similarities. The forms of government existing in our neighboring countries offer no similarity. The laws are different and the institutions likewise. Yet back of the separate nationalities and separate histories stand the race and a thousand years of common tradition.

True, there is a boundary line, but the line is so fine that it is invisible. Along 4,000 miles of frontier there is no sentry with bayoneted rifle pacing back and forth, no grim-looking cannon flaunting both a threat and a challenge. For customs purposes, stone and iron posts have been erected on the border, yet the best and truest signs of international demarcation are the milestones of mutual trust, good-will and sensible neighborliness set up in the course of almost a century and a quarter of peaceful relations between the two nations. We have a common ancestry and a common abode. We take pride in celebrating the epic deeds of heroic figures whom we both claim as our own, men like Marquette, Cavalier de la Salle, Joliet, Lamothe-Cadillac, Juneau, Dalhat, and a host of other gallant pathfinders whose achievements are inscribed on the historical scrolls of both countries. A new continent may afford new scenes of action, but the genius of a people remains interwoven in the mysteries of race.

We have on this continent a joint trusteeship. Our task is not only to explore hidden wealth and develop vast resources; not merely to seek material prosperity. But greater still, and above all, is the duty to conceive ideas and fashion ideals likely to be of enduring benefit to mankind. The real strength and greatness of a people lie in the social, moral and intellectual well-being of its citizenship.

Upon the new world are being thrust vaster obligations, responsibilities and opportunities than were ever known to the old. Geography has placed the United States and Canada midway between other continents, and the problems arising for each of us out of the new contacts will be much the same. Let our friendships be fast and sure. In the fashioning of world ideals British, American and French endeavor must go hand in hand.

Canadians are fully cognizant of their emergence as a nation and the great responsibility the status implies. Yet they face the future confident and unafraid. Sir Wilfred Laurier contemplating the evidence of prosperity which abounded on all sides in his native land predicted that the twentieth century was Canada's century. It was not an idly spoken prediction and seems to be in a fair way of fulfillment. From 1897 to 1914 our progress was manifest. Before that period we were merely struggling, just plodding along. The Canadian west was yet unsettled in the first stages of that era; the Canadian Pacific Railway linking east and west had just been completed. There was no immigration to speak of, while there was a trend of migration to the United States. But 1897 marked a turn for the better. Canadians were encouraged to seriously take stock of their capabilities and develop to the full the splendid heritage which nature laid at their feet. Within a few years, courageous pioneers had carved farms out of the prairie lands, garnered grain crops that astounded the world and founded thriving towns and cities in this vast western domain.

New provinces were created, and this far-flung territory, for centuries the undisputed possession of buffalo herds and nomad Indian tribes, became in a little more than one score years the world's granary. A steady tide of almost a half million newcomers all eager to have a share in the up-building of a young and virile country, was yearly flowing into the land.

Nineteen fourteen had dawned promising. Nothing portended the long and fateful years that were shaping. When all of a sudden, like a flash of lightning in the midst of a glorious summer, the first rumblings of a cataclysmal struggle were heard at a distance. The great World War was on us with its long and sombre periods of supreme trials, of hopes deferred, with its unending trail of holocausts on land, in the air and on the seas. As weeks and months elapsed, the yeomen gathered from the deepest recesses of this broad Dominion and the steady tramp of regiments began, as if marching in rhythmical order, with the roll of the drums. With unfaltering steps, the rays of a Canadian autumn sun glinting on their bayonets, the first contingent reached Valcartier, impatient to board the argosies bound for the battlefields of France all ablaze with the deadliest conflict ever witnessed between might and right.

Canada and her people engaged whole-heartedly in that titanic struggle. More than a half million Canadians enlisted for service and of that number 60,000 gave their lives as the supreme sacrifice of this nation to the cause of the world's freedom. Canada also contributed unstintedly of her material resources in furtherance of the Allied cause. In fact, she contracted a huge war debt to ensure that her contribution would be effective. The struggle in which your own country took a notable and decisive part brought glory to Canada. The prestige of Canadian nationhood was heightened abroad. Our status grew in the Empire. Throughout the world, Canada has become both a participant and a factor in world affairs. In the field of international relations we have made great strides. Thirty years ago, our country was unknown and virtually ignored in that sphere. Canada did not appear anywhere. Kept aside of international parleys and diplomatic discussions, this country had to accept obligations and decisions in which it had little or no say. That situation has changed so rapidly that the importance of what took place still escapes the attention of many Canadians and remains almost inconceivable for people of foreign countries.

To-day we negotiate and sign our trade treaties and covenants by the medium of our own representatives. At international conferences, our delegates make themselves heard, sometimes with great authority. Recognition of Canada's status and the capacity of her representatives was signally marked just a year ago, when one of our most distinguished French-Canadian citizens, Senator Raoul Dandurand, was called to the presidency of the League of Nations Society then in annual assembly at Geneva.

After the armistice came the many problems arising out of war participation. These problems kept Canada fully occupied for a time and are still engaging the country's attention. Then we turned to the inter-

rupted task of developing Canada. The chaotic conditions which followed the turbulence of war in many European countries made necessary the adoption of a policy of selective immigration. And to-day, all indications point to another great tide of immigration reminiscent of pre-war times setting in shortly.

With the close of the world struggle now almost eight years distant, Canada is entering upon another great era of prosperity. Unmistakable economic signs that we have successfully turned the corner are not wanting. Like a mammoth locomotive, the Dominion of Canada is again working under a full head of steam, and many record marks of other years in various fields of activity are bound to fall by the wayside.

Gentlemen, the health and pulse action of young man Canada were never better; the spirit of Jack Canuck never higher, nor his hopes never stronger. We sense on all sides a feeling of optimism and buoyancy such as had not been noted since pre-war days. A well-known statistical bureau, following a survey of conditions in this country, says: "Canada has definitely emerged from a four-year cycle of depression which followed the advance and inflation of the war and post-war years, and is now at the beginning of an upswing. The trend is unmistakably upward. All the basic business barometers clearly indicate fine weather."

And there is cause for this optimistic spirit. Canada stands to-day fifth in trade among the world nations, is among the first six nations of the universe as an exporting and importing country, and is third in her per capita national wealth among 35 nations listed by the League of Nations. Canada has become the greatest wheat exporter in the world, has the highest ratio of increase in agricultural production of any nation in the past 25 years, and boasts of a live stock and field crop wealth of a billion and a half dollars in value.

Another instance of this country's expansion is to be found in the phenomenal development of the pulp and paper industry in recent years. Canadian paper mills have reached a daily capacity of 5,700 tons of newsprint, and their 1925 output of 1,522,217 tons came within 8,000 tons of equalling that of United States mills. With other vast plants now nearing completion, Canada seems assured of taking during the present year still another definite leadership over world competitors. There were in 1924 115 pulp and paper mills operating in Canada, representing a capital investment in excess of \$459,000,000. The total number of employees was 27,627, the payroll over \$37,000,000. The value of the output, including pulpwood exported was over \$187,000,000, with the United States market absorbing about four-fifths of this country's pulp and paper shipments.

Contrast this situation with that existing two score years ago. In 1881 five mills were in operation with a capital of \$92,000. Employees numbered 68 and the output was valued at \$63,000. Going back a few years beyond that time, we find that no pulp mills are entered in Canada's decennial census of 1871. Here you have presented a remarkable reflex of the giant strides which Canada has been making industrially in the last few years.

There have been three important factors in the development of Canada. First came the fur trade, the oldest in point of years, and still an important industry; then the lumber trade, or forest products, and agricultural Standing out under this latter head is Canada's record as a wheat producing country. Years ago, when wheat-growing in the West was yet in an almost experimental stage, Sir Charles Tupper ventured the prediction that Canada was destined to some day produce a 100,000,000-bushel wheat crop. He was ridiculed by many and looked upon as a wild visionary. Sir Charles had the good fortune of seeing his prediction not only fulfilled but his estimate trebled. Canada has already produced two wheat crops exceeding the 400,000,000-bushel mark. The 1923 crop, 476,990,000 bushels, set a high water mark. The other banner year, 1925, witnessed a crop totaling 411,375,000 bushels. Saskatchewan and Alberta stand supreme as wheat-growing Provinces. Whereas in 1906 Saskatchewan only produced 34,742,000 bushels of wheat, the 1925 production totaled 240,551,000 bushels. From a wheat production mark of 5,932,269 in 1906, Alberta jumped to 102,995,482 bushels last year.

And Canada's onward march continues untrammelled in many other directions. Trade figures also tell an amazing story of progress. For the year ending July 31 last, Canadian exports had reached \$1,344,000,000 and imports totaled \$969,000,000, or a favorable trade balance of \$735,000,000. In 1871 our exports had a value of \$57,000,000 and our imports amounted to \$84,000,000, giving Canada an unfavorable balance of \$27,000,000. At Confederation, that is in 1867-1868, the country's estimated revenue was fourteen and one-half million dollars, ordinary expenditures \$14,000,000, while capital expenditure stood at \$2,000,000. Compare the figures just quoted with those contained in Canada's 1925-1926 budget, the Robb budget, which show \$524,000,000 for revenue and \$510,000,000 for expenditure.

Canada's population, which stood at 3,689,000 in 1867 now exceeds 9,500,000. Whereas there were only 10,000,000 acres under cultivation in 1867, the cultivated areas now represent a total acreage of approximately 60,000,000. We have as yet but touched the fringe of our patrimony of available arable land, which is estimated at 440,000,000 acres.

In other domains, to mention only a few, the value of manufactured products has jumped from \$47,000,000 in 1867 to over \$1,300,000,000; railway receipts have soared from the eleven-million mark to \$445,000,000, the value of mineral production, which stood at \$47,000,000 in 1900, now exceeds \$230,000,000.

These figures offer outstanding proof of tremendous growth and constitute clear-cut evidence that Canada is on her way to become one of the great nations of the world. They also hold out the promise of a great future, not only for her inhabitants, but for citizens of other lands, who are welcome in Canadian territory to share with us the undertakings that make for national development and the general well-being of the country and its people.

If further evidence of this country's standing were required, I might refer to the fact that Canada's dollar is the only currency in the world to be quoted at a premium over the United States since the war.

Gentlemen, you have, I am sure, an adequate idea of the various assets of Canada. I will therefore refrain from wearying you further with statistics as to our wealth in natural resources, forest, mineral, power, etc. These resources represent untold potential values. They call for sound, intelligent investment coupled with aggressive, systematic development. As for the returns their exploitation will yield, they will be unfulfilling.

Few countries compare with Canada in the security of the guarantee they can offer for profitable investments. Investors of the United States and Great Britain long ago recognized this fact, but never more so than in recent years. American capital invested in Canada now stands at over two and one-half billion dollars. The favorite fields of United States investors here are general industries, railways, the pulp, paper and lumber industries, and mining. Nearly one-fourth of all securities of Canadian corporations and joint stock companies are owned in the United States, and one-tenth in Great Britain. Thirty-one per cent of the total value of Canadian manufacturing industries are owned in the United States, 58% in Canada, 10% in Great Britain. One-fourth of all the foreign investments of the United States are located in Canada. Great Britain, with a total of \$1,900,000,000, follows the United States in Canadian investments.

In the development of our water power and forest resources American capital is taking an increasingly large interest. At the present time American capital is largely interested in the mammoth power and paper development which the International Paper Co. is carrying out on the Gatineau and Ottawa rivers. United States capital also stands behind the vast undertakings of the Aluminum Company of Canada on the Saguenay River.

Canada and her people welcome outside capital and are prepared to co-operate in the fullest measure to ensure industrial development in their midst. I might here refer to an incident or two which strikingly illustrate that spirit of co-operation. Early in January this year, the property owners of the municipality of West Templeton, Hull County, Quebec, were called upon to cast their votes for or against a by-law granting a low fixed assessment for a ten-year period on the large pulp and paper mills owned by the International Paper Co. Well, to state the case briefly, the by-law carried without one dissenting vote being cast. In the new town of Arvida in the upper reaches of the Saguenay, where the Aluminum Company of Canada is now engaged in carrying out its large water power and industrial development works, the residents have voluntarily agreed to leave the administration of the town and its various services in the hands of the corporation's officials.

There are many factors that conduce to make Canada, particularly the Province of Quebec, an attractive field for outside capital. Labor conditions are exceptionally stable. The people adjust themselves readily to fluctuating economic conditions. The citizens and legislators are respecters of proprietary rights. They frown on any policy that savors either of confiscation or oppressiveness. And what is more, our Canadian banking system reposes on a secure foundation. Canadians are not receptive to faddists who would, were they given any scope, ruthlessly sweep aside old and dependable economic regimens to substitute their own untried schemes. On the whole, both the Federal and Provincial Administrations cling to cautious, prudent financial policies. En passant, I would like to pay tribute to Canada's banking system. It compares favorably with the best in any country. Our banks occupy a strong position. To mention but one institution, the Bank of Montreal is not only the leader in its field in Canada, but enjoys as well a splendid reputation among the financial corporations of the world. The Bank of Montreal holds the unique position of being the official banking house of the Dominion Government since pre-Confederation days. The trend in Canada has been in the direction of a merging of our financial forces rather than multiplication of banks. There are at present 11 banks in Canada, and 32 mergers have been effected since 1867.

Canadians also take justifiable pride in their two big railways, the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National. They stand in the very forefront of the country's greatest assets. Both railways working in a spirit of keen yet fair competition have shown in recent months tremendous advances in operating revenues compared with the figures for the corresponding period last year. The share-holders of these two corporations are singularly fortunate in having at the helm of affairs men of splendid executive genius and capacity, Mr. E. W. Beatty, K.C., the President of the Canadian Pacific, and Sir Henry Thornton, President of the Canadian National. Sir Henry has accomplished wonders since being entrusted with the management of the State-owned and operated lines, and bids fair to win for his native State, Indiana, possibly greater fame than another brilliant son, James Whitcombe Riley, "the Hoosier poet."

The ensure the welfare of a country, the people and their administrators must constantly work hand in hand. On the Government of a country largely devolves the responsible duty of shaping its economic course, of harnessing, as it were, and transforming into power units, the dynamic forces of the nation.

The immediate policy of the Government of the day should be, in my humble judgment, the three R's: Reduction in expenditure, reduction in debt and reduction in taxation. As to this country's tariff policy, I believe the common-sense policy to be kept in mind is one that will tend to strike a happy, equitable balance between the producers and the consumers. I think I am voicing the feelings of the great majority of the Canadian people when I state that a violent swing of the fiscal pendulum one way or the other would prove disastrous to our economic structure and jeopardize the cause of national solidarity. In fiscal matters there can be no fast rule. Neither can there be unbridled license with those forces that constitute a country's very life.

I have, I fear, reviewed at perhaps unpardonable length the economic conditions of my native land. I have tried to place in proper relief our principal assets. Gentlemen, there are assets and assets. After all, the best assets we can offer, the most attractive commodity we can place on the national counter, is composed of the moral fibre, the brain and brawn of the Canadian people. That is the type of asset that counts in your land as it does in ours.

The Canadian people are largely a happy blending of English, French, Scotch, Irish and Welsh stock. They possess to a remarkable degree the best characteristics and attributes of the parent races from which they spring. Premier Stanley Baldwin, of Great Britain, in the course of a recent address outlined in a graphic word picture some of the racial traits of the Englishman. He said in part: "We grumble, and we have always grumbled, but we never worry. There are nations who worry but do not grumble. . . . The Englishman has a mental reserve owing to that gift given him at his birth by St. George, so by the absence of worry he keeps his nervous system sound and sane, with the result that in times of emergency the nervous system stands when the nervous system of other peoples breaks. The Englishman is made for a time of crisis, and for a time of emergency. He is serene in difficulties, but may seem to be indifferent when times are easy. He may not look ahead, he may not heed warnings, he may not prepare, but when he once starts he is persistent to the death."

How this brings back Emerson's words of that ancient nation: "I see her not dispirited, nor weak, but well remembering that she has seen dark days before; indeed, with a kind of instinct that she sees a little better in a cloudy day, and that, in storm of battle and calamity, she has a secret vigor and a pulse like a cannon."

Here we have presented two very faithful portrayals of the Englishman not only at home but under all climes. You note these salient traits in the descendants of the parent stock both in Canada and the United States.

What of the French-Canadian whom you also know under the picturesque designation of the habitant? The French-Canadian also possesses to an eminent degree those qualities of the centuries-old French race, perseverance, the love of adventure, the spirit of thrift, attachment to the native heath, the cult of ancestral traditions.

French-Canadians are a God-fearing, law-abiding people. To the youth entrusted to their care our educational and religious institutions impart a sound training that makes for respect of constituted authority, loyalty to country, honesty and service. As a result, a deeply religious spirit animates the people. Canadians honor their bond. They take pride in living up to their obligations, both contractual and unwritten.

Just as the English and French Canadians represent what is best in the parent stock, so have our citizens of Irish, Scotch and Welsh extraction inherited the finest qualities of their ancestors in the old land. From these

various ethnographical elements, a strong, self-reliant, independent race has been compounded.

In closing, I would like to speak a word about the laws that govern this country. Canada has good laws, civil and criminal. In Quebec, we still cling to the old civil laws that go back to times immemorial. We are also fortunate in having a strong judiciary which is appointed for life and is not subject to political influences. As a result, law violations are quickly and effectively checked; crime waves are stemmed at the very outset.

Gentlemen, I fear I have abused your hospitality and seriously encroached on the time schedule of your convention. In accepting your kind invitation to speak to-day, I was, I will frankly confess, spurred on by a feeling that I could in some measure serve the cause of my native land, my native Province. I have striven to convey some idea of the strength of Canadian institutions, of the richness of Canadian character and Canadian traditions; I have tried to emphasize the existence in this country of those fundamental features which help to provide the basis for sound investment confidence. My task has been a pleasant one.

My parting words to you are: Let us cultivate the arts of peace between the two countries. Let us set up ideals of justice and good-will, of honesty in public and private affairs. Let us be true to our respective trusteeships, arbitrate our difficulties as we have done in the past and never be recreant to the spirit of the treaties and covenants that regulate our international relations. In the words of one of your most distinguished citizens who passed away just one year ago: "Let there be fewer warships, and more friendships."

"Canadian Development and the Canadian Pacific." Address by E. W. Beatty Before Investment Bankers Association.

"Canadian Development and the Canadian Pacific" was the theme of an address before the Investment Bankers Association by E. W. Beatty, K.C., President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., at the closing session of the annual convention of the association on Oct. 15. Mr. Beatty made the statement that "a most casual knowledge of Canadian conditions will convince almost anyone that the progress of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been due to the progress of the country itself, and a closer and more intimate knowledge would indicate the very extent to which the company contributed to the development of the Dominion." The gradual expansion of the company from the year 1899, when it possessed 7,000 miles of railway, to the year 1926, when it owns or controls 20,000 miles, was referred to by Mr. Beatty, who also pointed out other features incident to its development. The address in full follows:

It is a great privilege for one in my position to have the opportunity of speaking to the members of your association, and particularly so because you are visitors to a country in which we Canadians have a profound confidence, and you are guests at a hotel of which the company with which I am associated is very proud. If, by reason of your stay here, you have added to the favorable impressions most of you no doubt already have regarding Canada and the Province of Quebec, I, for one, will be very glad, and if, in addition, you leave some of the currency of your country—which, I understand, is now almost on a par with Canadian currency—within the precincts of this hotel, I shall not be unduly annoyed.

I am very conscious of the fact that you have listened during the course of your convention to many addresses from men well qualified to speak, including the eloquent and distinguished Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, and the realization of this fact, coupled with reasonable modesty, should have prevented me from accepting Mr. Eccles's invitation. I expressed to him my candid doubt that I would be able to do justice to the importance of this gathering in any subject which I might be asked to discuss. He was very diplomatic and courteous in his reply and he was also very adroit in that he suggested subjects which anyone should be prepared to elaborate. He having again proven his ability as a salesman, I capitulated.

Your Chairman was good enough to suggest that I might with propriety discuss with you for a few moments Canadian development, with particular reference to the Canadian Pacific Railway. There is always a danger in asking a C. P. R. man to talk about the C. P. R., as his hearers are inclined to discount what he says on the ground that he is talking about his own concern and may be prejudiced. He is placed, so to speak, in the position of an egotist, and an egotist is apt to become a bore unless he is unusually entertaining. In this connection, I am reminded of an exchange of courtesies between two famous egotists as narrated the other day in his book of reminiscences by Forbes Robertson, the celebrated English actor. These two egotists were Whistler, the artist, and Oscar Wilde, the playwright.

A paragraph appeared in a London newspaper that "Whistler and Oscar Wilde were seen on the Brighton front, talking, as usual, about themselves." Whistler sent the paragraph to Wilde with a note saying, "I wish these reporters would be more accurate. If you remember, we were talking about me." In answer to which Wilde sent a telegram, "It is true we were talking about you, but I was thinking about myself."

I have less hesitation in mentioning some of the associations of the Canadian Pacific with this country because of its history and because it represents the spirit behind every Canadian enterprise, viz., the confidence in the future of this country and the belief that Canada should support and can support their undertakings if wisely conceived, honestly financed and efficiently administered. As you know, the Canadian Pacific has always been controlled within the British Empire. You know, too, that it was national in its conception and in its execution, though it has always been permitted to enjoy the blessings of private administration. It was the link which made Confederation possible, and without it or some similar agency Canada would still have remained a series of un-united Provinces and could not have reached its present stage of development.

It is a national enterprise, and even an Imperial enterprise in every phase of its development, and was, from its inception, the legitimate child of the country. Forty years of successful operation (and I can speak freely as to this, as I had no very substantial part in the formulation of the policies which made its success possible) have made it the barometer of financial conditions in Canada.

Like all young countries, especially large young countries full of ambition and confidence, Canada's railway progress is the history of men of great vision and courage. It is the story of great achievement, of mistakes, of failures and political and economic complications ending with the most unique situation that exists in the world to-day.

Many years ago, when the United States was emerging from the distraction of the Civil War, Canada was a loosely jointed series of separate

British Crown Colonies, between which came the wedge of the fur-trading territories of the Hudson's Bay Company. In order to unite them, it was essential that they should be linked by railway systems. At that time there were in existence two railways, both in Eastern Canada, the Grand Trunk, financed by British capital, and the Intercolonial, built, owned and operated by the Government.

Then, in the '70's, came the ambitious project of a transcontinental line as a concomitant to a political federation of all these British colonies into one Dominion of Canada. British Columbia was insistent on this condition of a transcontinental railway before it would agree to enter confederation, and as a result, the idea of the Canadian Pacific Railway was born.

Then, and until 1881, it was a Government enterprise. It had been offered to the promoters of the Grand Trunk, but was refused as an impractical scheme. Undertaken, therefore, as a Government enterprise, construction went ahead slowly, piecemeal, and at an abnormal cost. One scandal resulted in a change of Government and the report of a Royal Commission to investigate is a scathing indictment of the methods then employed. They reported that "the construction was carried on as a public work at a sacrifice of money, time and efficiency; that numbers of persons were employed on party grounds who were not efficient; that large operations were carried on with much less regard to economy than in a private undertaking."

So great a political incubus did the project become that the leader of the Conservative Party decided that the only chance of success was to turn the whole undertaking over to a private company.

If you will picture Canada at this period of its development, the same size then as it is now, equal in area to the United States, with a population of only 4,324,000 people and widely separated by long stretches of territory then unproductive and supposed to be incapable of production, you will have some appreciation of the colossal character of the undertaking. On the Western extremity, two ranges of mountains had to be crossed through passes which were both hazardous and in which construction was costly. Undismayed by the great difficulties and apparently undiscouraged by the prospect of inevitable failure which was cheerfully prophesied for them, this little syndicate, composed of Scotchmen, Canadians and Americans, undertook the financial obligation of constructing a transcontinental railway in ten years, and as an evidence of their faith, contracted thereafter and forever efficiently to maintain, work and run the Canadian Pacific Railway. So well was their work done and so efficiently were they organized that they completed it within five years, instead of the ten permitted them by the contract. In 1885 the Provinces of Canada were joined by this thin rail of steel and the object of the Confederation had been realized.

Now, one of my excuses for mentioning this fact of Canadian transportation history is the connection with its execution of two subsequently famous Canadians who entered the service from the United States, Sir William Van Horne and Lord Shaughnessy; Van Horne came from Illinois and Shaughnessy from Milwaukee. Both were honored by their Sovereign for conspicuous services in the interests of the Dominion, Van Horne being made a Knight and Shaughnessy becoming a Peer. In the jocular reference of an American newspaperman, "He was the Peer that made Milwaukee famous."

Just, however, to show that reciprocity, which did not exist in commodities, did exist in men, Canada gave to the United States James J. Hill in exchange for Van Horne and Shaughnessy, and while we got the best of the bargain in numbers, it would be a very hardy and uninformed individual who would discount the great achievements of the late Mr. Hill in the American Middle West.

A most casual knowledge of Canadian conditions will convince almost anyone that the progress of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been due to the progress of the country itself, and a closer and more intimate knowledge would indicate the very great extent to which the company contributed to the development of the Dominion. From the standpoint of you gentlemen and your interest in present-day things, that progress is best reflected by the condition in which the company finds itself to-day and the character of its financial structure. It would take longer than you have allotted to me to trace the gradual expansion of the company from the year 1899, when it possessed 7,000 miles of railway, to the year 1926, when it owns or controls 20,000 miles; from the point where its gross earnings rose from \$29,200,000 26 years ago to \$183,356,000 in 1925; from the time, after payment of working expenses, there were net earnings of \$12,200,000 to last year's net of \$40,154,000; to the gradual expansion of its outside activities, transportation and other, until it constitutes what, with almost unparadonable accuracy, its Publicity Department describes it as "The World's Greatest Transportation System." Like all other companies, it has what are known as its "high spots," both in its financial history and as a transportation unit, and one of the former of these has been the avoidance of a policy which would lead to a variety of securities in the shape of bonds issued or assumed by the company with reference to acquired properties or created and issued to furnish money for new lines, each secured by mortgage on the particular property to which it applied.

In order to avoid this undesirable situation, the company decided, with the consent of Parliament, to utilize consolidated debenture stock for the purchase or conversion of existing bonds, and to provide funds for building or acquiring such additional mileage as might appear to be required from time to time for the advantage of the country and the company itself. This consolidated debenture stock is perpetual and irredeemable, differing from a mortgage bond in that it gives no right of foreclosure in the event of default, but being a statutory first charge against the undertaking, railways, works and revenues of the company. The holders have first claim on the revenues of the company for their semi-annual dividends after working expenses and taxes and the demands of existing bondholders have been satisfied. If, by any chance, the company failed to pay, within a fixed period, the dividend accrued on the debenture stock, the holders of that stock would become the shareholders of the company and would control its affairs until the default was made good, when the property would automatically pass back to the preference and ordinary shareholders.

The second financial characteristic which distinguishes the company from that of many others has been the amount of money voluntarily contributed by its shareholders in the form of premiums on new stock issues or in the diverting of surplus earnings into the property.

In the 25 years just passed, the shareholders were offered and accepted \$195,000,000 of common stock, for which they paid \$262,000,000. The original common stock of the company, amounting to \$65,000,000, was sold at a heavy discount, but notwithstanding this, the entire \$260,000,000 of this stock now outstanding has yielded to the Treasury in cash an average of \$112 for each \$100 of stock, and if the additional amount supplied for capital expenditure from the surplus belonging to the shareholders be taken into account, the shareholders paid an average of \$143 for each \$100 of stock they held.

In 1925 the railway system in Canada operated directly by the company and included in its traffic returns, lines worked and mileage under construction, had reached the amount of 15,333 miles, and the mileage of lines controlled in the United States, to 5,114, making a total of 20,000 odd. The net revenues from all operations had grown from \$12,200,000 to \$51,500,000.

The progress of the company has, indeed, been remarkable, and it must readily occur to the casual observer that advantageous terms for the carriage of traffic must have contributed to the result. This is not the case. A reference to the statistics of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and to the annual reports of the railway companies will show that the average rate per ton mile and the average rate per passenger per mile for the carriage of freight and passengers, respectively, received by the company were lower than those received by any combination of railways south of the international boundary constituting a through rate from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, and lower generally than the rates received by individual carriers in your country. The railway rates in Canada, both passenger and freight, are, in the main, less than those for similar commodities in the United States and in some cases, such as grain, are lower by a substantial percentage. But it may be asked how it is possible under these conditions for the Canadian Pacific to attain such results when it be taken into account that the rates of pay to employees in every branch of the service are generally as high and the cost of its rails, fuel and other material required for the maintenance and operation of its lines are higher than in the case of railway lines in corresponding territory in the United States. The answer is simple. The achievement may be attributed primarily to the policy pursued for so many years of keeping down the annual fixed charges while extending its rails into new productive territory as opportunity offered, and improving the standard and efficiency of its property as revenue warranted; but the economies naturally attending the long haul of traffic over its own rails to its own terminals with none of the heavy tolls for handling, switching and kindred services that other companies are required to bear, the opportunity to make the maximum use of its own equipment with the consequent saving in the cost of car hire and the lesser amount required for general and traffic expenses as compared with any combination of competing lines to the south were of great importance.

The third point in connection with the company's financial history is the use to which its grant of lands, earned in consequence of the construction of the railway, was put and which has been the source of some anxiety to those who are only half informed on the subject. The company received 25,000,000 acres, after reduced to 18,000,000 acres, of land in Western Canada as a consideration for its embarking upon the hazardous undertaking of constructing and thereafter forever operating a transcontinental railway. For many years this land grant was a great drag on the company. The initial sales were disappointing and unsatisfactory and the prices yielded to the company only from \$1 50 to \$2 50 per acre after the selling expenses had been paid. It was not until 17 years after the company's incorporation that buyers in any number were attracted, but the land grant had this value, that it enabled the company, as part of its operation, to use it in assisting its financing and also forced upon it colonization and immigration policies which were of great value to the country and without which the progress of Western Canada would have been discouraging and slow.

Another point in connection with the company's financial history has been what is known as its special income from investments of one character or another that have come into existence in the last 25 years; these include ocean and coastal steamship lines, telegraph and news departments, its mining operations, its subsidiaries in the United States and its investments in power companies.

As you know, in the early days of railway operation, it was the practice of railway companies on this continent and elsewhere to divest themselves of auxiliary enterprises not essentially connected with the operation of the railway, such as express companies, telegraphs, terminal warehouses, etc., by disposing of them to corporations engaged in these several kinds of activity, or to individuals. Too frequently, through one channel or another, those intimately associated with the railway companies' affairs succeeded in acquiring for themselves most valuable and productive properties, and little criticism would have been aroused if the Canadian Pacific had adopted the same policy, but this was not done. All these revenue-producing attributes were reserved and developed for the advantage and benefit of the shareholders, and the resulting profit to the company's exchequer is very substantial. Every terminal yard, station and property over the entire system belongs to the company itself and was acquired or created with money furnished by the shareholders, the aggregate amount reaching very large figures.

Land grants appertaining to lines purchased or leased in perpetuity, coal mines, metal mines, smelters and other assets that now play such an important part in the annual balance sheet of the company, might also have been coveted and acquired by what are commonly known as the "insiders," had any such spirit inspired the board of directors from time to time, but not a penny was permitted to slip through such a channel. Indeed, it might be said that while the individual credit of directors was on more than one occasion asked and freely granted at the initial stages of a transaction, no consideration was ever given excepting the refund of out-of-pocket expenses and bank interest, nor was anything more expected.

I might outline to you many more of the company's activities were it necessary to do so and indicate still more in detail the factors which contributed to its success, but it will probably be sufficient for me to indicate only three of them.

The tonnage of its ocean and coastal steamships exceeds 400,000 tons. It has regular services on the Atlantic and the Pacific and winter services to practically every large port in the world. It has been for 40 years the chief immigration and colonization agency of the country, having directly and indirectly spent on colonization and development an amount exceeding \$70,000,000. It has become interested in and is in virtual control of the largest smelting works in Canada, producing 5% of the world's supply of zinc and 10% of the world's supply of lead. It owns and operates 13 modern hotels. It even owns a moving picture company, golf courses, coal mines, agricultural lands and townships, as well as selling aerated waters. More than any other company, it touches the lives of Canadians and Canadian industry, and its credit is generally regarded as the yardstick of the credit of Canada.

During the war the Canadian railways placed one more achievement to their credit. Without Government intervention and with a minimum of Government control, they so successfully administered their affairs and bore the burden of the intensive movement of traffic during that period so effectively and so efficiently that not one hour's demurrage was caused to ocean-going vessels by Canadian railways, and during this period the pioneer transcontinental railway of them all, the Canadian Pacific, was able to maintain its ordinary dividends and contributed by loans and other assistance to the Allied cause an amount in excess of \$100,000,000.

It is over 100 years ago since the population of the United States equaled that of Canada to-day, and while there is no adequate basis of comparison between conditions under which your country became the great industrial empire that it is and those which Canada must face in its future development, there are two factors that will be found common to both. The first is the natural and important influence of steadily increasing population, and as a concomitant to that, the capital support to enterprises or developments of an industrial character. Canada to-day possesses relatively the same area of the United States, but its population is only

equal to the combined populations of the cities of Chicago and New York. Obviously, it will occur to anyone that a nation with so limited a number of people within its boundaries cannot adequately realize upon its natural wealth. Therefore, as you were many years ago, Canada is now thoroughly alive to the need of increased settlement of new people to create new wealth and of capital to aid in their efforts. That this has not been unknown to you and that the American financial interests have had no lack of confidence in Canada's future is evidenced by the fact that over two and a half billion dollars of American money are invested in Canadian enterprise or Canadian securities. In pulp and paper alone you have invested more than three hundred million dollars, in mining more than two hundred millions and in general industries more than five hundred millions, to say nothing of railway securities to the extent of four hundred and thirty millions. These figures are very impressive and show that American investments represent 53% of the total so-called "foreign investments" in Canada, whereas 13 years ago you only had 17%.

You may ask me, what are the factors that lead us to speak with such confidence of the future of this country? In other words, what do we possess which has inspired our confidence and yours? The first I would say is a good system of democratic government; the second, a people noted for their level view of things, their absence of hysteria and their sanity in viewing and grappling with their own problems. These national characteristics are backed by great resources heretofore undeveloped, and while it is probably scarcely necessary for me to restate what no doubt has already been stated to you, it is only proper that I should indicate what the sources of our future wealth are:

The first is the tremendous areas of agricultural lands producing the finest wheat in the world, and not less important, vast areas of equally good arable land as yet untouched by the plow. The second is its almost unlimited water powers. I doubt if there is any other country in the world so plentifully supplied with power development possibilities as is Canada, and you know what that means as a factor in industrial expansion.

The third is its forest wealth, which already has enabled it to conduct lumbering operations the annual output of which exceeds \$145,000,000, and to produce pulp and paper to the value of \$203,000,000.

Then there are its mineral possibilities, the potentialities of which are very great, enabling it to produce gold, silver, nickel, zinc, lead and copper to an aggregate value in 1925 of \$113,000,000.

And then I might add a word in appreciation of the climate of this country and its value to Canada's future. While I admit that human beings can accommodate themselves to any climate to which they have been accustomed, the clear, stimulating air of northern countries is not without its effect in the physical and mental alertness of the people of these communities. Its health-giving qualities are a source of wealth. The company with which I am connected has capitalized in many ways to its great advantage both the country's climate and its scenery and in this, as in other things, one of the tests of its value and importance lies in the appreciation of those who do not have it, but seek it to their own advantage. There is no place in Canada for those who are not willing to work. We have a very limited leisure class, and those who enjoy leisure usually enjoy it some place else because there are so few in Canada to enjoy it with.

These are very simple facts, but constitute impressive evidence of the wealth and progress of this country, and you may properly say to me, "What are your principal problems?" "What are the major difficulties which Canada has to surmount?" The answer is a simple one. Our principal difficulty is that our population is not as large as it should be and that, in view of its relative sparseness, the fight against geography, which is incident to the development of any country of very great distances, becomes a real problem. I think it was Stephen Leacock who advocated the death by slow torture of the man who invented near-beer, on the ground that he was such a damn poor judge of distance.

I know of no country whose major problems are simpler than those of this country. I do not know of any question, whether it be fiscal, transportation, the development of natural wealth or the increase in its industrial activities, that cannot be solved partially or entirely by more people, and the fact that Providence has endowed us so richly means that this impetus and support being provided, our future is more assured than that of most countries of the world.

One word more and I am through. Those who live in this country enjoy a privilege even greater than that of a bracing climate. Nothing is more fascinating to human beings than the process of construction, particularly when these human beings feel that they themselves are sharing in that construction. That is one of the reasons why we all delight in belonging to a growing concern, and one of the factors which is helping to develop a Canadian spirit is the realization of our people that they are making their own not unsubstantial contribution to the building of a nation. Our youth inspires courage and confidence and our Canadian institutions are developing within their own ranks an esprit, the influence of which is felt far beyond the boundaries of the institutions; a spirit of loyalty, of constructive effort and pride in growing achievement are factors which in our view are bound to constitute a conspicuous contribution to the development of what will be a very great nation.

Report of Railroad Securities Committee—Adverse Decision in Western Freight Rate Case.

The adverse decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission in the application of the Western roads for increased freight rates was one of the matters touched upon in the report of the Railroad Securities Committee of the Investment Bankers Association, of which Joseph R. Swan, of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, is Chairman. The report says "it is interesting to consider in connection with this decision whereby the Western roads are not put in a position to earn the return of 5% allowed under Section 15-a of the Transportation Act that at the same time the Government is charging the railroads 6% on such moneys as have been loaned by the Government to the railroads." The decision of the Commission compelling the railroads to seek competitive bids in connection with their offering of equipment trust certificates was also commented upon in the report, which says:

The result of this method of selling these securities has been in the railroads receiving exceptionally high prices for their certificates, because of the fact that the demands for securities by investment bankers and the public has been of an exceptional nature.

While many of us are glad to have the opportunity of purchasing direct securities which have not, up to this time, been available in that manner,

we would, if asked for an unprejudiced opinion, probably agree that the securities of companies which are brought out at right prices rather than at too high prices are in the long run more popular, and that the continuous borrower who sells his securities to bankers of his own choice on a reasonable basis receives the most for them in the end.

The report follows:

As a result of a most satisfactory condition in the railroad field, and also of a feeling on the part of your committee that active participation of our association in matters of railroad legislation might result in more harm than good, because of the attitude of legislative bodies towards large banking interests which we represent, the Railroad Securities Committee of your association has no important activities to report. This does not mean that we must always remain silent, but does mean that we must reserve our activities for matters of importance and assert our influence with discretion.

In default, therefore, of a year of activity to report to you, it seems proper to make some brief comments upon the present railroad situation. These comments, roughly, divide themselves under three headings, namely:

1. The present status and operation of the railroads.
2. Legislative enactment and proposed enactment affecting the railroads.
3. The activities and decisions of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

As regards the railroads themselves, it may be said that they are enjoying the most prosperous period of their existence, a period in which car loadings and earnings have both reached record figures and net return on property investment is the highest since the war. The favorable effect of this condition upon the security owner and the public needs no elaboration. As to the satisfactory manner in which the railroads have handled their great traffic, little need be said, though some comment on the quality of the service rendered may well be made. In the first five months of 1923 railroads failed to furnish shippers 1,167,000 cars at the time for which they had been ordered, the average weekly shortage being 58,000 cars a week. It has been stated recently by good authority that there are at the present time no complaints before the Inter-State Commerce Commission against the railroads as regards service, though this statement needs some explanation.

There were established in the year 1922, to confer with the railroads in regard to service, so-called Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards. These Boards are thirteen in number, each of them confining their activities to a specified district. They are composed exclusively of the representatives of shippers in their respective districts. All complaints relating to car supply are adjusted by these Boards, and a most satisfactory degree of co-operation between shipper and railroad has been reached, thereby almost entirely obviating the necessity of recourse to a Governmental agency. The importance of this improved relationship between shipper and railroad is not difficult to appreciate. This co-operation is doubtless, in a large measure, responsible for the improved service on the railroads which now makes it possible for the merchant or the jobber to purchase from the manufacturer on a hand-to-mouth basis without fear of disappointing his customer, and has resulted in a real revolution of industry.

One of the problems which the railroads now face arises out of their present great prosperity, and this is the problem of wages. The Eastern conductors and trainmen have made definite demands for approximately 20% increases. These demands have been handled in accordance with the methods set up by the new Railway Labor Act, and are to be submitted to a board of arbitration which will begin its hearings probably this month. What the outcome will be it is, of course, impossible to prophecy, but the decision of the board of arbitration will be final, and no labor disturbances resulting from the demands may be feared.

Another serious problem which the railroads face was brought to your attention in a report of the Railroad Securities Committee of a previous year. This problem is increasing competition from automobiles, motor busses and trucks, both in passenger and freight service. In 1925 passenger traffic decreased about 25% from the year 1920 and passenger receipts decreased about 15%. Probably the solution will be the co-ordination of the railroad systems with the motor bus and truck lines as will provide each distinct field with the kind of transportation best adapted to it, but the inroads being made by these new services are important and present a real problem.

Turning to legislation, the one Act of capital importance enacted during the year was the Railroad Labor Act, which provides for voluntary adjustment, mediation and arbitration between the companies and their employees. Arbitration is optional, not compulsory, but if all efforts fail to adjust a dispute through the machinery set up by the Act, and if the dispute threatens to deprive any section of the country of essential transportation service, the President may appoint an Emergency Board to investigate the situation. Until 30 days after the report of this Board, there can be no change in the status quo. This Act is the result of the joint efforts of the railroads and their employees, and certainly represents what a few years ago would have seemed an impossible advance in the methods of handling labor problems.

One piece of major legislation of interest to all concerned with railroads, namely, the Railway Consolidation Act of 1926, failed of enactment. Probably the best known consolidation bill was that introduced by Senator Cummins, though various others were also presented. In general, the purpose of the various bills was to permit consolidation without waiting until the Inter-State Commerce Commission had presented its plan of consolidations as provided for in the present Transportation Act. While several consolidations have been made or contemplated under State laws prior to the preparation of a plan of consolidation by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the methods which have had to be used have been most unsatisfactory, and a permissive Act is vitally necessary if various beneficial railroad consolidations are to be accomplished. There is, of course, a difference of opinion among railroad men and others as to the advisability of consolidations, but it seems probable that the public interest will require that if adequate transportation service is to be furnished at the lowest rates consistent with such service, and a fair return upon the valuation of the railway properties, that many consolidations must be effected.

Many bills have been introduced in Congress which, if passed, would effect the successful operation of the railroads, but most of them either had no chance of passage or have been of minor importance. Two of them, however, which failed to pass, are vitally opposed to a principle which we should strongly support, and that is that rate making should remain within the province of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and should not be taken into Congress. The two bills mentioned are the Gooding bill, which prohibits charging a lower rate for a shorter distance over the same line, in order to meet water competition, and the Pullman surcharge bill, which would eliminate a surcharge on Pullman tickets. These bills, directly legislating as to railroad rates, seem to us to violate a fundamental principle, and we believe that any efforts which can be brought to bear to prevent the passage of such legislation should be strongly pressed. Your committee was prepared to appear in opposition to the Gooding bill, but, fortunately, it was defeated in the Senate, where it seemed sure of passage before it came up in the House, where it was thought that our efforts might be best made.

During the year there have been a number of important decisions handed down by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, of which it might be well to review a few. As provided in the Transportation Act, the Nickel Plate proposed unification with the Erie, the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Pere Marquette. The Inter-State Commerce Commission, while it agreed in principle to the proposal, objected to the issuance of securities on several grounds, into which it is unnecessary to go in detail. It may be said, however, that the Commission did not close their door to the proposal, and whether right or wrong in their decision, the public in general came to the conclusion that the Commission was endeavoring to safeguard their interests and the interests of security holders.

The Commission's adverse decision, in connection with the application of the Western roads for an advance in freight rates is not altogether easy to understand. There was passed in 1925 the so-called Hoch-Smith Resolution instructing the Inter-State Commerce Commission, in its determination of freight rates, to take into consideration the financial situation of the industries, particularly affected by the rates. This resolution aimed to benefit the Western farmers and is opposed to the principle, which has been previously advocated by your committee, that Congress should keep out of rate making. Section 15-a of the Transportation Act provides that the railroads shall be allowed a fair return, now fixed at 5 3/4% on their valuations. To what extent the Commission took into consideration the Hoch-Smith Resolution in arriving at their decision one does not know. It is difficult, however, to reconcile the decision with Section 15-a of the Transportation Act, for the railroads in the territory affected, in order to earn a fair return, must have an advance in rates. It has, therefore, seemed as if the Inter-State Commerce Commission's adverse decision on this point is not in accordance with the terms of the Act. It is interesting to consider in connection with this decision whereby the Western roads are not put in a position to earn the return of 5 3/4% allowed under Section 15-a of the Transportation Act, that at the same time the Government is charging the railroads 6% on such moneys as have been loaned by the Government to the railroads.

The Commission also made a decision during the year in regard to the application of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Co. to issue certain bonds. This application was denied by the Commission on the grounds that the road could and should issue stock instead of bonds if the expenditures were to be capitalized. This decision brings up the question of how far the Commission should undertake to determine the financial policy of a railroad.

During past years there has been much talk by railroad executives and others to the effect that railroad rates did not permit a sufficient return on capitalization to make possible financing of railroads by junior securities. Practically all financing, therefore, has been done through the issuance of mortgage bonds. Market conditions have now, however, made it possible for a number of railroads to effect financing by stock issues, among others the Chesapeake & Ohio. Such financing is without question very desirable and your committee would strongly advocate it. To what extent, however, the Inter-State Commerce Commission should force it, is open to debate.

One important action having a very direct bearing on railroad finances has been the decision of the Commission compelling the railroads to seek competitive bids in connection with their offering of equipment trust certificates. The result of this method of selling these certificates has resulted in the railroads receiving exceptionally high prices for their certificates, because of the fact that the demands for securities by investment bankers and the public has been of an exceptional nature. It is probably true that in good times this will continue to be the case. Whether, however, it is wise for the railroads to be forced to give up their custom of having recognized bankers responsible for the sale of their securities and the care of their markets, it is not possible to predict. While many of us are glad to have the opportunity of purchasing direct securities which have not, up to this time, been available in that manner, we would, if asked for an unprejudiced opinion, probably agree that the securities of companies which are brought out at right prices rather than at too high prices are in the long run more popular, and that the continuous borrower who sells his securities to bankers of his own choice on a reasonable basis receives the most for them in the end.

To sum up, the railroad business of this country is in an exceptionally prosperous condition, fully holding its own with the general prosperity. There is apparently no pending legislation or attitude of the public which indicates anything but a desire that the railroads shall operate satisfactorily and shall prosper. The Inter-State Commerce Commission, whose decisions we may at times question, is, however, we believe, endeavoring impartially to decide the important matters which come before it with due consideration for the interests of the owners of the railroads, the shippers and the public.

We believe that the foundation industry of this republic looks forward to stable and satisfactory conditions and that there is nothing in the conduct or prospects of the industry that should make those who deal in the securities of the railroads hesitate to offer and recommend, with confidence, sound railroad securities to their clients.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report of Industrial Securities Committee—Publicity of Corporate Affairs.

Reference to the recent discussion regarding publicity of corporate business and affairs was contained in the report of the Industrial Securities Committee of the Investment Bankers Association, of which R. A. Wilbur, of The Herrick Co. of Cleveland, is Chairman. That part of the report regarding publicity said.

There has been much discussion recently regarding publicity of corporate business and affairs. To say that publicity is harmful or beneficial without defining what is meant by publicity, means nothing.

No well-informed person doubts the wisdom or ethics of comprehensive and honest publicity of the progress of those business concerns whose securities are held by the public, as reflected in their balance sheets, earnings statements, and management announcements from time to time of the trend and important facts concerning the enterprise. And the investment banker should insist upon this policy being observed by such business concerns as are financed by him.

If, however, the word publicity is used in a larger sense to denote further obligations on the part of corporations, there is a serious danger in that such publicity might be harmful to the interests of those very stockholders and security holders on whose behalf the plea for publicity is made. The

very successful and especially well-managed concern may well hesitate to educate its less successful competitor in the things which it has learned through its well-directed initiative and energy. And who can justly complain if it draws the line at the publicity which will accomplish such a result?

It has long been the policy of the Government to reward scientific thought by encouraging inventions through grants of patents, and protecting as property rights secret processes of manufacture. Skill and efficiency in the successful handling of great units of industry should at least be free from the compulsion of harmful publicity.

Governmental activity in requiring publicity would involve such stupendous increase of bureaucratic activities as would make the plan wholly impracticable, to say nothing of the great amount of time and cost in accounting and the very large tax on industry to support a governmental program of this sort. Further, it would have a tendency to seriously and harmfully impair individual initiative in industry which is by far the greatest of all factors in the progress of industry and which has had as much or more to do with the supremacy of American industry than any one other single factor.

Undoubtedly there is a great deal to be accomplished in simplifying balance sheets and earnings statements and in harmonizing terminology to the end that even the inexperienced investor can understand the financial status of the company and make intelligent comparisons of companies engaged in the same industry if he will use ordinary effort. The constant appeal of industry to the individual investor for capital is sufficient to insure real progress in this direction; but we in the investment banking field should use our influence in this respect. Forward-looking corporations are more and more informing their stockholders of the business in which they are engaged and greater effort is being made to tell the story in a simple understandable way. It is believed that this sort of publicity is both good business and good business ethics and that it should be encouraged.

Greater amount and better quality of educational publicity on financial matters through the daily press, books, magazines and other publications which in addition to the work of the investment banker in his advertising publicity through such mediums and his direct communications with investors by correspondence and salesmen to-day have a tremendous influence in increasing public interest and intelligence in investments and investment principles.

On the standard of ethics the report had the following to say.

Although investment banking practice in buying and selling industrial securities is by no means ideal, distinct progress has been made. Investment bankers as a class are more and more recognizing their responsibilities to the investing public and to industry.

More care is used in the investigation and set-up of security issues and more attention is given to following the course of the companies financed which represents a somewhat newer development. Generally speaking, circulars and statements describing the offerings are improving, but for the most part, they still lack the simplicity and conciseness of statements desired by investors and they give altogether too little information concerning the most important security factor, namely management.

In conclusion the report said.

The greatest need for the future in the fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities of the investment banker with respect to the issuance and sale of industrial securities lies in an increasing realization of such duties and responsibilities and the will to fulfill them. More and more care should be used in the investigation and set-up of such issues and more and more effort should be observed in selling to tell the whole story fully and yet as concisely and simply as possible. A fair and just consideration for the interests of industry on the one hand and the investor on the other hand, uninfluenced by competition for business, must always be observed and generally we should so conduct ourselves as to well perform our duties to society and to merit the approval of the public.

Associated with Mr. Wilbur on the Committee were Herbert E. Anderson, L. B. Beckwith, George C. Clark Jr., George A. Colston, Edgar Friedlander, Samuel L. Fuller, Stanton Griffis, Lawrence Howe, Ronald L. O'Brian, A. V. Stout, Nion R. Tucker, Kenelm Winslow Jr., Henry T. Ferriss, and Sidney W. Souers.

The other portion of the report read as follows.

The service of the investment banker in the origination and marketing of industrial security issues is that of gathering together the savings of individuals and supplying it to business. Obviously, this service means the assumption of great responsibilities and involves a far-reaching knowledge of commerce and industry. There are no hard and fast rules to apply in the testing of industrial security issues. However, there have been developed from experience and study certain broad principles which should be observed in the issuance of industrial securities. It is the purpose of this report, among other things, to consider such principles.

History.

The history of American corporate financing has been that of the simple to the complex—from common stocks only to a combination of common stocks, preferred stocks, bonds of many kinds and debentures of various sorts. The transition from the simple to the complex in corporate financing took place much later in industrial enterprises than in railroads and public utilities due to the feeling that industrial enterprises were not sufficiently stable to provide a proper basis for investment securities. As the more important industries became firmly established in the economic life of the country doubt as to the fitness of industrial enterprises as a medium in which savings might be safely invested has largely disappeared until now large amounts of industrial bonds, debentures, notes and preferred stocks are issued annually. Naturally perhaps the change in the character of industrial financing was accompanied by mistakes that involved losses to investors but those responsible for the issuance of industrial securities have in the main listened wisely and profitably to the teaching of experience.

At the present time there is certain evidence of the prevalence of basically sound views as to industrial financing. Although the return to the former plan of financing industrial enterprises wholly by common stocks is unnecessary, it is recognized that the risks inherent in competitive industrial enterprises make essential the most critical scrutiny of all the important facts of a business before adopting any other means of financing. And the so-called New England type of financing on a common stock basis entirely, while it may be unnecessary, has many attractions for the company financed and for even conservative investors. The interest now displayed by intelligent, conservative buyers in proven industrial common stocks as one means of diversifying their investments, is encouraging and tends to promote sound and logical industrial financing and should be further encouraged.

Principles of Industrial Investment Securities.

The general underlying theory of industrial financing other than by common stocks was discussed by your Industrial Securities Committee of 1920 in its admirable report for that year. The conclusion reached was that the basic principle of industrial bonds and notes is that of a loan against current assets, with a secondary regard to plant and other fixed assets. It was felt that the risk inherent in fixed property used for industrial purposes properly belongs to the common stockholder. To the general principle of current assets as a basis for the funded obligations of an industrial enterprise, the committee called attention to important exceptions, as for instance (1) cases where fixed assets have a sound value independently of their industrial uses, (2) where such fixed assets are largely made up of natural resources such as timber, coal, and the like, and (3) where a particular company has had such a long continued dominance in its field and such a consistent earning record as to place beyond all reasonable doubt its ability to meet its obligations when due and to pay its fixed charges without interruption. However, the committee was clearly of the opinion that the principle of most common application was that of a loan against current assets—with which your present committee agrees. The history of industrial financing in the last few years clearly emphasizes the correctness of the principle stated by your 1920 committee, with the result that a more critical examination is made of the current asset position of every company whose financing is being considered and more attention is paid to determining whether current assets as scheduled—such as accounts and bills receivable and inventories—are current in fact and can be liquidated with reasonable speed and without substantial loss, all of which is a step distinctly in the direction of fully protecting the investor in industrial securities.

Of course, like all general principles, the principle that the essential security of industrial bonds and notes is current assets presents some difficulties in its application in particular cases.

When a loan is made with current assets as the basis, there is the problem of maintaining the original ratio of the loan to current assets and of preserving the character and liquidity of the assets; and in the event that the business does not prosper, the problem of applying the proceeds of the assets to the payment of the loan in sufficient time to avoid loss of principal and interest. In other words, the real problem is not that of appraising the security behind the loan when the loan is made, but of judging accurately how the security will fare in the years intervening before maturity. In affirming the principle that an industrial bond or note issue is essentially a loan against current assets, it is, of course, not intended to convey the idea of a specific lien upon such property, which, as is well known, is impracticable. Neither is it intended to minimize the importance of a mortgage on the fixed assets.

Protective Covenants.

Certain devices known as protective covenants are designed to aid in preserving the security and in making it available in cases of distress. In times past too great reliance undoubtedly has been placed on the effectiveness of certain so-called protective covenants. For instance, investment bankers and investors generally have been too prone to regard the obligations of a company to maintain a certain ratio of debts to assets during the life of the security as an assurance of the continuance of that happy position. Then, again, such ratio requirements have been too drastic, and as pointed out in committee reports for preceding years, have actually defeated the ends which they sought to accomplish. Now the fixing of ratios is made with far greater care and the real functions of such covenants are more generally recognized; namely, as a check and a warning to management in the maintenance of conservative and properly fixed ratios between debts and assets, and a proper balance between fixed and current assets.

These protective covenants are built around three general classes: First, Realization of the assets before they have been dangerously impaired by losses; second, protection and application of earnings, and third, maintenance of a proper balance between fixed and current assets. Commenting on these three classes, we first consider:

I. Covenants designed to permit realization of the assets before they have been seriously impaired by losses.

This class includes the so-called publicity covenants by which the company is required to keep its bankers and security holders currently informed of its operations through balance sheets, statements of earnings and executive announcements. It is hard to over-estimate the importance of these publicity covenants. Many companies could have been saved from bankruptcy if their bankers had been kept fully and accurately informed as to their operations and their problems frankly discussed with them. Other covenants of the same class are those requiring the use of approved accounting methods with provisions for the setting up of adequate reserve. Such covenants often provide for representation by the bankers on the board of directors. There are arguments on both sides of the question of banker representation on the board of directors. Even if representation is not thought to be advisable, intelligent and diligent scrutiny of the company's operations by bankers, based on the fullest information supplied by the company, is of prime importance.

II. Covenants designed for the protection and application of earnings.

In this class of covenants, those requiring adequate sinking funds are important. In the industrial field, it is a sound rule that no debts should be incurred without a provision for actual repayment at some future date. Expansion of a company's business should, other than in rarely exceptional cases, be provided for out of earnings or by the sale of additional common stock.

Covenants restricting dividends are important. A wise financial policy dictates discretion in the payment of dividends. All industries have profitable years and unprofitable years. It certainly is the part of prudent management to make provision for the unprofitable years sure to come out of the surplus of the profitable years. From the point of view of the security holder it is perhaps fortunate that the dividend policy of the years when there are profits to be divided is usually left wholly to the discretion of the directors. Doubtless it would be wise to incorporate in the covenants a provision that would make it incumbent on the management to turn back into the property part at least of the earnings of profitable years or reduce its funded debt beyond its fixed obligatory sinking fund requirements. Such a provision would tend to promote stability for the company and would better the position of the security holder.

III. Covenants designed for the maintenance of a proper balance between fixed and current assets.

These covenants that require a certain ratio, between net current assets and the funded debt are designed primarily to maintain this balance and thus always make available to the security holder the assets that are the real security for the loan. Restrictions on dividends in both good and lean years referred to above are helpful in this respect. However, in the absence of earnings, there is unusual difficulty in providing a proper remedy for the perilous situations that usually come from a violation of such covenants. The common remedy is that of giving the security holders control of the company—a task that often they are poorly qualified to undertake. Frequently such a change in control is only another example

of the time-old practice of locking the door after the horse is stolen. In addition to the restraining influence of the penalty provided for the violation of these covenants, they are of value as a guide and a warning to the management. It is important that care be taken not to make the ratio in these covenants too drastic—otherwise additional necessary and advantageous financing may be made too difficult and expensive.

Earnings.

In the last analysis neither assets fixed or current nor devices to protect them, important as they are, are comparable in importance to earnings from a security viewpoint; and the ability to wisely forecast earnings is the acid test of investment banking skill in the origination of securities. It involves a far-reaching knowledge of the industry and a sound prediction as to its future—of the position of the particular company in the industry and its future, and more than any other single factor, the ability to wisely appraise management. Management to meet active domestic and foreign competition must possess, among other qualities, intelligent optimism, accurate and detailed knowledge of the particular enterprise and of the industry generally, and its probable future trend, its present and potential competition, its ability to promote and maintain a high standard of morale, and safe and far-seeing ideas of finance. Management is an changing element in business and no enterprise can safely ignore the need of always providing for the inevitable change. There are certain more or less mechanical rules for appraising many factors of an industrial enterprise, but to know management there are no rules to follow. It is a question of the ability to read character and to reach sound conclusions as to certain qualities which should have been proven by actual performance.

In this same general connection your Committee considers the development and growth of colleges of business administration as an outstanding advance so far as business enterprises are concerned. It is a development that those of us who have been trained in the school of experience only may find it difficult to appreciate, but it is a development that we ought to recognize and encourage for it holds great promise for a better standard of business efficiency.

That we are in an era of new business development is well expressed by Secretary Herbert Hoover in the June 5 1926, edition of "Nation's Business." He says:

"The large salaries being paid for developed skill and experience sufficient to administer even the departments of these organizations have opened a new avenue for initiative and opportunity of the first importance. There is growing up steadily a new profession, business administration; and the moment that a trade takes on the character of a profession, it marks a great advance, for the distinction which marks the term profession in law, medicine and engineering, is the incorporation into the daily task of a responsibility to the community and insistence upon a high sense of service."

There always will be real opportunities for leadership in business from the ranks. Necessary qualities of mind, energy and ambition always will be found in many young men entering industry at an early age who will derive their power of leadership through the school of experience only. Without these qualities neither academic training nor practical experience will avail but with these qualities, the preliminary training in the well-conducted schools of business administration cannot be other than helpful.

Report of Municipal Securities Committee—Archer County (Tex.) Case—Validation Action by Legislature.

The report of the Municipal Securities Committee of the Investment Bankers Association contains a supplemental report covering the Texas activities of the Committee in the matter of the Archer County case, in which it is stated that "the Legislature convened on Sept. 13, organized with expedition and at once gave validation their earnest consideration. . . . It is anticipated that the work will be completed this week." John J. English, of William R. Compton Co. of Chicago, is Chairman of the Municipal Securities Committee, and the following is his report; the Texas report by George Packard is also annexed.

At the time this committee was appointed last December, it had every reason to look forward to a year devoted almost entirely to the solution of minor problems. Unfortunately, however, the decision handed down early last January by the United States Supreme Court in the Archer County, Texas, Road District case created a grave situation and changed the picture entirely. While the committee has been quite active on a number of matters, we are including in this report only those of special interest to the entire membership. During the year ten State Legislatures convened in regular session and one special session was called.

TEXAS.

Through the "Bulletin" the members of our Association have been fully advised regarding the result of our unsuccessful effort to secure a rehearing of the Archer County, Texas, case. On April 22 President Morris appointed Mr. George Packard of Chicago Vice-Chairman of the Municipal Securities Committee in direct charge of this committee's work in Texas. Mr. Packard has prepared a comprehensive and interesting report on this situation that will be read later. It is unfortunate that Mr. Packard was unable to attend this convention, since in attacking this problem he assumed a work of the greatest importance which he has handled in a capable and acceptable manner.

MISSISSIPPI.

In previously published statements this committee has advised the membership of the passage of 410 individual validating Acts covering Mississippi road districts. Credit for this prompt and efficient safeguarding of public credit is due the State officials and the members of the Legislature. The latter appropriated \$15,000 to defray the expenses incurred in compiling the information incorporated in each of the special bills. Several members of our Association actively co-operated with the public officials in this splendid work.

MISSOURI.

Little River Road District, Pemiscot County, Mo., organized in 1917, issued bonds in 1919, and voted a second issue last fall. When the bonds were presented to the State Auditor for this purpose, he refused registration, contending that the principles involved were the same as those decided by the United States Supreme Court in the Archer County, Texas, case.

The attorneys for the District, assisted by counsel employed by the Mississippi Valley Group, filed mandamus proceedings in the Supreme Court of Missouri. The case was submitted on May 3 and a decision handed down later by the Supreme Court of Missouri upholding the validity

of the issue and ordering the State Auditor to proceed with the registration of these bonds.

The Mississippi Valley Group felt that while a favorable opinion from the Missouri Supreme Court would not definitely offset the effect of the Archer County, Texas, decision, an unfavorable ruling on Missouri Road District bonds would prove very disastrous.

FLORIDA.

The Texas decision is supposed to have some bearing on Florida Road District issues, although a large majority of such obligations were either directly validated at the time of issuance by Circuit Court procedure or by special acts of the Legislature. Undoubtedly issues validated in either manner would not be even indirectly affected by the Texas case. At the same time, a considerable effort was made to secure a special session of the Florida Legislature for the purpose of taking care of any issues not previously validated. One of the principal reasons for this special session was to secure the passage of a new law which would answer the objections raised by the Supreme Court in the Archer County case. The proposed draft of such a bill has already been furnished by this Committee. No action on this, however, was possible, due to the fact that up to date no special session has been called.

WASHINGTON.

We regret it is impossible for us to report any developments of a definite nature in the Washington Local Improvement District situation. Acting on our recommendation, the Chairman of the Pacific Northwest Group appointed a special committee to compile a complete list of all the Washington municipalities now in default on their improvement district issues and the exact amount of this past due indebtedness. The Committee has been actively at work for some time past and in spite of the opposition encountered from public officials, we are confident the information we desire will be available at the proper time.

The members of the Public Works Contractors Association, one of the most powerful organizations in the State of Washington, are now beginning to recognize the market for Local Improvement District issues has been destroyed and a very serious situation created. This particular organization has inaugurated a state-wide campaign among its members which has for its purpose the enactment of legislation to remedy the defects in the present Local Improvement District law. Our Committee has pointed out to that Association their first and most important step is to bring pressure to bear upon the members of the State Legislature which will result in the passage of legislation that will force the defaulting communities to pay every dollar of past due indebtedness.

The officials of particularly all the Washington cities and towns are now in convention at Aberdeen, Washington. It is our understanding they intend to discuss, and possibly recommend in all seriousness, the passage of a new Local Improvement District law that will make it easier for districts to organize and issue bonds. We have pointed out to them the futility of such a move and have urged their co-operation in our effort to have remedial legislation enacted that will force payment of past due obligations as the only means of restoring the market for securities of this type. The Washington State Legislature will meet again in January, 1927, and another effort will be made to clear the situation.

OHIO.

The early part of this year the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Southeast Division, handed down a decision temporarily enjoining the issuance of bonds of a county sewer district in Logan County, Ohio, the Court contending that the method of levying assessments in this particular case was in violation of the Federal Constitution. Messrs. Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, at our request, issued an opinion that this decision refers only to the method of levying assessments and does not invalidate the bonds issued for this particular purpose. Copies of this opinion are available and will be furnished to members by our Committee upon request.

IDAHO.

In the latter part of June of this year the attention of our Committee was called to a suit brought by the Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. to enjoin the sale of \$100,000 Clark County, Idaho, Highway District bonds, basing its contention on the decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court in the Archer County, Texas, case.

While under ordinary circumstances this Committee feels it is unwise to inject itself into situations involving the right of municipalities to issue obligations, we felt that a departure from this rule was fully justified in this particular instance. Co-operating with the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain Groups, we decided on a program of postponing a definite hearing until validating acts had been passed by the Texas Legislature and an opportunity given us to bring a test case to the United States Supreme Court involving outstanding bonds. The Clark County, Idaho, case is now pending on the motion of our attorneys to dismiss the bill, and we do not expect a decision until late this fall. Mr. Little, our Executive Secretary, had an opportunity to discuss this situation with the Chairman of the Board of the Union Pacific Railroad, and we expect, as a result, the company will co-operate with us in our effort to delay a decision until the Archer County matter is out of the way.

IOWA.

Supported by the League of Iowa Municipalities an attempt will be made at the next session of the State Legislature to pass an amendment requiring all municipalities to issue serial bonds. While we feel this is a step in the right direction, the existing municipal bond laws of Iowa are unsatisfactory in a great many respects and we are continuing our attempt, started several years ago, to get the Legislature to pass an entirely new law. In Iowa and elsewhere we have found decided opposition on the part of the legislative bodies to any suggestions and recommendations made or sponsored by our Committee. It is much more effective, in our opinion, to use, whenever possible, influential local political organizations for this purpose.

LOUISIANA.

During the 1926 session of the Legislature, which adjourned July 8, two of the Acts passed proposed amendments to Article 14 of the Constitution and will add, if they are adopted at the general election to be held in November, three more political subdivisions, including irrigation, water works, and sub-water works districts, each authorized and empowered to incur a debt and issue bonds not exceeding 10% of the assessed valuation of property in such subdivisions for any one purpose.

The Legislative Committee of the Southern Group retained Messrs. Thompson, Wood and Hoffman to draft amendments to the Constitution to limit the debt of each of the above mentioned political subdivisions to 10% of the assessed valuation for all, instead of each, of the purposes authorized. This bill passed the House, but the Senate adjourned before definite action could be taken.

DEFAULTS.

Comparatively few defaults have been reported to this committee during the past year. Most of the work in connection with the default report plan is routine in character and this committee feels that it can be very

properly and more effectively handled from the Secretary's office. In our opinion, however, the plan should not be abandoned and if carefully attended to it will become increasingly effective and valuable. Our committee recognizes that members will exhaust every possible means of correcting defaults before they are reported to the Secretary's office. On the other hand, the machinery of the Association, coupled with the fear of widespread publicity, often cures cases of the most obstinate nature, and members are urged to use this service as freely as possible.

In tax bonds, where the full faith, credit and taxing power of the municipality is not pledged for their payment, the committee recommends the use of the following or a similar paragraph in circulars:

"These bonds are payable from ad valorem taxes levied upon all the taxable property within the limitations imposed by law."

This recommendation has the unqualified approval of our committee, and we urge the members to co-operate with us in our desire to eliminate any statements made in circulars that could possibly be regarded as evasive, misleading or as misrepresentations.

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TEXAS ACTIVITIES OF MUNICIPAL SECURITIES COMMITTEE.

On Jan. 4 of this year the United States Supreme Court handed down the now famous decision in re: Browning vs. Hooper, better known as the "Archer County Case." Eminent counsel retained by the Association filed, on behalf of the Attorney-General of Texas, petition for rehearing. In support of this, briefs were prepared by leading bond-examining attorneys and the Attorneys-General of several States, embodying the results of their long experience in municipal law and a deep and exhaustive study of the principles involved. It was hoped that the Court could at least be induced to qualify their ruling and limit its application to the immediate facts of the case at bar, but on March 8 rehearing was denied and no clarifying or distinguishing statement accompanied the announcement. Although very disappointing, this turn of events is not altogether surprising when it is borne in mind that a rehearing would have been practically equivalent to reversal, and the Supreme Court is said to have reversed itself only five or six times in all the hundred years or more of its history.

Following the unsuccessful attempt to reopen the case, the Association addressed its efforts principally to securing a special session of the Texas Legislature at which validating bills could be passed. Unfortunately at this time the opening guns were just being fired in a campaign preceding the Democratic primaries, featuring a sensational contest for nominations as Governor between the then incumbent and Attorney-General Dan Moody. Inasmuch as one party dominates in Texas, the Democratic nomination is equivalent to election. Feeling was running high and for some time Governor Ferguson, from considerations of practical politics, manifested great reluctance to call the Legislature until her counsellors should be convinced that solution of the bond problem by validation was advisable from both a legal and a political standpoint. Finally, early in May, upon the assurance of several able opinions rendered by the Attorney-General's staff, endorsed by northern bond attorneys, the Governor capitulated to the extent of promising that her proclamation would be forthcoming just as soon as bills appropriate for validating purposes could be drawn and approved by leading bond-examining attorneys. Her advisers were especially insistent that the bills be submitted in a finished form, ready for passage without amendments or modifications, thus eliminating possibilities of lengthy debates on the floor.

Leaders in this branch of municipal law met in Chicago May 13 and 14, and final drafts of proposed legislation were dispatched in Texas. The bills were sponsored in writing by the following firms: Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, New York; Chester B. Masslich, New York; Wood & Oakley, Chicago; Chapman, Cutler & Parker, Chicago; Charles & Rutherford, St. Louis and Attorney W. P. Dumas, of Dallas. The plan involved a general validating act to cover all road districts and also over five hundred separate acts specifically covering each individual road district in the State.

Every condition precedent laid down by the Governor having been complied with to the letter, still she continued to postpone from time to time the date when the issuance of her proclamation could be expected. For many reasons it was highly expedient to keep the road district question free from partisanship, but as the campaign drew on it became inevitably the center of interest. Mr. Moody, aggressively championing the bond cause, scathingly exposed one after another the fallacious character of the reasons advanced by the Ferguson party in justification of their policy of postponing the special session. At last the Governor's spokesmen, hard pressed in debate, flatly announced that there would be no special session, whereupon issue was joined and the campaign fought out largely on this basis. Our Association kept as far as possible in the background. Active assistance was rendered by the Legislative Committee of the Texas Bond Men's Club, and invaluable collaboration was had from the Texas Highway Association, an organization interested in the development of trunk roads throughout the State, and, naturally, the restoration of the State's credit in road financing. Mr. J. A. Kemp, of Wichita Falls, one of the leading private citizens of the State, merits special mention for his work as Chairman of one of the Highway Association Committees and for his speeches, letters and personal influence urging early corrective legislation. In the majorities which they rolled up for Mr. Moody in both the July and August primaries, the peoples of Texas demonstrated in a most heartening way their good faith and intention to recognize their obligation. Chagrined at the repudiation of her policies, the Governor issued proclamation of a special session and set Sept. 13 as the date for it to convene.

In order to strictly comply with a constitutional requirement regarding local laws, it was deemed advisable to publish notice for thirty days in each county having road districts of intention to introduce special validating bills for each district. Some authorities hold that the constitutional requirement was not applicable to validation legislation, but in view of the importance of the matter and the likelihood of the validation measures being subjected eventually to an acid test in the courts, it was thought best to err on the side of safety. Time was all too limited to accomplish this publication in all quarters of a State of such empire proportions as Texas. Working under pressure, a list of all road districts bonds approved by the Attorney-General from 1909 to 1926 inclusive was compiled from the bond certificate register in the Attorney-General's department. The Validation Committee of the Texas Highway Association, having opened headquarters at the capital, took over this list and assumed the entire

responsibility of getting in touch with the county judges and chambers of commerce in all counties affected, preparing the necessary notices for them, and urging their co-operation in seeing that publication began on time, continued the requisite period and was duly evidenced by publishers' affidavit. Mr. W. P. Dumas of Dallas, well qualified by experience as a former Assistant Attorney-General, took charge of preparing the multitude of bills for the Legislature's consideration. With the assistance of the bond clerk in the Comptroller's department, all bond records for road districts that could be found were arranged in alphabetical order. An immense amount of painstaking labor was involved in examining each record and selecting therefrom the data necessary to be inserted in the individual validating acts. The task was complicated by the presence of frequent amendatory orders, change of officials, consolidation of districts and the adoption in many cases of country-wide financing to supplant the former district system. The results were checked with the original records in each county. A full list of the districts and the data applicable thereto was made available to members of our association in a bulletin dated Sept. 7 1926. As far as our correspondence shows, all houses that checked the list with their own records were eventually satisfied that all issues in which they were interested had been correctly included. This seems excellent testimony to the efficiency and thoroughness of those in charge of the compilation, and their work is to be highly commended.

The Legislature convened on Sept. 13, organized with expedition, and at once gave validation their earnest consideration. Veterans who have observed the work of every session of this body for many years remarked that they had never seen a session transact business with more efficiency and dispatch than this called session. Minor cases of local opposition broke down before the majority disposition to brook no interference with the general program. Rules that ordinarily hamper the passage of bills were suspended by practically unanimous consent, making possible the introduction, reading and voting on the district bills with gratifying celerity. It is anticipated that the work will be completed this week.

At first blush the Archer County case, upon immediate facts involved, does not seem to apply to counties. The decision refers constantly to "defined districts," i. e., an artificial municipal corporation, outlined by decaled metes and bounds and not one following the lines of already existing political units such as a county, township or precinct. Unfortunately, the legislation which the court declared unconstitutional authorizes in one and the same statute not only district but full county obligation road bonds. Language used by the court does not constitute any severe criticism of full county bonds, but they are suffering from the company they kept. Draftsmen of the validation measures early recognized the need of separate treatment of road districts and counties. They further classified proposed bills in respect of their nature—whether general or special—and on the basis of purpose—whether issued on behalf of outstanding bonds, or of bonds authorized but not issued or sold. The results of their work as enacted by the Legislature may be analyzed as follows:

I. Road District Validation.

1. Special validating bills on behalf of some 536 individual road districts, with bonds outstanding.

2. Special validating bills on behalf of individual road districts, with bonds authorized but not issued or sold.

(Wilbarger County District Four, involved in the pending Supreme Court case of Hawley vs. Warlick, is typical of the districts in this classification.)

3. General Validating Bill in respect of all Districts, with bonds outstanding.

4. General Validating Bill in respect of all Districts with bonds authorized but not issued or sold.

II. County Validation.

1. Special validating bills on behalf of the counties of:

Carson	Cochran	Duval	Harris
Hardeman	Tom Green	Jim Wells	Willacy

2. General validating bill on behalf of all counties with bonds outstanding as well as bonds authorized but not issued or sold.

While no counties are mentioned by name, this bill, by its terms, takes care of thirty counties where general obligation bonds have been issued for the purpose of assuming previously issued road district issues, viz:

Angelina	Hunt	Somerville
Aransas	Liberty	Titus
Bell	Mitchell	Travis
Camp	Montgomery	Trinity
Eastland	Nueces	Upshur
Franklin	*Orange	Walker
Freestone	Polk	Wharton
Grimes	Rockwell	Wilbarger
Harrison	Sabine	*Williamson
*Hays	San Jacinto	Wood

(*In the Counties of Hays, Orange and Williamson, road districts were abolished by the county-wide system, but later, after the issuance of county-wide road bonds other districts were created. These subsequently-created road districts must, of course, be included in the validation program and appear listed in our Bulletin.)

III. General Bill for Validating Commissioners or Justice Precincts and other Political Sub-Divisions as local entities and authorizing them to issue bonds.

IV. General Bill setting Up New Authority for the Issuance of County and District Road Bonds, Embodying features to Meet Objections Raised by the Archer County Case.

In our bulletin of Sept. 7, we list 536 road districts with bonds outstanding. Many of these have sold more than one issue, so we present data covering 6,669 series amounting, according to original authorization, \$81,000,000 in round numbers. Deducting 20% as a conservative allowance for bonds authorized but never sold, assumed by counties or which have been retired at maturity or on optional call, there would appear to be approximately \$65,000,000 Texas road district bonds outstanding. The list did not show districts in some counties which later issued county-wide obligations for the purpose of purchasing or constructing district roads. In such cases the districts affected are held to have been automatically abolished and the outstanding district obligations become the obligations of the county, although the holders may never have exercised the privilege of actual exchange of district for county bonds.

Recent submission by the Governor of local school bills and other subjects make it difficult for our representatives to advise definitely at this time the exact number of validation bills finally passed. As nearly as we can determine at this time, 561 bills have been passed by both the Senate and the House, which include all validating bills with the exception of a limited few, which we are assured will be finally passed before adjournment.

Camp County Districts 1 and 2 were listed in error, it being later determined that a county-wide issue supplanted these districts. We believe that all the other districts listed in the Bulletin have been enacted with the exception of Shelby County Districts Nos. 4 and 7. Defaults in these districts, it is understood, antedate and are due to reasons other than the

Archer County case. Legislative representatives from this county opposed with such determination legislation on behalf of Districts Nos. 4 and 7, that it was considered prudent not to jeopardize the whole validation program by insistence upon their inclusion. The county officials had prevented due publication in Shelby of notice of intention to enact local laws for these particular districts, so it was doubtful whether the Legislature in called session had authority to validate them anyway.

At this writing the Governor has not signed any of the bills, but she is reported not inclined to exercise her right of veto and disposed to allow the bills to become laws without her signature.

Approval by the Attorney-General and registration by the Comptroller has been refused to an issue of \$500,000 special county road bonds from Tom Green County, and on this state of facts a case is now pending before the Supreme Court of Texas for a ruling on the specific question of whether county obligation bonds are not to be distinguished from the blanket condemnation which the U. S. Supreme Court gave the whole Act. Harris County, of which Houston is the county seat, having a \$6,000,000 issue in the same situation as the one in Tom Green County, is awaiting the outcome of the suit. As noted earlier in this report, special validating bills have been passed on behalf of Tom Green, Harris and six other counties similarly situated.

Another case pending before the Texas Supreme Court is Hawley vs. Warlick, involving the bonds of Wilbarger County, District No. 4, which have not been issued or sold. As previously noted, a special validating bill has been introduced on behalf of this district.

The Supreme Court has just re-convened after being in recess since July 1 and General Counsel of the Association have recommended to the attorneys seeking to establish the validity of the Tom Green County bonds and the Wilbarger District No. 4 bonds, that the recent legislation be called to the attention of the Supreme Court Justices, and if possible induce them to include in their opinion an expression in regard to such validating bills. This is on the principle that while the case is yet pending the judges will have in mind the law as it exists at the time their opinion is rendered, and it is entirely proper to file copies of any legalizing Act which the Legislature has passed since the suit was begun. It will mean much to the situation if such early consideration of the validating theory can be obtained.

As far as information is available at this writing, defaults exist in districts in only the following counties:

County.	County Seat.	County.	County Seat.
Brazoria	Angleton	Sabine	Hemphill
Erath	Stephenville	San Augustine	San Augustine
Hardin	Kountze	Shelby	Center
Jasper	Jasper	Trinity	Groveton
Live Oak	Geo. West		

It is of interest to note that most of the defaulting districts are located in the extreme eastern part of the State in the timbered section where several prominent lumber operators have withheld their taxes. This is notably the case of the Kirby and the Long-Bell interests, and is true also of certain large oil companies operating wells or pipe-lines in this territory.

In some instances default was due to the position taken by county officials that some official liability might be imposed on them if coupons and bonds were paid. Now that the validating acts have been adopted, there remains no authority for corporations to withhold their tax or for officials to plead apprehension of official liability. Many districts paid their April principal and interest on assurance from the Attorney General's Department that the status of their bonds was not affected by the Archer County case. As far as the present October collections are concerned, it is believed that the special legislative session will accomplish even more good by way of re-assurance, and that defaults may be expected to be very few.

This report should not be concluded without a word of appreciation for the work done by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, general counsel for the Association, especially Henry E. Cutler, in connection with this whole Texas matter. Allowing in closing to quote from a recent letter by them well summarizing the underlying theory of all the efforts to remove the cloud cast on Texas securities by the Archer County case.

"The proposed validating bills do not attempt to legalize an unconstitutional law, which of course it would be impossible to accomplish. We approach the situation in so far as road districts are concerned as though there was no statute in the State of Texas authorizing the creation of road districts and that all action had in connection with the creation of road districts been without any statutory authority.

"The taxpayers of the different communities throughout the State organized these road districts and voted bonds and taxes for the payment of a sale without any legal right to do so in so far as statute law is concerned. While there was no Act of the Legislature warranting the creation of such road districts and authorization of bonds, yet at that time there was a complete grant of power to the Legislature of the State to create such road districts. This grant of power contained in Section 52 of Article 3 constitutes the source of our authority for hoping that the proposed curative laws will accomplish the end desired, and if their validity is sustained by the Texas State Supreme Court we believe that the United States Supreme Court will follow that construction. At that time the existing road districts covered by the validating bills will have been recognized and created by the Legislature, thus removing the objection urged in the Archer County case that their creation came about by an unlawful delegation of power."

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. PACKARD,

Vice-Chairman, Municipal Securities Committee.

Report of Real Estate Securities Committee—New York State Questionnaire—G. L. Miller Receivership.

The New York State questionnaire, distributed by the State of New York following the naming of a receiver for G. L. Miller & Co. (not a member of the Investment Bankers Association), is referred to in the report of the Association's Real Estate Securities Committee, of which Clarkson Potter, of Hayden, Stone & Co., of New York, is Chairman. The questionnaire, the report notes, was "designed to throw all possible light on the operations of firms, corporations and individuals engaged in the underwriting of real estate mortgage bonds in New York State." The report (which does not mention the firm by name), expresses the opinion that "had the affairs of this house been conducted along the lines of the recommendations of the various Real Estate Committees of the Investment Bankers Association," the receivership proceedings would never have occurred. The report is

a voluminous one—the exhibits forming the major part of it. The report follows:

REPORT OF REAL ESTATE SECURITIES COMMITTEE.

The report of the Real Estate Securities Committee differs substantially from those of previous years in that it is more of an attempt to compile in a single document, some of the more important viewpoints of the committees for the last few years, at the same time stating the attitude of the present committee. By this procedure the committee hopes that the current report will provide a convenient means for reference covering many of the items which former committees have considered.

In addition, the report will touch upon certain other matters which have arisen during the year and which in the main have not been considered by previous committees.

Land Bank Bonds and Timber Bonds.

The present committee sees no necessity for any discussion concerning either land bank or timber issues for the reason that in so far as the former are concerned there is now a special committee of the Association which covers all matters pertaining to Joint Stock and Federal Land bank securities; insofar as timber bonds are concerned, there has been little activity during the year and we hear of no developments since the report of last year's committee, which necessitate comment.

Legislation.

Investigation of the laws in different States governing the investment of trust funds in real estate securities indicates either a decided lack of any laws whatever, or proper provisions in existing laws to safeguard the investor. This committee therefore recommends legislation where needed to furnish adequate protection, and further recommends that the incoming Real Estate and Legislative committees work together toward that end. It is your committee's opinion that the importance of this cannot be over-exaggerated.

Elements of Value for Purpose of Appraisal.

The committee feels that there is less uniformity of opinion on this subject than perhaps any other feature of the real estate mortgage problem. All will agree that there are certain determinable factors such as value of the land and actual cost of the physical improvement, but to what extent intangible items may be included in the appraisal, such as value of prospective earning power, leasehold value, architect's fees, builder's profit, interest during construction, cost of financing, and other similar items, there is, we believe, a very wide divergence of views, not only on the part of our own members, but in the minds of real estate experts whose valuations are secured for appraisal purposes.

In this connection the magazine "Building Investment and Maintenance," published in New York, started some months ago to develop the views of its subscribers on this subject, publishing as part of an editorial a questionnaire, copies of which were also sent to all members of the Investment Bankers Association.

It has been impossible to include in this report the results of this questionnaire, but it is hoped to incorporate in a succeeding report such results as may be available.

A copy of this editorial and questionnaire, Exhibit No. 1, is attached to this report. We recommend that the incoming committee should devote all of the attention possible to the development of this subject, and if possible present definite recommendations.

Guaranteed vs. Unguaranteed Mortgages—Surety Company Guaranteed Mortgages—Mortgages Guaranteed by the Issuing House.

It is clearly apparent that our members, as well as the committee itself, have very different views on these subjects, and the committee therefore feel, particularly with respect to surety company guaranteed mortgages, that sufficient time has not yet elapsed to enable it to make any definite recommendations. However, pending the adoption of any conclusions on the subject by the committee, there is hereto attached Exhibit No. 2 for the consideration of the members at large, as well as the committee, a statement of the views of some members who have been particularly interested in the development of the surety company guarantee of real estate bonds. It is a subject which a succeeding committee may properly consider and develop. Other than this, the present committee desires to make no further comment.

A questionnaire, copy of which is attached to this report as Exhibit No. 3, was recently sent to a large number of surety companies for the purpose of ascertaining among other things whether or not real estate bonds were guaranteed by them, the approximate amount of such guaranteed bonds, and other pertinent information, of which a summary has been tabulated and may prove of considerable interest.

Real Estate Securities Exchange.

Sometime during the month of June certain parties in New York presented a memorandum advocating the establishment in New York of a real estate securities exchange, claiming that the distribution of over five thousand issues amounting to several billions of dollars necessitated the creation of national market facilities. The memorandum contemplates trading not only in first mortgage bonds, but also common and preferred stocks of building companies, stocks and bonds of mortgage, title insurance, guaranty and trust companies affiliated with real estate, and not listed on any New York exchange, and in second mortgages, debentures, notes, &c. Your Committee is opposed to the establishment of any such exchange, believing that the well-secured, publicly-offered issues enjoy an adequate market under existing conditions.

Questionnaire.

During the early part of the year the Groups selected Chairmen of group real estate securities committees both for the purpose of handling local problems and for the development of information of value to the main Committee. Insofar as local problems are concerned it is taken for granted that such have been handled in an entirely satisfactory manner as none have been presented to the National Committee.

It was thought to be worth while to attempt to develop through the means of a questionnaire the trend of various factors in the different Group territories and for that purpose the questionnaire was prepared and distributed to the Group Chairmen. Replies clearly indicated that it would not be possible without too much effort and expense to secure the information, either for each group as a whole or even in the larger centres. Accordingly, the development of this means of securing information was abandoned.

Representation in Circulars.

The chairman of each committee is now charged with the responsibility of reporting to the Board of Governors, or if directed by any Executive Official of the Association, direct to the Business Conduct Committee, any alleged violations of an established principle of sound practice which may have been brought to its attention, such reports to the Board of Governors to be made at least once each year. This decision was reached at the Board of Governors meeting in May and since then all circulars offering real estate securities of any type and received by the Secretary's

Office have been forwarded to the chairman for the purpose above specified. In order to determine whether or not such circulars violated sound practice either by misleading statements or through the omission of information which the various committees have recommended to be included a memorandum report on each circular received has been prepared and forwarded to the Secretary's Office, together with the circular covered, with recommendation that the attention of the member be directed to the points in which each circular was at fault; advising the attitude of the Real Estate Securities Committees on these points and requesting adherence to the recommendations of the committees in the future. A form of the memorandum is attached as Exhibit No. 4.

It is assumed that most of the omissions of essential information are due either to carelessness or a lack of knowledge on the part of the members as to what the Committee's views have been, and it is hoped that it will be unnecessary to do anything more than call the attention of the member to these omissions.

It will be of interest to note that since the Secretary's Office has started forwarding circulars to this Committee a total of 89 have been examined.

New York State Questionnaire.

During the early part of September, immediately following the naming of a receiver for a large realty bond house, not a member of the Investment Bankers Association, the State of New York prepared and distributed a questionnaire designed to throw all possible light on the operations of firms, corporations and individuals engaged in the underwriting of real estate mortgage bonds in New York State, the inquiry being conducted by Attorney-General Ottinger through the State Bureau for the Prevention of Fraud. A copy of this questionnaire, Exhibit No. 5, is attached to this report.

The committee approves without qualification the decision of the Attorney-General to acquire the information by means of this questionnaire and believes that the information so obtained will be valuable to him in his campaign to prevent the distribution of unsafe or fraudulent issues of real estate mortgage loans in the future.

Your committee is of the opinion that had the affairs of this house been conducted along the lines of the recommendations of the various real estate committees of the Investment Bankers Association such a condition of affairs would never have been reached.

Recommendations of Previous Committees, Together with the Viewpoint of the 1926 Committee.

Loans on City Property.

1. Valuations.

1923.—Independent appraisers are preferred, although the practice has been largely appraisals by the company making the loan.

1924.—Agrees with 1923.

1925.—No comment.

1926.—Strongly recommends the use of independent appraisers of high standing; but irrespective of identity of appraisers reaffirms caution as to appraisals and insistence of proper stake on the part of mortgagors.

2. Elements of Value.

1923.—In cases of improved property, well-established earning power plus reasonable bona fide sale value should govern. If improved, new or under construction value of building should be at cost or sound replacement value, whichever is lowest, including only reasonable normal percentages to cover contractor's profit, architect's fees, interest during construction, cost of financing, &c.

1924.—Agrees with 1923.

1925.—No comment.

1926.—Agrees, but with reference to desirability of further developing this subject as mentioned above under paragraph "Elements of Value for Purposes of Appraisal."

3. Percentage of Loan to Valuation.

1923.—Strongly believe in view greatly increased building and labor costs, unwise to depart from basis governing investment savings bank and trust funds. Majority of committee believes 50% of existing costs should be the standard with 60% as a maximum.

1924.—Agrees with 1923.

1925.—No comment.

1926.—We feel it is impossible to fix an arbitrary minimum or maximum ratio for the reason that conditions the country over differ so widely, and further that the proper determination of value has developed such a wide divergence of opinion.

Assuming property in favorably located sections, we advocate in general that loans should not exceed 66 2-3% of a proper sound valuation, realizing under certain conditions loans at even 50% of the appraised value might be too heavy.

4. Protection During Construction.

1923.—While preferable to hold construction loans until completion, such may be sold in advance provided proper steps are taken for protection of investor.

(a) Investor should be informed he is purchasing a bond on construction in progress.

(b) Funds received from sale of bonds should be impounded with proper fiscal agent, such as a trust company organized under State Laws, or National Bank with trust powers, under a plan of disbursement against architect's certificate, waivers of liens and other evidence proving investor's money has been invested in the property.

(c) A surety bond insuring completion of the project and application of loan proceeds should be furnished by the borrower.

(d) Issuing house should guarantee the investor that the project will be completed and free from mechanic's liens.

(e) The Committee admits facility of operation can be obtained by conducting these processes within the issuing house, but feels, viewing the proposition from a broad standpoint there are dangers in this method. Should the issuing house retain such funds and disburse them, such funds should be marked so that in the event of financial disaster to the house they would not become subject to a claim by common creditors. Funds accumulated by issuing house for purpose of retiring interest or principal of bonds should be handled in the same manner.

1924.—Agrees with 1923.

1925.—The Committee does not in detail discuss the specific recommendations made by previous Committees, but it does in very considerable detail analyze the various requirements which should be provided in connection with loans or properties under construction, such as provision of funds by the mortgagor up to the point where the net proceeds of the loan will be sufficient to complete, the initial necessity of determining the entire cost of the work, the affidavit from the mortgagor setting forth the name of the contractors and the amounts of all contracts and copies of contracts themselves, the necessity of a competent inspection of the engineering department, certificate from architects as to amount in quantity and in terms of cost and work done up to the point when proceeds of loan commences to be used, and proof that payment for work done has been made.

1926.—Agrees in the conclusions of 1923 Committee as set forth above in subdivisions (a) to (e) inclusive with the exception of subdivision (d)

with respect to which the 1926 Committee sees no reason for such assurance as an obligation of the issuing house; and with respect to subdivision (b) the Committee recommends a plan of disbursement against certificates of supervising engineers. The present Committee also strongly urges the necessity of providing that the proceeds of the bonds shall not be expended until evidence is furnished to the Trustee that the building has been completed to specified stages of construction, representing the expenditure of substantially all the equity money.

5. Completion Bonds.

1925.—The Committee set forth in detail their opinion as to the type of bonds which should be used and furnishes a sample copy of bond which has its approval.

1926.—Realizing that the details of the completion bond may vary somewhat in accordance with the ideas and theories of the issuing house or by reason of the policies of the surety company, this committee has approved of a form of completion bond as being satisfactory in all essentials, a copy of which as Exhibit No. 6 is hereto attached.

This bond combines apparently everything of value in the bond submitted by the 1925 Committee, and in addition provides specific responsibilities on the sureties for—

1.—Interest on mortgage bonds.

2.—Taxes.

3.—Other charges.

4.—Four months' extension after completion or mechanic's liens.

As compared with the 1925 bond, it does not require that sureties complete within three months after specified completion; such completion might require a year.

6. Leasehold Bonds.

1925.—Agrees with 1925 committee in the latter's conclusion that, while leasehold loans, when carefully made, have been and may be the basis of many sound investments, the making of such loans should not be undertaken without careful study of the general principles involved nor without the most thorough investigation and consideration of all conditions affecting the particular lease, as well as the particular property involved. The 1925 committee sets forth in some detail the advantages of leaseholds, basis of valuing the leasehold equity, types of leases, character of improvements and statements to be made in circulars.

1926.—Agrees in general with the conclusions of the 1924 committee.

7. Trusteeship.

1923.—Admitting the business advantages in the use of an individual trustee affiliated with the issuing house, the committee feels a corporate trustee, such as a modern trust company, or national bank with trust powers, possibly supplemented by individual co-trustee, will ordinarily make for soundest practice and protection of investor.

1924.—Agrees with 1923.

1925.—No comment.

8. Representation in Circulars.

1923.—All essential facts should be clearly stated, such as detail of land and building appraisal, name of appraisers, name and address of borrowing corporation, personal interest, if any, of the issuing house in the property, full description of property and if any part on leasehold, terms of lease should be given in detail. The title "First Mortgage Bonds" is recognized to mean a first mortgage on both building and land and should not be used without qualification where building is erected on leased grounds.

Earnings, properly analyzed, should be set forth in detail; in cases of new property estimated earnings should be conservative and justified by similar properties. If under construction, that fact should be definitely stated and a statement should be made as to how proceeds of the loans will be safeguarded during period of construction; names of approving attorney, trustee, guarantor of title and other experts should be given. Any illustration showing improvement under construction should clearly so indicate.

1924.—Agrees with 1923.

1925.—Where leasehold bonds are concerned it is important that special pains be taken to set forth in all offering circulars accurate and full information covering those major provisions of the lease which may affect the bondholders' interest. The practice in the past in printing "First Mortgage" in large type and "Leasehold" in smaller type in the body of the circular or any other attempt to disguise the real nature of the security should not be countenanced.

9. Guaranteed First Mortgage Bonds.

1924.—Committee notes an increasing tendency in bonds carrying the guarantee either of the issuing house or by outside underwriting or insurance companies and the committee assumes it is the sole desire of the sellers of such bonds to secure a higher degree of safety for the investor. The committee admits that if the issuing house pursues the same conservative methods used by the old-time orthodox mortgage companies, a large added measure of security may be obtained for the bondholder, but if guarantees are used as a camouflage for overloans or careless methods no such guarantees will ultimately protect an intrinsically poor investment. Committee recommends that this subject be particularly studied by the succeeding Real Estate Committee.

1925.—Committee has expressed certain ideas on this subject, including criticism of undue emphasis of the value of the guarantee, but as stated elsewhere in the Report of the 1926 Committee, this subject is one which is recommended for special study by a succeeding committee as we believe there is, at present, too great a divergence of opinion both in the membership as a whole and in the committee itself to warrant any real conclusions at this time. See Exhibit No. 2.

1926.—No opinion expressed.

10. Land Trust Certificates.

From the standpoint of general distribution to investors, this type of security represents a rather recent activity in the part of our members, although it is recognized that land trust certificates as such have been purchased by investors for many years. A cursory examination of some of the different types indicates substantial differences as between various sections of the country. This committee is not now prepared to make any specific recommendation on this type of financing, but it is hoped that the incoming committee may arrange to devote special study to the subject and if possible make specific recommendations at the next convention.

11. Real Estate Bond Financing, 1926.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 7 is a statement prepared by Mr. W. O. Clark of S. W. Straus & Co., New York, and for the purpose of this report the following summary will serve to direct attention to the items which Mr. Clark's statement covers.

Summary.

Volume of financing approximately same as last year, about \$750,000,000, but if all the various classes of securities based on urban real estate were included, the figure of \$1,000,000,000 will be approximately correct. No inclusion in this total is made of enormous purchases of real estate

mortgages directly by insurance companies or other financial institutions for their own account.

Statement of long-term real estate bonds issued in years 1922-1925 inclusive and for each of the months of 1926 through June inclusive, indicates the purpose of issue, whether construction, improvements or completed properties, and also the amounts involved as between different types of buildings such as office and commercial, hotels and apartments.

Building activity, despite many gloomy predictions a year ago, continues on very high levels throughout the whole country. Peak was probably reached last fall and during last few months a gradual decline has set in. Year as a whole will probably equal 1925. Here follows a table showing the value of contracts awarded in the 36 States east of the Rocky Mountains comparing the first eight months of 1926 with the same period of 1925. Building costs during 1926 approximately stable with slight tendency to rise; materials slightly lower; wages slightly higher.

Rents and Vacancies.

Intense building activity has brought to an end persistent rise in rents, and where surplus has been created rental concessions are granted and rents show declining tendency. As a whole approximate stabilization represents condition of rental market in most sections. Vacancies in office buildings slightly higher than the first of the year but slightly less than last fall and materially less than two years ago.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the members of the committee for their co-operation which has been extended during the year, and particularly to those of the committee who have actively assisted in the preparation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARKSON POTTER, Chairman.

- L. R. Ballinger, C. Prevost Boyce, H. N. Gottlieb, John C. Legg, Frank Nicol, E. E. Beeck, K. I. Fosdick, Geo. B. Johnson, Conner Mallott, George Van Riper

Exhibit 5—the New York State questionnaire—follows:

REAL ESTATE SECURITIES EXHIBIT NO. 5. STATE OF NEW YORK.

Before the Attorney-General.

IN THE MATTER of an inquiry conducted by the Attorney-General of the State of New York pursuant to Article 23-A Real Estate of the General Business Law of the State of New York in regard to the practices of in the sale of securities and commodities, etc.

To Albert Ottinger, Attorney-General of the State of New York,

The undersigned subject of the above inquiry under the laws of hereby files with you under oath the following information pursuant to Chapter 649 of the Laws of 1921 and amendments thereto:

- 1. The subject's principal place of business is located at Street, City of State of and its principal place of business in New York at Street, City of County of
2. Branch offices of subject are located where?
3. Name under which subject's business is conducted.
4. List of real estate bond issues underwritten by you and now outstanding either in whole or part, giving as to each issue (a) amount of issue, (b) date, (c) valuation of property securing same as advertised, (d) first year's interest, (e) estimated net earnings, (f) your finance charges itemized, (g) amount of principal paid off to date, (h) carrying charges during construction added to cost of building, including interest on bonds.
5. Complete list of your bond issues that (a) are in default, (b) are secured by building that has been taken over by company or subsidiary, or any corporation in which you are interested, (c) have been or are now subject to receivership.
6. Copies of announcement and sales circulars on all issues listed above in (5).
7. Complete list of bond issues in default at present time on which you are making interest and principal payments.
8. Copies of announcement and sales circulars on all issues listed in (7).
9. Complete list of your bond issues which have been in default at various periods since date of issue—during which periods you have had to meet or carry defaulting payments in interest and principal; give period of default and total sum of interest and principal paid by you—also date default paid up.
10. Complete list of your bond issues upon which all interest payments are still being made from advanced interest charges included in finance charges and derived from the proceeds of bond sales; give amount of interest deducted in each case.
11. Itemized statement of notes due you or your subsidiaries from borrowers who have defaulted on bonds.
12. Itemized statement of advances made by you on account of interest and principal in default by borrowers on your bond issues.
13. Is it your practice to notify your bondholders when your borrowers default on their interest and principal payments?
14. Detailed analysis of all your claimed assets and of your financial statement showing net worth of company as of date when your books were last closed.
15. Give name and address of outside auditor, if any is employed to audit your accounts.
16. Complete list of subsidiary companies, showing officers of each, explaining briefly purpose and functions of subsidiary.
17. Have you or your officers or associates any direct or indirect interest in any architectural contracting equipment, brokerage, real estate or other firm, person or corporation, to which any money has ever been paid for work done or services rendered in connection with the financing or erection or purchase of any property securing any of your bond issues?
18. Have you or any of your officers, directors, trustees or employees, or their relatives, ever been interested, financially or otherwise, directly or indirectly, in any land or building forming part or all of the security for any bond issue ever underwritten by you?
19. Have you ever stipulated to borrowers or others that any certain architectural, contracting, equipment, brokerage, or real estate firm be employed in connection with any property securing any of your bond issues?
20. Statement as to whether you offer guarantees of principal and interest of your bond issues, and full details as to the type of guarantee, used, together with sample copy of guarantee form and financial statement of company guaranteeing, and principal amount of your obligations guaranteed.
21. Description and full details of your method of appraisals; of land, building and rental incomes, securing your bond issues, together with form of work sheet.
22. Do you publish in your bond advertising literature, full details of valuation of property and estimated income.
23. Do you separate appraisals of land and building?

24. Do you substantiate such appraisals in all cases by also publishing opinions and appraisals of independent competent authorities?

25. Do you have a limit on the percentage of the value of the property securing your bonds beyond which you will not make a loan? If so, what is it?

26. Give list of all your bond issues secured by property whose estimated earnings you have capitalized as a basis of an appraised value and then based loan upon the ratio of bond issue to such capitalized value.

27. Give a complete list of all your loans or underwritings in which the amount of your bond issue is in excess of 66 2-3% of the value of the property.

28. Statement of your practice of verifying from time to time the actual cost of construction of buildings for the account of which you make payment of moneys derived from proceeds of bond sales.

29. List of your bond issues secured by real estate on which buildings were incompleated at the time these bonds were issued and sold.

30. Forms of your underwriting agreements with borrowers.

31. Forms of your bonds and of the mortgages securing same.

32. Do you earmark and segregate moneys received by you from borrower on account of amortization payments, taxes, interest, &c., upon your bond issues? If so, in what manner?

(CORPORATE SEAL, IF INCORPORATED)

Note:—If the subject is a corporation, trust or association this statement must be signed and sworn to by the officers duly authorized to execute papers on behalf thereof. If subject is a co-partnership, this statement must be signed and sworn to by all partners.

State of ss: County of/

On this day of A.D. 19, before me a Notary Public, personally appeared who, being duly sworn, (Name of signers)

according to law, do depose and say that, to the best of knowledge and belief, the statements contained in the foregoing are true and correct and that complete answers have been given to all the items contained therein, and that they are (Title)

and Corporation Respectively of such association and are duly authorized to execute papers on behalf thereof.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires

The following (Exhibit 7), relative to real estate bond issues, building activity, &c., in 1926 is also taken from the report:

Real Estate Bond Issues—1926.

Real estate financing, which has experienced such a rapid expansion since 1920, continued in approximately the same volume as last year. Unfortunately it is impossible to say precisely what the total sales of urban real estate securities of all kinds have amounted to during the present year. The compilations made by various financial publications are less comprehensive and less satisfactory for real estate issues than for any other type of security. In part, this defect in the statistics is inevitable and probably ineradicable, because so many of the issues are small and of local interest only and because so many are sold directly over the counters of banks and other financial institutions without any public advertisement or formal offering of any kind. In last year's report of the Real Estate Securities Committee, it was estimated that the total volume of urban real estate securities of various kinds offered during 1925 would be not far from one billion dollars. That was probably a conservative estimate, though the incomplete (*) compilations of the Commercial and Financial Chronicle showed at the end of the year a total of only \$752,652,000.

For the first seven months of 1926, the Chronicle reports that the financing of "land and buildings, &c." involved a total offering of \$437,798,200 in long and short term bonds and notes and stocks as compared with \$434,691,400 for the same period in 1925. Long-term bond issues alone amounted to \$391,443,000 for the first seven months of 1926 and to \$393,024,900 for the corresponding part of 1925. An independent compilation of real estate offerings, excluding issues based on foreign properties and including only long- or short-term bonds or debentures and land trust certificates, shows a somewhat higher total. According to this calculation, the offerings for 1926 have run by months as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Month and Amount. Rows: January (\$83,082,000), February (50,946,500), March (66,442,500), April (59,831,500), May (65,087,500), June (95,250,000), First 6 months (\$420,640,000), July (86,659,500), August (52,220,280), First 8 months (\$559,519,780)

*The Chronicle compilations are absolutely complete within the limits set. They aim to include all real estate issues for land or buildings, where more than a single individual or concern is involved—that is where the bond or security is not in the shape of a single unit or block, but offered for sale in multiple form and made up of a number of separate units, of larger or smaller denominations, though not for amounts less than \$25,000.—[Editor.]

It is apparent that if all the various classes of securities sold to the public which have urban real estate as their basic security be included, the figure of close to a billion dollars estimated by last year's committee would probably represent a fairly close estimate for 1926 as well. This does not include, of course, the enormous purchases of real estate mortgages made directly by insurance companies and other financial institutions for their own account. United States life insurance companies, for instance, held at the end of 1925 real estate mortgages amounting to \$4,823,871,000, or 42% of all their admitted assets, and during that year had increased their holdings of such securities by no less than \$649,102,000.

From the detailed reports on individual security issues published by the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle," the Department of Trade and Commerce segregates and classifies the long-term real estate bond issues put out by mortgage bond houses. The results of the department's tabulation covering operations of the last five years are summarized in the following table:

LONG-TERM REAL ESTATE BONDS.

Note.—The following table gives the figures in thousands of dollars—the hundreds column having been omitted.

Year and Month.	Grand Total.	Purpose of Issue.			Kind of Structure.		
		To Finance Construction.	Real Estate Mortgage.	Acquisitions and Improvements.	Offices and Other Commercial.	Hotels.	Apartments.
1922	\$160,056	\$101,422	\$12,790	\$26,512	\$74,050	\$32,115	\$28,840
1923	239,283	156,169	25,885	44,350	116,670	52,250	41,980
1924	319,253	228,117	51,931	12,678	146,567	59,563	66,802
1925	695,556	399,864	151,356	86,796	262,704	117,132	97,860
1st 6 months 1925	332,927	206,083	67,910	33,515	143,943	53,838	48,472
1st 6 months 1926	320,537	176,362	51,703	46,247	148,281	47,638	42,001
1926—January	53,927	38,767	8,663	4,522	27,342	9,490	11,318
February	41,153	32,858	2,500	2,750	29,550	1,650	3,258
March	50,370	24,950	9,640	5,230	16,525	8,925	6,075
April	42,398	20,603	13,110	5,085	11,378	6,235	6,440
May	49,754	18,239	12,615	15,480	29,191	4,833	7,875
June	82,985	40,945	7,425	13,180	34,295	16,505	7,035

Building Activity.

Despite the many gloomy predictions made in various quarters a year ago, building activity continues on a very high level throughout the country as a whole. Indeed, the volume of construction during the first quarter and the first half of 1926 was 32% and 14%, respectively, in excess of that of the corresponding parts of last year. However, the peak of activity for the current movement was probably reached last fall, when the issuing of permits and the awarding of contracts established several unprecedented new monthly records. During the last few months a very gradual decline has set in and the margin over 1925 has steadily diminished. However, August was the second highest month on record, and it is the fairly unanimous opinion that the year as a whole will probably just about equal its record-breaking predecessor and may even exceed it slightly.

In the following table the value of contracts awarded in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains is given for each of the first 8 months of 1926 and compared with the corresponding figures for 1925.

1926.	Contracts Awarded 37 Eastern States.	Gain or Loss from 1925.
January	\$457,158,600	+48%
February	407,899,800	+31%
March	597,879,300	+22%
First quarter	\$1,462,937,700	+32%
April	570,613,800	+1%
May	549,814,800	+8%
June	544,792,400	-2%
First half	\$3,128,158,500	+14%
July	518,841,900	-5%
August	600,808,000	-2%
First 8 months	\$4,247,808,400	+9%

Conditions vary somewhat as between different sections of the country and different types of buildings. In the following table the increases or decreases from last year are summarized for the first eight months of 1926 for the various geographical sections and the various types of buildings:

District—	37 Eastern States—	
	Total Contracts 1st 8 Months, 1926.	Gain or Loss from 1st half, '25
New England	\$296,208,700	-7%
New York and Northern New Jersey	1,160,070,000	+21%
Middle Atlantic	426,505,400	+13%
Pittsburgh district	532,647,000	-10%
Central West	1,056,548,800	+9%
Northwest	74,512,700	+10%
Southeast	533,709,400	+8%
Texas	167,605,500	+31%
	\$4,247,808,400	+9%
Type of Building—		
Commercial	\$625,057,500	+5%
Educational	266,230,500	-13%
Industrial	460,963,700	+42%
Public works and utilities	735,756,200	+22%
Residential	1,785,023,400	+4%
All others	374,777,100	-4%
	\$4,247,808,400	+9%

Building Costs.

During the past year building costs have been approximately stable, though showing a slight tendency to rise. The prices of building materials, it is true, have been falling since the first of the year, but the effect of this decline has been slightly more than counterbalanced by higher building trades wages. The United States Bureau of Labor statistics index number of building material prices fell from 178 in January to 172 in July; in July 1925 it stood at 170. The index of building wages, which is compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and which stood at 218 in July 1925, rose to 225 in February and to 227 in July of this year. The same bank's index of building cost as a whole stood at 194 in July (i. e., 94% above the 1913 average) as compared with 194 in January and 189 in July 1925. Other indexes of building cost show approximately the same fluctuations.

Rent and Vacancies.

The intense building activity of the last four or five years has brought to an end in most parts of the country and for most types of building facilities the persistent rise of rents which has been so important a phenomenon of the post-war period. Indeed, where any considerable surplus of facilities has been created, rental concessions have been freely granted and rents have shown a tendency to decline. This condition, however, is by no means universal. Approximate stabilization represents the condition of the rental market in most sections as is evidenced by the following extracts from the semi-annual survey of the rental market made by the National Association of Real Estate Boards in June of this year:

"There is little change in the reports regarding residential rents. Eleven per cent of all the cities reporting indicate that residential rents are increasing. Sixty-five per cent indicate stationary rents, and 24% report the tendency down. The figures for June 1925 were 11% up, stationary 70%, down 19%. Again, as in December 1925, no city over 200,000 population reports that rents are increasing in any type of residential property, but 23% of the reports from district boards indicate increase in residential rents. Fifty-seven per cent of the reports from cities in Canada also indicate increasing rents, as well as 40% of the reports from South Central section. The highest percentage of reports of decreasing residential rents comes from the North Central section.

"Forty-two per cent of all the reports indicate that the rents of central business property have increased, and 30% indicate a tendency for rents of outlying business property to climb. Twenty-one per cent indicate higher rents for centrally located offices and 13% for office space in outlying districts."

Conditions in regard to office building vacancies are presented in the following table summarizing the results of the rental surveys of the rental committee of the National Association of Building Owners & Managers:

Office Building Vacancies.

Survey Date—	No. of Cities	No. of Buildings	Total Space Square Feet.	Vacant.		Per Cent
				Square Feet.	Per Cent	
Oct. 1 1924	23	1,105	67,927,928	6,691,616	9.8	9.8
Jan. 1 1925	23	969	63,214,658	6,574,450	9.69	9.69
Apr. 1 1925	27	1,441	102,385,344	8,887,170	8.2	8.2
Oct. 1 1925	29	1,664	111,121,685	10,205,312	9.18	9.18
Jan. 1 1926	28	1,441	101,415,011	7,773,566	7.66	7.66
Apr. 1 1926	35	1,799	118,863,778	10,059,249	8.46	8.46

Cities Reporting on Supply of Office Space.

City	Per Cent		Per Cent		Per Cent		Per Cent	Per Cent	Per Cent	Per Cent	Change Last 3 Months
	Oct. 1 1924.	Jan. 1 1925.	Apr. 1 1925.	Oct. 1 1925.	Jan. 1 1926.	Apr. 1 1926.					
Atlanta	20.3	20	18.2	19.4	15.7	14.2	7	7	7	7	-1.5
Baltimore					16	12	12	12	12	12	-4
Birmingham					9	9	13	13	13	13	+4
Boston					10.9	11.2	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	---
Buffalo	17				7.1	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	-4
Chicago		7.2			10.1	9.7	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	-3
Cincinnati		*			15.5	19.7	19.41	17.7	17.7	17.7	-1.7
Cleveland	20.4	17			*	*	*	*	*	*	---
Dayton					13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	---
Detroit	13.2	10.8	10.5	14.5	13.2	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	+3
Duluth			5.7	5.5	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	---
Fresno				20	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	---
Indianapolis	11	10	10	6.2	9.6	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	-1.5
Los Angeles	8	13	11.5	13	13.6	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	+1.1
Louisville			2	6	15	15	15	15	15	15	---
Memphis		8.4		*	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	---
Minneapolis		6.2	5.8	*	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	---
New Haven			5.4		7.4	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	-3.6
Oakland	7.3	7.6	10.3	9.7	9.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	-8.4
Peoria			7.4	7.4	7.4	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	+15.1
Philadelphia	15.5	*	11	16	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	---
Portland				7.4	9.4	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	+8
St. Louis					6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	---
Salt Lake City	12	12	19.2	14.6	14.7	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	-8
San Antonio				7.7	10.2	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	-4
San Francisco				6.75	6.5	6	6	6	6	6	-5
Seattle	15.7	16	19	17.2	16.6	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2	-1.4
Spokane		6.4	7.3		6.3	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	-2
Toronto, Ont.				13.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	+1.0

President Morris, commenting upon the excellence of the report, in carefulness and continuity, asked that the convention express its thanks not only to Mr. Potter but to his committee on the work done by it. A motion to this end was seconded and carried.

Report of Foreign Securities Committee.

One of the interesting reports to come before the Investment Bankers Association was that of the Foreign Securities Committee (under the chairmanship of Howard F. Beebe, of Harris, Forbes & Co., New York), in which, among other things, was shown the "present value" of payments under debt settlements on a 4 1/4% basis, according to tables presented by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York. Before submitting his formal report, Mr. Beebe said:

As a rather introductory matter, about a more or less formal report, I would like to say that the Foreign Securities Committee, with which I have had some contact for a number of years, both as a member of it and as an officer of the Association working with it, has been one of those committees that apparently was originally thought they ought to have in order to round out the picture, and the policy in previous years, because of the conditions prevailing, has been one more of watchful waiting than any very definite policy.

Matters have moved apace within the last couple of years, and our committee felt that the time had come when we should do more than sit by and wait for some matter of more or less importance to our membership to be taken up. In our efforts to try to find how we might be of service to the Association, we again came upon the situation which Mr. Lamont met when he was Chairman, I think, of the first Foreign Securities Committee appointed by the Association. That was, that there is in this country at the present time no satisfactory place where authentic and up-to-date information bearing upon the financial aspects of foreign countries is available. Some of the members of the Association that have followed the work of the Association in years gone by will recollect that there have been several attempts made, from time to time, to find some way of establishing a so-called financial library; not a museum, but a library, a working library, and for good and sufficient reasons in each case it was deemed that we had not found the ideal way to go ahead.

The report, of a more or less formal nature, which we will give is not designed to be of a startling nature but simply to try to bring home to the members of this Association what enormous strides are being made in the placing of foreign securities in the American markets, and I do not believe there is any better way to emphasize that than to give the figures and their sources.

During the presentation of the report Mr. Beebe also said:

One of the committee's problems, it found, was the co-ordination of the Foreign Securities Committee and our old Industrial Committee at home, and Mr. Elliott of our committee will try to say a little in a rather informal way in regard to that problem, and how he thinks possibly we can be helpful in conjunction with the present committee headed by Mr. Wilbur.

I think I might informally comment on something that may interest our members. As is generally known, my own concern has spent a great deal of time in studying the problem abroad, particularly in reference to the German situation. I myself spent considerable time there and one of the interesting things that I tried to dig out in London and in Germany was what position the English banker was taking in respect of German securities.

Of course, the English have had a world-wide experience in foreign investment matters, and it seemed rather significant to me that there had been no public issues of securities in London. I found there were several reasons contributing to that: first, the very natural prejudice that followed the war; second, that money was needed at home for British purposes; but thirdly, and very interestingly, I found that a great deal of English money was going into Germany, but not in public issues, but rather in equities. They were buying real estate, stocks of various industrial concerns, and probably they have, and undoubtedly have, found those investments very profitable. I thought that was a very significant thing. It certainly had a considerable bearing on what report and recommendations I was willing to make to my own house.

The report as formally presented follows:

Since the previous report of the committee the American money market has continued to absorb a heavy volume of foreign investments. Accord-

ing to compilations of the Department of Commerce, foreign securities publicly offered in this country between July 1925 and July 1926 aggregated \$1,302,339,000. This amount is somewhat below that of the corresponding period for the previous year when it totaled \$1,381,691,000. These two years have thus added well over two and a half billion dollars to our foreign holdings which at present may be estimated at about \$11,000,000,000. This international financial position of the United States is in marked contrast to what occupied in 1914 when our capital abroad was estimated at about \$1,500,000,000 and our obligations owed to foreigners aggregated approximately \$4,000,000,000, thus leaving a net indebtedness of around \$2,500,000,000.

It is interesting to analyze the changing nature of our foreign investments with particular reference to the obligor and to the geographic distribution. Our pre-war investments consisted mainly of proprietary interests such as factories, plantations or mines in foreign countries. During the war and post-war period large issues of foreign public obligations were placed on the American money market so that at one time the volume of foreign government and government-guaranteed obligations almost equalled the amount of industrial securities and direct investments abroad. In recent months the volume of government and government-guaranteed securities has declined in relative importance. In 1924 they amounted to 88% of the total for the year, while in 1925 they were only 63%, or \$647,000,000. At the same time foreign corporate issues increased almost fourfold, or from \$103,000,000 to \$384,000,000. This does not include the sum placed directly in foreign industrial enterprises through the purchase of internal securities. These figures seem to indicate that the task of meeting the needs of European governmental rehabilitation and currency stabilization is nearing completion, while the problem of satisfying the requirements of world-wide industrial reconstruction is becoming more important. Thus in the future, after the currency stabilization in France, Belgium and Italy has been accomplished, the American capital market will probably handle a growing volume of foreign corporate rather than public securities.

There have also been marked changes in the geographic distribution of our foreign investments. Before 1914 they were placed mainly in nearby countries as Canada, Mexico or Cuba. Since the war the volume of our investments has greatly increased in Europe. This has been particularly true with respect to Germany. Practically no German issues were offered in this country before 1924, when the American participation in the loan under the Dawes plan amounted to \$110,000,000. From July 1925 to July 1926 German issues to the amount of \$336,000,000 were placed in this country. These figures apply only to such German loans as have been publicly offered, and do not include the purchase of large amounts of internal stocks and bonds directly from the German capital market. The total of these German borrowings from the United States is estimated at around one billion dollars.

The steadily expanding interest of the American investing public in foreign securities is perhaps best evidenced by the impressive growth in the listing and the turnover on the New York Stock Exchange. While in 1913 there were scarcely a dozen different securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the number of foreign issues now dealt in amounts to 145. This increase in the internationalization of the Stock Exchange is evidenced even better in the turnover. The aggregate of foreign loans traded in the New York Exchange in 1913 amounted to but \$3,459,000, while the total for the past year aggregated \$637,630,000. For the first eight months of the current year the turnover was \$447,220,500, or at an annual rate of \$670,630,250.

It is interesting to note who are the owners of these foreign bonds. Popular opinion considers these holdings localized in New York and concentrated in the hands of a few investors. A considerable volume of foreign bonds have been bought by the interior banks and trust companies. At the close of 1925 the member banks in the Federal Reserve System held about \$500,000,000 worth of such securities which represented a considerable increase over previous years.

Financial Tendencies Affecting Foreign Securities.

This report cannot, of course, undertake a detailed analysis of all the financial tendencies which have affected the credit standing and the market position of the foreign securities dealt in the American market. However, a brief review may be undertaken of the leading movements during the year.

Inter-Governmental Debts.

The most important single factor influencing not only the financial but also the political relations of the United States with Europe has been the inter-governmental debt arising out of the war. During the past twelve months considerable progress has been made toward the settlement of these obligations. The Debt Funding Commission in its arrangements, and Congress in its ratifications, have avoided the extremes of insistence either on full payment or cancellation. Instead, the principle of the ability of the debtor to pay and the policy of partial remission were followed in the various adjustments which were finally concluded. Such alleviation of the debt was effected not by reducing the amount of the principal but by lowering the rate of interest and deferring the date of payment, with the result that the "present worth" of the various obligations was thereby cut. By these means the burden was reduced, so that they conform in a general way to the sums which the United States extended after the signing of the Armistice. It can therefore be said that this country in most of the settlements has granted remissions in amounts which approximate the loans given and has insisted upon the payment only of the advances extended after the conclusion of hostilities. The extent to which this policy has actually been followed in the debt settlements may be seen in the following table showing the "present value" of the payments on a 4 1/4% basis (reproduced from "United States Government Securities" p. 24, Bankers Trust Co. Publication):

"PRESENT VALUE" OF PAYMENTS UNDER DEBT SETTLEMENTS ON A 4 1/4% BASIS.

Country.	Principal of Debt as Funded.	Total Amount of Interest to Be Received.	Present Value of Payments on 4 1/4% Annual Basis.	Ratio of Present Val. to Debt as Funded (%)
Finland.....	\$9,000,000	\$21,695,055	\$7,422,200	82
Great Britain.....	4,600,000,000	11,105,965,000	3,792,528,700	82
Hungary.....	1,939,000	4,693,240	1,598,600	82
Lithuania.....	6,030,000	14,531,940	4,971,100	82
Poland.....	178,560,000	435,687,550	147,208,100	82
Belgium.....	417,780,000	727,830,500	226,040,300	54
Latvia.....	5,775,000	13,958,635	4,761,200	82
Czechoslovakia.....	115,000,000	312,811,434	92,166,200	80
Estonia.....	13,830,000	33,331,140	11,403,500	82
Italy.....	2,042,000,000	2,407,677,500	538,136,500	26
Rumania.....	44,590,000	122,506,260	35,342,500	79
France.....	4,025,000,000	6,847,674,104	2,008,122,624	50
Yugoslavia.....	62,850,000	95,177,635	20,236,715	32
Total.....	\$11,522,354,000	\$22,143,539,993	\$6,889,936,239	60

At this time it is of interest to note that payments have already been made by foreign governments on account of the principal and interest due to the United States during 1925 in the following amounts:

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE ON OBLIGATIONS.

Balance of International Payments of the United States in 1925.

Government—	Principal.	Interest.
Belgium.....	\$875,839 30	\$1,575,599 91
Czechoslovakia.....	1,500,000 00	-----
Estonia.....	-----	1,441 88
Finland.....	47,000 00	267,300 00
France.....	-----	20,367,057 25
Great Britain.....	24,000,000 00	136,620,000 00
Hungary.....	10,018 00	44,498 94
Latvia.....	-----	4,562 76
Lithuania.....	30,000 00	90,903 88
Nicaragua.....	49,513 86	10,189 92
Poland.....	-----	864,584 32
Rumania.....	4,451 54	-----
Russia.....	-----	275 94
Total.....	\$26,516,822 70	\$159,846,364 30
Paid in sterling.....	-----	-----

Germany.—Under the Dawes Plan, Germany was to pay the sum of \$1,220,000,000 gold marks in the second year, ending Aug. 31 1926. For the first nine months, covering the period Sept. 1 to May 31, Germany actually paid about \$41,000,000 marks. In his report, the Agent General states that Germany has made all her payments regularly and has acted with the utmost good faith in complying with her obligations under the Dawes Plan.

Austria.—Conditions in Austria have developed satisfactorily. Due primarily to the increase in the revenues, the budget for 1925 showed a substantial surplus. Savings are steadily increasing, and Austria is now in a position to finance a part of her long term needs herself. It is doubtful whether Austria will be a heavy borrower in the future. Austrian bankers feel that over borrowing abroad may endanger the nations balance of payments, and so favor only loans for productive purposes, particularly those which will curtail imports.

France.—The present French government has adopted most of the measures recommended by the Experts' Committee. As a result, taxation has been raised to cover estimated expenditures, an independent office for liquidating the floating debt has been legalized, and the service of the sinking fund has been made secure against alienation. Also, the Bank of France has been enabled to acquire gold and securities for the protection of the franc. The stabilization of the franc must be accompanied by heavy borrowings abroad estimated to be at least \$200,000,000. The stabilization of the franc and the settlement of the debt to the United States are the outstanding financial problems which France will have to meet in the near future.

Belgium.—Economic conditions in Belgium are developing satisfactorily. Efforts are being made by the government to balance the budget, and for that purpose revenues have been increased. Belgium is still in need of foreign capital, and the stabilization of the franc will probably be accompanied by loans in the principal money markets of the world.

Italy.—Public finance in Italy, according to official figures, may be considered as sound. During the Fascismo regime economic and financial progress has been made, and the budget shows steady improvement. The essential problems at present confronting Italy are the trade balance which continues unfavorable and the currency which moves irregularly. Every effort is being made in Italy to curtail imports and expand exports.

Russia.—Evidences are multiplying to Russia's gradual reversion toward the capitalist system and a recognition of private property. The changed attitude on the part of Soviet Russia towards her foreign creditors is doubtless brought about by the urgent need for foreign capital and trade relationship, and also by the presence of economic and financial crises. Whether Russia will loom as an important borrower in this and other foreign markets will depend upon the treatment which she accords to her former creditors, and her convincing the rest of the world of the permanency of her new economic policies.

South America.—Conditions in South America appear to have undergone an encouraging change. The reorganization of the banking system and the improvement of the currencies in a number of the republics should also prove a sustaining factor in their future. Most of these countries have at least realized the importance of meeting government expenditures out of revenues, and a change in their attitude toward rights and privileges of foreigners is also to be noted with satisfaction.

Formation of the Institute of International Finance.

It will be remembered that ever since the entrance of this country into the World War, successive foreign securities committees have been impressed with the lack of availability, not only of the smaller cities throughout the country but in the chief financial centres, of up-to-date information on foreign financial matters. At the convention of the Association in Atlantic City in 1918, Mr. Lamont, then Chairman of the Committee, stressed the importance of correcting this condition. While numerous suggestions have been advanced since that time for the establishment, under the auspices of the Association, of a working library, it has been necessary for practical reasons to discard them all. However, during the present year an arrangement has been entered into by the Association and New York University to accomplish the purpose desired.

Announcement of this has recently been made to our members, and while we appreciate that it will take considerable time to bring the Institute of International Finance, as it has been named, to a point of giving all the services which we hope and believe can be rendered, it is now in a position to function, and it is the hope of the Committee that all of our members will sufficiently interest themselves in it and acquaint themselves with its possible value to them. It will naturally follow that they will not only subscribe to membership in it, but co-operate in every way to make it as effective as possible. It is the desire not only to have our own members interested in it, but all of those who will take an intelligent interest in the work and are able to avail themselves of its facilities. To that end the Committee bespeaks your active co-operation in bringing the matter to the attention of officials of banks and others in your territory.

The Committee is desirous of emphasizing the importance of accuracy and completeness in information used in connection with the offering of foreign securities, and is mindful that there is at the present time no place where intending investors can turn for the usual information which is available on domestic issues.

It has become apparent that close co-operation between the Industrial Securities Committee and this Committee is essential, and it is intended that either through the medium of a special committee composed of the members of both of these committees, or by some other appropriate method a knowledge of the activities of the two committees can be so co-ordinated as to bring about the best results. Mr. Elliott, of our Committee, has been giving considerable thought to this subject and will take the necessary time to discuss the subject at this session.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN SECURITIES,
HOWARD F. BEEBE, Chairman.

Some discussion ensued during the reading of the above report, the following remarks having been made incident to the statistics of payments by foreign Governments on account of principal and interest due to the United States during 1925:

Mr. Beebe: Now, statistics are always dry and uninteresting, but I really think that those mean something if you stop and look at this report in its printed form. I think there is a lot of interesting reading between the lines.

Mr. Frank L. Scheffey: Are all of the nations currently paid up?

Mr. Beebe: Yes.

Mr. Scheffey: I don't mean the statistics, but I mean the obligations. Are any nations behind in their obligations?

Mr. Beebe: So far as I know, no; that is, any of those that had formal ratification. Of course, in the case of the French, they have agreed but it has not been ratified by the French Parliament, and would have to come back, as I understand it, for a complete ratification by our own Congress.

With reference to Germany's payments under the Dawes plan, Mr. Beebe incidentally said:

Now, I would recommend that anybody that is interested in this subject of European finance, that has not seen or has not read Agent General Gilbert's report, should get the last report, that was rendered as of May 31st, and read it. It is very interesting reading and very educational, in a very broad way, because it deals not only with the German questions but with the relations of the German situations to all of the countries who are entitled to reparation payments under it.

Mr. Beebe also commented as follows after his reference, above, to conditions in Austria:

In regard to the unfavorable trade balance, I am told by people who should know a good deal more about it than I can possibly know that the trade figures should not be taken too seriously. There is such an enormous invisible item which comes about through tourist expenditures, and more particularly through remittances from Nationals abroad.

Mr. Beebe's report was formally adopted at the convention.

Remarks of John Speed Elliott on Different Types of Mortgages in Foreign Countries.

John Speed Elliott was one of those who addressed the Investment Bankers Association on Oct. 13, his remarks concerning work of what he termed "a little informal committee," which has undertaken to gather information as to the different types of mortgages in foreign countries. He also indicated that he and his co-workers "are going to try to get a pretty comprehensive study of the German system of accounting and valuation at this time." His remarks follow:

Mr. President and Gentlemen: As Mr. Beebe has pointed out, there were several conflicts between the Industrial Securities Committee and the Foreign Securities Committee, in that the Industrial Securities Committee could not devote much time to foreign industries, and it was not exactly the province of the Foreign Securities Committee, so we tried to combine the two and form a little informal committee, and we had some discussions about it in New York.

This is about the result of what we did, which I will try to tell you only in a very informal way.

The first thing we discussed was that there were a great many bonds distributed in this country, and there was very little understood about the legal problems. I know we have all had some trouble with legal problems abroad. What a "trustee" means in our language may be something very different in the German law, and so with all the rest of the countries.

So we got together and decided that we would ask some prominent lawyers in New York to write opinions on these subjects so they would be clear to people who were distributing bonds, it would be clear just what the meanings of the terms that they are so accustomed to in this law would mean abroad. I have just made a few suggestions here that I am going to submit to the convention for your approval or disapproval, as the case may be, and to say if you approve them in the course of the next six or eight months we will get the opinions of lawyers and publish them in a bulletin, or submit the matter to the Secretary for publication.

The first one we thought of that was important was the Dawes debentures, the history and outline of this charge and the present status and payment of these charges as applied to corporations and properties subject to mortgage. Also, the history, analysis and future effect of Article 248 of the Versailles Treaty.

Then the question of revalorization, the history, analysis and opinion as to standing indebtedness in relation to both the Dawes debts and mortgage securities sold to the public.

Business organizations. It is very important for us to know just exactly how a corporation is formed abroad, how it functions, so we are going to get an opinion as to how organized, powers, limitations and liabilities.

Then, in most of the foreign countries there are different types of mortgages, and some of them are more severe than others. I know in Germany, for instance, there are four types of mortgages. We are going to get an opinion on the description of various types of mortgages with rights and liabilities of mortgage creditors and debtors in each instance.

I might say right here that it has been my experience in all foreign countries to find that the debt laws are more severe on the debtor and more generous to the creditor. That is true with all the old countries. The older a country is, and the longer it has been settled, the more severe you will find are the debtor laws.

And then we want a description of the legal procedure of foreclosure, and that, by the way, is very simple in most foreign countries. You do not have to go to court, and they do not plead the statute of limitations on you and get a lot of delays and things like that.

Then, the procedure of bond creditors in case of defaulted corporate bonds; corporate reorganizations; rights and limitations of trustees, receivers, etc., and relation of such reorganized companies to revalorized debts and Dawes charges.

It is a very interesting problem as to what will happen if somebody forecloses a mortgage, and industrial loan over there, and reorganizes it, just exactly how that is going to be done, and how it differs from our methods. As indicated before, it is more facile, more severe on the debtor than it is in this country, but it is interesting for us to know that.

And then the laws and practices concerning Government control of issuance of bonds and the publication of balance sheets. Most of us have had the experience if we bought an issue of bonds and got the price all fixed and everything approved, that the Government stepped in and said, "Well, we are not going to allow you to issue them, but we might let these people issue them at a different price." It is surprising what control they have over the issuance of bonds and functions of corporations abroad, and we thought it would be interesting to have an opinion on that subject.

This goes a little out of the way, but we are going to try to get a pretty comprehensive study of the German system of accounting and valuation at this time, which differs to some extent from ours.

The next is a study of the general system of taxation—Government, provincial and municipal—and the position of contemporary taxes, both direct and indirect, with regard to outstanding mortgages and war debt charges. Of course, the taxation problem is a very interesting one. We do not, many of us—I am sure a great many of you—do not know just exactly what is the allocation of indirect taxes with relation to mortgage debts, because direct taxes are always a prior charge. But what is the position of indirect taxation; of income taxes, license taxes and things like that, with regard to outstanding securities? It becomes very interesting because with all the reparations and the taxation that has to be gone through in most of the foreign countries, because of the recent war, these taxes may become onerous and their position in relation to mortgage bonds and bonds that are held in this country, I think, is a very interesting subject.

Then, we have the laws governing and methods used in levying and collecting taxes available for service of outstanding municipal loans. Almost in each country there is some difference as to the method of levying and collecting taxes. In a great many places they have unlimited taxes, but very often they are collected in different ways. They are limited as to one property against another or one manner of collecting against another manner of collecting. All that, we think, is very interesting.

We outlined these ten subjects, and we thought that would be a pretty good starter. Naturally, these things are going to be confined, at present, to Germany, because the greatest interest at the present moment is in Germany. More bonds are held here than in any other country except Great Britain, of course. And when we have completed, it is then our idea that we get opinions and have similar studies published, of other countries, as the market for their bonds becomes greater in this country.

This is a very informal discussion, and it is only meant to help Mr. Beebe and Mr. Wilbur in their work, and if there is anybody that has any subject that they think is important, or they are interested in, we will be very delighted if they will write to me about it and we will consider most seriously getting an opinion on them.

Just one more thing that I wanted to say. These opinions we are going to get from lawyers, and they are going to give them to us gratis. We are not going to pay anything for them and we need not worry about the cost to the association. I do not think anyone in this association wants to pose as an expert and write an opinion on these subjects. We want, rather, to get the opinion of some prominent lawyer, which will carry some weight, and if in discussing bonds with your customers or foreign securities that you have sold you can quote these opinions and use them, they may be of great use to you for a long time. Thank you very much.

Work of Institute of International Finance of the Investment Bankers Association—Clearing House of Information on Foreign Investments.

The purpose of the Institute of International Finance, founded by the Investment Bankers Association in conjunction with the New York University, was the subject of an address at the annual meeting in Quebec of the association by Dr. George W. Edwards, Director of the Institute and Professor of Banking of the New York University. Dr. Edwards described the Institute as an organization operating on the clearing house principle—the material which is cleared being information on foreign investments. Howard F. Beebe, Chairman of the Foreign Securities Committee, introduced Dr. Edwards, saying:

I am going to say a few words that may embarrass Dr. Edwards a little bit, but I think we owe it to him. When this matter was first broached, I felt, of course, that the New York University was to be accorded the compliment, at least, and whatever advantage went with considering this Institute as theirs. They very kindly suggested, however, that they thought the I. B. A. should be the leader of the matter, and they were very glad to have us take that position. It has been about decided that for the present at least we will organize the association with, we will say, the balance of power in the hands of the I. B. A., and it is intended to appoint a sufficient number of men of the interested committees of the I. B. A. to direct that work. Presumably, the Foreign Securities Committee, the Education Committee, and possibly one or two others, will be drawn into that work, and the University will have also its representation on it, and Dr. Edwards will be regarded as the general director of it.

The University has quarters adjacent to the financial district and has a very substantial library of its own. They are giving a very liberal amount of space, time and attention to the work and are not only doing that but also expending a considerable amount of money in connection with expanding the amount of material they have in the way of necessary publications and so forth. We have already had a very satisfactory response and Dr. Edwards will tell you to just what extent that has gone. If this thing is to amount to what it can amount to, it behooves every member of this association to take an interest in it and go out and see that we have sufficient members to carry on the work. We have a budget started, very meagre, and we will need more money if this work is going to be expanded and carried to its logical end. There is already evidence of the fact that the position taken by the association of underwriting this expense for a period of three years in order to insure its establishment is going to fall very lightly on the association as such, and I believe that we can easily expand this membership in the Institute to a point where with the very nominal dues that have been established, and they have been put at nominal figures purposely for that reason, we can cover the entire expense and the association will not have to be looked to for any material portion of its underwriting agreement.

Dr. Edwards, before presenting his prepared address, said:

Mr. President and Members of the Association: It has been a great pleasure to attend the sessions of your association. I find from my observation since I have been here that all conventions are more or less the same. As you know, we college professors have our own American economic association, and in all these sessions I notice your association is about like

the rest of them. There is the strict attention to the duties incident to the convention, the golf courses are empty and the sessions are always overcrowded.

As Mr. Beebe mentioned, the University is very happy to extend its co-operation to this proposal. The University feels it is undertaking in the largest sense a public education, and it is most happy to be of any possible service to the association in this respect. The initiation work has been overcome. When Mr. Beebe mentioned about the underwriting work of the association I was wondering whether possibly he is going to charge the University as an offset for the amount of time he has put in the last few months. I am afraid if he does, the University will have to pay quite a substantial substitute.

The announcements made to the members about a month ago in a general way explained the nature of the Institute. About the easiest way to understand it is to regard it as a clearing house of information on foreign investments.

The following is Dr. Edwards's address:

The nature of the Institute of International Finance can best be understood by regarding it as an organization operating on the clearing house principle. In this particular case the material which is being cleared is information on foreign investments. The data is accumulated from various sources, and is then distributed to the subscribers in the form of general bulletins, special circulars and answers to particular inquiries. Thus the Institute performs the twofold function of accumulating and of distributing data. Actually, however, the Institute will be more than a clearing house, for in addition it will serve as a research bureau for scientifically analyzing data and bringing to light new data on foreign investments, carefully tested and classified. During the past summer, progress has been made in the direction of accumulating information. The large banks in New York have been very helpful in permitting us to survey their files and libraries for obtaining suggestions as to where material may be obtained in case of future need. Also, correspondent contacts have been opened with foreign banks, particularly in Europe, and these institutions have been most generous in offering suggestions and sending considerable data, such as Stock Exchange manuals and company reports. As a result of this assistance from both at home and abroad, files in most countries of the world have already been started. Also, headway has been made in settling the infinite number of details relating to perfecting filing systems, selecting a staff and spreading the news about the undertaking. The solution of these problems was greatly facilitated by the helpfulness of Mr. Little and Mr. Rascovar. As a result of the work of the past few months, we have at last established an organization built firmly on sound principles and at the same time flexible, so that it is capable of meeting the expanding needs of the future.

A number of members of the association have been consulted to ascertain their views as to the general policies of the Institute. The consensus of these views has led to the formulation of several policies, simple in themselves, but if carefully followed will render the Institute of real service to subscribers and at the same time keep the organization out of embarrassments. These policies relate both to the accumulation and the distribution function.

First, information shall be gathered from official or Governmental sources. If this is not possible or not advisable, the best private authorities should be used and cited, so that subscribers may be able to weigh the value of the citations. This is particularly necessary in the case of conflicting statements, as they are frequently encountered in the foreign field.

Secondly, as to distributing information, the policy will be to present the facts, as they have been assembled, and the Institute will avoid an expression of opinion. The definite policy will be not to rate specific securities, or contrast the relative merits and demerits of individual issues. The Institute will present the facts, from sources believed to be accurate, relating to general financial conditions in countries which are borrowing from the American market and also concerning the specific foreign issues which are being floated in the United States. From these statements of facts, the dealer will be able to form his own judgment on the value of the securities to himself and his customers.

Subscribers to the Institute will receive the following services:

1. Regular bulletins analyzing investment conditions in certain countries, particularly those which are about to place an issue of their securities on the American market.
2. Special supplementary bulletins on current events relating to foreign investments or an analysis of certain classes of foreign securities such as mortgage bonds or municipal issues. There will also be consideration of special problems such as guarantees of the securities of one country by another, or taxation of foreign securities, and so forth.
3. The Institute will also be prepared to answer inquiries of subscribers on particular subjects affecting foreign securities held by American investors. There will be no additional charge for this service unless, of course, the inquiry calls for extensive research. Such work will then be undertaken on a cost basis.
4. Finally, the Institute will further develop its financial library, including stock market manuals, company reports, official publications and general data on foreign countries and their securities. This material will be located at 90 Trinity Place, and so can be conveniently used by New York City members. These, in many cases, should be able to dispense with part of their own financial library.

Subscribers are asked to send in their inquiries and every effort will be made to answer them. The Institute has already answered a number of such inquiries with, I believe, a certain amount of satisfaction to subscribers. The extent of these answers and the speed of the reply, will, of course, be improved in time. The bulletin service will be developed by the end of the year, after which time they will be issued at frequent intervals. It is proposed that all subscriptions which are received from now to Jan. 1 1927 will run until Jan. 1 1928.

A certain amount of progress has thus been made in developing the organization and in establishing the policy of the Institute. Subscribers should not expect too much of the Institute in the beginning, for the start is bound to be slow. However, this time element will be overcome, for the output of the Institute will be cumulative. As data is gathered for issuing the bulletins and circulars or answering inquiries, the material thus assembled serves as the basis for future work, which will then consist of keeping the information current. The Institute already has a considerable volume of an authoritative and verified current data on general conditions in foreign borrowing countries and on their specific issues floated in the American market. To facilitate this work, the Institute needs the aid of both the interior and the metropolitan houses of the association. The former can support by their subscriptions. Already about 130 interior firms have sent in their checks. City houses can likewise by their subscriptions, but also by aiding in helping us to obtain and verify data.

What, then, is the significance of the Institute of International Finance? In the first place it is a visible proof that the business of investment banking is essentially co-operative in nature. In the daily struggle for buying and selling securities, it often seems that investment banking is necessarily a highly competitive industry. However, the formation of the Institute, based as it is on the principle of mutual happiness between the members of the association, demonstrates clearly that fundamentally investment banking is co-operative rather than competitive. Moreover, the action of the association in establishing the Institute and thus creating a

research bureau for scientific investigations of securities, has given further proof, at least in the field of investment banking, that business has reached the stage of the development of standards where it can justly be called a profession, along with medicine and law.

Finally, the association in forming the Institute has initiated a policy which in the end will prove of positive service to the members of the I. B. A. and to the investing public. The former will obtain material aid in handling foreign securities—the newest and least known of all, at least for the solution of the financial aspect of America's greatest problem, the relations with the rest of the world, the I. B. A. in the founding of the Institute will have undertaken one of the most important projects of the many which it has advanced in safeguarding the interests of the American public.

At the conclusion of Dr. Edwards's address Mr. Beebe said:

I would like to emphasize something that Dr. Edwards has only touched on casually. We have had very gratifying assurances from various people of co-operation. For instance, the New York Stock Exchange has assured us that they will be very glad to co-operate. They will throw open their files with their lists of information. They will be very glad to work with us in every way possible to make this thing an outstanding success. The International Chamber of Commerce has established, as you probably know, a very active bureau with an office in Paris. They are co-operating to the fullest extent and will feed into our hands such things as we need, and we in turn exchanging with them wherever we can be of service. We have practical assurance that the American Bankers Association will co-operate. Officially, of course, it takes anywhere from one to five or six years for that organization to really arrive anywhere, but we think we have the sympathetic co-operation of the officials to such an extent that we really can get actual help.

The Department of Commerce in Washington will stand ready to help us and I cannot say very much for the State Department, but I guess we won't look for any antagonism in that direction. In other words, the whole picture has been most satisfactory and it has developed very much faster than certainly I had any idea it could.

The large institutions in New York, with their very important files and information, have been very pleasant. Such people as the Guaranty Trust Co. and the Chase National Bank and others of that kind have come forward very freely. Mr. Paul Warburg, whom everyone knows in connection with international banking matters, called me up, on the announcement that was made in the newspapers of our establishment of our institution, and he said he would like to be helpful in any way he can.

We have it in mind, in addition to the actual Control Board of this thing of possibly developing an advisory committee, and I am quite sure we can get some very outstanding people to lend their names to this, which will be not only valuable, in a sense, to the actual work of the Institution, but will give it a dignity of position not only in this country but throughout the world.

I feel that we have something started here that, if we have your help on it, it will be a mighty creditable thing for the association.

Report of Irrigation Securities Committee Advocates Support for Colorado River and Columbia Basin Projects.

"With all its shortcomings, irrigation remains one of the great fundamental resources of this country." This statement was contained in the annual report of the Irrigation Securities Committee of the Investment Bankers Association of America, presented at the annual meeting by the Chairman of the committee, Joel E. Ferris, of Ferris & Hardgrove, of Spokane, Wash. Irrigation, said Mr. Ferris, forms the basis of prosperity and business of many of our Western States, the wealth produced, he noted, amounting to totals equaled by few industries. The committee, he said, believes "that such great projects as the Colorado River and Columbia Basin undertakings, which are now being presented to Congress and the American people should not be discouraged, but when based on sound fundamental plans and the complete spirit of State co-operation, should be encouraged and approved." The report is given in full as follows:

The work and reports of the Irrigation Securities Committee over the past few years have been largely directed toward legislative effort in connection with municipal irrigation district bonds, which have constituted the major part of the irrigation financing in which our members are and have been interested.

This being a closed or off-season for legislative sessions, your present committee has devoted its efforts to co-operating with State and Government officials, the collection of data for our members and in furnishing information and in answering an increased number of inquiries from many different sources.

While municipal irrigation district securities continue to occupy the greater portion of our dealers' efforts, the past few years have seen the successful offering of a considerable volume of private canal company and water users' associations' bonds.

Your committee had expected to incorporate in this report an analysis and detailed statement of the important features of irrigation canal financing, but due to the incompleteness of the data at hand and delay in receiving necessary reports and information, this will be supplied our membership in a special report or by your committee in its 1927 report.

Oregon.

Previous reports of this committee have discussed the present Oregon Irrigation Code enacted in the year 1917 and with the amendments passed since that time generally regarded as a model law, combining the better and stronger features of the California Irrigation Code as well as representing the judgment and careful study of the irrigation experts having advantage of the experience of many other States. Combined with this Act is the experiment or attempt more completely developed than in probably any other State, of State protection or aid through the payment by the State of interest on the bonds of approved municipal irrigation districts for a period of from three to five years.

In view of the fact that the period of State protection on a number of issues has expired and will expire on all of them in the next few years, a somewhat detailed statement of the Oregon law and of present conditions in that State would seem justified in this report.

It is interesting to note at this point that a previous report of the Irrigation Securities Committee had the following to say concerning this form of State guarantee or protection: "It is possibly too early in the history of this form of State aid to draw a conclusion as to its final success or failure, or if it is to form a proper foundation of safety to the dealers or investors handling or purchasing bonds with the interest protected during an initial period of from three to five years. It is evident, however, that State aid of this kind, direct or indirect, will not solve the problem of the success or failure of every irrigation district and it is a serious question whether such a guarantee accompanied by State certification and approval has not made possible the distribution of bonds which could not stand on their own foundation, and with the result that the State of Oregon is confronted with the problem of having a brood of children in which there are some of questionable character, and the dealers are awakening to the fact that there is no substitute for sound fundamental conditions."

The Oregon law, among other provisions, created the irrigation and drainage securities commission composed of the Attorney-General, State Engineer and Superintendent of Banks of the State of Oregon. Whenever the board of directors of an irrigation district, organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Oregon, deemed it desirable to have their securities made available as legal investments for trust funds and for the funds of all insurance companies, banks, both commercial and savings, trust companies and bonding companies, or for any fund which by law is required to be invested in bonds of cities, counties, school districts or municipalities, or as security for the deposits of public money in the banks of the said State (Section 48, General Laws of Oregon, 1917), they might apply to the said commission for certification of their bonds. This commission, when so requested, and at the expense of the districts making the request, is required under the law without delay, to make an investigation of the affairs of the requesting district upon such matters as it may deem essential and more particularly upon the following points:

- "(a) The supply of water available for the project and the right of the district to so much of the water as may be needed.
- "(b) The nature of the soil as to its fertility and susceptibility to irrigation, the probable amount of water needed for its irrigation and the probable need of drainage.
- "(c) The feasibility of the district's irrigation system and of the specific project for which the bonds under consideration are desired or have been used, whether such systems and project be constructed, projected or partially completed.
- "(d) The reasonable market value of the water, water rights, canals, reservoirs, reservoir sites or other irrigation works owned by such district or to be acquired or constructed by it with the proceeds of any such bonds.
- "(e) The reasonable market value of the land included within the boundaries of the district.
- "(f) Whether or not the aggregate amount of the bonds under consideration, and any other outstanding bonds of said district, including bonds authorized but not sold, exceeds fifty per centum of the aggregate market value of the lands within said district and of the water, water rights, canals, reservoirs, reservoir sites and other irrigation works owned or to be acquired or constructed with the proceeds of any of said bonds, by said district, as determined by paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section.
- "(g) The numbers, date or dates of issue and denomination of the bonds, if any, which the Commission shall find are available for the purposes provided for in Section 48 of this Act (hereinafter referred to) and, if the investigation has covered contemplated bonds, the total amount of bonds which the district can issue without exceeding the limitation expressed in paragraph (f) of this section."

The law then provides for the filing of the written report by the commission with the Secretary of State, and if the commission finds "that the irrigation system of the district and the specific project for which the bonds under consideration are desired or have been issued, whether such project be constructed, projected or partially completed, are feasible and that the aggregate amount of the bonds under consideration and any other outstanding bonds of said district, including bonds authorized but not sold, does not exceed 50% of the aggregate market value of the lands within said district and of the water, water rights, canals, reservoirs, reservoir sites and other irrigation works owned or to be acquired or constructed with the proceeds of any such bonds by said district; the bonds of such irrigation district, as described and enumerated in said report filed with the Secretary of State, shall be certified by the Secretary of State," with a certificate in substantially the following form:

"I, _____ Secretary of the State of Oregon, hereby certify that the within Bond No. _____ of the _____ Irrigation District, issue _____ (insert data), is in accordance with an Act of the Legislature of Oregon, approved _____, a legal investment for all trust funds and for the funds of all insurance companies, banks, both commercial and savings, trust companies, and bonding companies and any funds which may be invested in county, municipal or school district bonds, and it may be deposited as security for the performance of any act whenever the bonds of any county, city school district or other municipality may be so deposited. It being entitled to such privileges by virtue of an examination by the State Engineer, the Attorney-General and the Superintendent of Banks of the State of Oregon, in pursuance of said Act. The within bond may also be used as security for the deposit of public money in the banks of said State.

Secretary of State of the State of Oregon."

The law then requires that the seal of the State be impressed on each bond over and through the certificate and signature above.

In 1919 the State Constitution was amended so as to permit the State to pay the interest on irrigation district bonds for a period of not to exceed the first five years. The amendment provides that this guarantee could be secured by a district through a commission composed of the same State officials as composed the State irrigation and drainage commission. When a district desired to have the State pay the interest on their bonds for any period during the first five years, the amendment provides that an election shall be held in the district to vote on the question, and if a majority are in favor, the district officials are empowered to present the request of the district to the commission referred to. This commission is by the amendment empowered then to examine the district as to practically the same points as the State irrigation and drainage commission. The commission is empowered to employ expert hydraulic engineers, agricultural experts and appraisers, all at the expense of the district making application. Section 7 of the amendment provides that "Whenever the commission, after a complete investigation of the affairs of the district, shall find that it is for the best interest of the district and of the State of Oregon to enter into an agreement for the payment of interest by the State, and that said district is entitled to the benefits thereof, said commission may enter into an agreement with said district providing for the payment of any or all of the interest falling due on the bonds of the district for a period not greater than the first five years, which agreement shall provide that any and all moneys used in the payment of such interest, together with interest thereon at 5% per annum, shall be evidenced by interest certificates of indebtedness of the district properly executed by its duly authorized officers."

These certificates were then to fall due and be payable by the district six months subsequent to the due date of the last maturing serial bond of the district on which the State has agreed to pay the interest. Section 12 of the amendment provides that "Whenever any bonds of a district hereafter or heretofore issued shall have been covered by an agreement between the district and the State of Oregon for the payment by the State of Oregon of interest thereon, the Secretary of State shall, upon presentation of such bond, cause to be attached thereto a certificate certifying that the State of

Oregon has agreed to pay interest thereon for the period of years agreed upon from the date of the issue of such bond.

"A facsimile of the signature of the Secretary of State, printed or otherwise impressed upon said indorsement, shall be a sufficient signing thereof, provided that the imprint of the Secretary of State's seal shall appear upon the indorsement and bond over and through the printed signature."

To secure the funds with which to pay the interest on district irrigation bonds enjoying its protection the State was authorized by the constitutional amendment to sell its own general obligation bonds to be known as the Oregon District Irrigation Bonds.

Sixty-two irrigation districts have been formed in the State of Oregon, and of this number 33 have issued bonds in the total amount of \$11,491,500. The number of bonds retired or in default is negligible for the reason that the issues were serial in form and very few bonds have fallen due, so that nearly the entire amount issued remains outstanding. Nine districts are now under the United States Reclamation Service, and on these districts no bonds were ever issued.

Under the constitutional amendment the State has agreed to pay the interest on \$8,353,000 of these bonds for periods of time varying from six months to five years, in the total amount of \$2,144,260. Of this amount the State has already advanced \$2,043,318, and has yet to pay the sum of \$100,950. To secure the funds with which to pay this interest, the State has issued and sold its own bonds, known as "Oregon District Interest Bonds." The guarantee has expired on many of the issues and will expire as to all by Jan. 1 1929. At the present time eight districts are in default to the State in the total sum of \$108,192.05 for interest on money advanced by it under the guarantee, and some districts are also in default on bonds held by the public.

A large volume of municipal irrigation district bonds are in the hands of investors which carry the approval and certification of the State of Oregon and which have been made a legal investment for banks and trust funds by the action of a State commission, and without going into the history of the merits or demerits of the organization or conditions surrounding these districts, it is the feeling of your committee that a very heavy moral responsibility rests upon the State of Oregon in connection with the securities which they have formally approved and certified and on which they have been paying the interest.

The principle of State certification has been introduced into Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Colorado, Montana and Arizona as well as California. The effect of this certification is, of course, to elevate the plan of certified bonds to a higher standard than those not certified and it grows from the desire both to provide a wider market for the irrigation district bonds so approved and to give notice to the world that the State has investigated the particular district and approves the bonds, as a rule, for an investment for trust and savings funds. In Oregon, the form of State assistance goes one step further than in most other States in the payment of interest by the States, giving the investor greater apparent protection and security.

Idaho and Montana.

In both of these States your committee interested itself in, at the last sessions of the Legislatures, important changes in the Irrigation District Codes which it is believed are of definite value and importance to the purchaser of irrigation district bonds. Details of these provisions are outlined somewhat at length in the last report of this committee.

The past few years in both of these great agricultural States have been periods of general depression in agricultural conditions, which have reflected themselves in the irrigated sections, with the result that there have been increasing number of defaults in irrigation bonds. It is evident from a survey of the situation in these States, as well as in other States, that irrigation districts organized and contemplating the reclamation of undeveloped districts, where the only existing value is potential, are more highly speculative in their nature and during the periods of agricultural depression are certain to produce a larger percentage of defaults and breakdowns.

A review of the situation in Idaho addressed to your committee by W. G. Swendsen, Commissioner of the Department of Reclamation of the State of Idaho, one of the many State officials who have shown a desire and willingness to co-operate with this committee, is in part as follows:

"Idaho adopted a State certification which has been partially successful. With about two exceptions the issues certified under this statute are sound and will be redeemed in full with interest. The two exceptions in question involve the certification of refunding issues, authorized to take up outstanding bonds and to rehabilitate projects in bad condition. The old securities in these instances were taken up at from 10 to 25 cents on the dollar. The psychological effect of such financing on settlers has proven bad and in my opinion is largely responsible for the difficulty in liquidating the new issues. I have reason to believe that in some instances farmers who have sat idly by for many years and through their failure to pay old bonds, have seen their original indebtedness reduced ninety to seventy-five per cent, and cherish the hope that by refunding, the new issues might be disposed of in the same way. Fundamentally, therefore, I am opposed to any plan of refinancing which relieves the district of its original obligation, unless there is no other avenue of escape and even in those cases, the matter must be approached with great caution.

The 1925 Legislature of Idaho passed some very valuable laws designed to improve the value of irrigation district bonds. These are working out very satisfactorily in the new districts and in the old districts, offering certified bonds, in which cases they must be invoked. They do not, of course, affect the old districts of classes 1 and 2, referred to in the foregoing.

"Finally, my analysis is simply this: That investment bankers, dealing in this class of security, must in their own protection and in the interest of the West, exercise great care in buying irrigation district bonds and see to it that the 'wheat is segregated from the chaff.' In the light of our experiences and with the definite information we have, there is no fundamental reason why all of the elements entering into one of these transactions can not be entirely analyzed and understood. The security back of such issues can be definitely defined, the earning power of the area can be fairly well summarized and there should be no more difficulty in understanding the value of an irrigation district than there is in arriving at the value of a farm mortgage. It is my belief that if investment bankers will take this position and if the various States, in which such classes of securities are put out, will, through their administrative officers and otherwise, safeguard the public against poor offerings, we will soon again reach a point where money for Western development can be had at a reasonable price and its return assured."

California.

The credit record of municipal irrigation bonds issued in California, the outstanding State in irrigation development, continues, on the whole, good, and irrigation bonds command an excellent market. There are outstanding something over \$100,000,000 of California municipal irrigation district bonds with comparatively little trouble. The past twelve months have shown a general decrease in the amount of new irrigation financing in California, new offerings being in approximate amount \$7,000,000 during the past year, of which something over \$4,000,000 represents the financing of three new districts and the remainder, \$2,300,000, consists of ten additional issues, largely from districts which had already been introduced to the investing public. An interesting phase of future development in California is the banding together of smaller districts for the purpose of constructing adequate storage facilities accompanied by hydro-electric development, which is expected to carry a large portion of the construction cost.

Three large projects of this nature are now in their preliminary stages: The San Joaquin and Kern River Water Storage districts and the Kings River Water Conservancy district. These projects will store water for millions of acres which are for the most part already under irrigation. Two projects of this sort have been completed this year; that of the Merced Irrigation district and the Melones project, for which the Oakdale and South San Joaquin Irrigation districts joined hands. A third, the Dom Pedro development of the Modesto and Turlock Irrigation districts, has been in profitable operation for some time.

While market conditions for the better type of districts have been relatively stable, with prices tending slightly upward, there are in California some unsatisfactory situations which can only be corrected through remedial legislation. The market has grown in breadth, due to increasing interest in California issues manifested by Eastern houses.

The Legislature was not in session and no changes in the law have been under consideration by the committee during the year.

In many other States, Washington, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico, there have been no legislative sessions requiring attention on the part of your committee and our work has been largely in advisory character and in making suggestions where called upon to do so by our own members, other dealers and bankers, and in replying to inquiries from officials and others interested in the general subject of irrigation. The number of these inquiries we believe is increasing, indicating a growing interest, if not confidence, in the efforts of the Investment Bankers Association.

It is evident that irrigation securities are extremely complex and difficult of analysis on any general basis of rules or suggestions. The reports of the Irrigation Securities Committee for the past twelve years contain an analysis or outline of practically all of the problems which have confronted those handling irrigation securities. These reports have repeatedly outlined the weaknesses and the elements to be examined and have warned against promotion and have recounted the history of success and failure as a lesson for the future. The committee feels that there is little to be gained in again covering in detail these many suggestions.

With all its shortcomings, irrigation remains one of the great fundamental resources of this country. The wealth produced amounts into totals equaled by few industries. It forms the basis of prosperity and business of many of our Western States.

The number of meritorious, sound districts and companies justifies the continued interest in irrigation securities by members of this association.

Your present committee feels that the work which they have undertaken and so inadequately handled should be continued, and we feel that possibly the committee should be so constituted that there will be a sub-chairman or sub-committee in each of the sections where irrigation securities are handled in great volume, such as California, the Pacific Northwest, Colorado, etc.

In each period of agricultural depression or readjustment such as has confronted our entire country, we find those who favor no further development and who even suggest that the agricultural area of our country should contract rather than expand. Your committee, from its investigation of agriculture as developed through irrigation, does not share this view, but believes that our country, through the public and private agencies, including the United States Department of Reclamation, should look to the future, as a cycle of ten or twenty years will show an increase in population of many millions and the need for agricultural products which can only be met by far-sighted plans of reclamation and development.

Present Situation of "Giant Power."

The "Giant Power" situation at the present time was described as dormant in the report of the Giant Power Committee presented to the Investment Bankers Association by the Chairman, Richard E. Norton, of W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., of Philadelphia. Continuing, the report said.

Since the inception of this theory, its main sponsor, Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, has been instrumental in having bills presented to the Legislature at Harrisburg, advocating their passage and the adoption of "Giant Power" in Pennsylvania.

The first time these bills were brought up in Harrisburg, they were defeated, and at a later date they were again brought up in modified form and were again defeated. During the consideration of these bills, Governor Pinchot made an extensive campaign through the United States, advocating "Giant Power," and on account of this trip in several localities "Giant Power" has been seriously considered.

At the present time this situation is dormant, but your committee has received intimations that probably in the future it will again become an issue.

For that reason, it is our strong recommendation that the Investment Bankers Association of America keep alive the "Giant Power" Committee, which may be asked to function again in the future.

Report of Public Service Securities Committee—Proposal, to Be Acted on at November State Election, to Create Oregon Water and Power Board, Declared Unsound.

Declaring unsound and dangerous the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Oregon providing for the creation of the Oregon Water and Power Board, the report of the Public Service Securities Committee of the Investment Bankers Association, said:

The year has not been marked by any great amount of new State laws which affect the utility business. Perhaps the most dangerous piece of proposed legislation was the Giant Power Plan in Pennsylvania which was covered in the report of your special committee. Similar to this and equally as unsound and dangerous is a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon to be voted on in November. This amendment, if adopted, will create the Oregon Water and Power Board, composed of five members to be elected from the State at large, which Board shall have power to construct or acquire and operate a State-wide electric light and power generation, transmission and distribution system. It authorizes the issuance of bonds of the State of Oregon for such purposes not to exceed 5% of the assessed valuation of the State which would amount to an authorized issue of approximately fifty-three million dollars of State bonds. This would put the State of Oregon directly in the public utility business under the management of five Board members subject to political election and without the necessity of having any experience or qualifications for running such a business enterprise, and with a pledge of the credit of the State for all expenditures.

Such a proposal is contrary, in our opinion, to the soundest economic and governmental principles. Our Pacific Northwest Group is actively engaged in opposition to this measure and it is sincerely to be hoped that the State of Oregon will not embark upon such a radical program with its consequent effect upon present invested capital and the future hopes of the State to attract new capital for the development of its utility resources.

The report, presented by the Chairman of the Committee, George A. Colston, of Colston, Heald & Trail, of Baltimore, also made the following reference to State legislation:

A step of very considerable importance in the past two years has been the passage of laws in the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey admitting public utility bonds which conform to certain specified and rigid requirements as legal investments for savings banks. A similar bill was before the New York State Legislature this year, but failed of passage.

There is beyond question a great amount of public utility bonds outstanding which are entirely suitable for the investment of savings bank funds and with the progress of the industry and the growth in individual companies the amount of such bonds will increase. Such legislation therefore would afford the banks a proper and wider field of selection for their investments and would make available also to a sound and essential industry large additional amounts of private capital. We have, therefore, no hesitation in recommending it on general principles and in suggesting to the different groups their active co-operation in the preparation and passage of such measures.

It is not within the province of this Committee to make any extended analysis or criticism of the specific provisions of these different bills or of the requirements which they have placed upon the bonds to be admitted. Policies will differ in the various States and can be best worked out in each individual case. We would, however, point out the practical difficulty, if not the impossibility, of establishing any set rule or yardstick by which to measure the safety or desirability of an investment security for any class of investors. It is also questionable to what extent the responsibility for the selection and change of an investment by an institution should be transferred from the shoulders of the officers and directors to either a State legislature or bureau. Without advocating a complete letting down, therefore, of all the bars, although this principle has been adopted in many States with satisfactory results, we would urge that in opening up to the banks this new field of investment, restriction be not made too narrow but rather along broad and general lines that opportunity be given to the fullest extent possible to the institutions for the exercise of their own discretion and judgment, subject always to a strict examination and to the constant supervision of experienced authority.

Regarding national legislation the report said:

In our interim report to the board at its May meeting comment was made upon the bill introduced into Congress known as the "Boulder Canyon Project Act," which provides for a large irrigation and hydro-electric development on the lower Colorado River to be constructed and operated by the Government. This bill was not reported out of committee but has had strong and active backing and will probably again be brought forward.

To many members, perhaps, Arizona and the Boulder Canyon may seem far away and this matter of no particular importance. On the contrary, your committee believes that this project, if put through, might well be the forerunner of others in various parts of the country and that we would be wise to exert all our influence to prevent the start of such a practice. Once a precedent is established it will become harder to combat the various projects as they arise. The use of public funds at low interest rates derived from the high credit of Government obligations and the obvious political temptations will always be a strong urge. We would face, therefore, a continuing and always a more difficult fight with one section of the country after the other becoming involved and more and more already existing systems threatened by such unfair and uneconomic competition. In the Boulder Canyon project there is involved therefore in our opinion the definite principle of Government ownership and operation which should be combated and defeated at its beginning, particularly as there is a sound solution at hand under the provisions of the existing Federal Water Power Act.

The following is also taken from the report:

The great growth in recent years of motor freight and passenger service has raised the question of the proper regulation of such carriers. Intra-State lines would come definitely under the State Commissions, but those engaged in inter-State business are not subject to regulation by the States, and as there has been no Federal legislation they have been without regulation.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has taken this subject under investigation and will doubtless make recommendations to Congress. The chief interest of this Association would be in the competition of such unregulated carriers with the regulated steam and electric railroads which have been so largely financed through our efforts.

While we have favored in the past State regulation where possible, such a plan could hardly be evolved for this situation and it would probably be better for the protection of the present investor in steam and electric railway securities if the regulation of their competitors should also rest in the Inter-State Commerce Commission. In this respect as well as in the legal and business side, the problem is not parallel to that of the light and power business. Due to the extension of superpower transmission lines beyond State borders, there has been some agitation to place such companies under Federal control as being engaged in inter-State commerce. Such a proposal would uproot the present system of effective regulation and local control which has developed out of a valuable experience and has proven so generally advantageous to all concerned. Control would be centered at Washington of companies whose business is overwhelmingly local in nature, and what problems, involving two or more States, might arise under the present plan could far more easily and better be settled by joint action of their respective Commissions than by reference to a distant Federal body.

We believe that the best way in which this Association could combat this danger would be for it through its proper committees in co-operation with our groups, to take an active and continuing part in strengthening the existing State regulatory laws wherever necessary.

Regulation of Utilities.

The National Conference of Commissioners on Utility State laws has for some time been engaged in drawing up a proposed Uniform Law for the regulation of utilities. An examination of the proposed bill does not show any points to which we could have serious objection, and it would of course be of very distinct advantage to all concerned if the law on this subject were uniform in all States.

As part of the 123 report of this Committee there was included a table showing the status as to several points of the regulation of utilities in the various States. It has not seemed necessary to us to bring all of this information up to date but a survey as to the requirements for filling with the

Commissions of annual reports and the publicity given them shows that the practice of requiring annual financial reports and of opening them to public inspection even if they are not published ash become almost universal. In some few States this regulation is still only required of common carriers and we would recommend to the succeeding committee that an effort be made through the Groups to have these remaining States brought into line. Regulation of Utilities is based primarily on a well-defined basis of give and take. In return for valuable privileges the utility accepts certain obligations and there can be no question that a very considerable portion of the continued prosperity of the industry has been due to the fact that it has been under such a system during a large part of its history. The general recognition of the ultimate benefit to the public of a monopoly in utility fields has in itself resulted in an enormous saving and has prevented many competitive struggles which would have brought disaster to the companies, loss to many investors and years of poor service to the public. Such a monopolistic theory, however, could never have become an established practice without the corollary of regulation and an essential part of any successful regulation is an open and full publicity. Any regulatory body necessarily reflects in its policies the feeling and attitude of the general public, it is the creature of the public and must eventually carry out its ideas. Sound regulation, therefore, granting that the law providing for it has fairly established the give and take bargain, rests eventually upon public opinion and good service and publicity are the two great factors in the proper formation and direction of this.

A very general recognition of this is evident among the operating companies. The annual reports of some of the leading ones are models. While lacking in some of the statistical operating figures which feature the railroad reports and are not yet standardized, they nevertheless give an excellent statement of the companies' affairs in a form well suited for the general public. With the broadening market, however, for utility securities there will arise, particularly from savings banks and other institutions accustomed to give closer and more detailed scrutiny to the selection of their investments than the average individual, an increasing demand for data upon these securities. It would certainly seem to be to the selfish interests of the companies to pay attention to this new market for their bonds and to furnish in readily available form all possible information upon such points as property valuation, details of mortgages and franchises, &c. With the steady improvement, therefore, in their form and increase in the practice of issuing such reports, both of which can be expected, the situation as far as the operating companies are concerned, would seem to be in a satisfactory shape. It is to be regretted that a similar comment cannot be made regarding the holding companies for while some of these have made a good start in this direction, there is still much room for improvement. The influence here upon the general public and the necessity for that reason is of course less than with the operating company with its local contact but the obligation to the investor is equally as great.

Large amounts of their securities have been distributed and security holders are entitled to a reasonable knowledge of the affairs of their companies. It is to be noted that the competitive question which affects the industrial companies does not apply to utilities. Moreover, it is fairly evident that we are in an era of the formation of large operating systems based on geographic lines. The continued increase of the distance over which electricity can be transmitted economically has made such groupings not only possible but profitable. The element of these systems must come from the subsidiary properties of the holding companies who will be the controlling factors in the formation and the guiding force of these new systems until they achieve an independent strength and standing. This process compares with the formation many years ago of our large railroad systems. In such a period the public utility industry and its bankers have an opportunity to avoid many of the mistakes made in the railroad history, to keep its record for the future up to the clean story so far and in so doing carry out their share of the bargain which has given them through so large a part of its life a generally fair regulatory policy with freedom from ruinous competitions and a living wage. If in no other way, the reward would surely be sufficient if they could avoid the burden of public antagonism under which the railroads have labored so long. To achieve this, their house must rest always on three foundation stones: Good service, honest financing, and frankness with the public and the investor.

Circulars.

Under the plan for the closer scrutiny of circulars which was adopted by the Board of Governors at their meeting in May 1926, this committee has received a considerable number through the Secretary's office. It is gratifying to note the prompt response from such a large proportion of our members to the request of the Board for their co-operation in this plan. This committee was charged by the Board with "the responsibility of reporting to it any alleged violation of an established principle of 'better practice' and the development of any practice which should be corrected or improved." In accordance with these instructions your committee, through individual members, has considered the circulars received with reference to the recommendations previously made by the Committee on Circulars and contained particularly in the pamphlet which was issued last year entitled: "The Preparation and Use of Bond Circulars." Only comparatively minor defects and omissions have been noted in any of the circulars offering securities of operating companies and it has not been necessary for us to bring any of this class to the attention of the Board. A considerable number of circulars offering the securities of holding companies do not come up to the proper standard. The general deficiency is in failing to give as recommended in the above-mentioned pamphlet a "clear statement of capitalization showing prior securities outstanding, including those of subsidiaries." It has been necessary to report to the Board several of this class which seemed most lacking in this respect.

Your Committee believes that much good will come out of this plan for a supervision of circulars and we sincerely hope it will be adhered to and faithfully carried out. The Association has set definite standards and as in our opinion the failings are due to negligence and inattention, we are confident that by continuing to keep this important matter before our members a great improvement can be achieved.

Maryland 6 3/4 % Return Case.

In April the Peoples Counsel, an appointed State officer, applied to the Maryland Utilities Commission for a reduction in the rates of a large electric light and power company in that State basing part of his case upon the argument that the rate of return allowed to the company upon its agreed valuation should be reduced from the present 8% to 6 3/4%. Evidence has been taken and the case is now awaiting decision.

Any tendency toward a reduction in the accepted rate of return will undoubtedly seriously impair the ability of the utility companies to raise money by equity financing, thereby weakening their financial structures, resulting in higher financing costs and forced economies of operation at the expense of good service to the public.

Conversely the importance of maintaining these equities must be held in mind by the managements and the danger recognized if they become to

too great an extent transferred into fixed interest bearing obligations, and also if the proper amount of earnings are not plowed back into the property.

The maintenance of the present high standard of service by the utility companies is of prime importance to the investor and the public, and the Association deems it to be for the best public interest that the present accepted rate of return on capital as applied to public utility companies remain undisturbed.

Report of Government and Farm Loan Bonds Committee—Ruling as to Payment of Dividends by Joint Stock Land Banks.

The ruling (later modified) of the Federal Farm Loan Board with reference to the payment of dividends by Joint Stock Land banks, was referred to in the report of the Government and Farm Loan Bonds Committee, presented before the Investment Bankers Association by the Chairman of the committee, Max O. Whiting, of Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc., Boston. Under the modified ruling, the report notes, "it is not now necessary to charge off the value of property taken over through foreclosure or other procedure, or to set up an equivalent cash position before paying dividends." The report was presented as follows:

There have been no developments in regard to Government issues which have required any action on the part of your committee. The Treasury's refunding operations have been carried out, in our opinion, with consummate skill, and it is understood that comprehensive plans have been perfected for taking care of the Third Liberty Loan on or before maturity in 1928.

Both the Federal and Joint Stock Land banks have continued during the past year their steady growth and have, as heretofore, provided the farmer with needed funds under the highly desirable long-time repayment plan at low interest rates.

The Federal Land banks loaned to the farmers during the eight months to Sept. 1 1926 \$87,087,120, making 24,526 loans, an average of about \$3,600. The various Joint Stock Land banks during the same period made 14,126 loans, aggregating \$88,362,823, an average of about \$6,300. The net mortgage loans outstanding on Dec. 31 1925 were:

Federal Land Banks.....	\$1,005,684,816
Joint Stock Land Banks.....	545,559,200

During 1926, for the first time since the banks were organized, the Federal Land banks were able to sell 4 1/4% bonds, replacing with a part of the issue approximately \$40,000,000 4 1/2% bonds held by the Treasury Department. Through this operation the banks made a saving of about \$100,000 per annum.

It is interesting to note that of the approximately \$9,000,000 capital stock of the Federal Land banks originally owned by the Government, all but \$1,058,885 has been retired, and of the present capital stock of the Federal Land banks outstanding, amounting to over \$56,200,000, over \$55,000,000 is owned by the borrowers.

Your committee have kept in touch with the Federal Farm Loan Bureau and have urged the issuance of Federal bonds in consolidated form, but plans have not yet been perfected for such issue.

The market for Federal Land Bank bonds has for the past year experienced an upward movement following closely general conditions and being affected also by the increasing demand for this class security.

The market for the Joint Stock Land Bank obligations did not enjoy during that period the same proportionate improvement as did that of the Federal Land banks or other tax-exempt securities, the reason for this being indirectly attributable at least in part to the position taken by the Farm Loan Board last November in its ruling in regard to the payment of dividends by Joint Stock banks.

The ruling provided in part:

"The Board will not approve the payment of any dividend by any bank unless:

"(a) The undivided profit account, exclusive of premiums on sales of bonds and stocks, and legal reserve requirements, shall show a balance sufficient to pay the dividend;

"(b) The payment of dividends shall not reduce the account available for dividends below the amount at which real estate acquired through foreclosure or by deeds from borrowers is carried on the books of the bank as an asset, provided, however, that in case the bank has reserves sufficiently in excess of legal requirements to absorb this real estate, this provision may be waived."

Because of the above requirement, the dividend position of several of the Joint Stock banks became questioned, resulting in a materially reduced market value for the stock of these particular banks, which condition was reflected to a lesser degree in the market value of the stock of other banks as well.

This condition reacted somewhat on the market for the bonds of the various banks to the extent, at least, that the market for them did not experience the same upward movement as that for other tax-exempt obligations.

Later on the Board decided that the restriction it had laid down in this ruling was unduly stringent. Clearly, there is real value in the property taken over by the various banks and it is reasonable to allow it to be carried as an asset. The Board accordingly modified the ruling, issuing last June new regulations which in referring to "real estate acquired," provides in part:

"If land is acquired by a land bank in satisfaction of mortgage debts either by deed or by purchase at sales under judgments, decrees of mortgages, all mortgage accumulations such as delinquent amortization payments, interest, taxes, foreclosure and other expenses incident to such acquisition may be included in the book value at which the acquired land is taken into account. If land thus acquired is not disposed of within six months, there shall be charged to earnings of the current semi-annual period and credited to "Reserve for Depreciation on Real Estate" the amount this book value exceeds the unpaid principal of the loan, and the land so acquired shall then be appraised at the principal of the loan, and the appraiser, or appraisers designated by the principal of the loan, and the appraiser, or appraisers designated by the Farm Loan Board, or by a reviewing appraiser, and may be carried thereafter as an asset at the new appraised value but in no event to exceed the principal of the original loan. Subsequent appraisals and adjustment of the book value may be ordered by the Farm Loan Board."

From the above it will be observed that it is not now necessary to charge off the value of property taken over through foreclosure or other procedure or to set up an equivalent cash position before paying dividends. It will be noted that the new regulation does require re-appraisals of such property and the charging off of any resultant reduction in value.

Federal and Joint Stock Land banks were formerly required to replace as collateral security behind the bonds any loans with installment payments delinquent over 90 days.

The Board in its ruling of last June provides with respect to delinquent installments as follows:

"Before any installment on any mortgage pledged with any farm loan registrar as security for an issue of Farm Loan bonds shall become ninety days past due, it shall be the duty of the depositing bank to carry such installment to its suspense account and certify such action to the registrar, and if such certificate is not received within such period, the registrar will declare such mortgage ineligible and call upon the bank for additional security."

While the former requirement was from the bondholders' standpoint the more desirable of the two, the Board considered the change desirable, and so ruled. It is our understanding that many of the banks will, in addition to placing the amount of such delinquent installments in a suspense account, continue to follow the former practice of replacing such delinquent loans with fresh collateral to secure its bonds.

In the past, the banks were at liberty to consider premiums received on the sale of their bonds as virtually free earnings. The present regulation provides in this respect:

"If bonds are sold at a premium, the net amount received in excess of the par value of each issue shall be carried to an account styled 'Premium on Bonds—Deferred Income,' and shall be distributed monthly on all earnings over the callable period of each bond issue."

"If bonds are sold at a discount, the net discount shall be carried to an account styled 'Discount on Bonds—Deferred Expense,' and shall be distributed as an expense monthly over the callable period of each bond issue."

The amount of premium received through an increase of capital stock is now required to be carried as a permanent capital surplus. Up to about a year ago the banks were at liberty to utilize such premiums in a general way.

In reviewing the operation of both Federal and Joint Stock banks from the time of their organization, one cannot fail to be impressed by the small percentage of losses which these banks have sustained, particularly when one considers that the period covered includes war-time inflation of the value of agricultural products and farm lands and the corresponding post-war deflation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report of Commercial Credits Committee.

The Commercial Credits Committee of the Investment Bankers Association, Walter E. Sachs (of Goldman, Sachs & Co., New York) Chairman, had something to say in its report regarding "the practice of banks lending to their own clients at rates as low, or lower than the open market rate."

The report in full follows:

At the last annual convention of the association this committee presented its first report. That report contained an outline of the reasons for which this committee was created, as well as a description of the program of work to which this committee hoped to devote its efforts. During the past year the "Bulletin" has contained an occasional interim report describing the progress which the committee was making in attaining some of its objects. It may not be unwise to repeat with extreme brevity on this occasion the results thus far of the committee's efforts.

It is generally agreed among the commercial paper houses that a distinct improvement in competitive methods has taken place. Ruthless effort on the part of one house to secure accounts of another house by means of indiscriminate bidding for paper at rates under proper market levels is now rather the exception than, as in former years, the rule. There can be no question that a friendlier and more neighborly spirit exists between the commercial paper houses than at any time in the memory of any of the individuals now engaged in that business.

The practice of granting options to banks (a real evil in the business), while not eliminated, has been somewhat modified. The average time of options, most of the houses report, has been cut down by several days.

A publicity campaign has been inaugurated, and a number of articles have appeared in various business journals, written by bankers and business men, setting forth the advantages of commercial paper, both to the purchaser and the borrower. It is hoped that this campaign of publicity may be energetically continued—but adequate material is needed, and can only be secured if the various commercial paper houses will co-operate with complete energy and enthusiasm.

Considerable thought was given to the question of ways and means of increasing the remuneration for the services rendered by the commercial paper house to its clients. The accepted and generally recognized commission has been one-fourth of 1%. The committee has, however, temporarily abandoned any concerted effort to raise commissions, as most of the houses have felt and still do feel that the competition of banks and trust companies in lending at low rates to their own clients regulates as much as any other factor the commercial paper rate and the amount of remuneration which the commercial paper house can properly reserve to itself.

It might not be amiss in this connection to give expression to some thoughts held by this committee on the practice of banks lending to their own clients at rates as low or lower than the open market rate.

Time was, and not so many years ago, when few banks, even in the principal money centres of the country, would consider lending even to the best and biggest of their clients at a rate of discount as low as the open market rate for prime commercial paper. There was good and logical reason for this policy. The bank's own client had at all times a right to demand his line, if adequate balances were kept, and if his financial condition was sound. The bank had to take care of its customer at all times, and such consideration on the part of the bank warranted a somewhat higher rate. Commercial paper, on the other hand, could be purchased without obligation to renew, and in such quantities and at such times as suited the buyer. It was and should be considered a secondary reserve. In times of money stringency, the funds received from maturing market paper were extremely useful in meeting the extraordinary demands made on a bank from its own customers. In recent years, however, a new tendency has apparently developed. Banks are competing for commercial business with each other, and consequently with commercial paper houses, more vigorously than ever before. This, it would seem, is due to a number of causes. On the one hand the growth in banking resources in the past decade has been extraordinarily large. The Federal Reserve System has given a greater elasticity to our banking system than was ever before dreamed of. On the other hand, although commercial banks for the entire country show an increase, commercial demand in recent years has been relatively smaller when compared to the growth of the country's business, due partly to quicker turnover, aided by improved transportation facilities, and due partly to the fact that many corporations have turned to the

investment field for their working capital needs, rather than to the commercial loan market. Thus banks, more especially in the large money centres, have been put to it to keep that part of their funds working that they do not wish to allocate to the collateral loan market or the investment field. It has been but natural for them to turn to their own customers, well known to them as prime commercial risks. Extremely large lines of discount have been offered at rates sometimes even lower than country banks could purchase the same names from the commercial paper house. With the commercial demand relatively light when compared to the growth of banking resources, and important clients less insistent borrowers, the granting of extensive lines would seem justifiable.

In this connection it is interesting to quote from the "Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions," issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Oct. 1:

"An increase of more than \$250,000,000 in the commercial loans of banks throughout the country above the levels of last year, seems to indicate that industrial and commercial concerns are borrowing more largely from their banks than through the open market. The amount of commercial paper outstanding through twenty-six dealers at the end of August was \$638,000,000—a decrease of 2½% over the end of July and of 12% over a year ago."

A new school of younger bank men is growing up, among whom there are some who, unaware of the lessons of 1907, 1914 and 1920, close their eyes to the advantages of investing part of their funds in outside commercial paper, where no obligation to renew is involved, and prefer lending to their own customers at low rates, failing to admit the proper function of market paper in the banking system. So long as this tendency continues, that is the urge to lend at all costs to the banks' own customers, and the failure to recognize the real function of market paper, commercial paper houses will find it difficult to increase, as they would be justified in doing, their commission charges.

And yet the head of one of the largest banking institutions in the country, a banker of great wisdom and experience, declared in a recently published article:

"Carefully chosen commercial paper has long been recognized as a liquid and safe investment by banks, and the steady growth of watchfulness and responsibility on the part of leading dealers has not only increased the element of safety to the purchaser, but also has brought better service and larger benefits to the borrower. Commercial paper performs a real economic function and its place in our scheme of commercial banking is secure."

The situation has been aggravated in the past year or two for the reasons already referred to. Improved transportation facilities, resulting in quick turnover and low inventories—working capital supplied through debenture note or bond issues rather than through bank borrowing, have reduced commercial demand to a relatively low point. This committee feels certain, however, that the present situation will gradually adjust itself once more. With the growth of the country's business will come new enterprise and new requirements. When the country again faces an era of rising commodity prices, merchants will again buy ahead of requirements and heavier inventories will be carried, and gradually commercial demand will again make itself insistently felt. Then banks in the great money centres will be plagued, as they have been before, by large lines granted in times of money ease—then again the commercial paper house will bring the free funds of the thousands of country banks to the money centres, through the sale of commercial paper, as was the case in 1920. Then will come the time when the commercial paper houses can again properly take up the discussion of more adequate remuneration for the service rendered by them.

This committee has expressed its willingness to serve in any way that that may be helpful to the interests of the association as a whole. Up to the present time, however, it has not become evident in what way such service can be rendered. The committee does wish, however, to reiterate its desire to be helpful, and to function more as an integral part of the association. Therefore it would welcome suggestions or the submission of specific problems from the officers of the association or from any of its neighboring committees.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMERCIAL CREDITS COMMITTEE.
WALTER E. SACHS, *Chairman*.

Discussion of Inter-House Problem—Making Business Pay—Remarks of Morris F. Fox, S. Stern and Jerome J. Hanauer.

Morris F. Fox, of Morris F. Fox & Co., Milwaukee, Sigmund Stern, of Stern Brothers & Co., Kansas City, and Jerome J. Hanauer, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., were the principals in a discussion at the annual convention of the Investment Bankers Association, which President Ray Morris in announcing it, described as a novelty not on the printed program. President Morris added:

We have had a great deal of discussion about inter-house problems, about making our business pay and about handling it right. Many members have felt that that type of work has not been sufficiently covered by our many committee reports in the past. Mr. Gilbert, who has been much interested in that, our Vice-President, is going to take the chair and himself conduct this discussion.

Vice-President Gilbert in bringing the problems before the members for discussion said:

There has been a good deal of thought, and I think there has been a good deal more thought than the ordinary members realize, on the question of making the meetings more interesting to the members at large. It is a thing that is worth a great deal of thought, and I think that we all want to think and get the thoughts across for an interchange of views as to how the conventions can be made more interesting; how the sessions can be made more interesting.

I do not think there is anything a man is more interested in than his own business. If you get a man started talking about his own business, his own business troubles and his own business problems, he is great, and it is what he loves to get going on. He wants to know how he is going to do his selling better and his buying better, and really do a better job. This is the spirit in which this particular short session has been called. It is an unadvertised thing, it is an unpremeditated thing. We hope it will be a good experiment.

I was rather struck the other day when I dropped into a room where half a dozen fellows were sitting around. They were just talking over their own business problems. I sat by and listened. I did not talk very much. It was just the sort of thing that the convention ought to have the benefit of. I mean it was good, pungent, appealing talk. It was not calling people names, it was really trying to get better results on things that we know about. That is the sort of thing, if we can organize and harness, to get into our conventions; that is going to help us a great deal.

How to do it is difficult. Floor discussions of the old days were apt to get out of hand. On the other hand, we have covered a great deal of our

background, so to speak, of the investment banking game. We get complaints sometimes that our reports are more or less repetition from one year to the other. They are. The chairman of each committee wants to do a conscientious job, he wants to tell the convention something. That is what he is there for. But if the convention as a whole, and if the members as a whole want to talk over their own problems, there are plenty of ways, I think, of making time when those things can be discussed and be discussed right, and the benefits of them go along cumulatively from year to year.

A rather useful matter has come up, presented by one of the members, just as a basis of discussion, which makes a rather good lead-off, and in order to show an example, perhaps, of what a discussion of this kind might be, I would like to call on Mr. Morris Fox, who will present to you one of a great many problems such as we have in mind.

Mr. Fox in setting out the difficulties faced by the investment houses which he referred to as "retailers," said:

I think perhaps my small contribution can best be expressed by reading you part of a letter which I wrote to our President some months ago. I want you to understand that I have no quarrel with anyone here, and I am not trying to start a fight, but I do want to present a practical problem which I think confronts a great many of the members, and if it is so presented, I have confidence in the intelligence of this organization that somewhere, somehow, along the line, to take such co-operative measures as may help to remedy the condition.

We are in that phase of a cycle of things where our business is expanding, and so is our overhead, and our margins are going the other way. We know that when we investigate the affairs of a borrowing company that seems to be drifting in that direction, we usually tell them some things that they must do or they won't get any credit from us. I wonder if it is not time for us to turn our microscopes homeward and get our own industry, if possible, into better shape.

Most professional associations, most trade associations, have ways and means, honorably, legitimately, by which they prepare and give to their membership comprehensive cost data. I wonder how many of us are keeping cost accounts and being guided by those figures when we are asked to take a commitment at less than our average cost of doing business.

Well, I started out to read this letter I wrote to Mr. Morris, calling his attention to the very good work that was being done by the Investment Research Committee of the Financial Advertisers Association. I won't go into the details on it, but they prepared a very nice report, a very splendid report, some months ago, and I sent Mr. Morris a copy of it. I wanted to give you the reaction which I got out of that report, which principally was that we are all still continuing rather uneconomical methods of disposing of our merchandise, that our units of selling are constantly diminishing, that the distribution of securities is going into a larger and larger number of hands; that many of the proprietors of originating houses do not appreciate the cost of the present type of distributing so far as the retailer is concerned; and that competition from the buying side has been so keen as to result in the retailer being asked to do business most of the time this year for less than cost. I firmly believe that the majority of the members of the Investment Bankers Association have not made a cent this year. It is not true of the larger originating houses, which are few in number, but it is true, I believe, of the retailer, and he comprises the majority of your membership.

If it is the purpose of the originator to drive the retailer out of business, he is working along exactly the right lines, but if the retailer is needful in the general scheme of things, something should be done along constructive lines that will help to keep him in business. By that I meant by way of information and a better understanding by the originator as to exactly what it costs a fellow to do business.

I believe if you would send out a questionnaire to your entire membership list simply asking them how their net profits for the first six months of 1926 compared with the same period of 1925 the answers would astonish you, and would perhaps suggest a new line of endeavor for the Investment Bankers Association.

The association has done a splendid piece of work covering practically every phase of the business, but largely along professional lines. Is it not worth while for the association now to devote some thought to methods of merchandising? In other words, along commercial lines which would tend to increase profits, curtail expense, and generally create a healthier situation among the membership.

In substantiation of the above point, I was startled when I was told the other day by a senior officer of a very large investment company in a neighboring city that they had barely been able to stay out of red ink since Jan. 1. Our own situation has been much more fortunate, only because we occasionally originate some local business.

Now, Mr. Chairman, that is the burden of my song, and I do not know what else to say on that.

Mr. Gilbert, commenting upon what Mr. Fox had to say, stated:

That is just one of the great many possible things that we ought to be thinking about a good deal. It would not be such a bad plan if we were to imagine ourselves for a minute a rather large board of directors of a very large corporation, we will say, which was running the investment banking business of the United States and Canada. We are here to consider a great many problems, some of them problems of big houses, and some of them are problems of small houses, and some of them are problems of banks, some of them are buying, some of them are selling, and some of them are more or less inter-office problems.

Now, suppose sitting here in that frame of mind, the head of our Retail Sales Department comes to us and says his department is not making any money. What are we going to do? I do not think right off the bat any of us know what we would do, except we would think it was very important to spend some time the next year, or two or three years, in seeking how the retail department could make some money, that is, unless we wanted to give up the retail department altogether, and that is something to think about, too. It probably is not the answer, but there is probably some answer.

Now, suppose we were running a business concern on a very large scale, as we are all trying to do on a smaller scale, we would have to do something about it. I mean it is a problem that we would have to settle some way or other, or just let somebody else take it up.

As I said, that is one of a lot of things. Now, the corporation would consider its buying, consider its selling, consider its wholesale policies, its retail policies, and so on. How are we going to get at that? I mean, how are we going to get the opinions brought together and made effective, harnessed and put to work in such a way that they will spread back and do us some good? I say, we do not know. We have a lot of things to think about. We have the relations of our banking members with our non-banking members. We have the relations with our customers. I would like to see some customers come in and talk to us and see whether we are

doing a good job for them or not, or whether we are just punishing them until they cannot give any time to their own business.

In regard to the small houses, here is something from a memorandum that has been passed around a little bit, which is just carrying along Mr. Fox's line. The interests of the small dealer are very important to the investment business as a whole, and, on the other hand, it may not be too extravagant to say that the fate of that small dealer rests in the hands of the larger members of the association. Many of the small houses have problems which are usually along selling lines. I find that the customers of the smaller houses are much dependent for their profits on the allotments made to them by the originators, and by the profits allotted for selling. If the small dealer does not get not only fair but profitable treatment in syndicates he is driven out of business, or, at least, he must go into originating himself, which he is frequently not equipped to do, either in the matter of investigation or by maintaining secondary markets. Same as of carrying or taking vigorous action on behalf of its customers in case of trouble. It is a question, perhaps, whether any policy can be readily outlined which would define the place of the small dealer or forecast his future as part of the machinery of investment distribution.

But in view of the intimate relation which he bears to his customers and to the fact that so many of our best houses have grown from small beginnings, their position is certainly worth considering. It is noticeable, also, that at many conventions the small dealer comes with a real eagerness to hear the discussions, and to get some help about his own problems. It is unfortunate that he probably often goes away without having received much of a practical nature. Now, this particular session has not anything to do with the small dealer any more than it has with a lot of other things. Even the big dealers have fully as much trouble as the small dealers and and buyers have as much trouble as the sellers. They are all problems to be discussed and thought over. Keep thinking them, talking them just as you would in our own business, and see if we cannot land somewhere that will keep pushing us ahead.

As I said, this is an unpremeditated meeting. There are probably a lot of people here that would like to say something on the question of the small dealers which we might consider before the house, as an example, or on the particular question of how we can do a better job for our members. Some of them may think they do not want to stand on their feet and talk with a lot of ideas buzzing around in their minds that have not taken form. All right. As I say, we do not expect too much from a meeting which is called in rather unexpected fashion, but if there is anybody here that has got in mind something that is constructive, something that he would put up to a meeting of his own salesmen, or his own executives, or his own board of directors, it will be a splendid contribution, if someone would take the lead-off, as Mr. Fox has done. Let us have 10 or 15 minutes of discussion, which is about the time we have left, for the benefit of all of us.

Sigmund Stern, who was the next speaker, said:

Mr. President and Members: I was very much impressed with Mr. Morris Fox's paper, because it dwelt on the facts that all the smaller dealers know exist. They have great difficulty in making any money where they depend entirely on the great originating houses for their business. We have similar problems right at Kansas City, and if it were not for the fact that we do originate quite a good deal of local business, we could not make both ends meet. Now, of course, I realize that the buyers have their problems just as well as the sellers, but it does seem that there are times when the distribution through the smaller dealers is not quite as equitable as it might be, and I would like to hear from some of the members of the great originating houses and get their viewpoint as to how that situation might be improved so as to make the distribution more equitable. That is all I have to say.

In response to President Morris's inquiry as to whether there was any member representative of any of the larger houses present who might want to discuss that point, Jerome J. Hanauer asked for permission to be heard; his remarks follow:

Mr. Chairman, it certainly was the last thought that I had in my mind, when I came into this room ten minutes ago, that I was going to say anything. I have listened with very much interest to Mr. Fox's statement, and also to Mr. Stern's. I want to correct an impression, in the very first place, and that is that there is any difference in interest whatsoever between the large issuing houses in New York and the thousand or twelve hundred members of the Investment Bankers Association, be they large or small. They are all on the same side of the table.

The great difficulty is with the manufacturer, that is, the corporation. They have been under the impression that it is very easy to sell securities, and that the margin should get smaller and smaller. It is not only true of the corporations. It is true of all sorts of authorities. Municipal and State securities, sold by competition, have gotten down to such a little margin that I dare say of the 1,200 members of the Investment Bankers Association probably not more than a handful would ever bother with municipals, except possibly local municipals, because they cannot make any money out of them. It is getting increasingly so with other securities.

If we should make one criticism, in a very friendly spirit, it would be this: that the very dealers, the retailers who say to us and to other large originating houses in New York, "Our overhead is very high. We cannot afford to sell securities for less than a minimum of such and such a margin." The moment those very houses have an opportunity, possibly with a group of three or four others, to buy something direct, why, we find that they do it for about $\frac{3}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ % gross margin. There is nothing in it excepting advertisement. But you can realize what that means in the mind of the corporate official when he sees that business has been done on such a small margin. Naturally, he feels, why shouldn't I get it? The result is that in a good market like we have had for the last year or two there is this constant pressure on the part of the maker of the security for a smaller margin. We are constantly telling them that that is ethereal, that margin; that it does not mean anything. The thing that they are interested in is the net cost to the corporation of the money and that the wonderful organization which has developed through the Investment Bankers Association in the last 10 or 15 years has made a wider market for securities than has ever been known in the history of the world, with the result that the whole basis of price is on an entirely different level and that all the corporations and all the Governments and municipalities are getting their money cheaper, in spite of the fact that the margin seems greater, than they would have if we should revert to the old principle of selling to a handful of people in the larger cities because it was too expensive to do the intensive selling which has been done through the members of the Investment Bankers Association. In other words, to take a concrete case, it is much better for a corporation to get, let us say, 95 for a security to be sold at 98 to the public, than to get 93 for a security to be sold at 94 to the public. But it is very hard to sell that idea to the manufacturer of securities; that is, to the corporation. It is the gross margin which they are always talking about. And that is particularly true of the authorities in many

States and the authorities in Washington, who have the control of the fixing of the price of certain securities. They are always thinking of the margin and not of the net price.

The large issuing houses in New York are always keeping in mind the intensive selling of the securities and the necessary commission that should be paid to the distributor. If it is cut down, it is not because the issuing house is anxious to squeeze any of the distributors. It is simply because they have not been able to purchase the securities at a price to permit the paying of an adequate compensation and the issuing houses themselves are the first ones to suffer from that. It is not their fault. They find that securities are not as well placed, if you do not pay an adequate compensation. They come back and we find during the next 60 or 90 days that we are buying back securities simply because they did not place them right.

So in considering this matter, I will say to you gentlemen, don't think that it is a question between the issuing houses on the one hand and the distributor, large or small, on the other. It is the point of view of the investment bankers and the point of view of the maker of the securities. And if there is one thing to help this situation, that can be done, it is to educate the officials of corporations and the officials of Government that it is in their best interest, to make their bonds popular, to sell them at a right price and permit the public to make a little money and not to sell them at the very highest price that, in competition, they can get.

That is just as true of American securities as it is of any other kind of securities. It is just as true of Canadian securities, I might say, while I am here in Canada. The Canadian Provinces have gotten such high prices for their bonds in the last few years, they are all spoiled. And I think every one of you will agree, here in Quebec, as was said so well by Mr. Morris at dinner last night, that there has not been any money in those securities. And just to repeat the one idea that is in my mind and that is, for all 1,200 members of the Investment Bankers Association to make it their business, whenever they meet men who have securities to sell—corporations—preach to them the cost of distribution and the benefit to them of having their securities widely and well and permanently distributed. Much more good can be done in that way than by thinking of it in the spirit of the investment bankers or distributors against the issuing houses.

In conclusion Mr. Gilbert said:

I want to thank Mr. Hanauer for that. I think that was exactly the sort of thing we want to get. Now, just using our imagination a little bit. We have heard from the sales department. We will give Mr. Hanauer a title perhaps which is a little unfair, but perhaps fair enough under the situation, the head of the purchasing department has appeared and told his story. If I may step aside just a minute to get a thought in, there is generally a certain amount of spread to be divided. The retail distributor has got to be paid for his work and his overhead. The originator has got to be paid for his work and his overhead. He has got a lot. It is necessary to move within the limits of the spread that each division can get.

Now, I think we have about used up the time. I think perhaps it is just as well to stop here. We have had a little of what you might call a tabloid picture of the sort of thing I think we might have a good deal of in the course of time. I would like to leave the convention with the idea that there are ways of doing this sort of thing. Perhaps some committees can be appointed to do certain things. It is very formless, but I think it is all very useful, Mr. President.

Report of Taxation Committee—Taxation of Foreign Held Bonds.

Carroll J. Waddell, of Drexel & Co., in presenting as Chairman his report of the Taxation Committee, called attention to the recommendations of the Federal Taxation Committee submitted to the House Ways and Means Committee at the time of the drafting of the Revenue Act of 1926. Among these recommendations was one proposing that interest on American securities held by non-resident aliens be exempt from our income tax, when the country of which the non-resident is a citizen extends reciprocal rights to citizens of this country. Secretary Mellon at the time indicated that "the subject is really much larger than simply our own taxation. It involves the question of international double taxation, and is being considered abroad by the League of Nations. 'In time,' he said, 'we may come to a more satisfactory settlement of this vexed question.'" Mr. Waddell in his report announced that the committee "is giving continued consideration to this problem and is now assembling the various factors involved for further presentation to the Departments at Washington which have an interest in the broad general subject." Mr. Waddell noted that the Chamber of Commerce of the United States is about to undertake a comprehensive survey of the tax collecting and spending activities of the States and their local subdivisions. Pointing out that "there is need of immediate and thorough diagnosis of the present ills of expenditure and taxation, to be followed by the elimination of waste," he said: "It will be timely if the various units of the Investment Bankers Association and the regional groups co-ordinate their efforts and be of assistance wherever possible in such a corrective movement." The report follows:

The United States Revenue Act of 1926 was introduced and reported in the House of Representatives on the first day of the opening session of the 69th Congress—Dec. 7 1925. The bill was passed by the House on Dec. 18 and by the Senate on Feb. 12. It then went to the conferees, whose report was accepted by both the Senate and the House. The bill was signed by President Coolidge on Feb. 26. This chronology indicates the sincere desire of Congress and the Administration to expedite a revision of the Revenue Act. There was, of course, the additional urge of having the new law in effect before March 15. The recommendations presented on behalf of the Investment Bankers Association by the Taxation Committee were given every consideration at Washington. That all of the recommendations were not incorporated in the Revenue Act as finally

passed, does not lessen the occasion for our commendation and appreciation.

Federal Budget.

One of the outstanding factors in the reduction of Federal taxation has been the effective functioning of the budget system which was prescribed by Congress in 1921 and which co-ordinated the Government's financial requirements. The creation of the system was a constructive and much-needed step. But it would have been of little avail had it not been put into operation with such conscientious zeal as that which has characterized it under the present Administration and the Bureau of the Budget. A strict adherence to the principle of constructive economy has resulted in vastly decreased expenditure by the Federal Government, which increased rather than decreased efficiency. As President Coolidge has recently said, the work of the budget system has been "to secure a wiser use of our national resources and a more satisfactory result at less cost." In that sentence the President gives with characteristic brevity and comprehension the essence of the greatest need of all Governmental expenditure, whether Federal State or municipal in character. There is something more than the merely epigrammatic in his further statement that "The effort has not been to reduce the expenses of the Government at the expenses for the benefit of the public welfare."

In the five budget years 1922-1926 the sum of \$18,114,099,555 03 was expended and surpluses totaling \$1,757,099,192 68 were accumulated. This total surplus has been applied to debt reduction in addition to \$2,237,459,005 65 applied to debt reduction as required by law and included in the expense total given above. The program of constructive economy of the Administration and the Bureau of the Budget was given the support of Congress. It is an example of retrenchment which may well be emulated by the States and their political subdivisions.

Under the budget system the program of constructive economy may be expected to continue. However, it is hardly reasonable to anticipate continued similar reductions in the annual expenditures for the cost of the Government. With all economy, the budget estimated that there would be spent during the current fiscal year a minimum of \$3,600,000,000. The greater opportunity for economy will doubtless be in debt reduction.

Federal Debt.

On June 30 1921 the public debt amounted to \$23,977,000,000, with an annual interest payment of \$999,144,731 35. On the corresponding date this year the debt stood at approximately \$19,643,000,000 with an interest payment of \$815,000,000. This is a reduction since 1921 of \$4,334,000,000 in principal amount and \$167,000,000 in annual interest.

Federal Taxation.

The Federal expenditure, which was \$5,538,000,000 for the fiscal year 1921, is expected during the current year to approximate \$3,600,000,000, or a reduction of nearly \$2,000,000,000. During the same period Federal taxation has been reduced from \$45 23 per capita to \$29 17. Furthermore, miscellaneous war taxes have also been materially reduced, and though the revenue from these taxes has been reduced by approximately \$275,000,000, there have been no compensating increases in the case of the income and profits taxes. The repeal of the capital stock tax has removed an unfair imposition upon many corporations because it did not take into consideration the ability of the corporation to pay.

With an interval of months since the passage of the Revenue Act of 1926, the question is increasingly arising as to the prospect of a further tax reduction in the near future. No answer may well be hazarded until the revenue-producing ability of the present Act and the probable expenses of the Government have been more definitely ascertained. The budget survey for the fiscal year ending June 30 1927 indicates, as stated, the possibility of reaching a minimum of \$3,600,000,000. The income and profits items for the period ending Sept. 30 1926 indicate receipts approximating those of the corresponding period of 1925 under the previous Revenue Act.

Revenue Act of 1926.

In the report of the 1925 Federal Taxation Committee, which was approved by the St. Petersburg convention there were included five major recommendations. These had been presented in a brief filed by the Taxation Committee with the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, which was then drafting the Revenue Act of 1926. For purposes of report each of these recommendations is here given with a brief summary of the final status of the particular phase in the bill as passed.

1. Recommendations: "The reduction of the rates of the individual income tax to the point where the combined surtax and normal tax will not exceed 25% in order that tax avoidance may cease and funds seeking investment may be attracted into productive business rather than tax-exempt securities."

Result: Credit for Earned Income: The credit of 25% on account of earned income was extended from \$10,000 to \$20,000. No change was made in the existing provisions of the previous law to consider all net income up to \$5,000 as "earned" income. Personal Exemptions: In the case of a single person, the law allows a personal exemption of \$1,500. In the case of a head of a family or a married person, living with husband or wife, exemption is \$3,500. Under the previous law the exemption was \$1,000 and \$2,500, respectively.

Normal Income Tax: Normal income tax on individuals is 1½% on the first \$4,000 over the personal exemption, 3% on the next \$4,000 and 5% on the remaining. Under the previous law the rates were 2% on the first \$4,000, 4% on the next \$4,000 and 6% on the remaining.

Surtax: The maximum surtax was reduced from 40% to 20%. Upon incomes up to \$24,000 there was no change from the rates of the 1924 Act.

2. Recommendation: "The repeal of the Federal estate and gift taxes, upon the ground that death taxes should be left to the several States and that such levies should be used by the Federal Government only in times of war emergencies."

Result: Estate Tax: The estate tax was retained with modifications. The exemption was increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The rates are 1% on the first \$50,000 above the exemption, 2% of the amount from \$50,000 to \$100,000, 3% on \$100,000 to \$200,000, 4% on \$200,000 to \$400,000, the rate increasing until the maximum of 20% on all of the amount over \$100,000. The estate tax rates of the 1924 law with a maximum of 40% were retroactively repealed and the rates of the 1921 law with a maximum of 25% were substituted for the period during which the 1924 rates would otherwise have been applicable, i. e., June 2 1924 to the date of the enactment of the 1926 Revenue Act, which was Feb. 26 1926. The credit for estate taxes paid to the States was increased from 25% to 80% of the Federal estate tax.

Gift Tax: The gift tax was repealed as of Jan. 1 1926, but on gifts made since June 2 1924, there are applied the same rates as are provided for estates under the 1921 Act.

3. Recommendation: "The elimination of both items of Capital Gains and Capital Losses for purposes of the income tax, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Association at the last annual meeting held at Cleveland, Ohio."

Result: Unchanged from previous Revenue Bill.

4. Recommendation: "The exemption of the interest on bonds, notes and other obligations of American corporations held by non-resident aliens from the application of the United States income tax when the country of which such non-resident alien is a citizen or subject in like cases extends reciprocal rights to citizens of the United States."

Result: Unchanged from previous Revenue Bill. The Federal authorities take the position that no exception should be made to the principle of non-residents, and that the subject involves the question of international double taxation, which is a matter now under international consideration. After such consideration progress may be made here.

5. Recommendation: "The repeal of the provisions of the present law for publicity of the amount of tax paid by every taxpayer."
 Result: The requirement of the 1924 law that there be made available to the public the amount of tax paid by each taxpayer, was repealed.
 In addition to these five major recommendations the Taxation Committee concentrated upon other phases of the Revenue Bill which appeared during its progress through Congress and became of importance and serious menace. They are here briefly summarized.

Interest Deduction.

1. As the bill passed the House, Subdivision (c) of Section 214 would have (1) repealed the previous prohibition forbidding the deduction of interest on money borrowed to purchase or carry tax-exempt securities, and would have (2) substituted for that prohibition a limitation on the deduction by an individual taxpayer of interest paid on indebtedness. This limitation provided that, unless the interest were paid or incurred in carrying on a trade or business, the deduction allowed would be only the amount by which the interest paid exceeded the income of the taxpayer from wholly tax-exempt securities.

This amendment was originally incorporated in the bill of 1924. It was then passed by the House of Representatives but failed to have concurrence in the Senate and was stricken from the bill as finally enacted. On the basis that the amendment to the existing law contained in Subdivision (c) of Section 214 of the Revenue Act of 1926 would actually impose a tax on tax-free bonds, both Federal and State, to the full extent of all non-business interest of the taxpayer, and upon other bases, the Taxation Committee strenuously opposed the adoption of the amendment. An able brief, which was prepared by Mr. Paul V. Keyser, Counsel of the Association, was most effective in presenting the association's arguments in opposition. The Senate again refused to adopt this item and it was omitted from the bill as finally enacted.

Withholding Rate.

2. After the fixing of the lowest bracket of the normal tax at 1½%, the Taxation Committee felt that debtor corporations which had issued tax-free covenant bonds should be protected from an obligation to pay a greater tax than is actually payable by the individual taxpayer. The principle of the amendment prepared by the committee—to Subdivision (b) of Section 221—providing a withholding rate of 1½%, was accepted by the Finance Committee of the Senate and incorporated in the bill which finally passed.

The amendment reads: "Such deduction and withholding shall be at the rate of 2% in the case of a citizen or resident entitled to receive such interest if he files with the withholding agent on or before Feb. 1 a signed notice in writing that his net income in excess of the credits provided in Section 216 does not exceed \$4,000."

This amendment makes no attempt to meet the situation arising from the earned income section which provides that the first \$5,000 of net income is arbitrarily treated as earned income and, therefore, is subject only to the net tax of 1½%. While the unanimous desire was to have the debtor corporation withhold only the exact amount of tax actually payable, the situation as respects this 1½% tax in the, relatively perhaps, small number of cases involved, is so complicated that it seemed impracticable for administrative reasons to attempt to cover it. In practice, the ownership certificate must guide the withholding, and it is obviously essential that the certificate be kept in as simple form as is possible. The amendment suggested by your committee, as above quoted, sought justice as far as seemed to be at all possible.

Consolidated Returns.

A striking instance of the effectiveness of the co-operation of the Regional Groups of the association was their response to your committee's appeal for reinforcement to cure an unjust amendment, known as Subdivision (c) Section 240, affecting consolidated returns, which had been introduced and accepted by the Senate, practically without comment, on almost the last day of the Senate's debate on the revenue bill. Under the previous law consolidated returns could be filed by corporations if one corporation owned at least 95% of the voting stock of its subsidiary or subsidiaries, or if at least 95% of the voting stock of two or more corporations were owned by the same interests. The amendment struck out the word "voting" and made the requirement of 95% ownership apply to all classes of stock. The injustice of the amendments as offered was at once apparent when, applied particularly to public utility holding corporations, among others, which had financed themselves to a considerable extent through the sale of preferred stocks. The Revenue Act was already before the conferees when the insertion of this amendment was discovered. Quick action was necessary. The effect of the amendment was brought by your committee to the attention of the Regional Groups and by them to the attention of their representatives in Washington.

In the few remaining days during which the bill was before the conferees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the effect of the amendment was cured in the following section, which was incorporated in the bill as it finally was passed and signed by the President:

"(D) For the purpose of this section two or more domestic corporations shall be deemed to be affiliated (1) if one corporation owns at least 95% of the stock of the other or others, or (2) if at least 95% of the stock of two or more corporations is owned by the same interests. As used in this subdivision the term 'stock' does not include non-voting stock which is limited and preferred as to dividends. This subdivision shall be applicable to the determination of affiliation for the taxable year 1926 and each taxable year thereafter."

Thus the law remained as heretofore for the taxable year 1925 and was not prejudicial for the taxable year 1926 and thereafter.

Substitute Ownership Certificates.

The use of the substitute ownership certificate in connection with the collection of the income tax on bond interest was abolished by Treasury Decision 3772, approved Nov. 14 1925. The former established practice was made for a protection of the privacy of investors' names. Your committee brought to the attention of the Treasury Department the protests against the ruling which were voiced by the members of the association. The reply of the Treasury Department is found in the following letter from Under-Secretary Winston:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
 Washington.

December 16, 1925. ■

Investment Bankers Association of America,
 Eugene E. Thompson, Chairman, Federal Taxation Committee,
 Washington, D. C.:

Sire:—Reference is made to your letter dated December 3 1925, in regard to Treasury Decision 3772, approved November 14 1925, in which the use of substitute certificates, provided by Article 368, Regulations 65, is discontinued.

Careful consideration was given the question of involving the use of substitute certificates in connection with interest payments on bonds. It was found that the use of substitute certificates was brought about at the suggestion of investment bankers in order that they might keep secret the names of bondholders for whom they make interest collections.

The effect of this practice is to prevent the debtor corporation from knowing the name and address of the person in whose behalf the corporation is required to withhold the tax of 2%. The listing of numbers on returns, Form 1012 filed by the debtor corporation, rather than the name and

address of the bondholder, has brought about difficulties which could not be overcome and has required an enormous amount of clerical labor in attempting the verification of numbered certificates and the identification of the items in the withholding returns. In some cases it required the searching of several hundred pages of returns to identify a single item, which in turn had to be verified with the ownership certificate. It is essential to a thorough audit of the individual return that the amount of tax claimed thereon as a credit be checked with the amount of tax reported as paid by the debtor corporation. This cannot be done satisfactorily in cases where substitute certificates are used.

In general the use of substitute certificates has been very unsatisfactory and makes it practically impossible to verify the amount of tax withheld and paid at the source. This was especially emphasized in connection with the refunding of the 25% reduction in tax provided for in Section 1200 of the Revenue Act of 1924. Any benefit which may accrue to investment bankers as a result of the use of substitute certificates is more than offset by the additional burden imposed upon the debtor corporations and the resulting difficulties to the Government in the audit of returns.

As stated above, the decision to abolish the use of substitute certificates was made only after careful consideration and investigation and the action taken, as outlined in Treasury Decision 3772, is considered necessary to a proper administration of the law.

Respectfully,

(Signed) GARRARD B. WINSTON,
 Under Secretary of the Treasury.

While the decision is to be regretted, your committee felt that the expressed position of the Treasury Department left too little likelihood of reversal to justify any continued pressure and protest.

Foreign Held Bonds.

In the first part of this report brief reference is made to the recommendation of the 1925 Federal Taxation Committee that interest on American securities held by non-resident aliens be exempt from our income tax when the country of which such non-resident alien is a citizen or subject in like cases extends reciprocal rights to citizens of the United States.

The attitude of the Treasury Department toward this matter is given in the following letter by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon to Mr. Charles H. Sabin of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York:

December 9 1925.

My Dear Mr. Sabin:—I have your letter of November 24th, with reference to the complaint of foreign holders of American bonds against the payment of American income tax. This is a matter which has been frequently presented to Congress, but on each occasion it has decided that no exception should be made to the principle of taxing income earned in the United States, whether owned by residents or non-residents. The subject is really much larger than simply our own taxation. It involves the question of international double taxation, and is being considered abroad by the League of Nations. In time we may come to a more satisfactory settlement of this vexed question.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. MELLON,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

This taxation of foreign-held bonds is felt with especial acuteness by members of the association who offer in Canada issues of corporations in the United States. This, of course, applies to dealers resident in the United States and in Canada. A reciprocal attitude on the part of the United States would remove the handicap, because Canada does not impose an income tax on Americans holding Canadian securities. Your Taxation Committee endeavored to have the situation cured in the Revenue Act of 1926, but found that for the reasons stated by Secretary Mellon there was no possibility of effecting such an amendment at this time. On the broad basis of sound economics this burden upon the foreign purchaser of American securities is an obstacle in the way of the desired international readjustment. Your committee is giving continued consideration to this problem and is now assembling the various factors involved for further presentation to the Departments at Washington, which have an interest in the broad general subject.

Tax-Exempt Securities.

While the Revenue Act of 1926 was under consideration by the Senate Finance Committee, the attention of the Taxation Committee was directed to an amendment which, while it did not receive the approval of the Senate committee and did not become a part of the new law, nevertheless, raised an interesting question regarding the extent of the constitutional exemption from Federal taxation of municipal bond interest, based on the distinction between private and Governmental functions of the municipality. We quote from the comment of Mr. Paul V. Keyser, our Washington Counsel on this proposed amendment.

"Because of the tendency towards municipal ownership and operation of public utilities, it becomes material to inquire how far the rule of non-taxability of State instrumentalities applies to municipal securities issued for the construction, acquisition, operation or maintenance of such public utilities.

"The United States Supreme Court has consistently indicated that the operation of State Governments which are protected by the exemptions are only those of 'essential Governmental functions.' In the South Carolina case, 1922 U. S. 437, 461, decided in 1905, involving public liquor dispensaries, the Supreme Court said that 'the exemptions of State agencies and instrumentalities from national taxation is limited to those which are of strictly Governmental character.' In Flint vs. Stone Tracy Co., 220 U. S. 107, 172, decided in 1911, involving the corporation income tax law of 1909, the Supreme Court said: 'The true distinction is between the attempted taxation of those operations of the States essential to the execution of its Governmental functions, and which the State can only do itself, and those activities which are of a private character.'

"But the determination of what is a Governmental function is one beset with difficulties. As a matter of principle, it is a problem upon which complete agreement is in the nature of things probably impossible. As a matter of authority, there is little guidance to its solution in the decisions of the courts. The United States Supreme Court itself has recognized the difficulty of drawing the line. In the case of City of Trenton vs. State of New Jersey, 262 U. S. 182, 191, decided in 1923, the Court said: 'The basis of this distinction (between private and Governmental functions) is difficult to state, and there is no established rule for the determination of what belongs to the one or to the other class.'

"Invoking this distinction, the amendment proposed to apply it in connection with the exemption from taxation of municipal bonds. It suggested as a guiding principle to apply the dividing line to general obligations payable out of general taxation; and using this standard, it suggested that the tax should apply to the interest on such bonds issued by any political subdivision of any State or Territory for the construction, acquisition, operation or maintenance of a public utility, which bonds do not constitute general indebtedness of the issuer but are payable out of the revenues of such utility or otherwise than by general taxation. Its suggested tax was to apply only to such bonds issued since Jan. 1 1925.

"It is evident that it is impossible to apply the yardstick suggested in view of a quite recent decision of the United States Supreme Court which has a direct bearing upon the question. This is the case of Metcalf vs. Mitchell, in which the opinion was handed down on Jan. 11 1926, which was probably just after the amendment had been prepared. In this case certain consulting engineers had been professionally employed to advise States or subdivisions of States with reference to proposed water supply and sewerage disposal systems. They opposed paying a Federal income tax on

fees received by them for these services. The chief contention urged against the tax was that Congress had no power under the Constitution to tax the income in question. This objection was overruled by the Supreme Court on the ground that the tax did not impair in any substantial manner the ability of the engineers to discharge their obligations to the State or the ability of the State or its subdivisions to prepare the services of private individuals to aid them in their undertakings. The Court in its opinion reviews at some length the question of the power of the Federal and State Governments to tax the instrumentalities of the other, and said:

"Just what instrumentalities of either a State or the Federal Government are exempt from taxation by the other cannot be stated in terms of universal application. . . . As cases arise lying between the two extremes, it becomes necessary to draw the line which separates those activities having some relation to government, which are nevertheless subject to taxation, from those which are immune. Experience has shown that there is no formula by which that line may be plotted with precision in advance. But recourse may be had to the reason upon which the rule rests, and which must be the guiding principle to control its operation. Its origin was due to the essential requirement of our constitutional system that the Federal Government must exercise its authority within the territorial limits of the States; and it rests on the conviction that each Government, in order that it may administer its affairs within its own sphere, must be left free from undue interference by the other. McCulloch vs. Maryland; Collector vs. Day; and Dobbins vs. Erie County, supra."

"In view of what is said by the Supreme Court in this case it is evident that the standard suggested by the proposed amendment cannot be accepted as wholly satisfactory."

State Taxation.

To your Taxation Committee there was this year assigned the combined fields previously covered by the Federal Taxation Committee and the State Taxation Committee. With respect to the latter, your committee feels that it may be of value in acting as a liaison between the various Regional Groups and the national association. Obviously, the Regional Groups are in closest contact with taxation matters in the various States. Your committee has expressed its desire to be of service to such groups whenever they may feel that through the Taxation Committee the strength of the national association may be of assistance in any particular situation.

State Reciprocity in Taxation of Intangibles of Non-Resident Decedents.

One of the most unsatisfactory situations in our system of inheritance taxation is to be found in the general practice whereby most of the States tax not only the realty of decedents, including both residents and non-residents, and the personal property of residents, but also the intangible stocks and bonds personal property of non-resident decedents, provided the taxing State can, by any tenable theory of law, obtain jurisdiction of the assets.

Thus, if an estate includes stocks and bonds of a corporation incorporated under the laws of a State other than that in which the decedent had his legal residence, this second State may also exact a tax; and if the corporation owns property in another State, this third State may exact a tax; and if the securities were kept in a safe deposit box in another State, this fourth State may exact a tax—and so on.

A summary of State legislation on this subject was published in the fall of 1925 in Special Report No. 33, of the National Industrial Conference Board, as follows:

"For example, in thirty-eight States, if a non-resident dies leaving stock of a domestic corporation, the shares are taxes by three jurisdictions, viz.: by the State of domicile which taxes all his property wherever located (by virtue of jurisdiction of the person), by the State of incorporation (by virtue of jurisdiction of the property), and by the Federal Government. If the corporation is incorporated in more than one State, as is true of some railroads, the stock may become taxable in each jurisdiction. In the case of thirteen States. Nine States have gone even further and seek to impose a tax upon the transfer of stock of a foreign corporation by a non-resident decedent, if the foreign corporation has property within the taxing State, and some States tax transfers of stock of corporations merely operating within the State. State courts in some cases have declared the latter provisions unconstitutional, but in other States they have been upheld. The actual revenue derived from the taxation of the transfers of non-resident decedents is not large, but the irritation, delay, inconvenience and overhead expense therein involved to taxpayers are disconcerting to executors and heirs."

"A more or less similar condition exists with respect to the taxation of transfers of other forms of intangible personality. Thirty States tax bonds physically within the State, irrespective of the domicile of the decedent. Twenty-one States tax transfers of registered bonds wherever situated and by whomsoever owned if the obligor is a citizen of, or is incorporated within the State, and seventeen seek to reach transfers of coupon bonds regardless of the domicile of the bonds or the domicile of the resident. Some States tax transfers of secured notes if the obligor is a resident; others tax transfers of bonds and mortgages secured by real estate, cash on deposit, &c."

"Often more annoying and expensive than the tax itself is the outlay incidental to procuring a transfer and ascertaining whether or not a tax is due. The delay in procuring a waiver from a foreign State has in many cases prevented the executor of an estate from taking advantage of a favorable market. Eleven States require court proceedings in fixing the tax, the cost of which sometimes exceeds the tax or the value of the property to be transferred. Employment of counsel is compulsory in one State, and others require ancillary administration and all the incidental expenses in connection therewith."

No one is more familiar with the uneconomic results of this practice than those who have served as executors and administrators of estates and investment bankers who are called upon to advise their clients with reference to investments. Recently a banking house inserted in its advertisements of a new issue of preferred stock the following:

This company is incorporated in Vermont, one of the few States which does not levy inheritance tax on securities held by non-residents.

The question therefore arises as to whether there is anything which the investment banker can do to assist in bringing about curative legislation. In 1925 the State of Pennsylvania inaugurated the practice of reciprocity by passing an Act, approved May 14 1925, whereby the tax on intangibles was repealed as against the decedents of those States which reciprocally would not tax the intangibles of the estates of Pennsylvanians. This suggestion met with immediate response, and New York and Connecticut enacted similar laws, effective July 1 1925, and Massachusetts followed with a similar law, effective Dec. 1 1925. Recognizing the importance of the State of New Jersey as the domicile of many important corporations engaged in business of national dimensions, the question was then presented to the taxing authorities of that State, and as a result New Jersey, by the Syracuse Bill No. 565, repealed absolutely its tax on the intangible personal property of non-resident decedents, effective as of July 1 1926.

Then the four reciprocity States, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, agreed upon similar forms for affidavits, so as to permit the transfer of securities without the delay of securing special waivers. As a result of this movement, reciprocity is now operative between the four States mentioned above, and also Florida, Nevada, Alabama and the District of Columbia, which have no inheritance taxes; and Georgia, Vermont, Rhode Island, Tennessee and New Jersey, which do not tax the intangibles of non-resident decedents.

These thirteen States have set an example to the other States of the Union as to what may be accomplished by co-operative legislation. In

most States the Legislatures will meet in the spring of 1927. We recommend to the Regional Groups and the appropriate committees of the Investment Bankers Association that they suggest, encourage and take an active part in the movement for the enactment of such reciprocity legislation in this matter as will result eventually in placing the whole country upon the reciprocity basis. When all of the States have accepted reciprocity there will then be no tax on the intangible personal property of non-resident decedents.

To this end we report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Investment Bankers Association of America records its conviction that the taxation by the various States of the intangible (stocks and bonds) personal property of non-resident decedents is unjust, inequitable and uneconomic in that it leads to the taxation of the same assets by several different jurisdictions, thereby adding to the cost of the administration of estates and interfering with the free flow of capital.

Resolved, further, That we recommend the principle of reciprocity which has been already accepted by the States of Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, whereby these States agree to exempt from the operation of their tax laws on non-resident decedents the intangible assets of the estates of those non-residents of such States as reciprocally will grant the same exemption.

Resolved, further, That we urge upon the members of this Association vigorous efforts to secure the enactment of similar reciprocity laws in every State of the Union which has not already accepted this policy.

State and Municipal Expenditure.

Your committee has summarized the material reductions in the United States Federal taxation since 1921. Our attention may well be turned to the increase in expenditure during the same period by States and their subdivisions. Whereas the Federal Government from 1921 to 1925 reduced expenditures more than \$2,000,000,000, Governmental expenditures by States and their subdivisions showed an increase of more than \$4,000,000,000. When in 1921 the cost of all Government in the United States was approximately \$9,500,000,000, Federal expenditure constituted nearly 60% of the total. When in 1925 the cost of all Government had increased to more than \$11,500,000,000, only 27% was represented by Federal expenditure. The States and their political subdivisions increased their expenditures by more than \$1,000,000,000 a year for the four years named.

The fact that the expenditures of State and local Governments have risen so steadily as to offset and wipe out practically all of the Federal gains, seems to have been completely overlooked. It is said that total taxes in the United States were actually higher in 1924 than in 1923, and only \$127,000,000 lower than in 1919, which was the peak year of Federal taxes. While the Federal taxes were reduced from \$5,069,000,000 in 1919 to \$3,095,000,000 in 1924, or a reduction of \$1,974,000,000, there was an increase in State and local taxation from \$2,965,000,000 to \$4,812,000,000, or an increase of \$1,847,000,000. From 1919 to 1924 State taxes increased 87%; local taxes increased 56% and Federal taxes declined 39%. Federal taxes per capita amounted to \$27.17 in 1924, as compared with \$48.27 in 1919. State and local taxes were \$28.26 per capita in 1919 and \$43.22 in 1924. The estimate is made that total expenditures by Federal, State and local Governments aggregated in 1924 \$10,215,000,000, or about an eighth of our national income. While there was a decrease of \$385,000,000, or 10.6%, in the Federal expenditure in 1924 as compared with 1923, there was an increase of \$492,000,000 in the expenditures of all State and local Governments, making a net increase of \$107,000,000. As contrasted with the Federal policy of reducing its indebtedness through economy in expenditures and through spending less than the amount received in taxes, States and municipalities have found their tax revenues far from sufficient to meet their expenditures. From 1913 to 1924 the net indebtedness of State and local Governments increased from \$3,322,000,000 to \$11,652,000,000. In contrast, the national debt has been reduced from \$25,482,000,000 on June 30 1919 to \$19,643,216,315 19 on June 30 1926.

It is not the intention of your committee to suggest that there has been extravagance in all State and local Governmental expenditures. The need for improved highways and a large increase in public educational equipment have been two of the major and unavoidable items of increased expenditure. Other large items are the amounts devoted to soldiers' bonus expenditures and to debt service.

Curtailement of necessary civic improvements would be advocated by no one. Curtailement and elimination of unwise and uneconomical expenditures for such improvements are obviously to be desired. The Investment Bankers Association may well go on record as calling attention to the present dangerous tendency in State and municipal expenditure, and at the same time throughout the country lend the benefit of its support to all efforts which may be made by business organizations toward effecting such correction and improvement. The activities of your Taxation Committee during the past few years have been directed toward the Federal taxation situation at Washington. The State and municipal situations now need correction. The difficulties of such correction are obvious. The task involved is not one with a centralized point of contact as at Washington. There are complexities in the problem of State and local taxation. The power and process of taxation and expenditure in no two States is identical. The sound corrective program for one situation would not be that best suited to another. There is a vast amount of overlapping of jurisdictions both as between the Federal Government and the States among the States themselves and among their political subdivisions, the result being multiple or double taxation and undue annoyance in the making of numerous returns to tax collectors, the necessity of which is not always apparent. There can well be more co-operation between the numerous taxing jurisdictions and less competition between them.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States is about to undertake a comprehensive survey of the tax collecting and spending activities of the States and their local subdivisions. Its preparation for this survey has been comprehensive and exhaustive. Working through the media of State and local Chambers of Commerce and commercial associations, there is a possibility of the accomplishment of much good. Among the concrete phases of taxation which will be covered by the survey of the Chamber of Commerce are such as taxation of intangible personal property, tax-exempt property, inheritance taxes, personal income taxes, corporation taxes, State and municipal indebtedness, State and local budgeting, Federal subsidies of States, etc. Specific recommendations will be made relative to each of these situations. There is need of immediate and thorough diagnosis of the present ills of expenditure and taxation, to be followed by the elimination of waste. It will be timely if the various units of the Investment Bankers Association and the Regional Groups co-ordinate their efforts and be of assistance wherever possible in such a corrective movement.

TABLE 1.—TOTAL VOLUME OF TAXATION, UNITED STATES 1890-1924.

(Amount in Millions.)

Taxing Authority.	1890.	1903.	1913.	1919.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
Federal-----	\$374	\$521	\$668	\$5,069	\$4,430	\$2,802	\$3,220	\$3,095
State-----	96	155	307	570	783	858	945	1,064
Local-----	405	706	1,219	2,395	3,150	3,301	3,601	3,748
Total-----	\$875	\$1,382	\$2,194	\$8,034	\$8,363	\$6,961	\$7,766	\$7,907

TABLE 2.—VOLUME OF TAXATION EXPRESSED IN "1913" DOLLARS, 1913-1924.*
(Amount in Millions.)

Taxing Authority.	1913.	1919.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
Federal.....	\$668	\$2,456	\$3,016	\$1,883	\$2,093	\$2,067
State.....	307	276	535	577	615	711
Local.....	1,219	1,160	2,144	2,218	2,343	2,504
Total.....	\$2,194	\$3,892	\$5,693	\$4,678	\$5,053	\$5,282

TABLE 3.—TAXES AND NATIONAL INCOME, 1890-1924.

	1890.	1903.	1913.	1919.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
National Income (millions).....	\$12,082	\$20,500	\$32,000	\$67,524	\$62,736	\$63,800	\$65,600	\$63,500
Taxes as per cent of national income								
Federal.....	3.1%	2.5%	2.1%	7.5%	7.1%	4.4%	4.9%	4.9%
State.....	8%	8%	1.0%	8%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.7%
Local.....	3.3%	3.4%	3.8%	3.6%	5.0%	5.2%	5.5%	5.9%
Total.....	7.2%	6.7%	6.9%	11.9%	13.3%	10.9%	11.8%	12.5%

* Figures expressed in current dollars were deflated on the basis of the index number of wholesale prices.
Source: Basic figures from National Industrial Conference Board.

Again President Coolidge has concisely and comprehensively analyzed the situation in his statement: "There is cause for concern in this situation. It is fraught with grave consequences to the public welfare. The Federal Government has decreased its costs by practicing the homely virtue of thrift. This has not been an easy task. It has required co-operative effort and sacrifice in every direction. If the interests of the people demanded this action on the part of the Federal Government, surely they would seem to demand similar action with regard to the increase in these other local Governmental costs."

Respectfully submitted,

TAXATION COMMITTEE,

CARROLL J. WADDELL, *Chairman.*

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Report of Legislation Committee—Study of State Laws Governing Investments of Trust Funds, Insurance Companies and Savings Banks.

The report of the Legislation Committee of the I. B. A. announced that the committee has joined with the Legislation Committee of the Central States Group in employing counsel to make a study of the various State laws governing the investments of trust funds, insurance companies and savings banks. The report recommended that the succeeding committee continue this investigation. Because of the recommendation contained in the report, President Ray Morris indicated that it was in order to take formal action on it, and a motion for the acceptance of the report was seconded and carried. A resume of the State legislation affecting matters in which the investment bankers are interested was presented in the report, which was submitted as follows by the Chairman, Hugh W. Grove, of the First Wisconsin Company of Milwaukee:

In the past few years, the work which would properly fall within the jurisdiction of the Legislation Committee became so burdensome that it was necessary to delegate a portion of the work to other committees. In general, the results have been quite satisfactory. In some instances, however, there was an overlapping of authority and a duplication of effort. It therefore seemed advisable to the officers elected at the St. Petersburg convention to consolidate the Legislation Committee and the Securities Law Committee under the name of Legislation Committee. This committee, in addition to the work in legislation, took over the work of the Securities Law Committee. The new Legislation Committee, as appointed by the President, consisted of a chairman, three vice-chairmen and seventeen members.

The scope of the committee's work was divided into three parts:

- 1st. General legislation, for the attention of the committee as a whole;
- 2nd. Securities law legislation, under the direct supervision of Mr. Arthur H. Gilbert, Vice-Chairman;
- 3rd. National legislation and legislation for the District of Columbia, of the attention of the committee as a whole.

In order that a working organization could be perfected to keep in close contact with the activity in each State, and to the end that the Legislation Committee could function as a whole, the United States and Canada were subdivided into fifteen groups, the territory within each group being co-extensive with that in the various groups of the Investment Bankers Association, with the exception that the Northern Ohio and Ohio Valley Groups were consolidated, as were also the Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Groups. Each of these groups was assigned to a member of the Legislation Committee, who has been responsible for the group he represented in the co-operation of that group with the National Committee in all matters affecting the interests of investment bankers arising in his territory. Where the group embraces more than one State, the committee member responsible for that group has appointed an investment banking representative in each State in his group, to the end that a close contact may be had with all legislation proposed and all questions in which investment bankers are interested.

The work of each committee member having jurisdiction over any group was classified under two headings:

- 1st. Legislation generally, individual cases, and all questions affecting the interests of investment bankers, including all matters requiring national attention, to be referred by the group member to the Legislation Committee.
- 2nd. "Blue Sky" matters and all questions involving the regulation of the sale of securities, to be referred by the committee member having jurisdiction

over the group to the Vice-Chairman in charge of Securities Law Legislation.

Inasmuch as only eleven State Legislatures convened in regular session in 1926, the work of the Legislation Committee for this year was not particularly burdensome. However, in 1927 43 of the State Legislatures will convene in regular session. It is fair to assume that in many of these States new legislation or amendments to existing laws governing the sale of securities will be proposed. The committee is also obliged to spend more and more time in missionary or educational work in the administration of laws governing the sale of securities now effective in many of the States. Your committee, therefore, recommended to the Board of Governors at the White Sulphur Springs meeting that the Vice-Chairman in charge of Securities Law Legislation be given the assistance, co-operation and advice of a permanent staff, consisting of a Field Secretary of the association, a Chicago counsel, the committee counsel, the Executive Secretary of the association, and necessary clerical help. The Board approved the committee's recommendation and authorized the employment of a Field Secretary, a notice of which appointment has been mailed to the members of the association. The work of the Field Secretary will be discussed in the report of the Securities Law Division of this committee.

Pacific Northwest Group.

No legislative sessions were held in any of the States of this Group. In the State of Oregon there has been proposed an amendment to the Constitution creating the Oregon Water and Power Board. The text of the proposed amendment declares that it is the policy and purpose of the State to conserve, develop and control the waters of the State of Oregon for the use and benefit of the people by publicly owned and operated utilities. This amendment will be submitted to the electorate of the State at the general election on Nov. 2.

Central States Group.

None of the State legislatures of this Group convened in regular session. The Wisconsin Legislature convened in special session, but nothing affecting the interests of investment bankers was considered.

Southern Group.

In this group the legislatures of Mississippi, Georgia and Louisiana convened in regular session.

Mississippi.—Out of the total bills passed, 419 were Acts Validating Various Bond Issues. In addition to the General Validation Acts approving all municipal bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness, and all proceedings of boards of supervisors and road commissioners in the matter of the sales of bonds, the Legislature passed individual Acts validating bonds issued by 410 special road districts, to settle, beyond any doubt, the legality of these issues in the face of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Browning vs. Hooper, involving the validity of Texas Road District bonds. These Special Validating Acts were based on a comprehensive survey by the Attorney-General's office under authority and on an appropriation voted by the Legislature.

Among the legislation introduced but not passed were Acts to repeal the income tax, the inheritance tax and the gift tax, and a bill to authorize for deposit to secure State funds, "any first mortgage real estate bonds, issued by any reputable bond house, guaranteed as to principal and interest by a security company authorized to operate in Mississippi."

Georgia.—The Georgia Legislature met in special session March 19th, and an Act was passed and signed March 30th, amending the laws relative to the issuance of non-par stock by Georgia corporations. This amendment provides, in part, "that there shall be but one class of common stock, each share of which shall stand upon an equality with every other share," which is interesting in view of the wide discussion now current as to the issuance of non-voting common stock.

Louisiana.—Of the laws passed at the session of the Legislature of Louisiana, two were Acts proposing amendments to the Constitution, which, if endorsed at the general election in November, will create additional political subdivisions of the State to be known as "Waterworks Districts" and "Sub-Waterworks Districts," and "Irrigation Districts." All of these districts will have authority to incur debt and issue negotiable bonds therefor.

Act No. 88 broadens the field of investments for trust funds of minors, and Act No. 340 enlarges the list of investment securities authorized for deposit with the State Treasurer under the guarantee fund required of guaranty, fidelity, surety and bonding companies.

The License Tax Act was also amended and now provides for a license tax of brokers and investment bankers which is graduated on the basis of profits, instead of gross commissions and gross sales.

Mississippi Valley Group.

In this Group Kentucky was the only State where the Legislature convened in regular session. The only legislation affecting investment bankers was the law regulating the sale of securities. Through the efforts of the local group and the suggestions of counsel for the National Legislation Committee co-operating with the Banking Commissioner of Kentucky, a workable bill was presented to the Legislature. This bill, with certain amendments, was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

Michigan Group.

A special session of the Michigan Legislature was convened early this year, but nothing of interest to the investment banker was presented at this special session.

Southeastern Group.

Virginia.—The Legislature of Virginia convened in regular session Jan. 13th. During the closing days, Senate Bill No. 270, embodying amendments to the Securities Act, was passed. The important changes are as follows:

(a) Increasing the exempt securities so as to conform very nearly to the Indiana-Minnesota type of law. This covers United States and oreh Government bonds, National Bank, Federal Land Bank, Joint Stock Land Bank, securities issued by a public service company operating under the control of any governmental or State body, and several other minor exceptions. An additional important exemption is that of securities listed on the New York and Chicago Stock Exchange which has been approved by the Corporation Commission. This also exempts all securities senior to the securities so listed.

(b) An amendment clarifying Section No. 12 of the Securities Act in conformity with the ruling of the Virginia Corporation Commission. The Act provided that the provisions of the law did not apply to sale of speculative securities when made by the owner thereof. It was the opinion of several lawyers, and in this case Mr. Keyser concurred, that this exempted any class of security where the offering house had actually purchased the securities for its own account. The Corporation, however, ruled that it was not intended to apply to such cases, but only to isolated transactions where the seller had not purchased his speculative securities direct from the issuing company. The amendment is so phrased as to bring the unmistakable meaning of the law in conformity with the Commission's ruling.

(c) An amendment exempting from provisions of the law sale of any security, speculative or otherwise, to any bank, banker, trust company or dealer in securities.

North Carolina.—The Legislature of North Carolina does not convene in regular session until 1927. However, a great deal of constructive work has been done on the amendments to the law of that State governing the sale of securities which was passed last year. The local group and the attorney for the North Carolina Bankers Association and Mr. Keyser have been working very closely with the State Corporation Commission in charge of the administration of the law. If these amendments are passed at the next session of the Legislature, the general effect would be to make the North Carolina law practically the same as the Indiana-Minnesota type of law.

New York Group.

New York.—Martin Fraud Law Amendments: A bill was prepared in collaboration with the Attorney-General of the State and introduced in the Senate as the Attorney-General's measure. This bill made certain amendments to the Martin Fraud Law, dealing more particularly with the appointment of receivers and the right to secure a temporary injunction against a corporation whenever an officer thereof refused to be sworn or examined, or answer material questions during the course of a preliminary examination. There were also other administrative changes. This bill passed both branches of the Legislature, has been approved by the Governor and became Chapter 617 of the Laws of 1926.

Bearer Instruments Bill: Counsel for the New York Group and the Legislative Committee, together with attorneys representing the larger issuing houses of New York, prepared a bill, which became known as the Hofstadter Security Receipt Bill, to meet the situation created by the decision of the Court of Appeals in the case of Manhattan Bank against Morgan. This measure was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

Investments by Savings Banks: Bills were introduced in the New York Legislature which would have permitted savings banks to invest in the bonds of gas, electric and telephone companies which meet certain requirements defined in the measures. The Assembly bills passed the Lower House but were held in the committees in the Senate, to which they were referred during the closing day of the session.

New Jersey.—A bill known as the Stewart Bill, similar to the Pennsylvania Statute, requiring dealers in securities to be licensed, was introduced in the Legislature of New Jersey. The bill was defeated.

A measure was introduced by Senator Harrison, giving to savings banks authority to invest in the bonds of certain gas, electric and telephone companies. This bill was passed and signed by the Governor on March 11th, becoming Chapter 129 of the Laws of 1926.

Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Groups.

A special session of the Pennsylvania Legislature was called by the Governor. The only proposed legislation of interest to investment bankers was in relation to the Giant Power Project.

Your committee is now engaged in investigating the reasonableness of the rates charged by surety companies for the statutory bonds required under the provisions of most of the Blue Sky laws. Your committee recommends that the succeeding committee continue this investigation.

Your committee has joined with the Legislation Committee of the Central States Group in employing counsel to make a study of the various State laws governing the investments of trust funds, insurance companies and savings banks. Numerous changes have been made in the field of investments since many of these laws were passed. Such laws do not meet the requirements of the present time, and, in some instances, do not contain the proper safeguarding provisions. Your committee recommends that the succeeding committee continue this investigation.

The report of the Blue Sky Division of the Legislation Committee will be presented by Mr. Arthur H. Gilbert, Vice-Chairman in charge of Securities Law Legislation.

The Chairman of your committee desires to express his appreciation of the ready response and spirit of co-operation of the officers of the association, the chairmen of the various committees, and the members of his own committee.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH W. GROVE, *Chairman Legislation Committee.*

Report of Legislation Committee—Blue Sky Section.

Stating that "it is probably safe to say that the Blue Sky laws have come to stay as a factor in the investment business of the country," the report of the Blue Sky Division of the Legislation Committee of the I. B. A. pointed out that "they are, however, still in the stage of evolution, and it cannot be expected that either the laws or their administration will become entirely satisfactory before the lapse of some years." "In the meantime," said the report, "the association must work with the current, and not against it, for in theory the makers of the Blue Sky laws are aiming for the same end that we are—the encouragement of sound securities and the suppression of the unsound." The report, presented by Arthur H. Gilbert (of Spencer Trask & Co., Chicago), Vice-Chairman in charge of the Securities Law Legislation Committee, also had the following to say on the subject of Blue Sky laws:

The Blue Sky Section of the Legislation Committee has had a comparatively quiet year owing to the fact that very few Legislatures were in session. This has turned attention mostly to matters of administration of the various laws. Every year that the Blue Sky laws are in effect tends to a better understanding of commission work and a greater uniformity of practice. There has been enough continuity both in personnel and in thought of our committees having to deal with this subject to gain a considerable amount of understanding of the position in which the commissioners of the various States are placed and a great amount of sympathy with their point of view. It is believed also that contact with the commissioners has given them, for the most part, an understanding of our problems and made them receptive to our point of view. There are, however, a few weak spots in administration, caused partly by the fact that Blue Sky practice is still in its early stages and partly by the constant shifting in the personnel of the commissions.

The position of the I. B. A. has been consistently one of wishing to assist the intelligent regulation of securities and the protection of investors in every possible way. The work of this committee of the association has extended from helping in the actual framing of Blue Sky laws, to the consideration of the intimate day-to-day problems of the commissioners. This has taken a great deal of time of the members of the committee and their counsel, and it seems so important that this work should continue that the step has been taken of obtaining a permanent field secretary for the committee who will devote his entire time to keeping contacts with the various commissions and giving help whenever needed. The committee and the association are much to be congratulated in securing for this work Mr. Arthur G. Davis, who is well known to the members through his work in the Investors' Protective Bureau of Chicago. He has gained in this work especial familiarity with the problems involving fraudulent securities and dealers; but he has also been thoroughly familiar with the construction and working of the Blue Sky laws. Mr. Davis ought to be of the greatest help both to the association and to the commissions.

The year 1927 is to be a legislative year, and when the Legislatures are in session all over the country your committee has to be in a position to act; first, to help in framing or amending laws in States working along sound lines and desiring fair and workable laws, and second, to head off unsound or destructive legislation. It is anticipated that Mr. Davis will be of the greatest help along both lines, and his experience should make him as valuable to the lawmakers of the various States as to the association. The committee has, during the past year, collected much material on the working of various laws and commissions and will be in a position to make real contributions from actual experience to discussions of Blue Sky law and practice. Similar work has been done by the Legislative Committee of the Central States Group which is of the utmost value.

In the experience already obtained in the working of the Blue Sky laws, the members of the association have necessarily developed their own point of view and the committee has tried consistently to keep this before the commissions and the framers of laws. Some items of this point of view may be reviewed here.

1. The association feels that the Blue Sky laws were devised to prevent the issue and sale of fraudulent securities. The class of securities handled by the members of the association is the exact opposite, and it is the responsibility of the association to confine its membership to those to whom fraudulent practices would be unthinkable. Consequently, while the association realizes that the Blue Sky laws must be drawn so as to cover a wider field than merely the investigation of unseasoned securities, it believes that the investigation of high-grade, seasoned securities offered by its members can be accomplished with much less expenditure of time and effort by the commissions than at present.

2. The association believes that with the nation-wide machinery of distribution of securities, any State handicaps its investors unfairly if it deprives them of the chance to buy securities of national importance, brought out by the highest grade investment houses. Not only the provisions of the laws, or the attitude of the State commissions frequently act to keep securities from being widely offered, but also the heavy expense of qualification. It frequently costs several hundred dollars in each State for qualifying fees and expenses of counsel, and there are often further expenses for extra accounting, traveling, etc., which make it practically prohibitive to qualify outside of a few leading States. Investors of the other States cannot buy the securities, however sound, or however suitable they may be.

3. The necessity of offering security issues simultaneously in all parts of the country, and the impossibility of getting full information to all parts of the country before the offering is made makes it practically essential to have some statutory method of preliminary permission to sell which will allow responsible houses to offer on giving notice of intention to qualify.

4. One of the most serious matters from the point of view of the investment banker is the existence of civil liability during qualification, or in case of the banker (as where information asked for by a commission is unavailable). The association feels that the period of suspense should be made as short as possible and that the banker should be able to clear himself of liability by an offer to re-purchase at the original price.

5. The association believes that it can safely recommend to the commissions the acceptance of statements made by investment houses of high reputation, and also by attorneys, engineers, accountants, appraisers and other experts of similarly high standing practically without further verification. The association believes that it is not the theory of Blue Sky legislation to have the commissions guarantee the soundness of securities to investors or to substitute their judgment for that of responsible bankers who investigate and originate securities. Under these conditions the insistence of some commissioners that they must as part of their duties refuse to accept at face value statements made in good faith by responsible houses and their experts, and proceed to conduct an independent investigation, thereby increasing the expense to the dealer, not only is wasted effort, but exceeds the theory of the law. If apparent good faith and responsibility surround the circumstances of the issue, and if there are no obvious obstacles to the success of the enterprise in question, it would seem that the public should be entitled to receive the offering.

6. New forms of investment appear from time to time which cannot be foreseen, but which are perfectly proper for investors to purchase if properly safeguarded. While it is realized that no laws can be drawn to anticipate these, the association believes that the laws should be promptly amended to recognize such new forms of securities.

Appointment of Arthur G. Davis as Field Secretary—Remarks of Mr. Davis.

The appointment of Arthur G. Davis as Field Secretary of the association was referred to by Arthur H. Gilbert with the presentation of the latter's report on the Blue Sky legislation, Mr. Gilbert stating:

I think something ought to be said following along what has already been said by the President in regard to this particular part of the Legislative Committee's work and the Blue Sky activities, and particularly the appointment of Mr. Davis as Field Secretary.

We have been acting, as I think Mr. Grove (Chairman of the Legislation Committee) said, in a spirit of setting up the machinery to meet a busy, active coming year. Probably one of the most useful things we could do was to have one man who would keep the continuity, so to speak, of the work, the liaison that is going on and ought to go on between the association as a whole and the regulating public as a whole. That is originally the why and wherefore of Mr. Davis's appointment. The fact that we got an especially good man and an exceptionally well-balanced and experienced man is our great good fortune.

Now, on the matter of policy. The President has said that we have learned something from other industries, who have been regulated, in knowing enough not to fight regulation. We don't want to fight regulation. It is a part of the development of the working out of our own problems and other people's helping us to work them out, that we want to go along with. And that is the spirit in which Mr. Davis has been appointed, and the spirit in which he will work. We want to help in this thing. We are only one factor in it and we want to help with our experience to put against the other fellow's experience.

I think that sometimes we think that the Blue Sky commissioners spend most of their time on our jobs. As a matter of fact, they do not. The Blue Sky commissioners were put in and are put in to fight crooks, which is something that we are all interested in. I don't think, until you come in contact with the commissioners, that you realize how much of their time they spend in fighting crooks, and the fact that our affairs are more or less of an embarrassment to them. I don't think that they want to pick on us. I don't think that they have any particular reason to go after us, but I think they are swept along in this great current of investment volume, having come in at a time when the thing was expanding so fast that issue after issue comes to them. They are not fully organized. Precedents have not been entirely established and worked out. They are conscientious and they don't know what to do except to protect their clients as well as they know how. Now, that is where we want to sit down with them. That is where we want to have Mr. Davis sit down with them—to help. Mr. Davis, from our point of view, is a helper. He is not an advocate. And it may be said here that his job in no way is for the working out of particular specific pieces of work. I mean he is not to help some particular house in getting some particular issue qualified. No matter how difficult the situation may be or how unreasonable we think that the people's attitude may be that we are trying to qualify. That is not the idea at all. Also, I doubt very much if he will have many specific instructions to go in and do certain things. I don't think we are in a frame of mind to tell him that we want certain things pushed in certain places. We want to be fair-minded about it. He has sat in committees with us already. He knows both points of view. He has fought the crooks himself and he has sat with the commissioners himself. He has been on that side of the business. He has told the committee a lot of things that he

committee, sitting by itself, would never know. It has been a great help to us.

Mr. Davis in addressing the convention said:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Convention: It was my understanding that I came down largely if not solely for the purpose of being introduced and being made acquainted in more detail with the duties of the position I have undertaken to fill. I was not aware that I was expected to make any sort of a talk and I am sure it is fortunate that I was not, for I might in my anxiety to do the right thing endeavor to prepare something and thereby not have prepared the right thing.

I am very glad, of course, to meet all you gentlemen and become acquainted and learn of the thing which I am expected to do and which I sincerely approach with the hope of doing, but I anticipate that I came here very largely to be seen and to be met and not to be heard.

You have heard something about my past connection with other bodies, having served for some four years as a member of the Securities Department of the State of Illinois, and I think it is fair that you should know I had some experiences on the other line. I hope you will not consider it the other side of the fence, because I think in reality there is no strong line of demarcation between the true investment banker and the conscientious security commissioner when once they sit around the table to consider the same serious problems.

But coming to that work as I did from a small bank, small as you gentlemen would consider it, but very important in our little community, I had some two or three well fixed ideas, and on those I have been more or less preaching to the securities commissioners and to others wherever I went ever since.

One of those has always been that there should be no sectionalism in any laws regulating the sale or distribution of securities; that good securities should be eligible to flow into one section of the United States with the same ease as in any other section, and because of this State or that State having peculiar ideas or peculiar circumstances, except where there might occasionally be a circumstance which is particularly peculiar to that locality, there should be no favoritism against good security in any locality.

Second, I always felt that there were two ways of fighting the crook, and it has been my unfortunate experience in a way to spend several years of my life, both prior and since coming into the securities organization field, in fighting those with a criminal intent, but particularly of the securities crook. There are two ways of fighting him. One is the usual method of prosecution, which is only semi-effective. The other is by starving him to death by feeding his would-be victims with wholesome food. These investors must have food, so to speak. If they cannot be supplied with good and wholesome food, by the nature of things they are going to feed on the adulterated concomitant, and it has always been one of my hobbies, where I had the opportunity, to say that prosecution alone was not sufficiently effective, that we must make it easy to put before the would-be investor, particularly those who are new investors of a limited amount of means, that which is good.

Then I always conceived the idea that there was no material difference between the purposes and the duties of a real investment banker and those of a securities commissioner. The investment banker is interested in suppressing fraud in the disposition of securities, first from the broad, economic principle; secondly, from perhaps selfish motives that the industry or the line of endeavor in which he is engaged may be free from justifiable criticism and that he may be allowed to receive his income without even thought of criticism. The securities commissioner is interested not only from an economic principle but also from his political and public duty, so that when we are all engaged with the same purpose, there is no occasion for a serious difference of opinion when once they sit around a common counsel board and exchange ideas to arrive at the same point, namely, to obstruct the crook where possible, but to allow this life-giving blood of commerce, the distribution of good securities, to flow on with as little obstruction as can be obtained.

It was my good fortune a few years ago to sit in a joint committee, some members selected by the Investment Bankers Association, others by the securities commissioners, and there was before them at that time some important matters to be considered, which I need not go into detail about here, except to say that although the conference lasted for some ten days, night and day, the first two days were probably spent in getting each side to see that the other did not wear horns or did not sting with a forked tail. After we had arrived at that point and forgot that they were on different sides, each member of the joint committee felt he could talk in perfect sincerity, and liberally, and express his views and opinions and his experiences without fear of being picked up on a sharp point or of being criticised or of being suspected of ill-formed motives. From that point we progressed with great rapidity, and it is my opinion that out of those meetings grew some very constructive results, namely, that the securities commissioners learned that the investment bankers were an honest, sincere group of men, that the investment bankers, at least those present, learned that the securities commissioners likewise were honest and had serious problems to encounter, most of which were entirely new at that time.

Gentlemen, it will be my pleasure to endeavor to serve you in the capacity which I have undertaken to the very best of my ability, and since Mr. Grove referred to me as the gasoline of this newly appointed energy, I am reminded a little bit of the story of the minister who was going down the street one day and saw a group of children playing along the curb. They had a wagon or pushcart of some kind, but always trailing behind was a colored boy, black as the ace of spades, and he never was allowed to get into the forefront. The minister undertook to admonish the children that that was perhaps not a democratic thing to do, that even though the boy was colored he had a right along with the rest to be in the forefront. One fellow remarked: "We are playing automobile and he is the smoke." Now, I only hope that a year from now, when we shall have had the opportunity to accomplish something, and if I read the signs correctly, there is going to be lots of work coming our way, that then I may at least be still considered the gasoline and not the expended smoke. Thank you.

Report of Secretary Alden H. Little—Silent Tribute to Late Secretary F. R. Fenton—Membership in Excess of One Thousand Members.

At the instance of President Ray Morris, the members of the association rose for a moment during the opening session of the convention on Oct. 12 and paid silent tribute to the memory of Fredk. R. Fenton, late Secretary of the association, whose death occurred during the year. The services rendered by Mr. Fenton were referred to in the report of his successor, Alden H. Little, of Chicago. Secretary Little alluded in his report to the membership, stating that "for the first time in its history the association may boast of

more than one thousand members." In part the Secretary's report said:

This is the fifteenth annual report of the Secretary of the association, but the first one which I have had the pleasure of presenting to the convention. You may all well realize that it is not an easy task to step into the position so long, so efficiently and so honorably filled by Fred Fenton. I can assure you, however, that I have undertaken the duties of the office with the keenest interest and with a full sense of the responsibilities involved. The splendid efficiency and morale of your headquarters organization built up by Mr. Fenton and Mr. Schray, have made one of the important phases of my new work comparatively simple.

I am advised that the annual report of the Secretary should cover only the activities of his office during the period since the previous convention, without discussion of past or suggestion as to future policies of the organization. The Secretary's office, however, is primarily the servant of the entire association, with the duty and desire to aid it in all of its many activities, so far as it may be authorized and able to do so. Hence this report necessarily will refer briefly to some of the important activities of the officers, the Board, committees and groups because the Secretary's office has partially participated in them. Such references in this report are made only as supplemental in a limited way to the more comprehensive discussions of these subjects by the officers, committee and group chairmen.

Board Meetings.

Since the association was organized, the Board of Governors has held not less than four meetings annually, except during this year, when only two meetings were held. Technically, our fiscal year covers the twelve months' period from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31. Colloquially, however, we all think of the "association year" as the period between each convention, as the officers, Board and committee members hold office during such period. Owing to the fact that the last convention was held in December, the past "association year" was comparatively short, and it was deemed unnecessary to hold what has been known as the "winter" meeting of the Board. The first Board meeting of 1926 was, therefore, not held until May 11 to 14 last, at White Sulphur Springs. At that meeting, the Board determined that its business could be transacted at two regular meetings each year; one at White Sulphur in May and one just before each annual convention. No meeting was therefore held last summer. The principal thought underlying this change in policy was to reduce substantially the demands on the time of the Board members in attending four meetings each year; also the considerable individual expense involved. There is much to be said in favor of this new plan, but further experience may show that it will be desirable, or even necessary, to hold a winter meeting of the Board each year, in addition to the spring and convention meetings.

President Morris.

The term of President Morris is now drawing to a close, and he deserves the sincere gratitude, not only of this association, but of a large part of the business community. During his administration, a number of difficult problems of importance have required his attention. In each case his prompt, able, fair and conscientiously thorough response, has won him the admiration and respect of all the members and others who have worked with him. During the past year President Morris has attended 16 meetings held by 13 of the 17 groups. At these meetings the clear, forceful thoughts in the President's addresses have been an inspiration to men in the investment banking business and have given to our friends in commercial banking and other enterprises a better realization of the nature and importance of the investment banking.

The Death of Frederick R. Fenton.

From the date of its organization meeting until his death on April 17 last, the association and Frederick R. Fenton were inseparably combined. His sad and untimely end was the most serious loss the Investment Bankers Association of America has experienced in its history. In the office which he so capably filled since the founding of the association, he has left precept and precedent in generous abundance for the continued up-building of that office in the service of the association. It is with profound respect that I hope, in some small measure, to follow those precepts that made Frederick R. Fenton so untiring and whole-hearted in his work.

Convention Activities.

When it was decided last spring to hold the 1926 convention in Quebec, a special committee, selected from member houses in Canada, was appointed by Mr. John A. Fraser, of Toronto, Chairman of the Canadian Group. The Chairman of the Canadian Committee is Mr. James A. Eccles, President Harris, Forbes & Co., Ltd., of Montreal. Through his unselfish and efficient efforts, and with the able co-operation of the entire Canadian committee, your Convention Committee has been able to perfect plans for what it hopes will be one of the most successful annual meetings ever held by the association.

Committees.

Because of the limited number of State Legislatures in session this year, several of our national committees have had what might be called a comparatively quiet year. The Municipal Securities Committee, however, has been particularly busy on account of the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Archer County, Texas, Road District case. The work of the committee, because of this decision, has already required an expenditure of more than \$23,000, and further expenditures will no doubt have to be made before this committee's work thereon is completed.

This association has always carefully refrained from paternalism. As it has grown in prestige and strength, various methods of regulation or control have at times been suggested. The Board, however, has refused to follow such suggestions, although it has, from time to time, by resolution, been able to make valuable suggestions to the members on certain phases of operation which it was felt would raise the standards of the investment banking business. In this connection, the difficult work of the Committee on Circulars, of which Mr. Henry R. Hayes of New York is Chairman, has been greatly appreciated and the Board has taken the position that members should use great care in the preparation of circulars. To that end, the members have been requested to send copies of all their offering circulars to the Secretary's office, which then forwards the circulars to the respective chairmen of the various securities committees for examination. Committee chairmen change from year to year and the foregoing procedure was devised so that members would not have to make frequent changes in their mailing lists. The Board has requested committee chairmen to report to it any alleged violation of the established principles of better practice which may appear. In furtherance of this idea, Mr. Clarkson Potter of New York, Chairman of the Real Estate Securities Committee, has prepared an ingenious and constructive form for analysis of all real estate securities circulars forwarded to him.

As these analyses are prepared in Mr. Potters' office, he forwards them, with the circulars analyzed, to the Secretary's office, to be transmitted to the respective houses that issued the circulars. Practically all of the houses, to which such analyses have been sent, have promptly realized the value of such disinterested comment. Mr. Potter deserves much credit for

inaugurating this efficient, simple and what might be called friendly method of analyzing circulars. The plan will be discussed in a report of his committee later in the week, and it is hoped that the chairmen of the several other securities committees may also find the plan practicable.

Institute of International Finance.

Mr. Howard F. Beebe of New York, as Chairman of the Foreign Securities Committee, has, with the co-operation of New York University, been directly instrumental in the organization of the Institute of International Finance. The full morale and financial co-operation of the association was authorized by the Board of Governors at White Sulphur Springs last May, following recommendations contained in Mr. Beebe's interim report. Members of the association were fully advised concerning the Institute in a special announcement on Sept. 15 last. A very substantial number of annual subscriptions has already been received and it is sincerely hoped that every member of the association will subscribe annually for the services of the Institute. Mr. Beebe is entitled to much credit for his work on this important matter and in the selection of Dr. George W. Edwards of New York University as Director of the Institute.

The New Field Secretary of the Association, Arthur G. Davis.

Changes are constantly being made in Blue Sky laws throughout the country. As is well known, various committees have worked long and diligently in past year on Blue Sky matters. The questions involved are of direct practical interest to all our members.

Last May, Mr. Hugh W. Grove of Milwaukee, Chairman of the Legislation Committee, in an interim report to the Board of Governors, recommended that the association employ a Field Secretary to devote his time principally to Blue Sky work and to maintaining definite permanent points of contact between the association and the various public officials who regulate the issuance of securities. The Board agreed to the proposal and authorized the committee to select a man for the work in question. As a result, Mr. Arthur G. Davis of Chicago assumed these new duties on Sept. 1 last, as announced to the members shortly thereafter. Mr. Davis will be presented to the convention and an opportunity afforded to meet him and to discuss Blue Sky questions with him. It is felt that his selection is a particularly happy one and that he will be able to develop better understanding by Blue Sky officials and legislators of the aims and purposes of dealers in legitimate securities. Mr. Davis comes to the association with a background of much practical experience in many phases of Blue Sky work.

Membership.

For the first time in its history, the association may boast of more than one thousand members—664 main office members and 340 branch office members. The net gain during the past fiscal year was 42 main office and 21 branch office members. I think it is safe to state that with each succeeding year, membership in the association has become more difficult to secure. Many applications for membership are necessarily denied. There are still, however, a number of good houses in the country that are eligible for membership. The Membership Committee, of which Mr. Tom K. Smith of St. Louis is Chairman, has carried on its work this year with utmost care and conservatism and with the closest possible attention to its important duties.

New Work for the Future.

There has been considerable discussion by many of our members as to the desirability of the association devoting more study and attention to what may be termed the practical internal problems of member houses. One suggested phase of this study relates to the sales or merchandising end of the investment banking business. Selling is the one great problem common to all business, recognized as so basically fundamental that hundreds of magazines devote practically their entire efforts to selling methods. It is a subject for instruction in thousands of schools and in almost every large commercial enterprise. The libraries are full of books on salesmanship. Although it might seem that the industrial and commercial world is more active in perfecting selling methods, a great deal of similar work is actually being done in the investment banking business. Universities, colleges, individual bond houses and other institutions conduct courses in security salesmanship. Our Education Committee, of which Mr. Lawrence Chamberlain of New York has been the highly efficient Chairman for many years, has given much effort to the subject and is chiefly responsible for that splendid book, Townsend's "Bond Salesmanship." The study of merchandising problems and the teaching of bond selling, however, has never been correlated. Its development is more or less sporadic, without co-operative incentive and effectiveness. As a result, foresighted members now propose that a Committee on Merchandising be appointed. Very likely that is not the proper name for such a committee, but it conveys the thought and at least indicates the nature of the work to be done. This suggestion, resulting from talks with many members, is now brought to the attention of the convention with the hope that it will be discussed on the floor.

Groups.

Each year the soundness of the thought underlying the establishment of the various groups of the association is more clearly demonstrated. The functioning of the groups is constantly becoming more effective. The total number of individuals serving this year as group officers or members of group committees is 623. The total of those engaged in national work is 249. These are impressive figures and clearly indicate the interest taken in association affairs.

Report of Education Committee—Creation of Text Books Relating to Investment Business.

According to the report of the Education Committee of the Investment Bankers Association, presented by the Chairman, Lawrence Chamberlain, of J. G. White & Co., Inc., of New York, "the activities of the Education Committee continue to be largely the creation of text books relating to various phases of investment and of the investment business and the establishment and continuance of courses on security salesmanship and investment principles." The report goes on to say:

Since the last convention—in April, to be exact—appeared Dr. George W. Edwards's new book, "Investing in Foreign Securities," supervised by the Foreign Securities Committee and the Education Committee, and sponsored by the association. As the review of this book stated in the May "Bulletin," it is an appropriate coincidence that it should be published within a week of the meeting of the Board of Governors, at which it was voted to establish a Foreign Investment Service under the joint direction of New York University and of our association, for this service will be under Dr. Edwards' direct management.

The committee sees nothing to be gained by multiplying financial text books per se. It would qualify Carlyle's blessing "on the head of Cad-

mus, the Phoenicians, or whoever it was that invented books." Rather it subscribes to the plaint that "of the making of books there is no end." But like Townsend's book on "Bond Salesmanship," Dr. Edwards's book is a text covering timely problems in our every-day business that have never before been adequately treated. It is the first answer to the questions put by the Committee on Foreign Securities to the 1924 convention, to wit:

(1) Should the Association be prepared to furnish to its members and to the investing public information concerning foreign issues held in this country?

(2) Should there be a central office equipped to furnish information to members on request?

(3) Should the Association make an organized attempt to educate American dealers and the investing public with the idea of increasing interest in foreign investment, emphasizing its economic importance and strengthening public confidence in this type of financing?

We have recently surveyed again Mr. Clinton Colver's book on "Public Utilities" and their securities—now hoped for by midwinter. We regret the delay, but we respect it, mindful how Rome was built, and if anyone questions the analogy, let him think twice and consult authors of compendia before he chooses to write one such rather than build Rome.

The book is intended to be educational rather than technical in character, but it is the aim to have it sufficiently comprehensive to serve the purpose of a general reference handbook. It is expected there will be from 500 to 600 pages, including numerous illustrations and charts. The first part of the work is devoted to the advantageous position of public utility industries, the general development of each group, such as electric, gas, telephone, traction, etc., and a considerable amount of emphasis is given to the electric light and power industry, particularly with reference to recent progress in amalgamation. The second part of the work is devoted particularly to an analysis of public utility securities, with emphasis on method of analysis in judging the investment position of the securities. Figures are presented as to the character and amounts of financing by the various utility groups in recent years. There is a special discussion of the subject of public utility bonds as legal investments for savings banks.

Perhaps this very magnitude of which we speak, coupled with the responsibility that goes with a pioneer writing in the advertising field, has led Mr. E. Paul Young to suggest a change of authorship of our advertising book. At any rate, in line with the endeavor of your committee to make each of its publications more authoritative than the last, it has negotiated for the writing of this book under the leadership of the Investment Department of the Financial Advertisers Association.

This section of their association was established about a year ago in part on the basis of the inadequacy of the treatment of financial advertising by the Investment Bankers Association. In the words of that body, "it was felt there was need for a central clearing house of information on tested methods in investment advertising, for admittedly, advertising offers one of the best solutions to the unsolved problems of distribution. But, if advertising is to be the same constructive force of solving the problems of investment distribution that it has been in general merchandising fields, it must be taken more seriously than it has heretofore by most investment advertisers. It must be done wholeheartedly, scientifically and persistently. It can be made to serve its purpose only when talent is engaged to wrestle with its problems comparable to that employed in other departments of investment banking business, and only when recognition of its importance is granted, as in other fields of endeavor."

To this end the Financial Advertisers Association has appointed an Investment Research Committee under the general chairmanship of Mr. A. E. Bryson, of Halsey, Stuart & Co., with sub-committees on markets, methods, media and direct mail advertising.

Subject to acquiescence by the Investment Research Committee, as it may now be constituted after the association convention in Detroit of last month, Mr. Bryson engages the committee in collaboration with your Education Committee, to produce the much-needed standard text on investment advertising. Mr. J. H. Daggett of our committee states: "I believe the plan should produce a work which will be as nearly the last word on this subject as it is possible to obtain."

Turning now to the courses in salesmanship and investment principles, it is too early in the academic year to state what is being done and is to be done through the country; but, as last year, Mr. A. H. Meyer is making the circuit in behalf of this work. In cities of a certain size, it may be that the annual increment of newcomers in the investment business requires that courses be given only in alternate years. That may prove to be the case in Cincinnati.

On the other hand, new cities became interested. The Education Committee of the Michigan Group, after six months' preparation, has just started in Detroit a course in bond salesmanship with an initial enrollment of 70 against a desired quota of 50. Here the interesting experiment is being tried of making the course short and intensive, with almost daily sessions for a brief period of weeks. Knowledge of the results will be of benefit to other cities. It is probable that the tendency hereafter will be for the local groups to initiate or at least foster the work of this character.

The co-operative instruction work of the Education Committee, which hitherto has been largely confined to our work with the United Y. M. C. A. Schools, and to the local groups, appears shortly to be broadened also by working contacts with the American Institute of Banking. Your Chairman has been appointed a Regent of the American Institute of Banking that we may give this latter organization the benefit of our experience.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE CHAMBERLAIN, *Chairman.*

J. H. Daggett, W. K. Terry,
George V. Rotan, Frederick Yale Toy,
William W. Watson Jr.

Reports of Publicity Committee and Educational Director.

The work of the Publicity Committee of the Investment Bankers Association was detailed in the report prepared by its Chairman, Robert Stevenson, of Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., of Chicago. In Mr. Stevenson's absence the report was presented by John Prescott. It follows herewith:

The work of your Publicity Committee has been quite routine during the past year. The prevailing sentiment of the Board of Governors and the members having put the proposed advertising campaign on the shelf, it has been the aim of the committee to bring the association into more personal touch with the public through other methods. The members of this committee have felt for years past that a large part of its efficiency was lost because the Investment Bankers Association as such has not been a name which means much, if anything, to the public. We believe that it is possible to make the association known to the public in a dignified way, and in a way which will not break the rules of the association. If we

can make the association an identity, the offices of the association can become a source of information which will make the identity of its members more available.

You already know that as a background for our educational work we have been preparing certain material with which all of you ought to be familiar by this time. The Board of Governors at the White Sulphur meeting in May made this material available to our members for distribution. A great many of us do not maintain statistical and publicity department, so that the material which has been prepared may be of interest to many of us for distribution to our lists. You were advised of the availability of this material for distribution shortly after the spring meeting and that these booklets might be obtained in quantity from the Educational Director at a moderate cost for such distribution as you cared to make of them. The privilege of distributing these booklets was surrounded by certain limitations: no imprint identifying the member house with the association might be placed upon these booklets, letters of presentation might be sent out with the booklets, but in this letter the name of the Investment Bankers Association might not be used, nor anything which tended to connect it with the association membership.

We were called upon to furnish 75,000 booklets for such distribution. In addition to this, we have supplied educational matter to members, insurance companies, banks and others amounting to 105,000 booklets, making a total distribution of more than 180,000 booklets during this year; all of which have been paid for and, therefore, at no cost to the association, but at a small profit.

All of these booklets come sooner or later into individual hands, and with the name of the association on them we feel that we are really establishing a contact with the public which is making our name and our aims familiar to the public. There is no question but that the demands and the consequent distribution of material from the educational department will be much greater right along.

We were authorized to raise by voluntary subscription a fund of \$25,000 for the work of the educational department. We made this solicitation practically altogether through the mails, with one or two follow-ups. Some of our groups assisted us by their own follow-ups or by personal solicitation, and we secured for this special fund the sum of \$16,632 from exactly 50% of the membership; namely, 319 houses out of the 639 houses who were members at the time of the solicitation. We did not make a more intensive campaign for the full amount of the fund because we found that much of the work which we had contemplated in connection with the use of the fund would be almost, if not altogether, self-supporting. However, we believe that the results show that correspondence and other material which goes to the members from the association offices does not in enough instances reach the individual in the organization whose duty and interest it is to handle I. B. A. matters, or it is put aside for later attention and then neglected. I know this is done in the writer's own office, and doubtless it is so handled in many other offices.

In connection with the distribution of these booklets, I quote from the letter of a partner and publicity manager of one of the leading member houses of the association. This gentleman was a strong advocate of the co-operative advertising campaign, but is reconciled to the abandonment of that scheme, particularly if we can extend the use of these booklets so that they will fall in the largest number of individual hands. His letter reads as follows:

"I want to say that if it is possible to extend the use of these booklets in a wholly logical way, immeasurable benefits will accrue to investment banking as a whole. One of the troubles with the co-operative campaign plans was that there was not sufficient tie-up between the publicity and the country banks of the United States and Canada, who would have felt the major demand as a result of any national advertising. These booklets, if placed in the hands of a large number of non-member country banks, would supply the missing link between national advertising and the actual distributors of bonds. I am hopeful, therefore, that your committee eventually may get the authority to use these and similar booklets in the most widespread fashion.

Specifically I feel very strongly that either the association proper or the groups should spread an assessment for the purpose of distributing a small supply of every one of the booklets to an aggregate of a large number of country banks free of charge. This supply would be for the purpose of counter distribution by the country bank to its casual individual investors. This distribution compares markedly with the supplying by wholesale investment bankers of imprinted circulars on a new issue to dealers to whom they wholesale. It is simply the most logical type of dealer co-operation, except that not one banking house can tackle a job of such magnitude, and it should be done by some sort of group.

I am conscious of the fact that there are minor quibblings over what might be done with the books by some get-rich-quick men, and that some banks do fail, etc., but I am confident that real progress along the line of educational work throughout the land lies in making it as easy as possible for the country banker to have popular, yet authoritative, information in booklet form on his shelves. There are several variations to the method of distribution. Doubtless in some cases the banks and dealers would be too large to feel that they could use a "stock" form of printed material. Others would be willing to pay for a supply. The gist of the matter is that the association or the groups are the only vehicles that can make it easy for the country banker to get this sort of material, and there is a great deal of authority behind the name of the association.

If a widespread distribution can be accomplished and the individual contributors to a fund for this purpose forget their immediate interests for two or three years, I am confident that increased national distribution of securities will be speeded up. I am writing to you because I feel I can speak frankly to you and at the same time give you one reaction of a lay member of the association."

We think a little serious thought from this point of view with the vision of what has been accomplished by the 180,000 booklets already distributed, will very easily convince you of the benefits which will result to the public, to the association and to its members by a broader distribution of this valuable publicity and educational material.

It is getting to be rather an annual habit to say a few words about Sam Rice's work. It is hard to put in a few words. He is turning out a tremendous volume of material at a very low cost to the association. It is remarkable to see how much is done by so small an organization as is his educational department, and we again take the opportunity to compliment him for his effective and valuable work, and to compliment the association for having the advantage of his services.

In Fred Fenton we lost a consistent backer of any sound publicity and educational promotions. He was a real enthusiast, and invaluable in putting things over. We miss his co-operation and friendly association.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE,

ROBERT STEVENSON, Chairman.

Mr. Prescott in submitting the above referred to the report of the Educational Director, Samuel O. Rice, of Chicago, whose activities, he noted, "constitute a very large

part of the activities under the direction of the Publicity Committee." Mr. Rice in his report said in part:

I do not know hardly how to begin on this report, because Mr. Stevenson's report to be read by Mr. Prescott was to precede me, and in there he will mention the fact that we have sold this year 180,000 booklets—more than that. We have given away about 5,000 booklets. We have seven different booklets now and more coming, in which we are building up a background of literature all over this country.

The effect of the booklets is shown very well, I think, in two letters which are samples. I can show you many, many more. This is from an office of the National City Co., enclosing personal check for so much, "Send me so many of your booklets of this kind. The booklet strikes me as one of the best written articles on this subject I have ever seen and I am anxious to try it out on some banks in our territory." Needless to say, that house, not being a member, I could not send it the booklets because of the Board ruling that they should be distributed in quantities only to members.

Then, here is the effect of the other end of it. I put this in as a copy here without the letterhead of the bank. It is a rather good-sized national bank in a fair-sized city. Mr. Little, when I showed him that letter said: "Well, any bond house in the I. B. A. will give you three or four hundred dollars for that letter so thy can go down and sell this fellow."

The second paragraph says: "In this south country where our bank is located, we very largely place our funds in agricultural paper. One of our booklets has convinced me that the practice is both unwise and unsound. In the future we are going to drift in the direction of better diversification, and in making this change we will be only too glad to place ourselves in the hands of investment bankers upon whose integrity we may rely."

Now, that is only a part of the letter, but it indicates how these booklets are going. Just before I left Chicago for the convention the other day I got a letter from the Alabama University, and one from a big university in Ohio, asking for various of our booklets to use in their classes. I don't know how many of you members are familiar with them. They have been sent to all of you. The present editions will be sent again to you and the new booklet on foreign bonds and one entitled "Getting Into the Bond Business," which you may find useful in handing out to young men who are contemplating going into the business.

This little booklet, "Getting into the Bond Business," is merely a clinic. It takes Mr. K and Mr. B and Mr. G, all of them well-known men in the bond business, and shows how they got in, what they found useful and the things that they would advise a young man to do in entering the bond business.

One thing that we are doing now is, for example, the interim report of Mr. Wilbur, the Industrial Securities Committee. Of course, it went out in the "Bulletin" to financial editors, but they are a good deal like members. They sometimes don't read it. So we had that typewritten and sent to every financial editor of importance, and they are being used all over the country. We then put it into a booklet and it is still being used in a great many colleges and universities.

In addition to this work, we are constantly working through Mr. O'Connor, of the United States Chamber of Commerce, who distributes quite a bit of our material, and we are in conference with him on many things all the time.

I happen to be an ex-officio member of the Financial Advertisers Association Research Committee, and they have recently done some very important work, and they are still doing it, whereby they took a list of 6,000 bond buyers. The list represented a composite taken from such companies as A. B. Leach and Morris Fox and several other companies, and they were sent out to the bond buyers, as to their reactions on advertising, and the reply showed that 80% of these people read the financial pages of newspapers.

Now, that rather reinforces the thing that we believed for quite a while, that there is a great importance in the newspapers in widening the bond field. These people, of course, were all bond buyers, and they know something about the bond market. Along that line we are continually getting much more stuff for the newspapers.

Over here is a new series—some of the biggest papers in the country are using it now—which goes to the papers for publication three times a week, called "Safety Zones for Dollars." It is illustrated, and we are getting very effective work out of that. I don't know how many hundreds of thousands, perhaps several million, people read that every week, because it is being printed by something more than 300 papers.

Report of Business Conduct Committee.

The report of the Business Conduct Committee of the Investment Bankers Association, was presented as follows at the annual meeting by the Chairman of the committee, Pliny Jewell, of Coffin & Burr, Inc., of Boston:

While a few matters have been referred to the Business Conduct Committee since the convention at St. Petersburg last winter, there are only three which the committee will ask the membership to consider.

First, adequate information in circulars: You will recall that there is now set up in the association machinery for having all offering circulars sent, after issue, to the Secretary's office; in turn, cleared to the various standing committees, there scrutinized, and if thought to be not in conformity with the principles enunciated by the association, referred to the Board of Governors or Business Conduct Committee. These principles were first formulated in 1923 and, to refresh your memory, will be found in the report of the Business Practice Committee on page 292 of the 1923 Year Book. Referring to public service holding companies having only a stock ownership in their subsidiaries, the committee recommended the setting forth in circulars of—

- (a) A consolidated statement of capitalization or a consolidated balance sheet.
- (b) A consolidated statement of earnings.
- (c) An income or profit and loss account of the holding company.

Further, that there should be readily accessible through reports, manuals or other media—

- (a) The securities of the subsidiary companies owned by the holding company and those owned by the public.
- (b) Statements for each subsidiary company giving earnings, expenses, maintenance expenditures and reserves, fixed charges, dividends, assets, capitalization and other liabilities.

The report added that at least a portion of the members of the committee believed the above information equally important where holding companies had a bond as well as a stock ownership in subsidiaries.

For reasons that will be immediately made clear, the Business Conduct Committee has decided, and has been supported in its decision by the Board of Governors, that the situation in relation to a particular instance which has arisen is such that no ends would be served by referring by name to the houses which have been concerned with the circular in question. All these houses in their correspondence in this matter have positively

placed themselves on record as being in entire sympathy with the object sought by the association, and are evidently clear in their conviction that if there has been transgression on their part it has not been willful.

Further, there are, without much question, grounds for entirely sincere differences of opinion. In the interests of brevity it may be possible to simplify the presentation without reading the correspondence. All must be conscious of the very great development in public utility holding company activities whereby some of them have also taken on in no small degree the functions of the investment trust. In the case of several large holding companies they not only own for purpose of control the majority stocks of many operating subsidiaries, but also, with some degree of frequency, buy and sell minorities of common stocks, various classes of preferred stocks, act as fiscal agents in the purchase and sale of short-time paper and note issues, and temporarily bank bond issues. It is clear that a statement of financial condition and capitalization as of a particular date, in accordance with the requirements of the association as laid down by the committee of 1923, will in many cases almost immediately become obsolete by reason of new sales and purchases.

The correspondence is here and the convention is entitled to hear it, if it so desires, the committee, however, reserving the right to withhold all names for reasons above stated. And the convention also has every right to discuss the question if it so desires. Frankly, the matter is of such complexity that the committee came to the conclusion that it was a subject for consideration by a small body; possibly our requirements in view of present developments are impractical of application, and a solution only to be satisfactorily reached through the deliberations of a special committee.

The committee, therefore, offered and the Board of Governors has adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, the Investment Bankers Association reaffirms its adherence to the general principles enunciated in the report of the committee of 1923 relating to adequate information in security circulars;

Whereas, developments affecting the functions of some of the so-called holding companies in the public service field seem to call for a review of the principles governing the preparation of circulars describing their securities, it is

Resolved, That a committee be appointed for this purpose by the President to invite the co-operation of representatives of houses specializing in holding company securities, of the holding companies themselves and of the economists.

The matter of bank officers' liability for distributing syndicate participations among favored friends, usually directors or stockholders, and their accountability to the bank for the same has been so thoroughly covered in the "Bulletin" that only this bare reference to it is necessary.

The only other subject which the committee feels called upon in bringing to the attention of the membership is the undoubted need, in the interests of a sounder, and incidentally more profitable, investment business, for a stricter limitation of those who receive syndicate or other concessions: a better classification of those who are, in fact, dealers or financial institutions, as the case may be. A few of the groups have these matters well in hand; others have apparently made no progress. It is not a particularly good augury for the future if special and entirely arbitrary concessions are being made to a favored few in such a sellers' market as we have clearly been experiencing during the past two or three years. It is not to be gathered that the committee believes this matter of classification is one that can be settled off-hand, but nevertheless it is the belief that a conscientious effort toward a stricter interpretation is greatly to be desired.

Respectfully submitted,

PLINY JEWELL, *Chairman*
HENRY C. OLCOTT, *Vice-Chairman*

R. R. GORDON,
G. M. MOSLER,
WILLIS D. WOOD,
FRANK McNAIR,
E. B. SWEETZ,
HERBERT FLEISCHHACKER,
ELLERY S. JAMES,
J. P. BUTLER JR.,
THOMAS S. GATES,
J. W. HYER,

T. STOCKTON MATTHEWS,
SIDNEY R. SMALL,
JOHN E. JARDINE,
EUGENE W. STEVENS,
ARTHUR S. BLUM,
CLAY H. HOLLISTER,
JOHN A. STEVENSON,
MARSHALL FIELD,
W. L. HEMINGWAY,
JOHN W. PRENTISS.

Report of Membership Committee.

Tom K. Smith of Kauffman, Smith & Co., St. Louis, in his report as Chairman of the Membership Committee, said in part.

To the end that all possible precautions may be taken to meet the increasing danger of lowering our membership standards, your committee urges the following procedure:

1. That sponsors be required to appear in person before the Executive Committee (or the Membership Committee) of the local group in support of the application they have endorsed. We believe that this requirement will deter members from sponsoring a house unless they are honestly desirous of securing its admission, and that they will sponsor only those applicants about whom they are thoroughly informed and concerning whom they are prepared and willing to be questioned in defense of their endorsement.
2. That the applicant himself be required to appear before the Executive Committee (or the Membership Committee) of the local group in these cases where all desired information is not in hand or where the committee is in doubt in its conclusions.
3. That sponsors shall secure at least ten letters from other members of the group evidencing their interest in as well as their approval of the application.
4. That votes on an application by the Executive Committee and by the Membership Committee of the local group be taken only at a meeting of these committees instead of by a mail or telephone ballot, as it has been found that discussion of a name in committee frequently develops important facts that would change votes taken in an informal or perfunctory manner.

In an organization such as ours, where the governing body has so little direct control over individual members and where such serious harm might accrue to the national association through the impaired reputation of one member, we consider it essential to the general welfare that every precaution should be exercised in the acceptance of applicants. We feel confident that it is only necessary to call this fact to your attention to make you realize the seriousness of passing upon every application with the greatest care and to secure your full co-operation as individual members and as groups.

Report of Nominating Committee of Investment Bankers Association—Newly Elected Officers.

The report of the Nominating Committee of the Investment Bankers Association was presented as follows by Thomas N. Dysart, of Knight, Dysart & Gamble, of St. Louis:

Mr. President and gentlemen, we beg to submit the following nominations for officers and Governors of the association:

The Vice-President I will group:

Mr. Joel E. Ferris, of Spokane.
Mr. Arthur Gilbert, of Chicago.
Mr. Henry R. Hayes, of New York.
Mr. Robert H. Moulton, of Los Angeles.
Mr. B. A. Tompkins, of New York.

five Vice-Presidents.

For Executive Secretary, Mr. Alden H. Little, of Chicago.
For Treasurer, Mr. Frank H. Gordon, of Chicago.
For Governors, terms expiring in 1927, Mr. Charles R. Blyth, of San Francisco; Mr. Sidney R. Small, of Detroit; Mr. Charles D. Dickey, of Philadelphia.

For Governors, terms expiring in 1928, Mr. John E. Jardine, of Los Angeles; Mr. Jerome J. Hanauer, of New York; Mr. Kelton E. White, of St. Louis.

For Governors, terms expiring 1929, Mr. George V. Rotan, of Houston; Mr. William J. Wardall, of Chicago; Mr. Robert R. Gordon, of Pittsburgh; Mr. Frank D. Nicol, of Detroit; Mr. Simon J. Block, of Baltimore; Mr. J. L. Seybold, of Minneapolis; Mr. John Dane, of New Orleans; Mr. Henry T. Ferriss, of St. Louis; Mr. Benjamin H. Dibblee, of San Francisco, and Mr. Willis K. Clark, of Portland, Ore.

And then, in addition to that, Mr. President, the committee, without the slightest hesitation, chose a gentleman whom we know you will unanimously approve for the office of President for the coming year, Mr. Pliny Jewell, of Boston.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The list of officers and Governors for the ensuing year follows:

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS, 1926-1927.

President:

Pliny Jewell, Coffin & Burr, Inc., Boston.

Vice-Presidents:

Joel E. Ferris, Ferris & Hardgrove, Spokane.
Arthur H. Gilbert, Spencer Trask & Co., Chicago.
Henry R. Hayes, Stone & Webster, Inc., New York.
Robert H. Moulton, R. H. Moulton & Co., Los Angeles.
B. A. Tompkins, Bankers Trust Co., New York.

Executive Secretary:

Alden H. Little, 105 South La Salle Street, Chicago.

Assistant Secretary:

Clayton G. Schray, 105 South La Salle Street, Chicago.

Educational Director:

Samuel O. Rice, 105 South La Salle Street, Chicago.

Field Secretary:

Arthur G. Davis, 105 South La Salle Street, Chicago.

Treasurer:

Frank M. Gordon, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Governors:

Ray Morris, Brown Brothers & Co., New York.
George Whitney, J. P. Morgan & Co., New York.
Joseph R. Swan, Guaranty Co. of New York, New York.
Clarkson Potter, Hayden Stone & Co., New York.
George B. Caldwell, 100 Broadway, New York.
Jerome J. Hanauer, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York.
Walter S. Brewster, Russell, Brewster & Co., Chicago.
William J. Wardall, Bonbright & Co., Chicago.
Henry C. Olcott, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Carroll J. Waddell, Drexel & Co., Philadelphia.

Charles D. Dickey, Brown Brothers & Co., Philadelphia.

Frank D. Nicol, Nicol, Ford & Co., Inc., Detroit.

Sidney R. Small, Harris, Small & Co., Detroit.

R. A. Willey, The Herrick Co., Cleveland.

Kelton E. White, G. H. Walker & Co., St. Louis.

Henry T. Ferriss, First National Co., St. Louis.

Max O. Whiting, Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc., Boston.

John P. Baer, John P. Baer & Co., Baltimore.

Simon J. Block, Nelson, Cook & Co., Baltimore.

John E. Jardine, Wm. R. Staats Co., Inc., Los Angeles.

Charles R. Blyth, Blyth, Witter & Co., San Francisco.

Benjamin H. Dibblee, E. H. Rollins & Sons, San Francisco.

Hugh W. Grove, First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee.

Edgar Friedlander, Edgar Friedlander, Cincinnati.

J. H. Gundy, Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

Sigmund Stern, Stern Brothers & Co., Kansas City.

Willis K. Clark, Geo. H. Burt, Conrad & Broom, Inc., Portland, Ore.

Charles T. Sidlo, Sidlo, Simons, Day & Co., Denver.

John Dana, Marine Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans.

J. L. Seybold, Wells-Dickey & Co., Minneapolis.

Robert R. Gordon, Gordon & Co., Pittsburgh.

George V. Rotan, Neuhaus & Co., Houston.

Director of Publicity:

Harry Rascovar, 14 Stone Street, New York.

Office Counsel:

Theodore S. Chapman, 111 West Monroe Street, Chicago.

Committee Counsel:

Paul V. Keyser, Woodward Building, Washington.

Official Reporter:

Frederick H. Gurtler, 69 West Washington Street, Chicago.

The names of the committee chairmen were announced as follows by the newly-elected President, Pliny Jewell:

At this time it is appropriate to announce the committees for next year, but as there are over 220 members of the working standing committees and regular committees of the I. B. A., it is customary only to announce the committee chairmen, the rest of the names are published in the "Bulletin." Chairman of the Business Conduct Committee.—I am going through these quickly, but I must stop here. It has been customary in the I. B. A., most of the time, for the retiring President to accept the chairmanship of the Business Conduct Committee. Those who have been familiar with the workings the last year and the strain that has been put on our retiring President, Mr. Morris, will appreciate his reasons when he felt he could not take this chairmanship for the ensuing year. Therefore, for the chairman of that committee this year, Kelton E. White, of St. Louis.

Commercial Credits.—Walter E. Sachs, of New York.

Constitution and By-Laws.—Robert H. Moulton, of Los Angeles.

Education.—Lawrence Chamberlain, New York.

Finance Committee.—W. J. Wardall, Chicago.

Foreign Securities Committee.—Howard F. Beebe, New York.

You will note, gentlemen, that there are several reappointments. The old-fashioned phrase of not swapping horses in the middle of the stream holds. A number of these committees were in the midst of important things where their experience and continuity were called for.

Government and Farm Loans Committee.—Max O. Whiting, of Boston.

Industrial Securities Committee.—Sidney R. Small, of Detroit.

Irrigation Securities Committee.—Willis K. Clark, Portland, Ore.

Legislation Committee.—Hugh W. Grove, of Milwaukee; Vice-Chairman, Arthur H. Gilbert, of Chicago; Barrett Wendell Jr., of Chicago.

Membership Committee.—Henry T. Ferriss, of St. Louis.

Municipal Securities Committee.—John J. English, Chicago.

Publicity Committee.—Robert Stevenson, Chicago.

Public Service Securities Committee.—J. L. Seybold, Minneapolis; Vice-Chairman, Henry C. Olcott, of Chicago.

Railroad Securities Committee.—Joseph R. Swan, of New York.

Real Estate Securities Committee.—Clarkson Potter, of New York.

Taxation Committee.—Carroll J. Waddell, of Philadelphia.

Europe Interested in Installment Selling, According to Phillip W. Haberman of the Commercial Investment Trust Corporation.

According to Phillip W. Haberman, Vice-President of the Commercial Investment Trust Corporation, "European business men are showing an intense interest in American methods of merchandising." He says.

While they have long realized that the average standard of living was higher in the United States than elsewhere, they have been in the habit in the past of ascribing it to America's greater natural resources. Many are now questioning whether our prosperity may not be due in part to the employment of better business methods. There is now a very wide consideration of American methods with the view to adapt them to European conditions in an endeavor to build up their home markets. Our continued prosperity has deeply impressed the European business man.

Since most countries of Western Europe have a productive capacity in excess of ordinary domestic consumption, the leaders of industry have been particularly impressed by the part that the deferred payment method of merchandising has played in increasing the purchasing power of the American public and widening the market for a great many types of articles. Installment selling along American lines is gaining in volume in England and Germany. The method is used both by American firms selling in these countries and by local industries seeking a broader market for their output.

Installment financing is pursuing a steady, normal development. It is not the desire of the American interests involved to force under artificial stimulus the hasty and indiscriminate development in Europe of installment selling. They are concentrating their attention on building on a stable, permanent basis of sound banking practice, especially adapted to local conditions. In this way it is expected to prevent the development in Europe of unreasoned antagonism to the entire practice of installment selling, such as has been manifested in this country by some critics who appear to be willing to throw out the baby with the bath.

THE CURB MARKET.

Heavy liquidation in the Curb Market continued this week and forced prices down in the fore part of the week. Later there was a turn for the better, but this was of short duration and prices moved downward again. Trading was quiet. Among utilities American Gas & Electric common was conspicuous for an advance from 97½ to 103½, the close to-day being at 103¾. American Light & Traction common eased off from 208½ to 204¼, the final sale for the week being at 204½. Brazilian Traction, Light & Power ordinary stock sold up from 101 to 106½. Penn-Ohio Securities preferred jumped up from 79½ to 86, but fell back to 83. Industrials were quiet. E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. common lost nine points to 153, recovered to 159½ and sold finally at 156½. Ford Motor of Canada sold down from 405 to 391 and at 393 finally. Glen Alden Coal declined from 177 to 173¾ and closed to-day at 175. Warner Bros. Pictures dropped from 45¾ to 35½, recovered to 40, a final reaction carrying the price down to 37. Oils were lower. Cumberland Pipe Line weakened from 107 to 104. Humble Oil & Refining lost three points to 52 and finished to-day at 52¾. Vacuum Oil lost nearly five points to 90¼, the final transaction to-day being at 90½. Gulf Oil of Pa. fell from 90 to 86¾ and finished to-day at 87.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2129.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended Oct. 22.	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind & Misc.	Oil.	Mining.	Domestic.	For'n Govt.
Saturday	103,152	53,090	23,900	\$928,000	\$147,000
Monday	111,291	109,900	49,010	1,845,000	532,000
Tuesday	118,707	124,790	33,050	1,687,000	624,000
Wednesday	137,967	117,210	37,100	1,784,000	430,000
Thursday	133,782	103,076	50,620	1,492,000	532,000
Friday	123,181	91,430	28,750	1,699,000	194,000
Total	728,080	599,496	222,430	\$9,435,000	\$2,459,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVERT MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Oct. 6 1926:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 29th ult. amounted to £154,262,575, as compared with £154,365,265 on the previous Wednesday.

About £495,000 bar gold was available in the open market yesterday and of this the Continent secured about £400,000, the balance being divided between India and the trade.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced since our last letter:

	Sept. 30.	Oct. 1.	Oct. 2.	Oct. 4.	Oct. 5.	Oct. 6.
Received	£33,000					
Withdrawn	£30,000		£501,000	£70,000	£12,000	£446,000

The withdrawals were mainly bar gold, only £45,000 sovereigns being taken for export as follows: Singapore, £10,000; France, 10,000; Argentina £10,000; Spain, £5,000; Holland, £5,000 and India, £5,000. During the week under review £1,026,000 on balance has been withdrawn from the Bank, thus decreasing the net influx since the 1st Jan. 1926 to £39,874,000 and increasing the net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard to £1,721,000.

United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ending the 29th ult. were:

	Imports—	Exports—	
Belgian Congo	£38,760	Germany	£160,300
British West Africa	33,757	British India	38,670
British South Africa	3,775	Straits Settlements	65,250
		Ceylon	22,500
		Other countries	14,479
Total	£76,292	Total	£301,199

An improved method of seeking to increase the gold output is revealed by the following extract from the "Times" of the 24th ult.: "So many prospectors are going into Northern Ontario, Canada, to search for gold that one of the airways companies engaged in the traffic is about to provide an aeroplane that will carry two 17-ft. canoes, as well as passengers and supplies. This aeroplane will operate from Sioux Lookout, northward into Patricia."

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for the month of August last amounted to 49,735 ounces, as compared with 50,460 ounces for July 1926 and 49,245 ounces for August 1925.

SILVER.

On the 30th ult., the day succeeding our last letter, the prices fell heavily to 26¼d. and 26¼d. for cash and two months' delivery respectively—constituting fresh recent records. Under the influence of bear covering and a demand for prompt shipment to India prices rallied and the premium on forward delivery gradually disappeared until on Oct. 4, 26¼d. was quoted for both deliveries. The recovery, however, though pronounced, was short lived, being based merely on speculation, and the temper and statistical position of the market deprived it of power to endure. The price broke again yesterday and to-day carrying the quotations lower than any since Dec. 23 1915. Chinese buyers were responsible for the rally, but have now turned into sellers, and, as bears seem still inclined to wait for a lower level, the outlook remains still unpromising.

A large shipment, about £400,000, is being made this week for India, but the consignees have mostly sold for forward delivery there against. As supplies, lately, owing to the weakness of the China exchanges, have been converging upon Indian, that market will probably need some time to absorb them.

United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ending the 29th ult. were:

Imports—		Exports—	
Belgium	£9,860	Germany	£12,240
United States of America	51,270	Egypt	6,580
Mexico	110,950	China	81,825
Other countries	949	British India	248,590
		Other countries	2,940
Total	£173,037	Total	£352,175

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees.)	Sept. 15.	Sept. 22.	Sept. 30.
Notes in circulation	19851	19534	19645
Silver coin and bullion in India	10081	10163	10273
Silver coin and bullion out of India			
Gold coin and bullion in India	2232	2232	2232
Gold coin and bullion out of India			
Securities (Indian Government)	5788	5739	5740
Securities (British Government)	1800	1400	1400

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending the 30th ult. The stock in Shanghai on the 2d inst. consisted of about 72,400,000 ounces in sycee, 68,500,000 dollars and 5,660 silver bars, as compared with 70,800,000 ounces in sycee 68,500,000 dollars and 7,060 silver bars on the 25th ult.

Statistics for the month of September last are appended:

	Bar Silver, per Oz. Std.	Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine.
Highest price	28 11-16d.	84s. 11½d.
Lowest price	28 ¼d.	84s. 10½d.
Average price	27.904d.	84s. 11.4d.

Quotations during the week:

	Bar silver, per Oz. Std.	Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine.
Sept. 30	26 ¼d.	84s. 11 ½d.
Oct. 1	26 5-16d.	84s. 9 ¾d.
2	26 11-16d.	84s. 11 ½d.
3	26 ¼d.	84s. 11 ½d.
4	26 5-16d.	84s. 11 ½d.
5	25 13-16d.	84s. 11 ½d.
6	26 333d.	84s. 11.1d.
Average	26.333d.	84s. 11.1d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and 2 months' delivery respectively are ¼d. and ¾d. below those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

London, Sat.,	Mon.,	Tues.,	Wed.,	Thurs.,	Fri.,
Week End Oct. 22. Oct. 16.	Oct. 18.	Oct. 19.	Oct. 20.	Oct. 21.	Oct. 22.
Silver, per oz.	25d.	24 3-16d.	24 5-16d.	24 ¼d.	24 ¼d.
Gold, per fine oz	84s. 11 ½d.	84s. 11 ½d.	84s. 11 ½d.	84s. 11 ½d.	84s. 11 ½d.
Consols, 2½%	54½	54½	54½	54½	54½
British, 5%	101½	101½	101½	101½	101½
British, 4½%	95	95	95	95½	95
French Rentes					
(In Paris) fr.	47.70	48.45	49.25	49	48.30
French War L'n					
(In Paris) fr.	53.95	54.40	55.15	55.85	55

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	Foreign	54	52	51½	51¼	51½
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Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Oct. 16 to Oct. 22, 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.
Almar Stores	100	16¼	16 ½	17	2,215	16 ½	Oct 20 ½
Alliance Insurance	10	49	49	49	10	36	Jan 59
American Stores	100	70 ¾	69 ¾	72 ¾	6,135	60	Mar 94 ½
Baldwin Locomotive	100	111 ¾	111 ¾	115 ¾	45	99 ¾	Apr 125 ½
Bell Tel Co of Pa pref	100	111 ¾	111 ¾	111 ¾	289	109 ¾	Apr 113 ¾
Brill Corp class A	100	40 ½	40 ½	40 ½	50	40 ¾	Oct 51
Buf & Sus Corp p v t c	100	37	37	37	15	37	Oct 53
Cambria Iron	50	40	40	40	27	38	Jan 40 ¾
Congoleum Co Inc	100	20 ¼	20 ¼	22	90	13 ¾	May 29
Eisenlohr (Otto)	100	11 ¾	11 ¾	11 ¾	145	11	Oct 20 ¾
Elec Stor Battery	100	81 ¾	83 ¾	83 ¾	497	73	Jan 93 ¾
Horn & Hardart (Phila) com	100	271	271 ¾	271 ¾	30	268	Oct 275
Horn & Hardart (N Y) com	100	50	52 ¾	52 ¾	775	49	Sept 55 ¾
General Asphalt	100	68 ¾	74 ¾	74 ¾	610	58	Mar 93
Giant Portland Cement	50	58	57	60	810	31	May 62 ½
Preferred	50	53	53	54	3,029	34 ¾	Jan 56
Insurance Co of N A	10	51 ¾	50	52	2,026	49	Mar 64 ½
Keystone Telephone	50	5	5	5	5	5	July 7 ½
Preferred	50	18	18	18	5	17	July 29 ¾
Lake Superior Corp	100	1 ¾	1 ¾	1 ¾	400	1 ¾	July 4 ¾

Stocks (Concluded) Par	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Par	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.					
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.							
Lehigh Navigation.....	50	105	105 107	820	97 1/2	Mar	120 1/2	Feb	51 1/2	52 1/2	66	45	Jan	57 1/2	Feb		
Lit Brothers.....	10	26 1/2	26 1/2	1,065	25	Mar	33 1/2	Jan	106	106	10	102	Jan	107 1/2	July		
Man Rubber.....	10	2	2 1/2	100	2	July	8	Jan	110 1/2	111	107	108 1/2	Mar	111 1/2	Aug		
Northern Central.....	50	81	81	48	79 1/2	Feb	82	July	113 1/2	113 1/2	75	109	Mar	113 1/2	Sept		
Penn Cent L & R cum pf.....	50	72	71 1/2	73	91	Sept	91	Feb	127	126 1/2	64	124	Jan	128 1/2	Feb		
Pennsylvania RR.....	50	51	51	17,900	48 1/2	Mar	56 1/2	Sept	100	39 1/2	39 1/2	153	36	Mar	53	Feb	
Pennsylvania Salt Mfg.....	50	76	75	76 1/2	210	71	Jan	91	Feb	28	27	30 1/2	105	27	Oct	48	Feb
Phila Co (Pitts) pf (5%).....	50	37	37	20	37	Mar	39 1/2	Jan	50	131	130 1/2	60	117 1/2	Mar	131	Oct	
Preferred (cumul 6%).....	50	49	49 1/2	115	48 1/2	Apr	50 1/2	July	10	25	25	10	25	Oct	26	Oct	
Phila Electric of Penna.....	25	47 1/2	46 1/2	48 1/2	30,786	41 1/2	Apr	67 1/2	Jan	17 1/2	17 1/2	25	17 1/2	Sept	21 1/2	Jan	
Power receipts.....	25	9 1/2	9 1/2	1,072	3 1/2	Apr	9 1/2	Oct	10	10	10	27 1/2	9	Aug	10 1/2	Feb	
Phila Rapid Transit.....	50	51	51	53	2,030	51	Jan	57 1/2	Feb	94	94 1/2	225	85 1/2	Aug	96	Sept	
Phila & Read C & I Co.....	50	39 1/2	40 1/2	200	27 1/2	May	58 1/2	Feb	81	81	81 1/2	121	81	Mar	89	Jan	
Philadelphia Traction.....	50	56 1/2	56 1/2	57	505	56 1/2	Jan	65	Feb	19 1/2	20	255	19 1/2	Aug	24 1/2	Feb	
Phila & Western.....	50	11 1/2	11 1/2	925	11	Mar	16 1/2	May	97	96 1/2	97	57	94	May	102	Jan	
Preferred.....	50	36 1/2	36 1/2	50	4 1/2	Jan	41	Aug	43 1/2	43 1/2	75	41	Apr	47	Sept		
Reading Company.....	50	83 1/2	84 1/2	120	82	Apr	99 1/2	July	23	23	23	98	20	Apr	23 1/2	Sept	
Shreve El Dorado Pipe L 25	25 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	26 1/2	2,784	13 1/2	July	28	Oct	19 1/2	19 1/2	75	9 1/2	May	26	Oct	
Stanley Co of America.....	50	79	77	84	15,675	55	May	92 1/2	Sept	74	73	74	201	62 1/2	June	83	Oct
Tono-Belmont Devel.....	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	4,805	2	1-16	Apr	4 1/2	Jan	50 1/2	51	149	49	Mar	56 1/2	Jan	
Toponah Mining.....	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	3,925	3 1/2	Oct	7 1/2	Feb	27	27	27	75	26 1/2	May	27	Jan	
Union Traction.....	50	39 1/2	39 1/2	917	38	Jan	43 1/2	Jan	81	81	81	10	78 1/2	Jan	82	June	
United Gas Improvt.....	50	102 1/2	100 1/2	108 1/2	24,604	84 1/2	Mar	144 1/2	Jan	162	160	164	59	141	May	171	Jan
Div stock, D, w l.....	1	81 1/2	86 1/2	1,866	81 1/2	Oct	86 1/2	Oct	13 1/2	14	110	13 1/2	10	Oct	22	Jan	
Victor Talking Machine.....	1	98	99 1/2	320	80	Mar	106 1/2	Oct	93 1/2	94	55	88	94	Oct	94	Oct	
West Jersey & Sea Shore.....	50	40	40	100	40	Oct	48	July	19 1/2	18 1/2	20 1/2	4,816	17	Jan	20 1/2	Oct	
Westmoreland Coal, new 50	50 1/2	50 1/2	53	111	49	Apr	56	Jan	220	222	151	187	Mar	225	Sept		
West Mid Dairy, Inc pf.....	50	53 1/2	52	53 1/2	32	Sept	54 1/2	Jan	53 1/2	52	53 1/2	32	52	Sept	54 1/2	Jan	

Bonds—
Adv Bag & Paper 7s..... 1943 101 103 1/2 \$2,000 100 1/2 Jan 104 Mar
Auer Gas & Elec 5s..... 2007 94 98 21,800 89 1/2 Feb 101 1/2 May
Consol Trac N J 1st 5s 1932 62 62 5,000 58 Jan 69 1/2 Feb
Elec & Peoples tr cts 4s 45 56 1/2 56 1/2 15,000 56 1/2 Oct 69 1/2 Feb
Keystone Telep 1st 5s 1935 91 91 6,000 91 Jan 93 1/2 Feb
Peoples Pass tr cts 4s 1943 63 63 2,000 63 Sept 68 1/2 Jan
Phila Co cons & coll tr 5s stmpd sk fd & red..... 1951 98 98 1/2 5,000 96 1/2 Jan 99 1/2 May
Phila Elec 1st s f 4s..... 1966 87 1/2 87 1/2 1,000 84 Feb 87 1/2 Sept
5s..... 1960 101 1/2 101 1/2 1,000 101 1/2 Oct 103 1/2 Apr
1st 5s..... 1966 103 1/2 103 1/2 8,300 102 Mar 104 1/2 June
5 1/2s..... 1953 105 1/2 105 1/2 6,000 103 1/2 Mar 108 June
6 1/2s..... 1941 107 1/2 107 1/2 6,000 105 July 108 1/2 Aug
5 1/2s..... 1972 102 1/2 102 1/2 25,000 100 1/2 Aug 103 May
Reading Trac 1st m 6s 33 102 1/2 102 1/2 2,000 102 Oct 102 Oct
United Rys gold tr cts 4s 49 59 59 2,700 57 June 65 Jan
York Railways 1st 6s 1937 95 1/2 95 95 1/2 7,000 95 Oct 96 1/2 July

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Oct. 16 to Oct. 22, 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.		
Banks—									
First National Bank.....	100	245	245	18	228	Jan	251	Sept	
Nat Bk of Commerce.....	100	163 1/2	165	24	155	Jan	171	Feb	
Trust Company—									
American Trust.....	100	166	166	10	163	May	166	Oct	
Street Railway—									
St Louis Public Service.....	100	17 1/2	17 1/2	133 1/2	16	Sept	20	May	
Miscellaneous—									
Amer Credit Indemnity.....	25	55	55	124	49	Mar	55	Oct	
Berry Motor.....	10	16	16	10	15	Sept	31	Jan	
Best Clymer Co.....	50	48 1/2	50 1/2	385	48 1/2	Oct	66	Mar	
Boyd-Welsh Shoe.....	10	41	40 1/2	41	220	35 1/2	Mar	44 1/2	Feb
Brown Shoe, common.....	100	35 1/2	33 1/2	36	510	30	June	44 1/2	Feb
P preferred.....	100	109 1/2	110	107	107	Aug	111	Jan	
Cert-Teed Prod 1st pf.....	100	105 1/2	105 1/2	5	98 1/2	Apr	105 1/2	Oct	
Century Electric Co.....	100	117	117	117	5	110	Apr	117 1/2	Oct
Bruce (E L) common.....	100	37	37	10	37	Oct	53 1/2	Jan	
Emerson Electric pref.....	100	101	101	5	100	Jan	104 1/2	Jan	
Ely & Walker D G com.....	25	29 1/2	28	29 1/2	1,075	28	Oct	35	Jan
Fulton Iron Works, com.....	25	15	15	60	13	Oct	36 1/2	Feb	
Hamilton-Brown Shoe.....	25	44	44	69	43	May	57	Jan	
Hussman Refr common.....	100	34 1/2	34 1/2	35	60	34	Aug	41	Jan
Huttig S & D common.....	100	30	30	30	100	30	Oct	44	Feb
Preferred.....	100	100	100 1/2	65	100	Oct	103	June	
Indep Packing pref.....	100	109	109	10	104 1/2	Aug	109	Oct	
International Shoe com.....	100	159	159 1/2	40	135	May	175 1/2	Jan	
Preferred.....	100	107	108	30	107	Oct	111 1/2	Jan	
Income Leasehold com.....	100	15	15	80	15	Oct	15	Oct	
Johansen Shoe.....	100	30	30	55	28	June	45	Jan	
Johnson-S & S Shoe.....	100	58	58	100	50	May	85 1/2	Jan	
Laclede Steel Co.....	100	160	160	5	148	June	160	Oct	
Mo-Ills Stores common.....	100	15	15	140	14 1/2	June	17 1/2	Jan	
Mo Portland Cement, com.....	25	55 1/2	50 1/2	55 1/2	965	48 1/2	Mar	67	Jan
National Candy com.....	100	81	82	95	70	Apr	92	Feb	
Second preferred.....	100	101	101	10	100	Sept	104	Mar	
Polar Wave Ice A.....	100	31 1/2	31 1/2	630	31 1/2	Oct	37 1/2	Feb	
Rice-Stix Dr G'ds com.....	100	21 1/2	21 1/2	7	21	Oct	25 1/2	Feb	
First preferred.....	100	106 1/2	106 1/2	50	106	Sept	109	Jan	
Second preferred.....	100	97 1/2	97 1/2	17	97 1/2	Oct	102 1/2	Jan	
Sheffield Steel common.....	100	26	26	26 1/2	455	24	May	29 1/2	Jan
Skouras Bros A.....	100	50	50	110	45 1/2	May	59	Jan	
S'western Bell Tel pref.....	100	114	114 1/2	210	112 1/2	Apr	115 1/2	Sept	
St L Amusement A.....	100	46	47	120	46	Oct	59 1/2	Jan	
Stix Baer & Fuller.....	100	32	32 1/2	50	28 1/2	Aug	35 1/2	Jan	
Wagner Electric com.....	100	110	113 1/2	13 1/2	110	13 1/2	July	34 1/2	Jan
Wagner Elec Corp pref.....	100	13	13	15	61 1/2	July	85	Jan	
Walker (Wm) common.....	100	45 1/2	47	120	40	Apr	49 1/2	Sept	
Preferred.....	100	108 1/2	108 1/2	5	104	Apr	108 1/2	Oct	
Mining—									
Granite Bi-Metallic.....	10	30c	30c	1,000	25c	Apr	30c	Oct	
Consol Lead & Zinc Co.....	10	22	22	111	22	Oct	28	Mar	
Street Railway Bonds									
E St Louis & Sub Co 5s '32	50	87 1/2	87 1/2	\$1,000	83 1/2	Feb	87 1/2	Oct	
United Rys 4s.....	1934	77	77	66,000	75	Jan	78 1/2	Apr	
Miscellaneous—									
Mo-Edison Elec 5s.....	1927	100	100	100	2,000	100	Oct	100 1/2	Feb

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Oct. 16 to Oct. 22, 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.		
Arundel Corp new stock.....	33	32 1/2	33 1/2	844	28 1/2	Mar	36	Jan	
Baltimore Trust Co.....	50	129 1/2	129 1/2	117	120	Apr	154	Feb	
Benesch (I) com.....	25	39	39	39 1/2	78	27	Sept	40	Jan
Preferred.....	25	28 1/2	28 1/2	31	26 1/2	Jan	27	Jan	
Ches & Po Tel of Balt pf 100	100	114 1/2	113 1/2	114 1/2	31	110 1/2	Jan	116	June
Commercial Credit.....	25	23	22	23 1/2	510	20 1/2	Oct	46 1/2	Jan
Preferred B.....	25	24	24	4	23 1/2	Oct	27 1/2	Jan	
6 1/2 Preferred.....	100	91	90	91	142	90	June	97	Feb

Stocks (Continued) Par	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		
Consol Gas, E L & Pow.....	100	51 1/2	52 1/2	66	45	Jan	57 1/2	Feb
6 1/2 preferred.....	100	106	106	10</				

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1926 is as below.

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns: Week Oct. 16 1926, Since July 1 1926, Week Oct. 16 1926, Since July 1 1926, Week Oct. 16 1926, Since July 1 1926.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Oct. 16, were as follows.

GRAIN STOCKS. Table with columns: United States, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Sub-columns: bush, bush, bush, bush, bush.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 61,000 bushels; Buffalo, 124,000; Duluth, 24,000; total, 199,000 bushels, against 332,000 bushels in 1925.

Canadian— Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian. Table with columns: Total Oct. 16 1926, Total Oct. 9 1926, Total Oct. 17 1925.

Summary— American, Canadian. Table with columns: Total Oct. 16 1926, Total Oct. 9 1926, Total Oct. 17 1925.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Oct. 15, and since July 1 1926 and 1925, are shown in the following.

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns: 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Further sub-columns: Week Oct. 15, Since July 1, Since July 1, Week Oct. 15, Since July 1, Since July 1.

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

Table with columns: Applications to Organize Received, Applications to Organize Approved, Application to Convert Received. Includes bank names and capital amounts.

CHARTER ISSUED. Oct. 13—12,997—The Franklin Square National Bank, Franklin Square, N. Y. President, A. C. Phillips. Cashier, A. E. Smith. 50,000 CHANGE OF TITLE. Oct. 12—9,597—The First National Bank of Blackwood, N. J., to "The First National Bank & Trust Company of Blackwood." VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS. Oct. 14—11,777—The First National Bank of Watertown, Minn. Effective Sept. 28 1926. Liq. Agent, G. W. Quandt, Watertown, Minn. Absorbed by the State Bank of Watertown, Minn. Oct. 16—7,050—The First National Bank of Hartshorne, Okla. Effective Oct. 6 1926. Liq. Agent, P. M. Willis, Hartshorne, Okla. Succeeded by First State Bank in Hartshorne, Okla.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not act ally dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York: Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 100 Elliott-Fisher, com. v. t. 120 1/4 150 Haytock-Cromemeyer Co., common \$1,050 lot 3,600 Metex Petroleum Corp. (Inc. in Delaware), par \$5. \$3 lot 51 Wm. E. Amazeen & Co., Inc., preferred \$26 lot 7,650 Powell Oil Co., com., par \$1. \$7 lot 28,000 Iron King Consol. Mining Co. (Incorp. Utah), par \$1. 4c. 2 Salt Lake Knitting Works (Inc. Utah) \$35 lot 206 Pribyl Realty Corp. 5 200 Tri-Bullion Smelting & Devel. Co., par \$5. \$7 5 Standard Oil & Gas Lt. Co. (Inc. West Virginia) \$7 45 Hudson Co. Consumers Brewing, Ltd. 4 Demand note of the Internat. Coal Products Corp. for \$220,000. \$100 lot

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston: Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 17 First National Bank 336 10 American Trust Co. 433 5 Wm. Whitman, Inc., pref. 84 27 Ipswich Mills. 47-47 10 Esmond Mills, pref. 102 100 North Boston Lt. Prop. 36 4 Farr Alpaca Co., pref. 174 55 Hamilton Woolen Co. 35 11 Nashua Mfg. Co. 47 75 U. S. Worsted Corp. 90c 23 U. S. Worsted Corp., 1st pref. 8 26 Ludlow Mfg. Associates. 171 3 Saco Lowell Shops 3 15 Saco Lowell Shops, 1st pref. 32 1/2 15 Saco Lowell Shops, 2d pref. 11 1/2 30 Crowell & Thurlow SS. \$35 lot 700 Chatham Associates Trust 7 100 North Boston Lt. Prop. 36 10 Eastern Mfg. Co., pref. 38 25 Tyler Rubber Co., pref. 42 3 Lowell El. Lt. Corp., 62 1/2 ex-div. & rts. 11 First Peoples Trust, units. 72 32 Haverhill Electric Co. 77 70 Amer. Agric. Chem. Co., pref. 41 1/2

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston: Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 4 First National Bank 336 4 National Shawmut Bank 239 35 Webster & Atlas National Bank 225 10 First National Bank 243 7 Beacon Trust Co. 255 5 Bates Mfg. Co. 133 3 Merrimack Mfg. Co., common. 110 21 Peppermint Mfg. Co. 119 12 Bates Mfg. Co. 131 1/2-131 1/2 24 Arlington Mills. 72 10 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co. 151 1/2 20 Hamilton Mfg. Co. 35c 5 Lancaster Mills, pref. 56 10 Farr Alpaca Co. 175 3 Eastern Mfg. Co., 1st pref. 38 1/2 10 Ludlow Mfg. Associates. 171 100 West Boylston Mfg. Co., com. 11 1/2 5 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co. 151 1/2 11 Cambridge Gas Light Co., par \$25. 78 12 American Glue Co., pref. 112 ex-div. 10 Fidelity Phenix Fire Ins. Co., par \$25. 187 2 Public Electric Light Co., 6% p. 8 8 units First Peoples Trust. 72 11 special units First Peoples Trust. 5 100 New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co., par \$25. 80 17 Charlesworth Gas & Electric Co., par \$25. 116 33 Connecticut Electric Service Co., conv. pref. 67 5 Quincy Mkt. Cold Storage & Warehouse Co., com. 30 17 Back Bay Realty Associates. 133 1 The Capital Fire Ins. Co., pref., Concord, N. H. 99 220 Lowell Electric Light Co. 1 1/2

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia: Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 233 1-3 F. A. Poth & Sons, Inc. 75 8 Keystone Telep. Co., pref., par \$50. 18 2 Keystone Telep. Co., com., par \$50. 5 3 Fairmont Park & Haddington Passenger Ry. 39 43 Camden Fire Ins. Assoc., par \$5. 14 10 New W. Laundry Co., no par. 10 33 1-3 Empire Title & Trust Co. (\$25 paid in), par \$50. 50 5 American Academy of Music, with ticket. 1055 2 Franklin Fourth St. Nat. Bank. 585 8 Franklin Fourth St. Nat. Bank. 583 1 National Security Bank. 1020 9 National Security Bank. 1016 8 Penn Nat. Bank. 610 5 Eighth Nat. Bank of Phila. 995 5 Union National Bank. 260 15 Union National Bank. 260 20 Fern Rock Trust Co., par \$50. 60 6 Metropolitan Trust Co. 113 4 Aldine Trust Co. 261 29 Bk. of No. Am. & Trust Co. 374 4 Fidelity Philadelphia Trust Co. 708 6 Jenkintown (Pa.) Bk. & Tr. Co. 355

Rights.	\$ per right.	Bonds.	Per cent.
1-3 Franklin Trust Co.	190	\$500 Johnstown Trac. Co. 1st & ref.	
1 Franklin Trust Co.	190	58, 1943	65 1/2
Bonds.	Per cent.	\$7,000 bond for deed and profit shar-	
\$4,000 Soper-Mitchell Coal Co. 1st	90	ing acreage contract of the Ban na	\$3 lot
s. f. 7s. Aug. 1 1939		Growers Co., for 50 acres	
\$200 Union Passenger Ry. 2d M.	64 1/2	\$5,000 Tiona Refg. Co. 1st M. 8s,	99
4s, Mar. 31 1960		1936	

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

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.
100 March Gold, par 10c		17c	20 Central Mexican Oil Co., par		\$10
1,000 Consolidated West Dome Lake,		21c	6 Buff. Niag. & East. Power, no par		31 1/2
par \$1			1,000 Night Hawk, par \$1		.04 1/2c
2 Buff. Niag. & East. power, pref.,		25			
par \$25					

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.
Railroads (Steam).			
Cincinnati Sandusky & Cleveland	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Oct. 26 to Nov. 2
Elmira & Williamsport common	\$1.15	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Public Utilities.			
Amer. Superpower Corp., com. A & B (qu.)	30c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Com. A & B (in partic. pref. stock)	n50c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
First preferred (qu.)	\$1.50	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Associated Gas & Elec., \$6 pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
\$6 1/2 preferred (qu.)	1.62 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Bangor Hydro-Elec. Co., common (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11
Brazilian Tr. L. & Pow., ordinary (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Cambridge Electric Light (qu.)	*\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Cedar Rapids Mfg. & Power (qu.)	3/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Central & S. W. Util., pr. lien & pf. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Connecticut Ry. & Ltg., com. & pf. (qu.)	1.12 1/2	Nov. 15	Nov. 1 to Nov. 15
Dallas Power & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Eastern States Power, pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Edison Elec. Illum. of Brockton (qu.)	62 1/2c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 22a
Fall River Gas Works (qu.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Georgia Ry. & Electric, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 10
Kentucky Utilities, junior pref. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Nov. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Key System Transit, prior pref. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Nov. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Lawrence Gas & Electric (qu.)	62 1/2c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Montreal Lt., Ht. & Pow. Consol. (qu.)	50c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Montreal Light, Heat & Power (qu.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
National Power & Light, com. (qu.)	*20c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Northern N. Y. Utilities, pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Pacific Power & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18
Portland Gas & Coke, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18
Securities Corp. Gen., com. (qu.)	*\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Preferred (qu.)	*\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Union Street Ry, New Bedford (qu.)	*1	Nov. 3	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Banks.			
Chemical National (bi-monthly)	4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 22a
Trust Companies.			
Farmers Loan & Trust (qu.)	4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Kings County, Brooklyn (qu.)	*12 1/2	Nov. 1	
Extra	*10	Nov. 1	
Fire Insurance.			
Westchester (qu.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Oct. 22 to Oct. 31
Extra	10c.	Nov. 1	Oct. 22 to Oct. 31
Miscellaneous.			
Acme Wire, preferred (qu.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18
Amalgamated Sugar, 1st pref. (qu.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a
American Brick, com. (qu.)	*25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25
Common (extra)	*5c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25
Preferred (qu.)	*50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25
Amer. Radiator, common (qu.)	\$1.25	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
American Stores (qu.)	*50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Extra	*50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Armstrong Cork, common (qu.)	*\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Common (payable in common stock)	*75	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Preferred (qu.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 25a
Art Metal Construction (qu.)	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25a
Bang Service Stations, Inc., pf. (qu.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Benesh (Isaac) & Sons, Inc., A. com. (qu.)	75c.	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Preferred (qu.)	50c.	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Best-Clymer Co. (qu.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Bond & Mgt. Guarantee (qu.)	4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 8
Brill (J. G.) Co., com	*\$2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 29
Preferred (qu.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 29
Brookway Motor Truck (qu.)	*50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Stock dividend	*62	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Burns Bros., common (qu.)	*\$2.50	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Common B (qu.)	*50c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Butler Bros. (qu.)	3 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Canada Cement, preferred (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Chase (A. W.) Co., Ltd., pref. (qu.)	2	Nov. 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Chic. Wilm. & Frank, Coal, pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Chic. Consolidated Mining (qu.)	*10c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10
Chrysler Company, com. (qu.)	*75c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Clinchfield Coal Corp., pref. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25
Davis Mills (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 24	Holders of rec. Oct. 24
Dominion Bridge (qu.)	1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Electric Household Utilities Corp.	750c.	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 19
Electric Refrigeration, common (qu.)	*50c.	Nov. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 29
Common (payable in common stock)	*71 1/4	Nov. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 29
Firestone Tire & Rubber, 7 1/2 pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Fitzsimmons & Connell Dredge & Dock (qu.)	*50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Federal Terra Cotta, pref. (qu.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
Globe Automatic Sprinkler, pref. (qu.)	*3 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Gobel (Adolph), Inc., conv. pref. (qu.)	*\$1.16	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25
Grant (W. T.) Co., preferred (qu.)	*2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Great Lakes Dredge & Dock (qu.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 6
Hamilton-Brown Shoe (monthly)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 23
Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Inc., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 16
Hollander (A.) & Son, Inc., com. (qu.)	62 1/2c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 19
Hood Rubber Co., preferred (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Oct. 21 to Nov. 1
Preference (7 1/2% (qu.)	\$1.88	Nov. 1	Oct. 21 to Nov. 1
Hudson River Navigation, pref.	50c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hunt Bros. Packing, class A (qu.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Independent Packing, com. (qu.)	32 1/2c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Preferred (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Internat. Agricultural Corp., pf. pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
International Harvester, pref. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 10
Interstate Term. Warehouse, pref. (qu.)	87 1/2c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25
Kidder Peabody Accept., pref. A.	\$2.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Kinney (G. R.) Co., common (qu.)	*\$1	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Preferred (qu.)	*2	Dec. 6	Holders of rec. Nov. 2
Lehn & Fink Co. (qu.)	*75c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Loew's Ohio Theatres, Inc., 1st pf. (qu.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 24
Luther Manufacturing (qu.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19
McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.	25c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Merchants Manufacturing (qu.)	*1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 23

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Mid-Continent Petroleum, pref. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Missouri Portland Cement (qu.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Mohawk Mining (qu.)	\$2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Morris Plan Bank (Cleveland) (qu.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25
Muirhead's Cafeterias, preferred	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Munsingwear, Inc. (qu.)	*75c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 17
National Biscuit, common (qu.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Common (extra)	*\$1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 29a
Preferred (qu.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 17
National Brick, preferred (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
National Cloak & Suit, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 23a
National Lead, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 19
National Refining, com. (qu.)	*37 1/2c	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
New Cornelia Copper Co. (qu.)	*50c.	Nov. 22	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Newton (George B.) Coal, preferred	3 1/2	Nov. 1	Oct. 26 to Oct. 31
North American Cement, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Ontario Biscuit, com. (qu.)	*50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Preferred (qu.)	*2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Oppenheimer (S.) & Co., pref. (qu.)	2	Nov. 1	Oct. 26 to Oct. 29
Paramount Oshawa Theatres, pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Peabody Coal, preferred (monthly)	*59c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Preferred (monthly)	*58c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Preferred (monthly)	*58c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Peoples Drug Co., preferred (qu.)	*2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Pierce, Butler & Pierce Mfg., 8% pf. (qu.)	2	Nov. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Seven per cent preferred (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Procter & Gamble Co., common (qu.)	\$1.75	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 25a
Pro-phyl-lac-tic Brush, com. (extra)	*50c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Pullman Company (qu.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Republic Iron & Steel, common (qu.)	\$1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Preferred (qu.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
St. Lawrence Flour Mills, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
St. Louis Car Co., preferred (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 23
Seruggs-Vandervoort-Barney Dry Goods, common (qu.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Stewart-Warner Speedometer (qu.)	\$1.50	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a
Supertest Petroleum Corp., common	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Preferred, class A (qu.)	3 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Preferred, class B (qu.)	3	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Troxel Mfg., preferred (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Union Tank Car, common (qu.)	\$1.25	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 10
Vanadium Corp. (qu.)	*75c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Extra	*\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Waite (Wm.) & Co., common (qu.)	*60c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19
Preferred (qu.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19
Williams Oil-o-Matic Heat. (qu.)	*37 1/2c	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Wilson & Co., preferred (No. 1)	*3 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 3

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).			
Aetelshon Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 29a
Baltimore & Ohio, common (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Oct. 17 to Oct. 18
Preferred (qu.)	1	Dec. 1	Oct. 17 to Oct. 18
Chesapeake & Ohio, preferred A.	3 1/4	Jan 1 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 8a
Cuba Railroad, preferred	3	Feb 1 '27	Hold. of rec. Jan. 15 '27a
Internat. Rys. of Cent. Am., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 29a
Mahoning Coal RR., common (qu.)	\$12.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25a
Missouri-Kansas-Texas, pref. A (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
New York Central RR. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
Norfolk & Western, ad. pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 19	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a
Northern Pacific (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Pitts. & West Virginia, com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Common (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Hold. of rec. Jan. 15 '27a
Reading Company, common (qu.)	\$1	Nov. 11	Holders of rec. Oct. 14a
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Southern Railway, common (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Sept. 22 to Oct. 12
Wabash Ry., pref. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov 26	Holders of rec. Oct. 25a
Public Utilities.			
Adirondack Power & Light, com (mthly)	10c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Common (monthly)	10c.	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Amer. Dist. Teleg. of N. J., com. (qu.)	75c.	Oct. 29	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
American Gas & Electric, pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11
American Light & Traction, com. (qu.)	2	Nov. 1	Oct. 16 to Oct. 28
Preferred (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Oct. 16 to Oct. 28
American Teleg. & Teleg. (qu.)	2 1/4	Jan 15 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Quarterly	2 1/4	pr 15 '27	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Amer. Water Works & Elec., com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
7% first preferred (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Androssoggin & Kennebec, 2d pref.	*1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Associated Gas & Elec., class A (qu.)	0	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Broad River Power, preferred (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Brooklyn-Manhattan Tran., pf. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan 15 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred series A (qu.)	1 1/4	pr 15 '27	Holders of rec. Apr. 1
Central Power & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Chicago Rap. Tran., prior pf. (mthly)	65c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19a
Prior preferred (monthly)	65c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 16a
Clev. Elec. Ill. 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25a
Columbia Gas & Electric, com. (qu.)	\$1.25	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a
Seven per cent series A (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a
Columbus Ry., P. & L., ser. B, pref. (qu.)	\$1.63	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct.

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Public Utilities (Continued).				Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Northwest Utilities, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	Cuett, Peabody & Co., Inc., com. (qu.)	\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Ohio Edison, 6% preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Collins & Akman Co. com. (qu.) (No. 1)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a
6.6% preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Convertible preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a
7% preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Columbian Carbon (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Connecticut Mills, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Consolidated Laundries (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Ohio Fuel Corp. (one month dividend)	16-2-3	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a	Consolidated Royalty Oil	25c.	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Pacific Lighting Corp., com. (quar.)	4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31a	Continental Can, Inc., common (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5a
Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31a	Continental Motors Corp (quar.)	20c.	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Penn-Ohio Edison, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Crucible Steel, com. (quar.)	1 3/4	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Philadelphia Co., common (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Cudahy Packing, 6% preferred	*3	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Cuneo Press, Inc. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Philadelphia Rapid Transit, com. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Cuyamel Fruit (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Davega, Inc. (quar.)	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Pittsburgh Utilities, common	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Draper Corporation (extra)	12 1/2	Jan 15 27	Holders of rec. Aug. 28
Common (extra)	(-)	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	du Pont (E. I.) de Nemours & Co.—			
Preferred	3 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Debutenture stock (quar.)	1 3/4	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 9a
Preferred (extra)	2 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Eagle-Picher Lead, common (quar.)	40c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Power & Light Securities Trust	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Eastern Dairies, Inc., com. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Public Service Elec. Power, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Public Service of Nor. Ills., com. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Eaton Axle & Spring, com. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Elgin National Watch (quar.)	62 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Eureka Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Sierra Pacific Elec. Co., com. (qu.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Exchange Vacuum Cleaner (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Exchange Buffet Co. (quar.)	37 3/4	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a
Southern Calif. Edison, common (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Fair (The), common (monthly)	20c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Southern Colorado Pow. com., cl. A (qu.)	50c.	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Standard Gas & Electric, com. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Fairbanks-Morse & Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Prior preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Common (payable in common stock)	71-200	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Fajardo Sugar (quar.)	2 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Common (payable in common stock)	71-200	Jan 25 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Famous Players-Laasky Corp., pref. (qu.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Standard Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16	Federal Purchase Corp., cl. A (qu.)	75c.	Nov. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Tennessee Elec. Pow. 6% 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Class B (quar.)	25c.	Nov. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
7% first preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Fisk Rubber, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
6% first preferred (monthly)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	First convertible preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
6% first preferred (monthly)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Second preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
6% first preferred (monthly)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Foots Bros. Gear & Mach. Co., pref. (qu.)	1 3/4	Jan 1 27	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Franklin (H. H.) Mfg. pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	General Box Corp., pref. A & B (quar.)	*\$1.25	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16	General Cigar, common (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Texas Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16	Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 23a
United Gas Impt., stock dividend	25	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Debutenture preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a
United Lt. & Pr. old com., cl. B & B (qu.)	60c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	General Development (quar.)	25c.	Nov. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 10
New common, class A & B (quar.)	12c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	General Electric (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 28	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Utica Gas & Electric, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	Special stock (quar.)	15c.	Oct. 28	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Washington Water Power, 6 1/2% pf. (qu.)	1 3/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 24a	General Motors, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 4a
West Chester Street Ry., pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 21	Six per cent debenture stock (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 4a
West Penn Electric Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	General Necessities Corp. (monthly)	1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
West Penn Power Co., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Monthly	1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Stock dividend	*25	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Wisconsin River Power, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 31a	General Tire & Rubber, com. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
York Railways, pref. (quar.)	62 3/4	Oct. 31	Oct. 22 to Oct. 30	Gilchrist Co. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Banks.				General Tire & Rubber, com. (quar.)			
Amalgamated (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25a	Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Amer. Colonial Bank of Porto Rico (qu.)	4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 19	Extra	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Corn Exchange (quar.)	5	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a	Gimbel Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Miscellaneous.				C. G. Spring & Bumper—			
Abraham & Straus, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Common (in com. stk. on each 10 shs.)	72-10	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., com. (qu.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Common (in com. stk. on each 10 shs.)	73-10	Feb 15 27	Holders of rec. Feb. 8 '27
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., common (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 23a	Globe-Werkle Co., common	\$1.50	Jan 1 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
American Can, com. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a	Goodyear Tire & Rubber, pref.	44 3/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 26
American Chain, class A (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 31	Dec. 22 to Jan. 2	Gossard (H. W.) & Co., com. (m'thly)	33-1-3c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
American Cigar, com. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Common (monthly)	33-1-3c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 19
American Coal (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Oct. 12 to Nov. 1	Common (monthly)	33-1-3c	Jan 3 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Amerasia Corporation, common (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Gotham Silk Hosiery, 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
American Glue, preferred (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a	Grand (F. & W.) 5-10-25 Cent Stores—			
American Hardware Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Jan 1 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Amer. Home Products Corp. (quar.)	20c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Guenther Publishing, preferred (quar.)	2 3/4	Nov. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
American Ice, com. (quar.)	2	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 8a	Preferred (acct. accumulated divs.)	42 3/4	Jan 2 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 8a	Gulf States Steel, preferred (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 17a
Amer. La France Fire Eng., com. (qu.)	25c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a	Hartman Corporation, class A (quar.)	50c.	Mar 12 27	Holders of rec. Feb. 15 27a
Amer. Laundry Machinery, com. (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 1	Nov. 23 to Dec. 1	Class A (quar.)	50c.	Jnl 27	Holders of rec. May 17a
Common (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 1	Nov. 23 to Dec. 1	Class B (quar.) in class A stock	(0)	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 17a
American Linseed, pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan 3 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 17a	Class B (quar.) in class A stock	(0)	Mar 12 27	Holders of rec. Feb. 15 27a
Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Apr 1 27	Hold. of red. Mar. 18 '27a	Class B (quar.) in class A stock	(0)	Jnl 27	Hold. of rec. May 17 27a
American Machine & Foundry, pref. (qu.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a	Hayes Ionla Co. (monthly)	*10c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25
American Mfg., common (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Monthly	*10c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Monthly	*10c.	Jan 1 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 25
American Sales Book, pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Monthly	*10c.	Feb 1 27	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Amer. Shipbuilding, common (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Monthly	*10c.	Mar 1 27	Holders of rec. Feb. 25
Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Hellman (Richard), Inc., partie. pf. (qu.)	62 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
Amer. Smelting & Refining, com. (quar.)	\$2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 5a	Hercules Powder, pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1	Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. (m'thly)	35c.	Oct. 29	Holders of rec. Oct. 22
American Soda Fountain (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Monthly	35c.	Nov. 26	Holders of rec. Nov. 19
American Vender Products, pref. (qu.)	1 3/4	Nov. 22	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a	Extra	35c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 22	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a	Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines	2	Nov. 4	Holders of rec. Oct. 19
Archer-Daniels-Mid., pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a	Holly Sular Corp., preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Artloom Corp., pref. (qu.)	1 3/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a	Homestake Mining (monthly)	50c.	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Associated Dry Goods, com. (quar.)	62c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a	Horn & Hardart, common (quar.)	37 1/2	Nov. 1	Oct. 9 to Oct. 31
First preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 13a	Common (extra)	12 1/2	Nov. 1	Oct. 9 to Oct. 31
Second preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 13a	Hupp Motor Car, com. (quar.)	35c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Associated Oil (extra)	40c.	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a	Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 22
Atlantic Ice & Coal preferred	3 3/4	Jan 1 27	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Extra	\$1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Atlantic Refining, preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Indian Motorcycle, com. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Atlas Powder, pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	Industrial Finance Corp., 6% pref. (qu.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Auburn Auto, 6% stock dividend	65	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	7% pref. and deb. stock (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Austin, Nichols & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	International Cigar Machinery (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Babeock & Wilcox (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan 2 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	International Nickel, preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 14a
Quarterly	1 3/4	Apr 1 27	Hold. of rec. Mar. 20 '27a	International Paper, com. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Balaban & Katz, common (monthly)	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	International Shoe, pref. (monthly)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Common (monthly)	25c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Intertery Corporation, com. (quar.)	25c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Ipswich Mills, preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Barnhart Brothers & Spindler—				Iron Products (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 29	Holders of rec. Oct. 14a
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 23a	Jaeger Machine, common (quar.)	32 3/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 19a
Bigelow-Hartf. Carpet, com. & pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 14	Kaufmann Dept. Stores, com. (qu.)	32	Oct. 28	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Blaw-Knox Co., com. (quar.)	3	Nov. 1	Oct. 22 to Oct. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan 2 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
First preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Oct. 22 to Oct. 31	Kayser (Julius) & Co., common (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a
Bloomington Bros., preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	Kellogg Switchboard & Supp. com. (qu.)	32 3/4	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 9a
Borden Company, com. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 9a
Common, extra	25c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Kelsey Wheel Co., preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Briggs Manufacturing (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a	Kirby Lumber (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 10	Dec. 1 to Dec. 10
British Columbia Fish & Packing (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Knox Hat, common	\$3	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Brown Shoe, preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	Class A participating stock	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Bunte Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Nov. 1					

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Moon Motor (quar.)	37 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Moore Drop Forging, class A (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Motor Wheel Corporation, pref. (quar.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Mullins Body Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a
Munyon Remedy Co. (quar.)	10c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Nash Motors, common (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Common (extra)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
National Carbon, preferred (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
National Casket, common	\$1.50	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Natl. Department Stores, 1st pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
National Grocer, preferred	3	Jan 1'27	Dec. 21 to Dec. 31
National Tea, preferred (quar.)	\$1.62 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Nelsner Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Newberry (J. J.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 16
New York Air Brake, com. (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 14a
N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Mining	2 1/2	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Extra	2 1/2	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
New York Merchandising, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
North Central Texas Oil (quar.)	15c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Oil Well Supply, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Ontario Steel Products, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Onyx Hosiery, com. (quar.)	80c.	Nov. 5	Holders of rec. Oct. 26a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Oppenheim, Collins & Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Orpheum Circuit, Inc., com. (monthly)	16-2-3	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Monthly	16-2-3	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Monthly	16-2-3	Jan 2'27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan 2'27	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Otis Elevator, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 5'27	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Outlet Company, com. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Common (extra)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Pacific Coast Biscuit, com. (No. 1)	12 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Preferred (No. 1)	43 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Pacific Coast Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25a
Second preferred (quar.)	1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25a
Packard Motor Car (monthly)	20c.	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Monthly	20c.	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Pan-Amer. West. Petrol. A & B (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Pathe Exchange, class A & B (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a
Penmans, Limited, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Perfection Glass (Canada) (No. 1)	5	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Phillips Jones Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Pick-Barth (Alb rt) & Co., cl. A pf. (qu.)	43 1/2	Nov. 15	Oct. 27 to Nov. 14
Piggy-Wiggly Western States cl. A (qu.)	37 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Plant (Thomas G.) Co., first pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Postum Cereal common (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Prairie Oil & Gas (quar.)	*50c.	Nov. 30	*Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Prairie Pipe Line (quar.)	2	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Pro-ply-lac-tic Brush, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Savannah Sugar Refining, com. (quar.)	3 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Pyrene Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 30	Oct. 20 to Oct. 31
Quaker Oats, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Qulesst Mills, preferred (quar.)	3	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Reed (C. A.) Co., class A (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Rice-Stix Dry Goods, common (quar.)	37 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 20
Extra	25c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 20
Salt Creek Producers (quar.)	62 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Savage Arms, second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Savannah Sugar Refining, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Scotten-Dillon Co. (quar.)	*4	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 6
Extra	*3	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 6
Scott Paper, 7% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 23
Sears Roebuck & Co. (quar.)	62 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Seaman Bros., common (no par) (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Shaffer Oil & Refining, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Shell Union Oil Corp., pref. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 26a
Shreveport-El Dorado Pipe Line (qu.)	*25c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Extra	*\$1	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Simmons Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Sinclair Consolidated Oil, pref. (quar.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Skelly Oil (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Smith (A. O.) Corp., common (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Southern Dairies, Inc., class A (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Standard Oil (Ohio) pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 26
Steel Co. of Canada, com. & pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 7
Sterling Prod. etc (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Stover Mfg. & Engine, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Telautograph Corporation, common	30c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Texon Oil & Land	20	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
Thompson (J. R.) Co. (monthly)	30c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 23a
Monthly	30c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 23a
Thompson Products, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Tidewater Associated Oil, com. (quar.)	30c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a
Tide Water Oil, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Tobacco Products Corp., cl. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 27a
Tung-Sol Lamp Works, com. (quar.)	20c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Class A (quar.)	45c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Union Oil of California (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a
Union & United Tobacco Co. Corp.			
Common (No. 1) (quar.)	62 1/2	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
United Drug, com. (quar.)	2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
First preferred (quar.)	87 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
United Profit Sharing Corp., pref.	5	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
United Verde Extension Mining (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 6a
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy., com. (qu.)	2 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
U. S. Rubber, first preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Universal Pipe & Radiator, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Vick Chemical (quar.)	87 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a
Vivaudou (V.), Inc., pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Warner (Charles) Co.			
1st and 2nd pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 28	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Webb-Crosby Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 23a
Weber & Hellbronner, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
White Sewing Machine, pref. (quar.)	5c.	Nov. 5	Holders of rec. Oct. 19a
Wilcox (H. F.) Oil & Gas (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 5	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Wolverine Portland Cement (quar.)	30c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
Woodworth (F. W.) Co. (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Extra	*\$1	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. & Co. (monthly)	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Monthly	25c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20

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 Oct. 16. 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.)

Week Ending Oct. 16 1926.	New Capital Profits.		Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Deposit-tories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time Deposits.	Bank Circulation.
	Nat'l. State, Tr. Cos.	June 30, Sept. 30.						
Members of Fed. Reserve Bank.								
Bank of N Y & Trust Co.	4,000	13,200	73,980	503	6,929	51,455	7,312	---
Bk of Manhattan	10,700	15,571	173,664	3,343	17,591	128,417	27,319	---
Bank of America	6,500	5,143	78,038	1,660	11,012	83,395	3,680	---
National City	50,000	63,133	663,517	6,456	72,060	*709,543	95,488	90
Chemical Nat.	4,500	18,535	148,426	1,249	16,754	125,579	3,183	346
Am Ex-Pac Nat	7,500	13,095	146,906	2,191	16,567	131,910	9,302	4,933
Nat Bk of Com.	25,000	41,943	356,852	914	39,863	300,863	21,897	---
Chat Ph N B & T	13,500	12,763	215,632	2,971	23,560	156,742	43,367	6,157
Hanover Nat.	5,000	26,003	117,661	536	13,217	100,838	---	---
Corn Exchange.	10,000	14,767	201,198	6,672	24,145	175,573	31,304	---
National Park.	10,000	24,152	174,324	864	16,168	123,730	7,005	3,488
Bowery & E R.	3,000	3,224	60,175	1,856	6,166	42,215	17,684	1,490
First National.	10,000	74,875	282,546	573	25,765	193,320	12,894	6,437
Irving Bk & Tr	18,500	15,882	301,075	2,953	36,063	269,998	30,343	---
Continental.	1,000	1,234	7,865	120	908	5,957	440	---
Chase National.	40,000	36,782	564,152	7,341	67,117	*526,351	32,262	1,917
Fifth Avenue.	500	2,933	27,085	775	3,456	26,767	---	---
Commonwealth.	800	675	14,018	548	1,474	9,953	4,475	---
Garfield Nat'l.	1,000	1,782	16,800	437	2,459	16,128	641	---
Seaboard Nat'l.	6,000	10,415	122,279	945	15,553	117,841	3,053	48
Bankers Trust.	20,000	34,555	319,116	946	33,676	*274,665	36,814	---
U S Mtge & Tr.	3,000	4,820	58,771	764	6,936	51,603	5,027	---
Guaranty Trust	25,000	24,606	430,824	1,603	44,134	*396,897	54,734	---
Fidelity Trust.	4,000	3,154	41,626	751	4,784	34,710	4,145	---
New York Trust	10,000	21,320	173,341	571	19,058	140,857	17,485	---
Farmers L & Tr	10,000	19,820	144,092	581	14,251	*105,302	21,788	---
Equitable Trust	30,000	22,144	274,165	1,572	30,388	*312,254	27,936	---
Total of averages	329,500	526,538	5,188,528	49,695	570,054	c4,257,386	520,627	24,906
Totals, actual condition Oct. 16	16,517,927	47,454,593	312,424,247	123,521,822	25,042	25,061	---	---
Totals, actual condition Oct. 9	9,520,047	48,010,608	751,427,208	523,256	25,061	---	---	---
Totals, actual condition Oct. 2	25,289,287	43,900,561	1,151,438,154	517,656	24,616	---	---	---

State Banks	Not Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank.	Reserve Bank.
Greenwich Bank	1,000	2,583
State Bank	5,000	5,669
Total of averages	6,000	8,252

Trust Companies	Not Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank.	Reserve Bank.
Title Guar & Tr	10,000	18,580
Lawyers Trust.	3,000	3,394
Total of averages	13,000	21,974

Gr'd aggr., avge.	Comparison with prev. week	Gr'd aggr., act'l cond'n Oct. 16	Comparison with prev. week
348,500	556,765	5,407,558	59,581,580
5,407,558	59,581,580	255,540	4,376,894
-51,942	+1,989	+10,214	-56,465

Gr'd aggr., act'l cond'n Oct. 16	Comparison with prev. week	Gr'd aggr., act'l cond'n Oct. 9	Comparison with prev. week
16,517,927	47,454,593	9,520,047	48,010,608
47,454,593	9,520,047	255,540	4,376,894
-45,447	-241	-15,581	-25,511

Gr'd aggr., act'l cond'n Oct. 9	Comparison with prev. week	Gr'd aggr., act'l cond'n Oct. 2	Comparison with prev. week
9,520,047	48,010,608	25,289,287	43,900,561
48,010,608	25,289,287	255,540	4,376,894
-45,447	-241	-15,581	-25,511

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	a Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	7,416,000	4,385,000	11,801,000	11,385,360	415,640
Trust companies*	2,597,000	6,123,000	8,720,000	8,634,000	86,000
Total Oct. 16	10,013,000	603,820,000	613,833,000	587,800,010	26,032,990
Total Oct. 9	9,698,000	619,401,000	629,099,000	591,105,670	37,993,330
Total Oct. 2	9,665,000	571,685,000	581,350,000	604,710,720	23,360,720
Total Sept. 25	9,398,000	599,825,000	609,223,000	588,185,340	21,037,660

* 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: Oct. 16, \$15,654,660; Oct. 9, \$13,697,680; Oct. 2, \$15,529,680; Sept. 25, \$15,584,550.

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.)

	Oct. 16.	Differences from Previous Week.
Loans and investments	\$1,210,241,100	Inc. \$1,694,400
Gold	4,332,000	Dec. 50,000
Currency notes	25,293,200	Inc. 1,583,000
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	98,730,500	Dec. 557,700
Total deposits	1,251,471,000	Inc. 24,652,600
Deposits eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchange, & U. S. deposits.	1,170,890,300	Inc. 17,583,500
Reserve on deposits	169,169,300	Inc. 1,371,500
Percentage of reserves, 20.8%.		

RESERVE.

	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault	\$44,484,900 16.98%	\$83,870,800 15.29%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	12,617,400 4.82%	28,196,200 5.14%
Total	\$57,102,300 21.80%	\$112,067,000 20.43%

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Oct. 16 was \$98,730,500.

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.
June 10	6,526,804,700	5,557,458,800	81,127,100	727,750,500
June 26	6,513,234,700	5,506,256,100	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	6,568,161,000	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	5,700,305,900	83,952,500	712,571,100
Aug. 21	6,544,607,200	5,437,978,800	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	705,365,300
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	83,086,700	725,144,400
Sept. 25	6,616,162,700	5,576,966,700	83,168,800	718,452,500
Oct. 2	6,683,007,800	5,662,177,400	84,153,500	733,798,400
Oct. 9	6,668,046,700	5,660,177,400	85,684,200	730,174,600
Oct. 16	6,617,799,100	5,628,365,000	89,206,200	719,799,100

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.		Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.
	Members of Fed's Res'v Bank.	Grace Nat Bank.					
Week Ending Oct. 16 1926.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Members of Fed's Res'v Bank.	1,000	1,883	13,339	54	1,097	7,134	3,919
Grace Nat Bank.							
Total.	1,000	1,883	13,339	54	1,097	7,134	3,919
State Banks.							
Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank.	400	1,006	9,673	830	408	6,797	2,950
Bank of Wash. Hts.	1,200	3,216	33,594	3,780	1,750	29,046	5,274
Colonial Bank.							
Total.	1,600	4,222	43,267	4,610	2,158	35,843	8,224
Trust Company.							
Not Member of the Federal Reserve Bank.	500	610	9,234	548	34	3,444	5,893
Mech. Tr., Bayonne							
Total.	500	610	9,234	548	34	3,444	5,893
Grand aggregate.	3,100	6,717	65,840	5,212	3,289	46,421	18,036
Comparison with prev. week			-505	+239	-189	-656	+33
Gr'd agr., Oct. 9	3,000	6,545	66,345	4,973	3,478	47,077	18,003
Gr'd agr., Oct. 2	3,000	6,545	65,729	4,917	3,285	46,025	17,949
Gr'd agr., Sept. 25	3,000	6,545	66,572	4,834	3,340	46,586	17,895
Gr'd agr., Sept. 18	3,000	6,545	66,086	4,944	3,341	46,966	17,833

a United States deposits deducted, \$59,000.
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances, and other liabilities, \$1,951,000.
 Excess reserve, \$132,850 increase.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Oct. 20 1926.	Changes from Previous Week.	Oct. 13 1926.	Oct. 6 1926.
Capital	\$69,500,000	Unchanged	\$69,500,000	\$69,500,000
Surplus and profits	94,002,000	Unchanged	94,002,000	94,002,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest.	1,068,530,000	Inc. 1,172,000	1,067,358,000	1,084,674,000
Individual deposits	715,189,000	Inc. 24,589,000	690,600,000	713,339,000
Due to banks	143,664,000	Inc. 8,435,000	135,229,000	136,614,000
Time deposits	235,478,000	Inc. 2,556,000	232,922,000	231,753,000
United States deposits	24,654,000	Dec. 9,117,000	33,771,000	36,657,000
Exchanges for Cl'g H'se	36,257,000	Inc. 4,952,000	31,305,000	39,562,000
Due from other banks	94,386,000	Inc. 17,084,000	77,302,000	85,457,000
Res'v in legal depos'les	83,575,000	Inc. 2,316,000	81,259,000	83,021,000
Cash in bank	11,420,000	Inc. 642,000	10,778,000	10,822,000
Res'v excess in F.R.Bk	1,010,000	Inc. 304,000	706,000	731,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Oct. 16, 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 Oct. 16 1926.		Oct. 9 1926.	Oct. 2 1926.
	Members of F.R. System	Trust Companies		
Capital	49,975.0	5,000.0	54,975.0	54,975.0
Surplus and profits	150,266.0	17,778.0	168,044.0	167,714.0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	952,863.0	47,207.0	1,003,070.0	1,001,794.0
Exchanges for Clear House	41,386.0	503.0	41,889.0	42,052.0
Due from banks	116,194.0	24.0	116,218.0	108,955.0
Bank deposits	144,378.0	816.0	145,194.0	137,791.0
Individual deposits	637,084.0	27,394.0	664,478.0	667,779.0
Time deposits	152,048.0	2,181.0	154,229.0	154,201.0
Total deposits	933,510.0	30,391.0	963,901.0	959,771.0
Res'v with legal depository		3,523.0	3,523.0	3,269.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank	69,409.0		69,409.0	68,333.0
Cash in vault*	10,852.0	1,419.0	12,271.0	11,825.0
Total reserve & cash held	80,261.0	4,942.0	85,203.0	84,083.0
Reserve required	69,173.0	4,261.0	73,434.0	73,623.0
Excess res. & cash in vault	11,088.0	681.0	11,769.0	10,183.0

* 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 Oct. 20 1926 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Oct. 20 1926.	Oct. 13 1926.	Oct. 21 1925.
Resources—	\$	\$	\$
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	373,725,000	283,819,000	345,527,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	9,375,000	11,121,000	10,902,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	383,100,000	294,940,000	355,529,000
Gold settlement fund held by F. R. Board	282,782,000	289,026,000	256,714,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	366,298,000	367,047,000	350,285,000
Total gold reserves	1,012,180,000	951,013,000	962,528,000
Reserves other than gold	24,988,000	25,316,000	25,912,000
Total reserves	1,037,168,000	976,329,000	988,440,000
Non-reserve cash	17,161,000	13,620,000	18,147,000
Bills discounted—			
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	78,595,000	126,364,000	101,664,000
Other bills discounted	30,494,000	77,996,000	60,302,000
Total bills discounted	109,089,000	204,270,000	161,966,000
Bills bought in open market	42,401,000	53,554,000	23,016,000
U. S. Government securities—			
Bonds	1,322,000	1,322,000	1,322,000
Treasury notes	23,675,000	24,140,000	52,978,000
Certificates of indebtedness	29,087,000	30,562,000	1,265,000
Total U. S. Government securities	54,084,000	56,024,000	55,500,000
Foreign loans on gold			1,701,000
Total bills and securities (See Note)	205,574,000	313,848,000	242,183,000
Due from foreign banks (See Note)	650,000	718,000	640,000
Uncollected items	195,653,000	172,995,000	185,524,000
Bank premisses	16,740,000	16,740,000	17,179,000
All other resources	2,590,000	2,659,000	3,713,000
Total resources	1,475,536,000	1,496,909,000	1,455,826,000
Liabilities—			
Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	373,721,000	381,742,000	349,515,000
Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	825,680,000	833,514,000	824,281,000
Government	4,893,000	9,557,000	12,301,000
Foreign bank (See Note)	2,279,000	1,318,000	9,866,000
Other deposits	8,131,000	11,214,000	10,437,000
Total deposits	840,983,000	855,603,000	856,885,000
Deferred availability items	161,210,000	159,871,000	154,768,000
Capital paid in	35,756,000	35,764,000	32,044,000
Surplus	59,964,000	59,964,000	58,749,000
All other liabilities	3,832,000	3,965,000	3,865,000
Total liabilities	1,475,536,000	1,496,909,000	1,455,826,000

Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Res'v note liabilities combined. 85.4% 78.9% 81.9%
 Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents. 11,228,000 11,090,000 9,834,000

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Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Oct. 21, 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 2055, 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 OCTOBER 20 1926.

	Oct. 20 1926.	Oct. 13 1926.	Oct. 6 1926.	Sept. 29 1926.	Sept. 22 1926.	Sept. 15 1926.	Sept. 8 1926.	Sept. 1 1926.	Oct. 21 1925.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	1,409,541,000	1,329,143,000	1,383,196,000	1,359,115,000	1,384,679,000	1,429,247,000	1,408,431,000	1,395,311,000	1,399,178,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	51,568,000	57,044,000	62,930,000	65,555,000	58,339,000	61,894,000	53,954,000	53,622,000	54,143,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,461,109,000	1,386,187,000	1,446,126,000	1,424,670,000	1,443,018,000	1,491,141,000	1,462,385,000	1,448,933,000	1,453,321,000
Gold settle't fund with F. R. Board	745,626,000	817,152,000	745,469,000	762,134,000	743,656,000	696,619,000	734,727,000	732,717,000	701,960,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks	619,140,000	615,583,000	621,789,000	620,337,000	639,323,000	644,901,000	634,323,000	646,661,000	623,103,000
Total gold reserves	2,825,875,000	2,818,922,000	2,813,384,000	2,807,141,000	2,825,997,000	2,832,661,000	2,831,465,000	2,828,311,000	2,778,384,000
Reserves other than gold	128,928,000	126,305,000	128,674,000	130,113,000	131,643,000	132,404,000	130,501,000	138,032,000	110,912,000
Total reserves	2,954,803,000	2,945,227,000	2,942,058,000	2,937,254,000	2,957,640,000	2,965,065,000	2,961,966,000	2,966,343,000	2,889,296,000
Non-reserve cash	54,926,000	47,184,000	50,441,000	49,838,000	52,275,000	52,352,000	45,483,000	49,328,000	53,734,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	290,035,000	339,205,000	288,717,000	365,993,000	319,076,000	268,609,000	324,831,000	320,675,000	293,172,000
Other bills discounted	296,587,000	364,696,000	334,872,000	350,637,000	342,560,000	296,926,000	296,436,000	305,673,000	309,789,000
Total bills discounted	586,622,000	703,901,000	623,589,000	716,630,000	661,636,000	565,535,000	614,267,000	626,348,000	602,961,000
Bills bought in open market	292,824,000	291,312,000	273,262,000	275,623,000	270,407,000	262,480,000	265,984,000	253,481,000	293,259,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds	53,287,000	53,803,000	53,537,000	55,322,000	51,409,000	49,093,000	45,459,000	45,605,000	55,907,000
Treasury notes	136,145,000	135,516,000	135,379,000	138,305,000	146,213,000	147,435,000	220,418,000	217,702,000	248,366,000
Certificates of indebtedness	117,532,000	117,419,000	117,419,000	108,414,000	107,546,000	291,493,000	46,407,000	55,657,000	19,532,000
Total U. S. Government securities	306,964,000	308,168,000	306,335,000	302,041,000	305,168,000	488,021,000	312,284,000	318,964,000	323,805,000
Other securities (see note)	2,500,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,220,000
Foreign loans on gold									6,300,000
Total bills and securities (see note)	1,188,910,000	1,307,081,000	1,206,886,000	1,297,994,000	1,240,911,000	1,319,736,000	1,196,235,000	1,202,493,000	1,229,545,000
Due from foreign banks (see note)	650,000	718,000	717,000	648,000	648,000	648,000	669,000	744,000	640,000
Uncollected items	807,671,000	747,408,000	731,382,000	675,918,000	749,939,000	895,695,000	667,549,000	620,052,000	782,668,000
Bank premises	60,039,000	60,014,000	60,012,000	60,007,000	60,001,000	59,991,000	59,938,000	59,931,000	61,552,000
All other resources	13,561,000	13,789,000	13,409,000	13,704,000	13,901,000	13,476,000	16,754,000	16,696,000	17,751,000
Total resources	5,080,560,000	5,121,421,000	5,004,905,000	5,035,363,000	5,075,315,000	5,306,963,000	4,948,594,000	4,915,587,000	5,035,186,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,729,833,000	1,756,299,000	1,730,973,000	1,716,466,000	1,716,087,000	1,724,068,000	1,746,524,000	1,702,902,000	1,694,948,000
Deposits—									
Member banks—reserve account	2,213,488,000	2,217,091,000	2,211,909,000	2,248,876,000	2,230,591,000	2,369,136,000	2,207,185,000	2,223,902,000	2,206,347,000
Government	19,416,000	30,560,000	23,557,000	51,703,000	67,613,000	4,084,000	5,565,000	24,326,000	46,132,000
Foreign banks (see note)	6,855,000	5,894,000	6,586,000	11,829,000	14,840,000	15,641,000	11,339,000	15,166,000	11,424,000
Other deposits	17,797,000	20,681,000	17,795,000	17,978,000	18,959,000	28,485,000	18,235,000	18,926,000	20,043,000
Total deposits	2,257,556,000	2,274,226,000	2,259,847,000	2,330,386,000	2,332,003,000	2,417,346,000	2,242,324,000	2,282,320,000	2,283,946,000
Deferred availability items	727,440,000	725,275,000	725,275,000	649,483,000	624,068,000	663,202,000	596,902,000	568,299,000	705,954,000
Capital paid in	124,002,000	123,901,000	123,855,000	123,796,000	123,839,000	123,787,000	123,711,000	123,490,000	116,629,000
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	21,419,000	21,410,000	20,437,000	20,337,000	19,874,000	19,138,000	18,823,000	18,266,000	15,872,000
Total liabilities	5,080,560,000	5,121,421,000	5,004,905,000	5,035,363,000	5,075,315,000	5,306,963,000	4,948,594,000	4,915,587,000	5,035,186,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	70.8%	69.9%	70.4%	69.3%	69.8%	68.5%	71.4%	70.9%	67.3%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	74.1%	73.1%	73.7%	72.6%	73.1%	71.6%	74.3%	74.4%	72.6%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	42,853,000	43,981,000	45,385,000	45,296,000	45,124,000	44,228,000	44,824,000	44,875,000	36,796,000
Distribution by Months—									
1-15 day bills bought in open market	\$ 81,062,000	\$ 91,107,000	\$ 77,575,000	\$ 88,824,000	\$ 83,679,000	\$ 81,131,000	\$ 90,732,000	\$ 68,967,000	\$ 80,794,000
1-15 days bills discounted	447,760,000	552,134,000	462,120,000	559,138,000	494,841,000	409,370,000	456,632,000	462,142,000	459,734,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	-----	1,475,000	-----	760,000	337,000	192,000,000	730,000	-----	2,146,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
16-30 days bills bought in open market	61,678,000	55,152,000	56,753,000	55,497,000	55,581,000	49,684,000	49,831,000	52,065,000	47,263,000
16-30 days bills discounted	41,440,000	42,886,000	46,164,000	44,123,000	46,492,000	50,160,000	46,671,000	42,356,000	37,573,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
16-30 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
31-60 days bills bought in open market	77,042,000	76,556,000	82,448,000	73,136,000	70,409,000	63,460,000	65,387,000	67,797,000	81,579,000
31-60 days bills discounted	57,690,000	65,550,000	67,478,000	63,744,000	69,102,000	62,940,000	66,823,000	69,268,000	61,798,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	44,138,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,815,000
31-60 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
61-90 days bills bought in open market	62,677,000	55,991,000	44,400,000	50,171,000	51,565,000	56,445,000	48,682,000	55,138,000	67,122,000
61-90 days bills discounted	33,116,000	37,634,000	42,486,000	43,619,000	45,354,000	35,802,000	36,325,000	42,264,000	35,242,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	-----	43,811,000	44,103,000	38,853,000	39,138,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
61-90 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	10,365,000	12,506,000	12,086,000	7,995,000	9,173,000	11,760,000	11,352,000	9,514,000	16,501,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	6,626,000	5,697,000	5,341,000	6,006,000	5,847,000	7,263,000	7,816,000	10,318,000	8,614,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness	73,394,000	73,563,000	73,316,000	68,811,000	68,071,000	34,463,000	45,677,000	55,657,000	15,571,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
F. R. notes received from Comptroller	2,937,876,000	2,914,314,000	2,919,310,000	2,919,203,000	2,923,819,000	2,912,691,000	2,863,816,000	2,871,780,000	2,943,706,000
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	863,777,000	851,172,000	858,782,000	853,802,000	856,912,000	841,328,000	807,709,000	835,734,000	931,202,000
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks	2,074,099,000	2,063,142,000	2,060,528,000	2,065,401,000	2,066,907,000	2,071,363,000	2,056,107,000	2,036,046,000	2,012,504,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	306,428,000	306,428,000	306,433,000	306,633,000	306,634,000	304,134,000	304,134,000	300,983,000	307,731,000
Gold redemption fund	96,715,000	105,902,000	92,258,000	95,579,000	107,211,000	92,072,000	102,055,000	105,023,000	100,639,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	1,006,398,000	916,813,000	984,505,000	956,903,000	970,834,000	1,033,041,000	1,002,242,000	989,305,000	990,808,000
By eligible paper	837,644,000	947,286,000	859,423,000	953,368,000	895,994,000	800,852,000	855,953,000	855,009,000	847,507,000
Total	2,247,185,000	2,276,429,000	2,242,619,000	2,312,483,000	2,280,673,000	2,230,099,000	2,264,384,000	2,250,320,000	2,246,685,000

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.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCT. 20 1926.

Two ciphers (00) omitted. Federal Reserve Bank of—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtnneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents	135,640.0	373,725.0	90,222.0	161,099.0	43,835.0	116,695.0	158,640.0	18,651.0	48,920.0	51,635.0	29,932.0	180,547.0	1,409,541.0
Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas.	4,452.0	9,375.0	8,631.0	4,351.0	2,136.0	4,240.0	6,270.0	296.0	1,786.0	5,236.0	1,960.0	2,835.0	51,568.0

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other securities.....			2,000.0						500.0				2,500.0
Total bills and securities.....	65,285.0	205,574.0	94,846.0	136,604.0	67,883.0	92,479.0	173,788.0	67,504.0	50,788.0	59,070.0	52,045.0	123,044.0	1,188,910.0
Due from foreign banks.....		650.0											650.0
Uncollected items.....	76,086.0	195,653.0	71,532.0	73,885.0	70,061.0	34,606.0	97,561.0	41,257.0	17,192.0	46,503.0	32,863.0	50,472.0	807,671.0
Bank premises.....	4,068.0	16,740.0	1,598.0	7,409.0	2,364.0	2,957.0	7,933.0	4,111.0	2,943.0	4,668.0	1,793.0	3,455.0	60,039.0
All other resources.....	124.0	2,590.0	316.0	1,013.0	306.0	838.0	1,284.0	586.0	2,683.0	559.0	373.0	1,851.0	13,561.0
Total resources.....	407,141.0	1,475,536.0	347,430.0	498,768.0	234,057.0	296,891.0	677,144.0	184,691.0	146,068.0	213,476.0	158,393.0	440,965.0	5,080,560.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation.	151,932.0	373,791.0	113,220.0	203,207.0	79,644.0	174,762.0	214,274.0	46,017.0	65,532.0	67,408.0	50,634.0	189,412.0	1,729,833.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acc't.....	153,257.0	825,680.0	133,797.0	188,283.0	68,080.0	72,674.0	323,497.0	80,927.0	51,781.0	89,451.0	58,534.0	167,527.0	2,213,488.0
Government.....	2,233.0	4,893.0	401.0	1,144.0	799.0	2,082.0	2,072.0	1,393.0	1,207.0	1.0	1,074.0	2,117.0	19,416.0
Foreign bank.....	479.0	2,279.0	599.0	674.0	334.0	252.0	863.0	271.0	202.0	246.0	221.0	435.0	6,855.0
Other deposits.....	147.0	8,131.0	97.0	929.0	98.0	100.0	1,022.0	280.0	201.0	1,189.0	34.0	5,569.0	17,797.0
Total deposits.....	156,116.0	840,983.0	134,894.0	191,030.0	69,311.0	75,108.0	327,454.0	82,871.0	53,391.0	90,887.0	59,863.0	175,648.0	2,257,556.0
Deferred availability items.....	72,276.0	161,210.0	65,295.0	66,194.0	65,682.0	31,742.0	85,021.0	39,639.0	15,207.0	40,849.0	34,946.0	49,379.0	727,440.0
Capital paid in.....	8,800.0	35,756.0	12,527.0	13,559.0	6,106.0	5,037.0	16,095.0	5,334.0	3,091.0	4,189.0	4,304.0	8,604.0	124,000.0
Surplus.....	17,020.0	59,964.0	20,454.0	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.....	997.0	3,832.0	1,030.0	1,884.0	1,395.0	1,542.0	3,087.0	1,260.0	1,346.0	1,164.0	1,031.0	2,851.0	21,419.0
Total liabilities.....	407,141.0	1,475,536.0	347,430.0	498,768.0	234,057.0	296,891.0	677,144.0	184,691.0	146,068.0	213,476.0	158,393.0	440,965.0	5,080,560.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	83.2	85.4	71.8	69.8	60.9	64.9	71.5	52.7	60.3	63.5	63.0	70.6	74.1
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	3,310.0	11,228.0	4,138.0	4,661.0	2,309.0	1,742.0	5,968.0	1,873.0	1,394.0	1,699.0	1,525.0	3,006.0	42,853.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation)	36,895.0	103,860.0	38,002.0	24,945.0	14,660.0	28,765.0	34,458.0	4,794.0	5,631.0	7,198.0	4,839.0	40,219.0	344,266.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCT. 20 1926.

Federal Reserve Agent at— (Two Ciphers (00) omitted.)	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller	238,727.0	769,771.0	190,222.0	275,892.0	116,839.0	267,497.0	450,649.0	72,731.0	86,886.0	113,091.0	69,000.0	285,971.0	2,937,876.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent.....	49,900.0	292,120.0	39,000.0	47,740.0	22,535.0	63,970.0	201,917.0	21,920.0	15,723.0	38,485.0	14,127.0	56,340.0	863,777.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank	188,827.0	477,651.0	151,222.0	228,152.0	94,304.0	203,527.0	248,732.0	50,811.0	71,163.0	74,606.0	55,423.0	229,631.0	2,074,099.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.:													
Gold and gold certificates.....	35,300.0	168,698.0		8,780.0	28,805.0	14,237.0		7,945.0	13,507.0		19,156.0	10,000.0	306,428.0
Gold redemption fund.....	16,340.0	24,027.0	8,445.0	12,319.0	2,530.0	5,458.0	2,995.0	1,406.0	913.0	2,775.0	4,776.0	14,731.0	96,715.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board.....	84,000.0	181,000.0	81,777.0	140,000.0	12,500.0	97,000.0	155,645.0	9,300.0	34,500.0	48,860.0	6,000.0	155,816.0	1,006,398.0
Eligible paper.....	55,676.0	121,038.0	65,330.0	100,590.0	59,332.0	90,560.0	125,906.0	47,880.0	25,630.0	30,895.0	30,802.0	84,005.0	837,644.0
Total collateral.....	191,316.0	494,763.0	155,552.0	261,689.0	103,167.0	207,255.0	284,546.0	66,531.0	74,550.0	82,530.0	60,734.0	264,552.0	2,247,185.0

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 693 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 2055

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business OCTOBER 13 1926. (Three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks.....	38	93	50	75	68	35	99	31	24	67	48	65	693
Loans and discounts, gross:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	\$ 8,008	\$ 45,435	\$ 10,913	\$ 20,294	\$ 5,056	\$ 5,556	\$ 17,470	\$ 6,887	\$ 3,382	\$ 4,022	\$ 4,040	\$ 5,985	\$ 137,048
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	372,009	2,273,988	410,974	572,955	146,446	103,108	886,670	188,221	72,353	113,292	71,892	329,699	5,541,607
All other loans and discounts.....	655,140	2,799,173	394,520	793,361	377,770	418,744	1,271,242	339,873	172,013	317,225	245,978	943,239	8,728,278
Total loans and discounts.....	1,035,157	5,118,596	816,407	1,386,610	529,272	527,408	2,175,382	534,981	247,748	434,539	321,910	1,278,923	14,406,933
Investments:													
U. S. Government securities.....	152,572	984,562	89,783	290,714	70,659	46,237	314,543	62,391	59,506	101,597	53,429	254,242	2,480,235
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	243,555	1,144,727	265,547	363,561	68,635	58,562	468,818	116,100	47,679	92,903	25,169	220,236	3,115,492
Total investments.....	396,127	2,129,289	355,330	654,275	139,294	104,799	783,361	178,491	107,185	194,500	78,598	474,478	5,595,727
Total loans and investments.....	1,431,284	7,247,885	1,171,737	2,040,885	668,566	632,207	2,958,743	713,472	354,933	629,039	400,508	1,753,401	20,002,660
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank.....	98,262	730,028	80,482	130,384	40,649	39,302	253,969	48,067	26,575	54,939	27,006	112,602	1,642,265
Cash in vault.....	22,490	88,434	18,355	34,987	15,020	13,132	53,061	8,642	5,885	12,934	13,345	26,440	312,725
Net demand deposits.....	932,344	5,570,936	779,624	1,071,511	388,682	340,106	1,841,457	415,569	210,791	504,347	282,307	808,543	13,145,947
Time deposits.....	424,782	1,273,245	236,178	825,058	209,133	232,615	1,057,808	218,319	122,203	149,376	100,445	886,516	5,735,708
Bills pay. & redts. with F. R. Bk.:	31,668	64,245	30,361	21,113	6,663	11,891	27,274	5,176	1,735	4,581	8,618	23,492	236,817
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	7,986	107,014	15,204	33,092	7,126	7,159	35,299	6,842	5,330	1,125	2,577	30,815	259,569
All other.....	26,448	69,387	11,742	23,983	15,572	24,128	19,856	14,940	1,276	3,521	6,187	26,484	243,524
Total borrowings from F. R. Bank	34,434	176,401	26,946	57,075	22,698	31,287	55,155	21,782	6,606	4,646	8,764	57,299	503,093
Bankers' balances of reporting member banks in F. R. Bank cities:													
Due to banks.....	124,612	1,092,521	174,611	48,862	31,687	18,984	365,972	79,334	49,889	98,942	34,638	112,785	2,232,837
Due from banks.....	40,240	123,344	56,616	28,704	17,384	14,336	172,337	28,316	21,642	44,180	32,201	54,248	633,548

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		
	Oct. 13 1926.	Oct. 6 1926.	Oct. 14 1925.	Oct. 13 1926.	Oct. 6 1926.	Oct. 14 1925.	Oct. 13 1926.	Oct. 6 1926.	Oct. 14 1925.
Number of reporting banks.....	693	693	724	55	55	61	46	46	46
Loans and discounts, gross:									
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	\$ 137,048,000	\$ 140,597,000	\$ 184,625,000	\$ 42,041,000	\$ 42,481,000	\$ 67,350,000	\$ 12,465,000	\$ 13,994,000	\$ 22,683,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	5,541,607,000	5,576,020,000	5,191,759,000	1,989,004,000	2,016,190,000	2,016,467,000	664,935,000	673,452,000	625,370,000
All other loans and discounts.....	8,728,278,000	8,697,362,000	8,488,226,000	2,451,764,000	2,466,242,000	2,327,428,000	712,561,000	713,545,000	692,643,000
Total loans and discounts.....	14,406,933,000	14,413,979,000	13,864,610,000	4,482,809,000	4,524,913,000	4,411,245,000	1,389,961,000	1,400,991,000	1,340,696,000
Investments:									
U. S. Government securities.....	2,480,235,000	2,491,121,000	2,503,364,000	865,455,000	875,710,000	887,883,000	167,487,000	166,564,000	168,478,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	3,115,492,000	3,118,019,000	2,958,921,000	836,416,000	845,360,000	863,057,000	221,543,000	225,708,000	190,365,000
Total investments.....									

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Oct. 22 1926.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2069.

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 Oct. 22, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Industrial & Miscell., and various company names like Alabama & Vicksb., Am T p e Found, etc.

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.

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' with columns for dates (Oct. 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22) and various bond types (First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc.) with High/Low/Close prices.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 1 1st 3 1/2s, 4 1st 3 1/2s, 15 2d 4 1/2s.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling was quiet and slightly lower on freer offering of cotton and grain bills, and demand bills for a time touched the lowest point of the year.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchanges were 4 84 5-16 @ 4 84 1/2 for cheques and 4 84 13-16 @ 4 84 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight 4 84 13-16 @ 4 84 1/2, sixty days 4 80 3-16 @ 4 80 1/4, ninety days 4 78 5-16 @ 4 78 1/2, and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 80 7-16 @ 4 80 1/2.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial metrics. Includes entries like America, Amer Ex Pac, Amer Union, etc.

* Banks marked (*) are State banks. (N) New stock. (D) Ex-dividend. (V) Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing realty and surety companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial metrics. Includes entries like Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M G, etc.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfs. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness with columns for Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, and other details.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 2105.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2129.

CURRENT NOTICES.

- Irving Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed depository of preferred and common stock of the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co. and the United Hudson Electric Corp. under the terms of deposit agreement dated Oct. 20 1926.
J. R. Schmeltzer & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, New York City, announce that Gray Perry, formerly of Gray Perry & Co., has become associated with them.
Harrison, Smith & Co., Philadelphia, announce that A. L. Manierre, G. A. Hurst and E. H. O'Farrell are now connected with the sales organization of their New York office.
James Talcott, Inc., New York City, has been appointed factor for Edwin & Louis Bry, Inc., of 268 Fourth Ave., New York, manufacturers of woollens.
Harry E. Durland has become associated with the Chicago office of Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. as Manager of their local Buying Department.
The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar for the capital stock of the Noranda Mines, Ltd.
Otis & Co. are distributing a special investment bulletin descriptive of nine selected stock and bond issues.
Wallace L. Durant has become associated with the New York office of the Guardian Detroit Company, Inc.

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

Table with columns for HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sales for the Week) and PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926. Rows include various stock categories like Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous, and Abitibi Power & Paper.

* Bid and asked prices. z Ex-dividend.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers for 'Saturday, Oct. 16.', 'Monday, Oct. 18.', etc.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing individual stocks with columns for Shares, Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par, and price ranges.

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, 1926 On basis of 100-share lots

Table showing price ranges for individual stocks, categorized by 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925

Table showing price ranges for individual stocks, categorized by 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices for the previous year.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third 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, Oct. 16.	Monday, Oct. 18.	Tuesday, Oct. 19.	Wednesday, Oct. 20.	Thursday, Oct. 21.	Friday, Oct. 22.			Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.)	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
24 24	24 24	24 24	*23 24	*24 24	*24 25	1,200	Bush Terminal new.....No par	16 3/4 Mar 18	34 1/4 July 14	14 3/8 June 26	26 Dec
91 91	*90 91	*90 91	*90 91	*90 91	*90 91	100	Debuture.....No par	56 Apr 6	93 Aug 2	80 May 10	89 June
*102 1/2	*102 1/2	*102 1/2	*102 1/2	*102 1/2	*102 1/2	7,200	Bush Term Bldgs. pref.....100	103 1/2 Oct 2	103 1/2 Oct 2	96 1/2 Jan 8	103 Dec
4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	21,900	Butte Copper & Zinc.....100	41 1/2 Sept 28	49 1/2 Feb 2	41 1/2 Mar 8	84 Jan
57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	15,100	Butterick Co.....100	17 3/4 Mar 3	71 Sept 15	17 Mar 8	84 Jan
10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	6,200	Butte & Superior Mining.....100	7 1/2 May 18	16 1/4 Jan 11	6 1/2 May 24	24 Jan
70 5/8	70 5/8	70 5/8	70 5/8	70 5/8	70 5/8	2,400	By-Products Coke.....No par	53 June 30	90 Sept 27	53 June 30	90 Sept 27
33 1/2	35	35	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	6,200	Byers & Co (A M).....No par	28 Mar 29	41 1/2 June 18	23 Oct 4	44 7/8 Oct
66 1/2	67	67	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	3,900	California Packing.....No par	66 1/4 Oct 18	179 1/2 Feb 4	100 1/2 Jan 36	100 Nov
30 30 1/2	30 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4	16,000	California Petroleum.....25	29 1/2 Oct 11	38 1/2 Feb 10	23 1/2 Jan 3	34 1/2 Dec
1 7/8	1 7/8	1 7/8	1 7/8	1 7/8	1 7/8	1,800	Callahan Zinc-Lead.....100	11 1/2 Mar 29	2 1/2 Jan 15	11 1/2 Oct 4	4 1/2 Feb
65 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	3,900	Calumet Arizona Mining.....100	55 1/2 Mar 29	73 1/2 Aug 9	45 Apr 6	61 1/2 Dec
16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	12,500	Calumet & Hecla.....25	13 1/2 Mar 31	18 1/2 Aug 9	12 1/2 May 18	18 Jan
111 1/4	*110 1/4	111 1/2	112 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	2,100	Case Thresh Machine.....100	62 1/2 Jan 4	17 1/2 Aug 6	24 Mar 6	68 1/2 Dec
8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	1,800	Central Leather.....100	96 Jan 5	118 1/2 Aug 10	60 Mar 10	107 1/2 Dec
53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	11,900	Preferred.....100	11 1/2 Mar 30	20 1/2 Jan 5	14 1/2 Mar 23	107 Dec
14 14	*13 1/2	15	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	400	Century Ribbon Mills.....No par	12 1/2 June 8	33 1/2 Jan 8	49 1/4 Mar 7	101 Oct
*80 86	*80 86	*80 86	*80 86	*80 86	*80 86	400	Preferred.....100	83 May 29	90 Jan 21	94 Dec 9	84 Jan
63 63 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/2	12,200	Cerro de Pasco Copper.....No par	57 1/2 Jan 22	73 1/2 Aug 9	43 1/2 Mar 6	64 1/2 Nov
41 41	41 41	41 41	41 41	41 41	41 41	3,700	Consolidated Text Products.....No par	36 1/2 May 20	49 1/2 Jan 25	40 1/2 Mar 5	58 1/2 Sept
*105 110	*105 110	*105 105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	*105 110	100	1st preferred.....100	100 May 22	106 Sept 28	89 1/2 Jan 10	101 Sept
12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	900	Chandler Cleveland Mot.....No par	11 1/2 May 18	26 Feb 11	-----	-----
28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	3,600	Preferred.....100	94 1/2 Apr 18	120 Jan 2	50 1/2 Mar 12	58 Dec
10 1/4	10 3/4	10 3/4	*10 3/4	10 3/4	10 5/8	1,600	Chicago Pneumatic Tool.....100	94 1/2 Apr 18	120 Jan 2	50 1/2 Mar 12	58 Dec
47 47	47 47	47 47	47 47	47 47	47 47	2,500	Childs Co.....No par	45 1/2 May 19	66 1/2 Jan 4	49 1/2 Mar 7	74 1/2 Oct
32 32 1/2	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	7,100	Chile Copper.....25	30 Mar 3	36 1/2 Jan 6	30 Mar 3	37 1/2 Jan
*23 26	*22 25	*22 25	*22 25	*22 25	*22 25	-----	Chino Copper.....5	18 Mar 3	25 1/2 Oct 2	19 Apr 28	26 Feb
29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	300	Christie-Brown certifs.....No par	29 1/2 Oct 15	63 1/2 Jan 4	62 1/2 Dec 6	64 1/2 Dec
33 1/2	34 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	146,800	Chrysler Corp new.....No par	28 1/2 Mar 30	54 1/2 Jan 9	-----	-----
*100 101	*100 101	*100 101	*100 101	*100 101	*100 101	2,000	Preferred.....No par	93 Mar 30	108 Jan 2	100 1/2 July 1	111 1/2 Nov
*63 64	*63 1/2	64	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	300	Ciuet, Peabody & Co.....100	60 1/4 Mar 31	68 1/2 Jan 7	58 1/2 Mar 7	71 1/2 Jan
*113 115	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	4,100	Preferred.....100	103 1/4 Jan 13	116 Sept 17	103 1/2 Jan 10	109 Sept
145 1/2	144 1/4	143 1/4	143 1/4	143 1/4	143 1/4	74,200	Coca Cola Co.....No par	128 Mar 24	165 Sept 13	80 Jan 17	177 1/2 Nov
57 57	56 1/2	56 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	56 1/2	4,700	Preferred.....No par	34 1/2 May 27	59 1/2 Sept 18	-----	-----
*113 116	*113 116	*113 116	111 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/4	4,100	Colt's & Aikman.....No par	98 1/2 May 27	119 Sept 20	-----	-----
41 1/4	41 1/4	41 1/4	37 3/4	37 3/4	39	37,500	Colorado Fuel & Iron.....100	57 1/2 May 27	49 1/2 Oct 2	32 1/4 Apr 4	48 1/4 Jan
61 1/4	62 1/4	62 1/4	62 1/4	62 1/4	62 1/4	3,100	Columbian Carbon v t c.....No par	55 1/2 Jan 26	69 1/2 Feb 23	55 1/2 Jan 26	69 1/2 Feb 23
52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	5,000	Col Gas & Elec.....No par	63 1/2 Mar 29	90 Jan 9	45 1/2 Jan 2	45 1/2 Jan 2
*114 115 1/2	114 1/4	114 1/4	*114 1/4	114 1/4	114 1/4	1,900	Preferred.....100	111 1/2 Sept 13	115 1/2 Aug 3	104 1/2 Jan 11	114 1/2 Dec
22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	4,400	Commercial Credit.....No par	29 Oct 11	47 1/2 Jan 14	38 1/2 Sept 5	55 1/2 Dec
24 24	*20 23 1/4	*20 23 1/4	*20 23 1/4	*20 23 1/4	*20 23 1/4	100	Preferred.....25	22 1/2 Aug 30	26 1/4 Jan 13	25 1/2 Sept 2	27 1/2 Oct
24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	*23 1/2	25 1/2	*23 1/2	200	Preferred B.....25	23 1/2 Aug 5	27 1/4 Jan 11	26 1/4 Sept 2	27 1/4 Dec
*91 92	91 91	*91 92	*90 92	90 92	90 92	200	1st preferred (6 1/2).....25	90 June 9	99 1/2 Feb 26	-----	-----
*55 58	55 55	56 1/4	56 1/4	56 1/4	56 1/4	300	Comm Invest Trust.....No par	55 Apr 12	72 Jan 1	-----	-----
*96 97 1/2	*96 97 1/2	*96 97 1/2	*96 97 1/2	*96 97 1/2	*96 97 1/2	100	7% preferred.....100	97 June 7	104 Jan 28	100 Nov 10	107 1/2 Nov
176 1/2	179	181 1/4	172 1/2	176 1/2	181 1/4	14,700	Preferred (6 1/2).....100	89 May 7	100 Jan 13	-----	-----
20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	33,900	Commercial Solvents B No par	118 1/4 Jan 4	20 1/2 Oct 1	76 May 18	189 Jan
46 46 1/2	*45 1/2	46 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	1,300	Congoleum-Nairn Inc.....No par	12 1/2 May 13	29 1/2 Sept 29	15 1/2 Nov 4	43 1/2 Jan
*12 16	*12 16	*12 16	*12 16	*12 16	*12 16	17,500	Congress Cigar.....No par	40 1/2 May 17	53 Sept 29	-----	-----
67 1/4	68 1/2	69 1/2	67 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	4,000	Conley Tin Fld stpd.....No par	1 1/2 Oct 8	1 Mar 12	1 1/2 May 17	1 Feb
*91 101	*91 100 1/4	*91 100 1/4	*92 100 1/4	*92 100 1/4	*92 100 1/4	17,500	Consolidated Cigar.....No par	45 1/4 Apr 15	81 Aug 30	26 1/2 Jan 6	63 1/2 Dec
2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	4,000	Preferred.....100	91 Mar 31	107 1/2 July 28	79 1/4 Jan 9	96 Dec
102 1/2	103	103 1/2	104 106 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	57,900	Consolidated Distrib'ts No par	11 1/2 Aug 13	6 1/2 Jan 7	3 1/2 Jan 9	9 1/2 Feb
3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	34,600	Consolidated Gas (NY) No par	87 Mar 30	115 1/2 Aug 6	74 1/2 Mar 9	97 Dec
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	8,300	Consolidated Textile.....No par	11 1/4 May 10	3 1/2 Oct 18	2 1/4 June 5	9 1/2 Jan
131 131	130 130	130 130 1/4	129 129	128 128	128 1/2	1,500	Continental Can, Inc.....No par	122 Mar 11	144 1/2 Jan 2	60 1/2 Mar 9	93 Dec
10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	1,500	Continental Insurance.....25	9 1/2 May 17	13 Jan 5	103 Jan 14	100 Dec
44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	40,700	Cont'l Motors tem etcs.....No par	9 1/2 May 17	13 Jan 5	8 1/4 Jan 15	15 1/2 Oct
*52 53 1/2	*52 53 1/2	*52 53 1/2	*52 53 1/2	*52 53 1/2	*52 53 1/2	300	Corn Products Refin w l.....25	35 1/2 Mar 30	48 1/2 Oct 2	32 1/2 Mar 30	48 1/2 Oct
70 70	69 72	68 72	68 72	68 72	68 72	3,000	Preferred.....100	122 1/2 Jan 6	129 1/2 Apr 28	118 1/2 Jan 12	127 July
*99 101	*99 100	*99 100	*99 100	*99 100	*99 100	6,000	Coty, Inc.....No par	44 1/2 Mar 29	60 1/2 Jan 4	48 Aug 6	101 Dec
30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	3,000	Cruicible Steel of America.....100	64 Apr 15	81 1/2 Jan 4	64 1/2 Mar 8	84 Nov
9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	2,200	Preferred.....100	96 Mar 30	102 Aug 5	92 May 10	102 Dec
41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/4	40 1/4	41 1/2	9,800	Cuba Co.....No par	28 Apr 30	53 1/2 June 20	44 1/2 Dec 5	54 1/2 Oct
24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	2,100	Cuba Cane Sugar.....No par	8 1/2 May 22	11 1/2 Jan 29	7 1/4 Oct 14	15 1/2 Feb
*16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	100	Preferred.....100	35 1/2 June 8	49 1/2 Feb 4	37 1/2 Oct 6	62 1/2 Feb
101 101	101 101	101 101	101 101	101 101	101 101	300	Cuban-American Sugar.....10	20 1/4 Aug 10	30 1/2 Jan 28	20 Oct 31	31 Mar
*90 91	*87 1/2	89	*87 1/2	91	90 90	1,900	Preferred.....100	97 1/4 Jan 5	104 Feb 5	93 1/2 Nov 1	101 Mar
45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	600	Cuban Dom can Sug new No par	15 1/2 Sept 24	20 1/2 June 7	-----	-----
25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	2,000	Cudahy Packing.....100	76 Apr 21	110 1/2 Sept 17	92 1/2 Dec 10	107 Oct
137 1/4	137 1/4	137 1/4	137 1/4	137 1/4	137 1/4	18,300	Cushman's Sons.....No par	77 1/2 Mar 1	105 1/2 Sept 2	62 Mar 10	104 Oct
32 1/2	33	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	2,600	Cuyamel Fruit.....No par	42 Apr 15	51 Jan 14	44 Nov 5	59 May
22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	41,100	Davison Chemical v t c.....No par	23 1/2 Oct 20	46 1/2 Feb 17	27 1/2 Apr 19	49 1/2 Jan
81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	2,600	Detroit Edison.....100	123 1/2 Mar 30	14 1/2 Feb 1	110 Jan 15	159 1/2 Sept
9 9	9 9	9 9	9 9	9 9	9 9	5,800	Devoe & Reynolds A.....No par	31 Oct 7	10 1/2 Feb 5	53 Oct 9	104 Dec

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth 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

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges (Lowest, Highest) for both 1926 and 1925.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day; S-R-dividend; S-R-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth 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, On basis of 100-share lots); PER SHARE (Range for Previous Year 1925). Rows list various stocks like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Middle States Oil Corp., etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Dividend. a Ex-rights. n Ex-dividend one share o 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.

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

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), share prices, stock names, and ranges. Includes entries like 'Sears, Roebuck & Co new', 'Shell Transport & Trading', 'Standard Oil of Cal new', etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day * Ex-dividend * Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is split into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Oct. 22.' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Oct. 22.'.

a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due May. d Due Oct. e Due Dec. f Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Oct. 22), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is split into two main sections: 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Oct. 22.' and 'BONDS Week Ended Oct. 22.'

g Due Jan. d Due April. p Due Dec. o Due Oct. s Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'INDUSTRIALS'.

a Due Jan. d Due May. e Due June. h Due July. k Due Aug. p Due Nov. o Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

4 Due May. * Option sale.

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Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are and interest" except where marked

Table of New York Stock Exchange bond records, including columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of Quotations of Sundry Securities, including sections for Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, Tobacco Stocks, Sugar Stocks, and Short Term Securities.

* Per share. † No par value. b Basis. d Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. a New stock. f Flat price. k Last sale. n Nominal. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. r Canadian quotation. s Sale price.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS
BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan 1 1926

PER SHARE
Range for Previous Year 1925

Saturday, Oct. 16.	Monday, Oct. 18.	Tuesday, Oct. 19.	Wednesday, Oct. 20.	Thursday, Oct. 21.	Friday, Oct. 22.	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
171 171	*170 1/2 172 1/2	170 1/4 170 1/4	*170 1/4 170 1/4	*170 1/4 172	82 1/2 82 1/2	54	100	159	Feb 13
82 1/2 83	*82 1/2 83	82 1/2 83	*82 1/2 82 1/2	82 1/2 82 1/2	82 1/2 82 1/2	373	100	77	May 3
*100 1/2	*100 1/2	*100 1/2	*100 1/2	*100 1/2	100	10	100	89	Feb 27
*119	*118 1/2	118 1/2 118 1/2	*119 1/2 118 1/2	*118 1/2	105	10	100	115 1/2	Jan 27
*105	*105	105 105	*105 105	105 105	105	124	100	98 1/2	Jan 9
54 54	54 1/2 55	54 55	50 54	54 1/2 55	55 55	770	100	35	Mar 30
*50	*50	*50	*50	*50	55	10	100	58 1/2	July 26
*79 80	*79	*79	*79	*79	55	10	100	53	June 30
*118	*116	*116	*120	*120	104 1/2 105	10	100	59	Apr 15
*105 110	*103	*103	*103	*102	104 1/2 105	17	100	84	Apr 15
*150	*150	*150	*150	*150	105 105	304	100	105	Jan 29
*104 105	*105 105	105 105	104 1/2 105 1/2	104 1/2 104 1/2	105 105	485	100	49	Apr 10
*35 37	*35 35	34 1/2 35	*34 1/2 35	*34 1/2 34	65 65	432	100	217 1/2	Mar 19
*65 66	*65 66	*65 67	*65 65	*65 67	65 65	485	100	28	Oct 6
*62 64	*62 64	64 64	*62 64	*62 64	65 65	100	100	59 1/2	Apr 29
42 1/2 42 1/2	*42 43	43 43 1/2	*43 43	*43 43	42 42	100	100	56	May 6
*50	*50	50 50 1/2	*50	*50	50 1/2 50 1/2	255	100	40	Apr 29
*39 3/8 39 3/8	39 3/8 40 3/8	39 3/8 40 1/2	38 3/8 39	38 3/8 39 3/8	38 3/8 39 3/8	3,120	100	49	Sept 1
94 94	94 94	94 95	*94 95	*94 95	95 95	3,120	100	31 3/8	Mar 30
*126	*125 1/4	123 123	*123 123	*123 124	105 105	6	100	81	Apr 8
123 123	123 123	124 124	123 123	*123 124	105 105	76	100	120	Apr 22
*101	*101	*101	*101	*101 103	105 105	100	100	111	Jan 6
*25 3	*25 3	2 1/2 2 1/2	*2 1/2 2 1/2	*2 1/2 3	146 146 1/4	160	100	103 1/2	Mar 12
*20 22	*20 22	20 20 1/2	*20 20 1/2	*20 21 1/2	146 146 1/4	75	100	203 1/2	Oct 20
145 1/2 145 1/2	145 145 1/2	145 1/2 145 1/2	145 1/2 145 1/2	145 1/2 145 1/2	146 146 1/4	1,678	100	139 1/2	June 24
51 53	51 51 1/2	51 51 1/2	51 51 1/2	51 51 1/2	51 51	2,275	100	48 1/2	July 13
73 73	*73 75	*73 75	*73 75	*73 75	73 73	135	100	72 3/4	July 2
*54 56	*54 56	*54 56	*54 56	*54 57	73 73	20	100	20	Jan 16
*8 9	*8 9	*8 9 1/2	*8 9	*8 9	73 73	25	100	52 1/2	Apr 14
*17 18	*17 18	*17 18	*17 18	*17 18	73 73	20	100	8 1/4	Oct 11
75 75	75 75	75 75 1/2	75 75 1/2	*16 1/2 17	75 75	85	100	14 1/2	May 7
*107 109	*107 1/4 109	*107 1/4 109	*107 1/4 109	*107 1/4 109	75 75	487	100	74 1/2	Oct 1
*59 61	*59 1/4 62	*59 1/4 62	*59 1/4 62	*59 1/4 62	75 75	10	100	105 1/2	Jan 25
*11 2	*11 2	2 2	*1 1/2 2	*1 1/2 2 1/2	75 75	100	100	57	May 8
*46 47 1/2	*47 50	45 46 1/2	*45 46	*45 45	75 75	100	100	10 1/2	June 9
*37 40	*37 40	*37 40	*37 40	*37 40	75 75	100	100	13 1/2	June 9
*90 1/4 93	*90 1/4 93	*90 1/4 93	*90 1/4 93	*90 1/4 93	75 75	100	100	10 1/2	May 20
*18	*18	17 17	*17 17	*17 17	75 75	200	100	16	Oct 20
221 221 1/2	220 221	220 220 1/2	220 1/2 221	220 1/2 221	219 1/2 221	1,368	100	2207	Jan 15
24 24	23 23	23 23	*22 24	*22 24	221 221	45	100	14	June 22
*11 12 1/2	*11 12 1/2	*11 12 1/2	*11 12 1/2	*11 12 1/2	221 221	285	100	34 1/4	Apr 20
*236 3/4 37 1/2	*37 3/8 37 3/8	37 37	*36 3/8 37 1/2	*36 3/8 37 1/2	221 221	1,426	100	88 1/2	Mar 30
94 95	94 95 1/2	94 95 1/2	93 1/2 94	93 1/2 94	221 221	1,926	100	10	May 6
11 11	*10 11	*10 11	*10 11	*10 11	221 221	230	100	56	Aug 14
62 62	62 62	61 62	61 62	*61 62	221 221	230	100	52	May 17
*25	*25	*25	*25	*25	221 221	15	100	10	Jan 2
93 1/2 93 1/2	*93 1/2 93 1/2	*94 94	*94 94	*94 94	221 221	15	100	30	May 19
*8 8 1/2	*8 8 1/2	*8 8 1/2	*8 8 1/2	*8 8 1/2	221 221	75	100	293	Apr 15
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*25 87	*24 86 1/2	85 1/2 86 1/2	85 1/2 86 1/2	86 87	221 221	189	100	80	Apr 20
*67 1/2 67 1/2	*67 1/2 67 1/2	67 1/2 67 1/2	65 67 1/2	68 68	221 221	108	100	65	Jan 6
*104 106 1/2	106 1/2 106 1/2	106 1/2 106 1/2	105 105	105 105	221 221	155	100	104	June 2
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*21 25 1/2	*23 23 1/2	22 1/2 23	21 1/2 22	21 1/2 22	221 221	344	100	89	Apr 9
24 1/2 24 1/2	24 24	23 1/2 24	23 1/2 24	24 24 1/2	221 221	700	100	15 1/2	Jan 9
*20 30	*20 30	*20 25	*20 25	*20 25	221 221	220	100	20	Jan 2
*4	*4	*4	*4	*4	221 221	220	100	3	July 15
100 100	100 101	100 101	*100 100 1/2	*100 100 1/2	221 221	135	100	1	Oct 1
*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	221 221	977	100	107 1/2	Apr 1
*9 15	*9 15	8 9	*8 8	*8 15	221 221	210	100	89	Feb 15
114 1/2 114 1/2	114 1/2 114 1/2	114 1/2 115	114 1/2 115	114 1/2 115	221 221	440	100	18	Feb 5
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40 42 1/4	40 41	41 42	42 43	42 1/2 43 1/2	221 221	440	100	25	July 6
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*15 1/2	*15 1/2	*15 1/2	*15 1/2	*15 1/2	221 221	210	100	10	Apr 10
*11 1/2 15 1/2	*11 1/2 15 1/2	*11 1/2 15 1/2	*11 1/2 15 1/2	*11 1/2 15 1/2	221 221	210	100	10	Apr 10
102 1/2 104	103 1/2 103 1/2	103 1/2 104	104 1/2 104 1/2	104 1/2 104 1/2	221 221	265	100	98	May 28
113 1/4 113 1/4	113 1/4 114 1/4	113 1/2 114	113 1/2 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	221 221	447	100	111	Apr 21
67 67	66 68	66 67	67 67	67 67	221 221	120	100	54	Mar 31
13 14	13 14	13 13 1/2	13 13 1/2	13 13 1/2	221 221	75	100	5	Jan 5
49 49 3/4	49 49 1/2	49 1/2 49 3/4	49 49	49 49 1/2	221 221	2,613	100	47	Mar 31
*28 28 1/2	*28 28 1/2	28 28	28 28	28 28	221 221	758	100	28	Jan 2
105 105	104 105	105 105	105 105	105 105	221 221	350	100	100	May 19
*20 1/2 82	*20 1/2 82	*20 1/2 82	*20 1/2 82	*20 1/2 82	221 221	5,380	100	17	Jan 6
20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	221 221	100	100	17	Jan 6
*37 39	*37 39	*37 39	*37 39	*37 39	221 221	100	100	52	Jan 23
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15 15	15 15	15 15	15 15	15 15	221 221	50	100	39	Apr 15
52 52 1/2	52 1/2 55	55 57	54 58 1/2	55 1/2 56	221 221	50	100	43	May 24
*41 41 1/2	*41 41 1/2	*41 42	*41 42	*41 42	221 221	125	100	42	Apr 16
*44 47	*44 47	*44 47	*44 47	*44 47	221 221	50	100	47	Feb 10
*12 13	*12 13	13 13	13 13	13 1/2 13 1/2	221 221	50	100	10 1/2	Aug 18
*30	*25 25	*25 25	*25 30	*25 30	221 221	50	100	25	Mar 15
*05 25	*05 25	*05 25	*05 25	*05 25	221 221	25	100	10	Feb 2
*80 85	*80 85	*80 85	*80 85	*80 85	221 221	200	100	25	Mar 27
94 10 1/4	10 1/4 10 1/4	10 1/4 10 1/4	10 1/4 10 1/4	10 1/4 10 1/4	221 221	475	100	9 1/2	May 25
*35 36	*35 36	*35 36	*35 36	*35 36	221 221	140	100	29	Jan 2
16 1/4 16 1/4	16 1/4 16 1/4	16 1/4 16 1/4	16 1/4 16 1/4	16 1/4 16 1/4	221 221	2,416	100	25	June 7
*20 30	*20 30	*20 30	*20 30	*20 30	221 221	530	100	13	June 7
14 1/4 14 1/4	14 1/4 14 1/4	14 1/4 14 1/4	14 1/4 14 1/4	14 1/4 14 1/4	221 221	530	100	25	May 20
21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	221 221	530	100	24	Oct 13
*30 50	*30 50	*30 50	*30 50	*30 50	221 221	25	100	30	Sept 9
15 1/2 16	15 1/2 16	16 16 1/4	16 1/2 16 1/4	16 1/2 16 1/4	221 221	640	100	15	Feb 25
*1 1	*1 1	*1 1 1/2	*1 1 1/2	*1 1 1/2	221 221	250	100	75	Oct 11
180 184	182 182	182 184	182 182 1/4	182 182 1/4	221 221	1			

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Oct. 16 to Oct. 22, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Oct. 16 to Oct. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange Oct. 16 to Oct. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Oct. 16 to Oct. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies, including Pines Winterfront, Pub Serv of Nor III, and Amer Gas & Elec. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Oct. 16 to Oct. 22, both inclusive. compiled from officials' sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, including Amer Vitriol Prod, Amer Wind GI Mach, and Pitts Steel Foundry. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value. Note.—Sold last week and not reported: 400 Auto Finance Co. com. at 15; 50 A. M. Byers Co. pref. at 101 1/2.

Philadelphia, Baltimore and St. Louis Stock Exchanges.—For this week's transactions on the Philadelphia, Baltimore and St. Louis Stock Exchanges see pages 2105-6.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from Oct. 16 to Oct. 22, inclusive:

Table of stock prices for New York Curb Market, including Ala Great South, Alabama Pow & S7 pref, and Allied Packers. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies, including Amer Gas & Elec, American Hawaiian SS, and Amer Lt & Trac. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Stocks (Continued) Par	Friday Last Sale Price.		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.		Range Since Jan. 1.		Stocks (Continued) Par	Friday Last Sale Price.		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.		Range Since Jan. 1.		
	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Shares.	Low.	High.	Low.		High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Shares.	Low.	High.	
Happiness Candy St cl A*	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	2,600	6	July	8 1/4	Jan	Tobacco Prod Exports...	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	1,400	3 1/4	Oct	4 1/4	Jan
Founders' shares	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	900	5 1/2	June	7 1/4	Jan	Todd Shipyards Corp...	37 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	300	29	Jan	40 1/4	Sept
Hartford Fire Insur Co.100	460	460	460	460	5	460	Oct	498	Sept	Trans-Lux Day Pic Screen	8	7 1/2	8 1/4	5,600	6 1/2	June	14	Jan
Havana Elec & Util. v t c.*	30 1/4	30	31	31	1,500	28	June	44 1/2	Jan	Class A common...	1160	1131	1160	35	1131	Oct	1243	Jan
Preferred	73	73	76	76	200	64 1/2	Apr	77	Oct	Traveler Shoe	17	17	17	200	17	Oct	17 1/4	Jan
Hazeline Corporation...	14	14	17	17	800	8 1/2	Apr	21 1/4	July	Traveler Sock	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	400	8 1/2	Jan	13 1/4	Feb
Heilmann (Richard) Co-										Tribune Sock	76	76	76	100	76	Oct	76	Oct
Particle pref with warr'ts										Tubing Sock	166	169	169	40	160 1/2	Oct	240	Jan
Heyden Chemical			1 1/4	1 1/4	1,800	1	June	2 1/2	Feb	Tung Sol Lamp Wks, com*	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4	300	7 1/2	Mar	10 1/2	Jan
Hires (Chas) Co cl A com.*	27	27	27	27	100	27	Aug	36 1/2	Jan	Class A...	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	400	17 1/4	May	19 1/2	Sept
Hollander (H) & Son, com.*	333	333	338	338	200	333	Sept	347	Sept	United Artists Theatre Co	98 1/2	98	98 1/2	400	98	Oct	101	June
Home Insurance Co., 100	26	26	26	26	100	25	May	26 1/4	Feb	Allied Cltfs for com & pf stck	8	8	8 1/2	900	8	Oct	17 1/2	June
Hunt Bros Pack, com, cl A*	6	6	6 1/4	6 1/4	1,200	6	Oct	19 1/2	Jan	United Biscuit, class B...	24	25	25	400	23	Mar	44 1/2	Feb
Industrial Rayon, class A*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	400	1 1/2	Oct	8 1/4	Jan	United Elec Coal Cos v t c*	102 1/2	101 1/2	106 1/2	5,900	84	Mar	144 1/2	Jan
Int Concrete Inc fdrs sh.10	29 1/2	30	30	30	400	25	Sept	39	Jan	United Gas Impt...	82	85	85	400	82	Oct	86 1/4	Oct
International Util, class A*	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	700	3 1/2	Sept	9 1/2	Jan	New stock w l	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	26,000	10 1/2	Oct	28	Feb
Class B...	141 1/4	143	143	143	250	130	Mar	165	July	Preferred A...	87 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	125	85	June	88 1/2	Jan
Johns-Manville, Inc.	19	17	19 1/2	19 1/2	600	17	Oct	47 1/4	Jan	Preferred B...	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	25	51 1/2	Oct	51 1/2	Oct
Land Co of Florida	105	106	106	106	300	103	Mar	120 1/4	Feb	United Profit Sharing com*	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	800	9 1/2	Jan	10 1/4	Sept
Lehigh Coal & Nav...	50	50	50	50	100	50	Mar	22	Jan	Un Ry&El.Balt, com...50	19 1/2	18 1/2	20	2,700	17 1/2	Jan	20	Oct
Lehigh Power Securities	14	13 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	24,200	10	Mar	22	Jan	U S Dairy Prod, class B...	9	9	9	100	9	Oct	22 1/2	Jan
New consolidated corp.	94 1/2	92 1/4	95	95	5,825	80	Mar	102	Jan	U S Light & Heat, com...10	31 1/2	29	31 1/2	2,400	16	Mar	31 1/2	Oct
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales.50	43 1/2	42 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	8,400	36 1/2	Mar	45 1/2	June	Preferred	7	7	7 1/4	3,000	5 1/2	Mar	7 1/4	May
Lehigh Valley Coal cfts, new	141	135	142 1/2	142 1/2	410	125	Aug	219	Jan	Universal Pictures...	36	37	37 1/2	2,600	29 1/2	July	40	Feb
Libby Owens Steelt Glass25	1	75c	1 1/4	1 1/4	8,600	10c	Apr	3 1/4	Jan	Utilities Pow & Lt, cl B...	14 1/4	13 1/2	14 1/4	1,100	13 1/2	July	18	Feb
Liberty Radio Chain St...	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	400	13 1/2	Sept	15 1/2	Oct	Utility Shares Corp, com.*	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,000	2 1/2	Oct	2 1/2	Feb
Madison Sq Gard Co v t c*	90c	1	1	1	600	73c	Sept	1 1/4	Jan	Option warrants	96	96	98 1/2	1,500	85	Apr	106 1/2	Oct
Marconi Wirel Tel of Can.1	4 1/2	3 1/4	4 1/2	4 1/2	700	3 1/2	Sept	6 1/4	Jan	Victor Talking Mach...100	37	35 1/2	45	31,400	28 1/2	June	65	Sept
Marc Wirel Tel of Lond.1	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	900	48 1/2	Oct	50 1/2	Sept	Warner Bros Pictures...	52	54 1/2	54 1/2	1,600	49 1/4	June	57 1/4	Sept
Marmoon Motor Car, com.*	55	55	55	55	300	36	Mar	65 1/2	Sept	Western Oil & Snow com v t c*	97 1/4	97	97 1/4	20	92 1/2	June	97 1/4	Sept
McCall Corporation...	37	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	150	34	Apr	52	Jan	Western Auto Supply, part	26 1/2	26	26 1/2	200	22	Mar	28	Jan
Mengel Company...	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	500	1 1/2	Sept	2 1/2	Jan	Western Dairy Prod cl A*	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	500	13 1/2	June	16 1/2	Oct
Mesabi Iron Co...	112	111	112 1/2	112 1/2	1,800	107 1/2	May	135	Jan	Class B v t c...	98	98	98 1/2	60	91 1/4	Mar	99	Jan
Metropol Chain Stores...	115 1/2	115	115 1/2	115 1/2	150	98	Jan	122 1/2	Feb	White Sew Mach pref...	16 1/4	14	22 1/2	9,100	14	Oct	29 1/2	Sept
Middle West Util, com.*	105	104 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	900	97	Jan	111 1/2	Feb	Winnipeg Elec Co, com.100	57 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	100	47	July	56 1/2	Oct
Prior lien stock...	22 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	2,500	20 1/2	Mar	28 1/2	Feb	Yates Amer Mach, part pt*	29 1/2	30	30	200	27 1/2	July	31	Sept
7% preferred...	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	25	101 1/2	May	105	Mar	Yellow Tax Corp, N Y...	14	12	15 1/2	11,600	9	Mar	17 1/4	Apr
Mohawk & Hud Pow, com*	90	90	90	90	500	90	Mar	102	Aug									
First preferred...	37 1/2	39 1/4	39 1/4	39 1/4	500	25	July	41 1/4	Jan									
Second preferred...	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	100	59 1/2	July	68	July									
Mohawk Valley Co...	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	Mar	3	Sept									
Moore Drop Forge, cl A*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	July	14 1/4	Aug									
Mu-Rad Radio...	21 1/4	21 1/4	22 1/2	22 1/2	500	15 1/4	Mar	26 1/2	Jan									
National Baking, com*	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	200	93 1/2	Oct	102 3/4	Oct									
Nat Elec Power, class A*	101 1/4	101	101 1/4	101 1/4	700	97	Mar	102 1/2	Jan									
Preferred...	18 1/2	18 1/2	19	19	1,300	15 1/2	Mar	24	Jan									
Nat Power & Light, pref...	13 1/4	13 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	1,000	10	Mar	16 1/2	July									
Nat Pub Serv, com, cl A*	122	123	123	123	175	102	Mar	129 1/2	June									
Common, class B...	95 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	200	95 1/2	Oct	97	Oct									
National standard Co...	24 1/2	25	25	25	500	19 1/4	Mar	29 1/2	June									
National Sugar Refin...	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	1,500	19 1/2	Mar	44 1/2	Jan									
Neisner Bros, Inc, pref.100	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	100	9 1/2	Apr	17	Jan									
Nelson (Herman) Co...	113 1/4	112	113 1/4	113 1/4	650	110 1/2	Apr	115 1/2	Jan									
New-Cel Elec Corp, com.5	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	800	16	Oct	21	Sept									
New Mex & Ariz Land...1	50	54 1/4	54 1/4	54 1/4	800	46	July	55	Feb									
New Ori Grt Nor RR...100	15 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	5,400	15 1/2	Oct	36 1/2	Jan									
N Y Teleg, 6 1/2 % pref.100	12	11 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/4	3,600	11	Mar	26 1/2	Jan									
N Y Transport, com...10	79	79	79	79	20	77 1/2	Sept	85	Aug									
North American Cement...	103	103	104 1/4	104 1/4	3,400	98 1/2	May	136 1/2	Jan									
Northeast Power, com.*	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	175	99 1/2	Apr	103 1/2	Oct									
Northern Ohio Power Co.*	110	110	110	110	1,000	54	Aug	68	Jan									
Nor Ontario L & P, pf...100	110	110	110	110	110	110	Oct	113 1/2	July									
Nor States P Corp, com.100	28	28	28	28	200	28	Oct	34	Jan									
Preferred...	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	200	9 1/2	June	11	June									
Nor Texas Elec Co, pref100	13	12 1/2	13 1/4	13 1/4	4,400	11	Apr	16 1/2	Oct									
Ohio Bell Tel, 7% pf, 100	124	124	126	126	400	111	Apr	126	Oct									
Oppen'm Collins, Inc, v t c	22	22	22	22	100	22	Oct	36 1/2	Feb									
Ovington Bros, part pref...	99	99	99	99	100	98	Aug	99	July									
Pacific Steel Boiler...	20	20	20	20	300	20	Oct	21 1/4	Sept									
Parke, Davis & Co, cl A*	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	3,400	6 1/4	May	10 1/4	Sept									
Pender (David) Groc, cl B*	37 1/2	37																

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Amer Comm'l Min & Mill	1	1	6c	6c	2,000	3c	July	13c	Aug	Keystone Teleg 5 1/2% 1955	90	89	91	164,000	83	Apr	91	Oct	
Amer Tin & Tungsten	1	1	4c	5c	19,000	2c	Aug	10c	Aug	Krupp (Fried), Ltd, 7s1929	99	99	99 1/2	34,000	90 1/2	Jan	99 1/2	Oct	
Arizona Globe Copper	1	1	8c	7c	20,000	7c	May	31c	Feb	Laclede Gas Lt 5 1/2% 1935	100	100	100 1/2	2,000	98	Jan	101 1/2	Oct	
Beaver Consolidated	1	1	66c	66c	2,000	45c	Jan	96c	Feb	Lehigh Pow Secur 6s 2026	93 1/2	93	93 1/2	35,000	93	Mar	95 1/2	Feb	
Chief Consol Mining	1	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	2 1/2	May	3 1/2	July	Libby, McN & Lib 7s 1931	103 1/2	103 1/2	104	10,000	103 1/2	Oct	105	Jan	
Consol Copper Mines	1	1	3	2 1/2	1,800	1 1/2	Apr	3 1/2	May	Liggett Winchester 7s 1942	108	108	108	2,000	106 1/2	May	108 1/2	Apr	
Copper Range Co	25	25	14 1/2	14 1/2	100	13 1/2	May	20 1/2	Feb	Leonard Tietz, Inc, 7 1/2% '46	101	101	102	83,000	93 1/2	Mar	103 1/2	Aug	
Cresson Consol G & M	1	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,800	1 1/2	June	2 1/2	Jan	Loews Inc 6s with war 1941	99	98	99 1/2	156,000	97 1/2	Jul	100 1/2	Sept	
Crystal Copper	1	1	50c	50c	200	50c	Oct	50c	Oct	Long Isld Ltg Co 6s 1945	102 1/2	102	102 1/2	8,000	99 1/2	Mar	103 1/2	July	
Dolores Esperanza Corp	2	2	50c	50c	1,000	32c	Aug	1	Sept	Manitoba Power 5 1/2% 1951	95 1/2	95 1/2	96	15,000	94 1/2	Apr	98	Apr	
Engineer Gold Mines Ltd	5	5	3c	3c	1,800	3 1/2	Oct	28 1/2	Feb	Manitowish Mtn & Smelting	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	49,000	94	May	101	June	
Eureka Croesus	1	1	6c	6c	6,000	3c	Apr	16c	Aug	(Germany) 7s 1941	102 1/2	102	102 1/2	37,000	99 1/2	Jul	100 1/2	June	
Falcon Lead Mines	1	1	64c	63c	67c	5,600	61c	Aug	80c	Sept	Mass Gas Co 5 1/2% 1940	94 1/2	93 1/2	96 1/2	182,000	91 1/2	Oct	96 1/2	Oct
First Thought Gold Min	1	1	3c	3c	22,000	3c	Aug	10c	Apr	Mag Mill Mach 7s 1956	97 1/2	97 1/2	98	20,000	97	July	98 1/2	Aug	
Forty-Nine Mining	1	1	10c	9c	10c	5,000	5c	Feb	19c	Apr	Montreal L, H & P 6s '51	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	11,000	102	Sept	105 1/2	Apr
Golden Centre Mines	5	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	900	1	Mar	3	May	Morris & Co 7 1/2% 1930	98 1/2	98	98 1/2	70,000	98	Aug	98 1/2	Sept	
Golden State Mining	10c	10c	10c	11c	3,000	4c	Feb	22c	June	Nat Pow & Light 6s A 2026	96	96	96 1/2	6,000	96	Oct	97	Apr	
Goldfield Consol Mines	1	1	10c	10c	1,000	6c	July	18c	Feb	Nat Pub Serv Corp 6 1/2% '55	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1,000	98 1/2	June	101 1/2	Apr	
Hawthorne Mines, Inc	1	1	9c	10c	30,000	9c	Sept	32c	Feb	Nevada Power 6s A 2022	98 1/2	98 1/2	93	82,000	92	Oct	95 1/2	June	
Hecla Mining	25c	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	1,100	15 1/2	Mar	19 1/2	Mar	Nevada Cons 5s 1941	101 1/2	101 1/2	102	34,000	100 1/2	June	101 1/2	Aug	
Hollinger Consol Gold Min	5	5	18 1/2	18 1/2	100	17 1/2	Jan	19 1/2	June	Nevada Cons 5s 1941	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	44,000	99 1/2	June	101 1/2	Aug	
Iron Cap Copper Co	10	10	3 1/2	3 1/2	200	3 1/2	Oct	4 1/2	Oct	New Ore Tex & M RR 5s '56	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	3,000	105	June	106 1/2	Aug	
Kay Copper Co	1	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	41,800	1 1/2	June	2 1/2	Mar	Niagara Falls Power 6s '50	110 1/2	110	110 1/2	26,000	108	Mar	131	Jan	
Kerr Lake	5	5	80c	90c	1,200	80c	Oct	1 1/2	Feb	Nor States Pow 6 1/2% 1933	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	9,000	102 1/2	Jan	104 1/2	Jan	
Mass Valley Mines	5	5	2	2	900	1 1/2	June	2 1/2	Sept	Ohio Power 5s ser B 1952	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	31,000	94	Jan	101 1/2	June	
Mining Co of Canada	1	1	3	3	100	3	Oct	4	July	4 1/2% Series D 1956	106	106	106	1,000	105 1/2	May	107	June	
New Cornelia Copper	5	5	22 1/2	23 1/2	700	18 1/2	May	23 1/2	Aug	Ohio River Edison 5s 1951	95 1/2	95	95 1/2	25,000	94 1/2	June	96 1/2	June	
New Jersey Zinc	100	178	17 1/2	18 1/2	140	17 1/2	Oct	210	Jan	Okla Natural Gas 6s 1941	99	99	99	19,000	99	Sept	99 1/2	Sept	
Newmont Mining Corp	10	10	7 1/2	7 1/2	2,700	4 1/2	Jan	7 1/2	Oct	Otis Steel 6s 1941	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	84,000	93 1/2	Sept	99	June	
Nipissing Mines	5	5	18 1/2	18 1/2	1,900	12 1/2	Mar	19 1/2	Aug	Pan Amer Petrol 6s 1940	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	87,000	99 1/2	Oct	105	July	
Noranda Mines Ltd	5	5	18 1/2	18 1/2	1,900	12 1/2	Mar	19 1/2	Aug	Penn-Ohio Edison 6s 1950	113	112 1/2	113 1/2	23,000	98	Apr	105 1/2	Sept	
Ohio Copper	1	1	45c	40c	45c	3,000	40c	Oct	75c	Jan	Penn-Dixie Cement 6s 1941	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	52,000	99	Sept	99 1/2	Sept
Premier Gold Min, Ltd	1	1	2	2	3,000	2	July	2 1/2	Mar	Penn Pow & Light 5s 1952	99	99	99 1/2	11,000	97 1/2	Mar	100	May	
Red Warrior Mining	1	1	15c	17c	2,000	15c	July	35c	Feb	5s series D 1953	98 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	14,000	97 1/2	June	100 1/2	June	
San Toy Mining	1	1	4c	4c	2,000	3c	Mar	6c	July	Phila Electric 6s 1941	107	107	107	7,000	106	Jan	108 1/2	June	
South Amer Gold & Plat	1	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	800	3 1/2	Feb	5 1/2	July	5s 1960	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	25,000	101 1/2	Oct	103 1/2	June
Spearshead Gold Mining	1	1	3c	3c	6,000	2c	Feb	6c	May	Phila Elec Pow 5 1/2% 1972	102 1/2	102	102 1/2	82,000	100 1/2	Mar	103 1/2	May	
Teck-Hughes	1	1	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	1,800	2 1/2	Jan	5	Aug	Phila Rapid Tran 6s 1962	100	100	100 1/2	16,000	97 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	May
Tonopah Belmont Devl	1	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	2 1/2	Apr	4 1/2	Jan	Pub Serv Corp N J 5 1/2% '56	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	118,000	98	Aug	99 1/2	June	
Tonopah Extension	1	1	34c	36c	3,000	8c	May	1 1/2	Jan	Pure Oil Co 6 1/2% 1933	111 1/2	111	115	17,000	101 1/2	Mar	118	Jan	
Tonopah Mining	1	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,500	3 1/2	Oct	7 1/2	Feb	Richfield Oil of Calif 6s '41	99	99	99	55,000	99	Oct	99	Oct	
Tri-Bullion Smelt & Devl	10	10	7c	7c	1,000	3c	May	15c	July	Sauda Falls Co 5s 1955	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	25,000	94	Mar	97	July	
United Verde Extens	50c	50c	24 1/2	25	500	24 1/2	Oct	133	Feb	Saxon Public Wks 6 1/2% 1951	95 1/2	94	95 1/2	311,000	91 1/2	Aug	98 1/2	July	
Utah Apex	5	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	3,000	5 1/2	Oct	11 1/2	Feb	Schulte R E Co 6s 1935	94	92 1/2	94	17,000	92	Apr	98 1/2	Jan	
Utah Metal & Tunnel	1	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,000	1 1/2	Feb	2 1/2	Mar	6s without com stk 1935	87	87	87 1/2	48,000	83	Apr	90	July	
Wendon Copper Mining	1	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	2 1/2	Mar	3 1/2	Jan	Servel Corp 6s 1931	99	98	100 1/2	103,000	98	Oct	109	June	
West End Extension	1	1	3c	3c	1,000	3c	Mar	7c	May	Shawsheen Mills 7s 1931	100	100	100 1/2	13,000	96	May	102 1/2	Jan	
Yukon Gold Co	5	5	30c	30c	1,000	20c	Aug	34c	Jan	Siemans & Halske 7s 1928	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	42,000	96 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Sept	
Bonds—																			
Allied Pack deb 8s 1939	71	71	89,000	70 1/2	May	89	Jan	Jan	Jan	Siemans & Halske S-S	99	99	99 1/2	137,000	99	Oct	99 1/2	Sept	
Debuture 6s 1939	67 1/2	67 1/2	4,000	64	June	80	Jan	Jan	Jan	6s with warrants 1951	95	94 1/2	95	319,000	93 1/2	Oct	95 1/2	Sept	
Aluminum Co 7s 1933	105 1/2	105 1/2	18,000	105 1/2	Apr	107 1/2	Feb	Feb	Feb	Silesian-American 7s 1941	95	94 1/2	95	16,000	101 1/2	Aug	104 1/2	May	
Am G & E 6s, new 2014	101	100 3/4	126,000	98 1/2	Apr	101 3/4	Sept	Sept	Sept	Southeast P & L 6s 2025	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	163,000	94 1/2	Mar	95 1/2	June	
American Power & Light	99 1/2	99 1/2	173,000	96	Jan	100 1/2	July	July	July	Without warrants 1951	99	99	99 1/2	57,000	97 1/2	Mar	99 1/2	June	
6s, old without warr 2016	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	96	Jan	100 1/2	July	July	July	Sou Cal Edison 6s 1951	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	42,000	95	Mar	100 1/2	June	
Amer Rolling Mill 6s 1938	103 1/2	103 1/2	9,000	101	Jan	103 1/2	July	July	July	Southern Gas Co 6 1/2% 1935	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	27,000	104 1/2	Oct	107 1/2	Jan	
Amer Seath 6s 1936	98 1/2	97 1/2	56,000	97 1/2	Oct	100 1/2	July	July	July	Southern Gas Co 6 1/2% 1935	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	17,000	97 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	June	
American Thread 6s 1928	101 1/2	101 1/2	20,000	101 1/2	Sept	103 1/2	Jan	Jan	Jan	Stand Oil of N Y 6 1/2% 1933	105	105 1/2	105 1/2	31,000	104 1/2	Oct	107 1/2	Jan	
Amer Wks & Ed 6s 1975	98 1/2	98 1/2	75,000	92 1/2	Mar	98 1/2	Sept	Sept	Sept	Sun Oil 5 1/2% 1939	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	73,000	96 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	Apr	
Amer Writing Paper 6s 1947	81	80 1/2	82,000	77 1/2	Aug	82 1/2	Oct	Oct	Oct	Swift & Co 5s Oct 15 1932	97 1/2	97 1/2	98	3,000	100	Oct	100 1/2	Oct	
Anacosta Cop Min 6s 1929	102 1/2	102 1/2	25,000	102 1/2	Oct	103 1/2	Aug	Aug	Aug	Tennessee Cop & Ch 6s '41	100	100	100	3,000	100	Oct	100 1/2	Oct	
Andian Nat Corp 6s 1940	97 1/2	97 1/2	6,000	97 1/2	Oct	101 1/2	July	July	July	Thyssen (Aug) I & S 7s 1930	102 1/2								

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of October. The table covers 11 roads and shows 1.01% increase in comparison with the same week last year.

Second Week of October.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	\$ 383,678	\$ 375,761	\$ 7,917	
Canadian National	6,064,521	6,218,089		153,568
Canadian Pacific	4,644,000	4,395,000	249,000	
Georgia & Florida	41,600	42,200		600
Great Northern	3,368,000	3,307,786	60,214	
Minneapolis & St Louis	332,916	345,818		12,902
Mobile & Ohio	389,537	432,812		43,275
St Louis Southwestern	618,000	600,901	17,099	
Southern Railway System	4,110,707	4,220,234		109,527
Texas & Pacific	830,192	786,533	43,659	
Western Maryland	555,873	399,765	156,108	
Total (11 roads)	21,339,024	21,124,399	533,997	319,372
Net increase (1.01%)			214,625	

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the first week of October.

First Week of October.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
Previously reported (11 roads)	\$ 21,925,029	\$ 22,091,231	\$ 344,202	\$ 510,404
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	108,690	127,484		18,794
Georgia & Florida	41,500	40,400	1,100	
Mineral Range	5,186	5,929		743
Total (14 roads)	22,080,405	22,265,044	345,302	529,941
Net decrease (0.82%)				184,639

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

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
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)	28,558,751	18,149,032	+10,409,719	7.82
4th week July (15 roads)	28,153,394	26,762,794	+1,390,600	5.19
1st week Aug. (14 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	2.60
3d week Sept. (15 roads)	22,446,081	22,403,299	+42,782	0.01
4th week Sept. (14 roads)	31,049,598	30,220,186	+829,412	2.68
1st week Oct. (14 roads)	22,080,405	22,265,044	-184,639	0.82
2d week Oct. (11 roads)	21,339,024	21,124,399	+214,625	1.01

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.
Sept.	\$ 564,443,591	\$ 540,063,587	\$ +24,381,007	\$ 177,242,895	\$ 159,216,004	\$ +18,026,891
Oct.	590,161,046	571,576,038	+18,585,008	180,695,428	168,640,671	+12,054,757
Nov.	531,742,071	504,781,775	+26,960,296	148,157,616	131,381,847	+16,775,769
Dec.	523,041,764	504,450,580	+18,591,184	134,445,634	124,090,958	+10,354,676
1926.		1925.		1926.	1925.	
Jan.	480,062,657	484,022,695	-3,960,038	102,270,877	101,323,883	+946,994
Feb.	459,227,310	454,198,055	+5,029,255	99,480,650	99,518,658	-38,008
March	528,905,183	485,236,559	+43,668,624	133,642,754	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	128,581,566	112,904,074	+15,677,492
June	638,758,797	506,124,762	+132,634,035	149,492,478	130,920,896	+18,571,582
July	655,471,276	521,596,191	+133,875,085	161,070,612	139,644,601	+21,426,011
Aug.	577,791,746	553,933,904	+23,857,842	179,416,017	166,426,264	+12,989,753

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been 1925—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.; Aug., 7.86% inc.

In September the length of road covered was 236,752 miles in 1925, against 236,587 miles in 1924; 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; in August, 236,759 miles, against 236,092 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.
Chicago & Alton—						
September	2,800,586	2,754,192			\$ 371,030	\$ 478,510
From Jan. 1	23,164,502	22,622,654			2,497,539	3,132,099
Delaware Lackawanna & Western—						
September	8,011,759	6,151,225			\$ 1,999,535	\$ 817,598
From Jan. 1	65,331,665	65,153,228			14,009,077	12,209,200
Kan City So Ry (incl Texarkana & Ft Smith Ry)—						
September	1,916,800	1,870,345	636,880	537,809	526,717	
From Jan. 1	16,555,793	15,658,806	5,691,723	4,748,572	4,568,854	3,753,574
Minneapolis St Paul & S S Marle Ry—						
September	2,965,566	3,926,471	1,131,419	1,926,658	963,339	1,729,583
From Jan. 1	19,730,552	20,775,069	4,481,601	5,338,839	3,079,022	3,893,499
Wisconsin Central Ry—						
September	1,731,241	1,923,268	450,779	528,703	371,097	420,140
From Jan. 1	15,078,877	15,212,897	3,276,226	3,733,022	2,523,865	2,888,975
Minn St Paul & S S M System—						
September	4,696,807	5,849,740			\$ 1,182,036	\$ 1,981,057
From Jan. 1	34,809,429	35,987,967			4,683,555	5,876,254
Monongahela Connecting—						
September	202,420	166,292	54,641	24,294	44,201	14,678
From Jan. 1	1,696,824	1,607,854	433,035	239,237	364,058	192,979
New York Chicago & St Louis—						
September	4,851,370	4,808,329			\$ 932,844	\$ 1,224,928
From Jan. 1	40,947,485	40,333,391			7,363,263	7,841,873

* After rents.
Electric Railway and Other Public Utility 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.—				
Sept	1,104,978	1,164,540	\$ 521,342	\$ 469,308
12 mos end Sept 30	12,759,396	10,860,474	6,099,640	5,079,625
Brazilian Tr, L & P Co, Ltd				
Sept	3,412,431	2,846,091	1,911,351	1,514,288
9 mos end Sept 30	29,447,935	22,119,851	16,802,431	12,535,207
cAmerican Power & Lt.—				
Sept	4,686,935	4,050,180	*1,986,254	*1,732,128
12 mos end Aug 31	57,248,546	48,412,403	25,227,967	21,592,766
cSouthwestern Pow & Lt. Aug				
Sept	1,268,326	1,158,984	*618,326	*536,309
12 mos end Aug 31	14,975,617	13,868,022	7,250,489	6,749,286

* After taxes.
c Earnings of subsidiary companies only.

Companies.		Gross Earnings.		Net after Taxes.		Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.		
Bangor Hydro-Elec Co	Sept	153,131	85,365	29,740	55,625		
	25	137,806	72,501	26,782	45,719		
	12 mos end Sept 30	1,675,300	878,286	331,328	546,958		
	25	1,562,792	826,383	313,628	512,755		
Brooklyn City RR Co	Sept	925,834	*148,357	46,594	101,763		
	25	931,680	*184,761	61,317	123,444		
	3 mos end Sept 30	2,754,902	*409,035	141,026	268,009		
	25	2,760,996	*499,997	178,524	321,473		
B-M-T System	Sept	3,671,448	*1,138,209	652,224	485,985		
	25	3,590,027	*1,137,462	654,939	482,513		
	3 mos end Sept 30	11,673,905	*3,684,971	1,952,416	1,732,554		
	25	11,228,732	*3,453,517	1,962,829	1,490,688		
Central Illinois Light Co	Sept	326,573	123,266				
	25	327,701	129,278				
	12 mos end Sept 30	4,112,438	1,635,483	467,549	1,167,934		
	25	3,832,426	1,610,250	515,487	1,094,763		
Central Me Pow Co System	Sept	430,318	140,602	82,348	58,254		
	25	397,912	160,866	78,031	72,835		
	12 mos end Sept 30	5,028,703	2,152,698	1,025,928	1,126,770		
	25	4,873,505	1,954,206	1,053,895	900,311		
Cities Service Co	Sept	1,875,103	1,786,137	230,344	1,555,793		
	25	1,231,068	1,168,690	205,129	963,561		
	12 mos end Sept 30	23,029,845	22,127,307	2,625,226	19,501,781		
	25	18,845,283	18,077,901	2,136,495	15,941,406		
Commonwealth Power Corp	Sept	4,050,485	1,813,277				
	25	3,566,096	1,428,778				
	12 mos end Sept 30	48,164,951	22,115,010	11,981,045	10,133,965		
	25	42,267,753	18,271,282	10,769,494	7,501,788		
Consumers Power Co	Sept	2,023,654	949,976				
	25	1,697,044	745,610				
	12 mos end Sept 30	23,330,227	11,241,687	2,642,224	8,599,463		
	25	19,609,525	9,004,313	2,491,762	6,512,551		
Federal Light & Traction Co	Aug	510,273	180,848	66,712	114,136		
	25	445,970	155,078	64,266	90,812		
	8 mos end Aug 31	4,291,742	1,602,399	541,572	1,060,827		
	25	3,827,715	1,386,454	488,734	897,720		
Hudson & Manh	Sept	989,380	488,499	335,861	152,638		
	25	969,704	470,175	336,078	134,097		
	9 mos end Sept 30	9,071,250	4,453,988	3,022,147	1,431,841		
	25	8,927,411	4,243,577	3,032,409	1,211,168		
Illinois Power Co	Sept	185,790	47,895				
	25	191,334	55,971				
	12 mos end Sept 30	2,586,172	814,577	387,087	427,490		
	25	2,420,400	740,230	395,113	345,117		

The company has proven up valuable properties in the States of Texas and California for future development. Our pipe lines have been extended to handle the Texas production, while all of the company's operating capacity, including refining, manufacturing of casinghead gasoline, retail distribution of refined products, as well as crude oil purchasing and marketing facilities, have been largely increased.

RESULTS FOR 3 AND 9 MONTHS ENDED SEPT. 30.

Table with 5 columns: Period, Quarter Ended (Sept. 30 '26, Sept. 30 '25), and Nine Months Ended (Sept. 30 '26, Sept. 30 '25). Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. & admin. expenses, Net earnings, Interest, &c., Wells & leases abandoned, Depreciation reserve, Depletion reserve, Net income, Dividends paid, Balance, surplus, and Federal income taxes.

CONDENSED CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET (CO. & SUBS.).

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, and Equity. Rows include Fixed assets, Invs. & advances, Deferred charges, Cash, U. S. Treas. cfts., Bills & acc'ts rec., Crude oil, Refined products, Mat'ls & supplies, Misc. accr. items, Capital and surplus, Minority interests, Res. for Fed. taxes, Bills payable, Acc'ts payable, Misc. accr. items, Total, and Net equity.

Interborough Rapid Transit Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1926.)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24, 1922-23). Rows include Miles of road June 30, Miles of track June 30, Passengers carried, Gross oper. revenue, Operating expenses, Taxes, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Int. & s. f. on city bonds, Int. on co. 1st & ref. s., b s. f. on co. 1st & ref. s, Int. on Man. Ry. con. fd., Div. rental Man. Ry. stk, Other interest, &c., Total deductions, Net income, and Accruals.

Balance... sur\$2,443,695 def\$345,508 def\$359,026 def\$568,992 a From the income statement of operations under Contract No. 3 and the related certificates, respectively. It has been the practice to include in all reports of operating expenses 14% of the gross operating revenue upon the Manhattan Division and 17% on the Subway Division to cover maintenance and depreciation. These are the percentages fixed for the first year of operation in each case. Negotiations have been pending between the company and the Commission ever since the end of the first year to determine what, if any, changes in these percentages should be made for subsequent years. Prior to July 1 1923 the amount expended in excess of 14% upon the Manhattan Division was approximately offset by the amount under 17% expended upon the Subway Division, but during the current year the net expenditures of both divisions were considerably in excess of the tentative percentages provided for the first year. The net expenditures for maintenance in excess of the amounts therefor, included in "operating expenses," are shown hereinabove as "maintenance expenditures in excess of contractual provisions."

b Under the plan of readjustment, payment of the sinking fund is deferred until July 1 1926 on condition that, prior to that date, an amount equal to the deferred sinking fund be expended on additions or improvements to the property.

RESULTS BY DIVISIONS FOR YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1926, 1925). Rows include Year Ended June 30, Passengers carried, Daily aver. pass. carried, Rev. from transporta'tn, Other street ry. op. rev., Gross oper. revenue, Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Total oper. expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Income from operation, Non-operating income, Gross income, Int. & sk. fd. on city bds., Int. on I. R. T. Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5% bonds, Sk. fd. I. R. T. Co. 1st & refunding fs., Int. on 7% notes, Int. on 10-yr. 6% notes, Int. on equip. tr. cfts., Int. on Manh. Ry. cons. mtge. 4% bonds, Int. on Manh. Ry. 2d mtge. 4% bonds, Man. Ry. rental (organ.), Div. rental on Man. Ry. Co. stock, Int. on inv. of depr. res., Int. on unfunded debt., Other rent deductions, Total inc. deductions, Net corporate income, Maint. expend. in excess of contract provisions, Balance, and V. 123, p. 1634.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Pennsylvania RR. Advances Shopmen's Wages 3 Cents per Hour.—Increase, effective Oct. 16, affected around 43,000 mechanics, helpers and apprentices. New York "Times" Oct. 21, p. 35.

Surplus Cars.—Class I railroads on Sept. 30 had 114,730 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 9,412 cars compared with Sept. 23, at which time there were 124,142 cars. Surplus coal cars in good repair on Sept. 30 totaled 27,519, a decrease of 2,686 within approximately a week while surplus box cars totaled 62,202, a decrease of 5,274 cars during the same period. Reports also showed 12,274 surplus stock cars, an increase of 73 cars above the number reported on Sept. 23, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 6,348, a decrease of 1,655 cars within the same previous period.

Class I railroads on Oct. 8 had 100,069 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, a decrease of 14,661 cars, compared with Sept. 30, at which time there were 114,730 cars. Surplus coal cars in good repair on Oct. 8 totaled 20,194, a decrease of 7,325 within approximately a week, while surplus box cars totaled 55,367, a decrease of 6,835 cars during the same period. Reports also showed 12,408 surplus stock cars, an increase of 134 cars above the number reported on Sept. 30, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 5,415, a decrease of 933 cars within the same previous period.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Oct. 16.—(a) Gross and net earnings of United States roads for month of August, p. 1927. (b) Revenue freight loading still at high figures, p. 1933. (c) The Lisman plan for the solution of Chicago's transportation problem, p. 1956. (d) Canadian Grand Trunk settlement, p. 1957.

Boston & Maine RR.—Stock Offered Employees.—

The company announces that a plan has been adopted by the directors whereby employees who have been continuously in the service of the road since July 1, 1917, will have the privilege, until Nov. 10, of purchasing, under an installment plan, a limited number of shares of the new 7% prior preference stock. Subscriptions may be made at par (\$100) for from one to ten shares. During the installment period the company allows employees interest at the rate of 7% per annum.—V. 123, p. 1870.

Chesapeake & Hocking Ry. Co.—Construction of Line.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 19 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct a line of railroad in Pike, Ross, Pickaway and Franklin Counties, Ohio. The report of the Commission says in part:

The Chesapeake & Hocking Ry. Co., a corporation organized for the purpose of engaging in inter-State commerce by railroad, on Oct. 1 1926, filed an application under paragraph (18) of section 1 of the inter-State commerce act for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the construction by it of a line of railroad extending from a connection with the railroad of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. at or near Gregg in a general northerly direction to a connection with the railroad of the Hocking Valley Ry. at or near Valley Crossing, a distance of approximately 63 miles, in Pike, Ross, Pickaway, and Franklin Counties, Ohio. The Chesapeake controls the Hocking through stock ownership. No representations have been made by State authorities and no objection to the granting of the application has been presented to us.

In F. D. No. 4643 the New York Chicago & St. Louis Ry. Co. applied for a certificate that the public convenience and necessity required the construction and operation of this line by it. In Nickel Plate Unification, 105 I. C. C. 425, 449, we said that the record was convincing that the construction of the proposed new line was necessary to take care of the growing traffic of the Chesapeake; that most of the preliminary work had been done by the Chesapeake; and that it was amply able to finance the construction. As the proposed line was to be an essential part of the Chesapeake the application was denied without prejudice to resubmission by the Chesapeake. On Sept. 24 1926, the Chesapeake caused the applicant to be incorporated in Ohio to construct the proposed line. The application recites that the Chesapeake will acquire all of the applicant's capital stock except directors' qualifying shares, and will control and operate its railroad under a lease or such other operating arrangements as may be approved by us.

The Chesapeake has filed an intervening petition in which it adopts and concurs in all of the statements made in the application. The board of directors of the Chesapeake has adopted resolutions providing that the Chesapeake, subject to our approval, shall acquire all of the applicant's capital stock, except directors' qualifying shares, and shall advance to the applicant the funds necessary to construct its proposed line, to an aggregate amount not exceeding \$12,500,000.

More than 63% of the revenue coal tonnage of the Chesapeake moves to its western connections via Cincinnati and Columbus. The route to Columbus, opened in 1917, now carries the major part of this westbound coal traffic. Coal delivered to connections at Columbus has increased from 4,525,492 tons in 1918 to 19,033,620 tons in 1925. The applicant represents that provision must be made to handle 25,000,000 tons a year through Columbus within the next five years. The heavy increase in the Chesapeake's westbound coal traffic is claimed to be due to the development of the high volatile coal on its lines in West Virginia and Kentucky, for which there is a constantly increasing demand. It is expected that nearly all of the traffic of the proposed line will originate at and be destined to points beyond its termini, and that coal and coke will constitute 85% of its tonnage.

Between Waverly, near Gregg, and Valley Crossing, the Chesapeake operates over the double-track line of the Norfolk & Western Ry. From Valley Crossing to Parsons Yard, Columbus, 2.9 miles, the Chesapeake operates over the tracks of the Hocking. The Hocking operates a line from Parsons Yard to Toledo, Ohio. The Chesapeake is connected with its subsidiary, the Hocking, by trackage rights over the Norfolk's line.

The Norfolk has served notice on the Chesapeake terminating the trackage contract on Sept. 16 1927. The trackage agreement provides that the Norfolk may limit the number of cars handled by the Chesapeake as may be necessary to prevent interference with its own traffic, with the proviso that the limit fixed shall not be less than 600 cars daily in each direction. The contract gives the Norfolk the right to embargo trains or cars of the Chesapeake if, for any reason, the Chesapeake fails to take its locomotives, trains, or cars off the Norfolk's line immediately upon arrival at Valley Crossing, or if congestion of the Norfolk's facilities is caused by engine or car failures of the Chesapeake, or the suspension or unreasonable delay in the movement of that company's trains.

The applicant represents that these restrictions have limited its west-bound business, and will become increasingly onerous with the growth of its traffic; that the Chesapeake is now limited to a maximum of 14 trains or approximately 1,400 cars a day; that it must be prepared to handle 2,000 cars a day within the next few years, without restriction or delay; and that if the trackage contract were renewed it would be impossible to handle the expected traffic over the Norfolk's line.

It is claimed that the diversion of the Chesapeake's traffic to the proposed new line will save in the cost of train and car service alone about 6% on the estimated construction cost, in addition to the rental now paid to the Norfolk. These estimated savings do not include any allowance for a reduction in expenses to be effected by the operation of the line as a component part of the Chesapeake's system.

The applicant plans to begin construction work immediately and to complete it in about one year.

The applicant expects to finance the construction cost (1) from the proceeds of the sale of its capital stock and from funds loaned and advanced to it by the Chesapeake; or (2) by the issue of its bonds secured by a mortgage on its proposed new line; or (3) by the issue of such other securities as may be decided upon at the time required. If funds are loaned or advanced by the Chesapeake for construction purposes, the Chesapeake's treasury later will be reimbursed therefore by the issue of such securities of the applicant as may then be decided upon.

Our certificate herein will be issued upon the express conditions (a) that the Chesapeake, within 30 days from the date of said certificate, shall file with its application under paragraph (2) of section 5 of the act for authority to acquire control by lease of the line proposed to be constructed by the applicant; (b) that the applicant, within said 30 days, shall file its application under section 20a of the act for authority to issue its capital stock; and (c) that the Chesapeake, within 30 days after the entry by us of an order authorizing the applicant to issue capital stock, shall file an application under paragraph (2) of section 5 of the act for authority to acquire control of the applicant by the purchase of such capital stock.—V. 123, p. 1870.

Erie RR.—Abandons Part of Branch.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 12 issued a certificate authorizing the Buffalo Bradford & Pittsburgh RR. and the Erie RR. to abandon that part of the so-called West Branch of the Bradford company between a point 1.56 miles from the beginning of said branch at Bradford, Pa., and the end of said branch at Nusbaum, Pa., a distance of 3.68 miles, all in McKean County, Pa.—V. 123, p. 1500, 1379.

Gulf Mobile & Northern RR.—No Consolidation Negotiations.

President Tigrett says: "Our earnings this year will run just a little better than in 1925. [Last year the road earned \$11 37 a share on \$31,413,400 preferred stock.]
"In the first 9 months of 1926 we did slightly better than in the corresponding 1925 period, but the last 3 months for this year will probably not be any better than were last year."
"No consolidation negotiations concerning the Gulf Mobile & Northern RR. are now going on.—V. 123, p. 978, 839.

Hudson River Connecting RR.—Lease.

See New York Central RR. below.—V. 119, p. 2407.

Illinois Central RR.—Valuation Hearing.

The I.-S. C. Commission's hearing on the tentative valuation reports for this company and subsidiaries has been postponed from Oct. 18 to Oct. 25. It will be held before Examiner Fowler.—V. 123, p. 1994, 1871.

Georgia & Florida Ry.—Reorganization Plan.—A plan of reorganization has been prepared and approved by the first mortgage 5% 50-year bondholders' committee, pursuant to the deposit agreement for such bonds dated Feb. 1 1916, under which there has been deposited more than \$5,000,000 of the 1st mtge. bonds out of a total outstanding of \$6,200,000. Bondholders entitled to participate in the plan who have not as yet deposited their bonds may become parties to the plan by depositing their bonds on or before Nov. 18: (1) As to Georgia & Florida 1st mtge. 5s with Baltimore Trust Co., depository, or Central Union Trust Co., New York, or Richmond (Va.) Trust Co., agents of depository; (2) as to Miller & Southwestern bonds and Georgia & Florida Terminal bonds with Richmond Trust Co., depository. Holders of certificates of deposit who dissent from the plan have until Nov. 18 to withdraw.

First Mtge. 5% Bondholders' Committee.—Franklin Q. Brown, Chairman, New York; R. Lancaster Williams (Chairman executive committee of bondholders' committee), Baltimore, Md.; Herman B. Baruch, Robert W. Daniel, Wm. V. Griffin, H. C. Huffer Jr., New York; John F. Lewis, Valdosta, Ga.; Wm. G. McAdoo, Los Angeles, Calif.; J. Wm. Middendorf, Baltimore, Md.; Francis H. Weston, Columbia, S. C.; William H. Woodin, New York; John Skelton Williams, Richmond, Va., with W. R. Sullivan, Sec. of committee, 31 Pine St., New York, and McAdoo, Neblett & O'Connor, Los Angeles, Calif., and Munford, Hunton, Williams & Anderson, Richmond, Va., counsel.

All communications should be addressed to J. J. Connell, Secretary, executive committee of bondholders' committee, 629 East Main St., Richmond, Va.

An introductory statement to the plan says in substance:

Mileage.—The road extends in a general north and south direction from Augusta, Ga., to Madison, Fla., with branches to Tennille, Millen, Relea and Moultrie. The mileage is as follows:
(1) Owned and operated: Augusta, Ga., to Madison, Fla., with branches to Tennille, Millen, Relea and Moultrie, Ga., about 404 miles
(2) Controlled by Georgia & Florida Ry. through stock ownership, and also leased to Georgia & Florida Ry.: Statesboro to Stevens Crossing, Ga., about 40 miles
(3) Proposed extension: Augusta, Ga., to Greenwood, So. Car. 56 miles

Total mileage on completion of Greenwood line, about 500 miles

The railway also owns second tracks, sidings and industrial tracks aggregating more than 60 miles additional.

An essential feature of the proposed reorganization is the immediate construction of an extension from Augusta, Ga., northwardly to Greenwood, So. Caro., a distance of approximately 56 miles. This extension has been strongly recommended by several well qualified experts who have investigated and reported upon the property, including Messrs. Coverdale & Colpitts, consulting engineers, of N. Y. City, who in a report to the bondholders' committee dated May 20 1925 said:

"The proposed extension will, in our judgment, change the whole character of the Georgia & Florida Ry. from a purely local line to a line forming an important link in new through routes between southern Georgia and Florida on the south and the Piedmont district and the commercial and industrial centers on the north; this development depending in part upon the good-will and co-operation of those existing lines in Greenwood which have no through routes at this time into southern Georgia and Florida points via Greenwood."

History.—Company was incorporated in Georgia on July 7 1906. On Nov. 1 1913 the railway defaulted in the payment of the interest due upon its 1st mtge. 5% 50-year gold bonds, and during the World War three receivers were appointed on March 27 1915 by the Superior Court of Richmond County, Ga.

On July 1921, 16 months after the return of the railroad by the U. S. RR. Administration, John Skelton Williams, of Richmond, Va., was appointed sole receiver, and as such has since that time had charge of the property. Under the receivership the railroad has been greatly improved.

The position of the property was strengthened by the purchase of the Augusta Southern RR., from Augusta, Ga., to Tennille, Ga., 82 miles, which was acquired on favorable terms and conveyed by deed Oct. 31 1919. This purchase gave the road ownership of its entrance into Augusta from Keyville, 26 miles south, which had been used previously under a trackage arrangement. Early in 1924 the receiver, with the approval of the Court, acquired the entire capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) and also leased the property of the Statesboro Northern Ry., extending from Stevens Crossing, on the main line near Midville, southeastwardly about 40 miles to Statesboro, Ga.

Present Conditions.—The business of the company is steadily expanding. Its earnings for the past 12 months to Aug. 31 1926, both gross and net, are the largest ever shown for any corresponding 12 months' period. The physical condition of the railway has been greatly improved under its present management.

Digest of Reorganization Plan Dated Oct. 18 1926.

Capitalization, Bonded Debt & Interest Charges of Old Co. and Receivership.

	Principal	Fixed Int. Charges Per An.
Georgia & Florida Ry. 1st mtge. 5% bonds	\$6,200,000	\$310,000
Millen & Southwestern 5% 1st mtge. bonds	200,000	10,000
Georgia & Florida Term. Co. 6% 1st mtge. bonds	200,000	12,000
Statesboro Northern Ry. 6% 1st mtge. bonds	100,000	6,000
Georgia & Florida Ry. 6% gen. mtge. bonds	2,000,000	120,000
Receivers' certificates	1,200,000	84,000
U. S. Government loan	a792,000	47,520
Equipment obligations, 5%	750,000	37,500
Short-term notes, 6%	250,000	15,000
Preferred stock (par \$100)	3,500,000	
Common stock (par \$100)	5,250,000	

a Secured by \$800,000 principal amount of receiver's certificates.
In addition to the above debt of the railway, there is due and owing as of Nov. 1 1926:
Due and unpaid coupons on old 1st M. bonds from May 1 1913 to Nov. 1 1926 \$4,178,784
Interest due on such coupons at 5% to Nov. 1 1926 1,337,312
Due and unpaid coupons of old gen. mtge. bonds from Feb. 1 1913 to Nov. 1 1926 1,650,000
Interest due on such coupons at 5% to Nov. 1 1926 542,211

Proposed Capitalization, Bonded Debt and Interest Charges of New Company.
(Mileage now owned and operated (including Statesboro Branch, operated separately but excluding Greenwood extension)—444 miles.)

	Principal	System Debt per Mile.	Fixed Int. Charges per An.
1st mtge. 20-yr. 6% bonds (to be sold to bankers)	\$1,500,000	\$3,378	\$90,000
1st mtge. 6% bonds (to be exchanged at par for \$200,000 terminal bonds and \$200,000 M. & S. W. old bonds, or sold to retire such bonds)	400,000	901	24,000
U. S. Govt. loan (to be secured by additional 1st mtge. 6% bonds)	a792,000	1,783	b47,520
Total mortgage bonds and U. S. loan (to be based on about 444 miles)	\$2,692,000	\$6,062	\$161,520
Equipment obligations, 5%	750,000		37,500
Total fixed interest obligations (exclusive of Greenwood extension)	\$3,442,000		\$199,020
1st mtge. 6% bonds (to be sold to bankers and proceeds held in trust and used for construction Greenwood exten., about 56 m.)	2,300,000	c99,984	138,000
Total fixed interest obligations (inclusive of 56-mile Greenwood exten.), to be based on total mileage of about 500 miles	\$5,742,000		\$337,020
Non-mtge. income 6% debens. (cumul. after completion of Greenwood line)	\$1,500,000		
Preferred stock, 6% (red. at 110 and divs.), not exceeding	9,000,000		
Common stock (no par value), not exceeding	100,000 shs.		

a To be secured by \$800,000 1st mtge. 6% bonds. b If a bill before the U. S. Senate and favorably reported by committee is enacted, the interest on the U. S. loan, now 6%, or \$47,520, may be reduced to 4 1/4%, or \$33,660. c Total 1st mtge. 6s and U. S. loan per mile.

Reduction of Debt and Fixed Interest Charges.

	Old Company	New Company Exclusive of Greenwood Extension	Inclusive of Greenwood Extension
Total fixed interest debt	\$11,692,000	\$3,442,000	\$5,742,000
Reduction of prin. of fixed int. debt, comparing new co. incl. of Greenwood extension with the old co.			5,950,000

The annual fixed interest charges, omitting the overdue interest coupons, outstanding, on which interest is accruing, will be as follows:

	Old Company	New Company Exclusive of Greenwood Extension	Inclusive of Greenwood Extension
Total annual fixed interest charges	\$642,020	\$199,020	\$337,020
Net reduction of interest		443,000	305,000

Net Reduction of Indebtedness Under Reorganization Plan.

Principal of old interest-bearing debt \$11,692,000
Overdue coupons and interest on same 7,708,307
Other indebtedness of receivership and old corp. (approx.) 1,000,000

Total indebtedness of receivership and old corp. (approx.) \$20,400,307

Proposed debt of new corporation:
Fixed interest debt, incl. 1st mtge. bond & equipment trusts \$5,742,000
and U. S. loan 1,500,000
Non-fixed interest debt—Income 6% debenture bonds 1,500,000

Net reduction in indebtedness, after providing \$3,420,000 fresh cash for add'l property, incl. the 56-mile extension to Greenwood, \$2,070,000; for new equipment, \$1,000,000; rebuilding freight cars, \$100,000, and \$250,000 for working capital \$13,158,307

Earnings.

Since the present management took charge of the property in July 1921, the road's earnings, both gross and net, have increased heavily. For the 12 months ending June 30 1922 the gross operating revenues of the railway on 404 miles operated amounted to \$1,366,379. For the 12 months ending June 30 1924 they reached \$1,782,384, and for the 12 months ending Aug. 31 1926 its gross operating revenue, on the same mileage, amounted to \$2,080,780, an increase over the 12 months to June 30 1922 of \$714,401, or more than 52%.

Net operating revenues after payment of operating expenses for each calendar year from 1922 to the present time have shown a material increase over the preceding year: 1922, \$245,864; 1923, \$428,738; 1924, \$455,196; 1925, \$551,786; 12 months ending Aug. 31 1926, \$629,754.

The net operating income of the Georgia & Florida Ry. before interest and car hire for the 12 months ending Aug. 31 1926 amounted to \$1,360 per mile on 404 miles (exclusive of 40-mile Statesboro branch), or \$549,595.

It is thus seen that the net income before interest and car hire for the past 12 months has amounted to more than 2.7 times the proposed fixed interest charges after reorganization, exclusive of bonds to be issued to build the Greenwood line.

For the 12 months to Aug. 31 1926, the road's net income after operating expenses, taxes and all other charges, including \$227,759 of car hire, was \$321,836. This is more than 1.6 times the total proposed fixed interest charges under the pending plan, including interest on cost of \$1,000,000 worth of new freight cars, but not on the new Greenwood extension. The Greenwood line is expected to result in adding, directly and indirectly, to the net income of the entire system several times the interest on its cost, and the new cars ordered, and the rebuilding of cars now out of order, cost of which is provided for in this reorganization plan, are expected to eliminate substantially, if not entirely, the present car hire charges, increasing greatly the road's net income.

After deducting from the road's actual net income, before interest and car hire for 12 months ending Aug. 31 1926, the proposed fixed interest charges shown above of \$199,020, including all fixed interest charges involved in the purchase of \$1,000,000 worth of new freight cars, soon to be delivered, but not including interest on the new bonds to be issued to build to Greenwood, the balance remaining of \$350,575 is equal to almost 4 times the interest on the proposed new issue of \$1,500,000 of income bonds.

Cash to Be Presently Raised for the Reorganization.

The cash to be raised in reorganization by the sale to bankers of \$3,800,000 new 1st mtge. 6% bonds (proceeds of \$2,300,000 of said bonds to be set aside to cover construction of Greenwood extension) and certain common stock, and \$750,000 5% car trust certificates, by sale to old bondholders or underwriters of \$1,500,000 debenture income 6% bonds, and certain preferred and common stock, is about \$5,663,000.

Bankers have agreed to buy \$400,000 additional 1st mtge. bonds or such portion thereof as may be sold to acquire old divisional bonds not exchanged.

Disposition of the Funds Which Are to Be Provided.

It is proposed that the funds now to be raised shall be applied to the following and such other and further uses as may be determined by the committee or by the new company:

Retire \$1,200,000 receiver's certificates	a\$1,200,000
Retire Statesboro Branch bonds	100,000
Retire miscellaneous debts of receivership	600,000
Cost of old 1st M. 5s to reduce amt. outstanding to \$6,000,000	100,000
Cash retained for construction Greenwood line	2,070,000
Cash for purchase new equipment	1,000,000
Cash for rebuilding freight cars	100,000
Cash for working capital	250,000
Cash for general purposes, receivership and reorganization expenses, preparation of new securities, Court charges, legal fees, &c.	243,000

a The \$800,000 receiver's certificates now held by U. S. Government as security for its loan of \$792,000 are to be canceled, and new 1st mtge. bonds pledged in lieu thereof and loan extended with right of redemption.

New Company.

All of the properties and rights of Georgia & Florida Ry. and of the receiver are about to be sold (Nov. 1) under judicial decree of the Superior Court of Richmond County, Ga.

There has been organized in Georgia the Georgia & Florida Railroad, with necessary powers to acquire and operate a railroad or railroads, and it is proposed that such company will be authorized to do business under the

laws of the State of Georgia, and that such company, either directly or through the organization of another corporation, will also be authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina. It is planned to have the new company purchase all of the properties of the existing Georgia & Florida Ry. and of the receiver, and also to construct the proposed new line of railroad from Augusta, Ga., to Greenwood, S. C.

Holders of bonds of the issues described below (or certificates of deposit therefor) who shall have complied with the conditions of the plan, will, on completion of the reorganization, receive the following:

(1) Georgia & Florida Railway First Mortgage 5% 50-Year Gold Bonds: It is contemplated that, through acquisition by the committee or otherwise (the actual cost thereof to be included in the reorganization expenses) the amount of 1st mtge. 5% 50-year gold bonds of Georgia & Florida Ry. issued and outstanding will be reduced to \$6,000,000. The holders of such portion of the \$6,000,000 bonds as have deposited or shall deposit the same with the bondholders' committee are invited to furnish funds required in the reorganization at the rate of 25% of the principal amount of such old bonds, or a total of \$1,500,000, on the following basis:

Each holder of a deposit certificate for \$1,000 of such bonds, with coupon maturing Nov. 1 1913, and subsequent coupons, whether serially related thereto or not (or cash for missing coupons), or certificate of deposit therefor, paying his pro rata part of such \$1,500,000, namely, \$250 for each \$1,000 old bond deposited, will receive the following securities in the new company (represented as to preferred and common stock by voting trust certificates):

(a) \$250 of non-mortgage 6% income debentures; (b) \$1,400 6% preferred stock; and (c) 10 shares of non-par value common stock.

The underwriting of the foregoing securities to provide such \$1,500,000 cash is contemplated as a part of the reorganization plan. Each holder of deposit certificates for \$1,000 of such old bonds, accompanied by coupon maturing Nov. 1 1913 and subsequent coupons, whether serially related thereto or not (or cash for missing coupons), or certificate of deposit therefor, electing not to pay his pro rata part of said \$1,500,000, or \$250 for each \$1,000 bond and said coupons, will receive \$1,000 par value of preferred stock of the new company (represented by voting trust certificates).

(2) Georgia & Florida Railway General Mortgage 6% Gold Bonds: The holder of each \$1,000 of such bonds (\$2,000,000 outstanding) with coupon due Aug. 1 1913 and all subsequent coupons attached, paying his pro rata share of \$50,000, namely, 2 1/2% of the principal amount of such bond, or \$25 for each \$1,000 such bond, will receive the following securities in the new company (represented by voting trust certificates or scrip therefor as hereinafter described):

(a) Scrip representing one-fourth of a share of preferred stock, and (b) 5 shares non-par value common stock.

Underwriting of such preferred and common stock to provide such \$50,000 is contemplated as a part of the reorganization plan.

Where scrip is issued, it will be exchangeable into voting trust certificates when presented in shares or multiples of shares. (3) Georgia & Florida Terminal Co. 1st Mtge. 6% Bonds: Holders of Georgia & Florida Terminal Co. 1st mtge. 6% bonds due July 1 1930 will be accorded the privilege under this plan of exchanging such bonds, dollar for dollar, for 1st mtge. 6% bonds, Series A, of Georgia & Florida Railroad to be due Nov. 1 1946. Such bonds, to be so exchanged, must be deposited, together with coupon due Jan. 1 1927 and all subsequent coupons attached, with the depository, and within the time stated.

(4) Millen & Southwestern RR. 1st Mtge. 5% Gold Bonds: Holders of Millen & Southwestern RR. 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds due April 1 1955 will be accorded the privilege under this plan of exchanging such bonds, dollar for dollar, for 1st mtge. 6% bonds, Series A, of Georgia & Florida Railroad, to be due Nov. 1 1946. Such bonds, to be so exchanged, must be deposited, together with coupon due April 1 1927 and all subsequent coupons attached, with the depository and within the time stated.

Description of the New Securities. First Mtge. 6% 20-Year Gold Bonds, Series A.—Authorized, \$15,000,000; issuable in series. Of such bonds, \$5,000,000 will be designated as 1st mtge. 6% 20-year gold bonds Series A. Series A bonds are to be dated as of Nov. 1 1926; are to bear int. from Nov. 1 1926 at the rate of 6% per annum, payable M. & N., and are to mature on Nov. 1 1946. Interest payable, without deduction for such Federal income and State taxes as may be determined by the committee. It is proposed that the new first mortgage will be a first lien on all the properties and assets to be acquired by the new company under the plan of reorganization (subject only to the prior lien on the property subject to the lien thereof, of the Georgia & Florida Terminal Co. 1st mtge. 6% bonds, and the Millen & Southwestern RR. 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, unless the Terminal company bonds and the Millen & Southwestern RR. bonds are retired under the terms of the reorganization plan; and subject as to the property covered thereby to the lien of the new equipment trust lease and agreement on 530 freight cars).

Of the \$5,000,000 of 1st mtge. bonds presently to be issued, \$3,800,000 have been sold to bankers, subject to the consummation of this reorganization plan, and to approval by the I.-S. C. Commission.

Income Non-Mortgage 6% Debentures.—It is also proposed to have the new company authorize and issue \$1,500,000 income non-mortgage 6% debentures, such debentures to mature 25 years from the date thereof, to be red. all or part at par at any time on not less than 60 days' notice, and the interest thereon to be payable semi-annually, but only if earned, and to be cumulative from the date of the completion of the Greenwood extension, such date of completion to be certified to the corporation in writing by its President. All accumulations of unpaid interest on debentures shall be paid before any dividends are paid on any shares of stock of the new company and upon the maturity of the debentures any interest unpaid and accumulated at that time shall be payable, together with the principal of the debentures.

Preferred Stock.—Authorized amount not to exceed 90,000 shares (par \$100 per share). Entitled to dividends at rate of 6% per annum and no more. Dividends shall be cumulative on and after 3 years from date of completion of the proposed extension of railroad from Augusta, Ga., to Greenwood, S. C. Preferred stock red. in whole or in part from time to time on any div. date on 60 days' notice at \$110 and divs. In event of (1) a voluntary or involuntary liquidation or of a voluntary or involuntary sale of all, or substantially all, of the assets, or upon any voluntary or involuntary distribution of its capital, the holders of the preferred stock shall be entitled to receive par and divs.

A consolidation or merger of the railroad with or into any other corporation, or corporations, shall not be deemed to be liquidation or dissolution, winding up, sale or distribution of capital within the meaning of this clause. Holders of preferred stock shall not be entitled to any preferential rights of subscription to any stock of the railroad, preferred or common, which the railroad may at any time issue or sell.

The holder of each share of preferred stock shall be entitled to one vote, and the holder of each share of common stock shall be entitled to one vote.

Common Stock.—Authorized amount not to exceed 100,000 shares (without par value).

Disposition of New Securities. (1) First Mtge. Gold Bonds, 6%, Series A, to be presently outstanding \$5,000,000: To be sold to bankers and the proceeds thereof to be used in constructing a new line of railroad from Augusta, Ga., to Greenwood, S. C., approx. 56 miles, and for other purposes as may be set forth in mortgage. \$2,300,000 To be sold to bankers, and the proceeds thereof, with other funds, to be used in retiring \$1,200,000 of receiver's certificates, for the purchase or retirement of \$100,000 outstanding Statesboro Northern Ry. bonds, and to provide for improvements and working capital. 1,500,000 To be exchanged \$ for \$ for, or sold to bankers to retire Georgia & Florida Terminal Co. 1st Mt. 6% bonds. 200,000 To be exchanged \$ for \$ for, or sold to bankers to retire, 5% 1st mtge. bonds of Millen & S. W. RR. outstanding in the hands of public. 200,000 To be exchanged \$ for \$ for \$800,000 receiver's certificates now pledged as security for loan from U. S. Govt. for \$792,000. 800,000 (2) Non-mortgage Income 6% Debentures, to be presently outstanding \$1,500,000:

To be issued to such owners of certificates of deposit for 1st Mt. 5% gold bonds of Ga. & Fla. Ry. as shall pay 25% of the face value of such 1st Mt. bonds, the 1st Mt. bonds thus acquired and the cash so paid in to be utilized for the purchase of the entire property of the Ga. & Fla. Ry., to provide for improvements, reorganization expenses and working capital, and to retire miscellaneous debts of receivership. Such issue to be underwritten.

(3) Equipment Trust Certificates, to be presently outstanding, \$750,000: Obligations of the receiver of Ga. & Fla. Ry. heretofore issued to provide in part funds for the purchase of equipment costing \$1,000,000, said certificates to be assumed and guaranteed by Georgia & Florida RR. (4) Voting Trust Certificates representing \$9,000,000 preferred capital stock to be outstanding: To be issued \$ for \$ to owners of certificates of deposit for 1st mtge. 5% 50-year gold bonds of Georgia & Florida Ry., including those who pay and those who do not subscribe to their pro rata of income bonds and stocks. \$6,000,000 To be issued to owners of certificates of deposit for 1st mtge. 5% 50-year gold bonds of Georgia & Florida Ry. who subscribe pro rata to the new income 6% bonds under this plan, or to the underwriters of said income 6% bonds. 2,400,000 To be issued pro rata to owners of certificates of deposit for gen. mtge. 6% bonds of Ga. & Fla. Ry. who pay 2 1/2% of the face value of such bonds, or to the underwriters of such stock. 50,000 For miscellaneous debts of receivership, reorganization expenses and other corporate purposes, as may be fixed by committee. 550,000 (5) Voting Trust Certificates representing 100,000 shares common stock (of no par value): To be issued to the holders of certificates of deposit for 1st mtge. 5% 50-year gold bonds of Ga. & Fla. Ry. who exercise the privilege to subscribe to the extent of 25% of their holdings of the deposited bonds, to the \$1,500,000 6% income bonds, or to the syndicate underwriting said income bonds. 72,000 shs. To be issued to owners of certificates of deposit for 6% gen. mtge. bonds of Ga. & Fla. Ry. who buy at par an amount of preferred stock equal to 2 1/2% of the face value of the bonds, or to the underwriters of the sale of the aforesaid \$50,000 of preferred stock and of such common stock. 10,000 shs. To be sold to bankers with the new 6% 1st mtge. 20-year Ga. & Fla. Ry. bonds or to be used by committee in settlement of reorganization expenses and indebtedness of the receiver-ship. 18,000 shs. The amounts of the proposed issue of securities above stated are estimated and maximum amounts, based for convenience upon the assumption that the holders of all the securities in exchange for which new securities are offered under the plan will avail themselves of the offer here made to them.

Voting Trust.—All of the preferred stock and all of the common stock of the new company issued in connection with the reorganization, except directors' qualifying shares, are to be deposited under a voting trust agreement, said voting trust to be five years in duration, and to have seven voting trustees. The following voting trustees will be appointed to serve as such, subject to the terms of the voting trust agreement: John Skelton Williams, Richmond; W. H. Coverdale, Charles Hayden, W. V. Griffin, New York; W. G. McAdoo, Los Angeles; Francis H. Weston, Columbia, S. C.; William H. Woodin, New York.—V. 123, p. 1871, 1759.

Louisville New Albany & Corydon RR.—Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$121,635 on the owned and used properties of the company as of June 30 1917.—V. 109, p. 2357.

Milltown Air Line Ry. (Ga.)—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$53,380 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1917.

Morris & Essex RR.—Construction of Jersey City Branch.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 9 issued a certificate authorizing the company and/or the Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR. to construct and operate a branch line of railroad in Hudson County, N. J., approximately 0.676 of a mile in length, in Jersey City, N. J. The purpose of the proposed branch is to connect existing main-line tracks and freight yards via (and through) a new depot proposed to be constructed at Jersey City. The proposal has been considered by the Port of New York Authority. No objection to the granting of the application has been presented to the Commission.—V. 121, p. 2871.

New York Central RR.—Lease of Hudson River Connecting. The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 5 approved and authorized the acquisition by the company of control of the lines of railroad, and appurtenant franchises and facilities, of the Hudson River Connecting R.R. under lease. The second supplemental report of the Commission says in part: By our order dated Nov. 14 1924, we authorized the New York Central RR. to acquire control of the railroad properties, franchises and facilities of the Hudson River Connecting R.R. for one year, under lease. We thereafter approved and authorized the continuation of such control, for a further term of one year, by supplemental order dated Oct. 31 1925. The renewal agreement made pursuant to the authorization contained in the order last cited will expire Nov. 14 1926. In a supplemental application filed Aug. 19 1926, the applicant now seeks authority to acquire control, under lease, of the lines of railroad and appurtenant franchises and facilities of the Connecting company for 99 years from Nov. 14 1926, and thereafter, at the election of the lessee, for further terms of 99 years in perpetuity. In support of the proposal now before us, the applicant refers to the application originally filed in this proceeding and to the evidence adduced at the hearing had thereon. It appears that previous requests of the applicant for our authorization in the premises were confined to periods of one year for the reason that, under the statutes of New York, the approval of stockholders is required for leases of railroad properties for more than a year, and that at the times such requests were made action had not yet been taken by the stockholders of the applicant and of the Connecting company. The lease now proposed was approved by the stockholders of both companies in the early part of the present year.

The Connecting company was organized in the interest of the applicant for the purpose, among others, of constructing certain lines of railroad and other railroad facilities in the State of New York, in order to relieve congestion on the applicant's system due to unfavorable physical conditions at or in the vicinity of Albany, N. Y. The facilities of the Connecting company are now practically complete and advantages which were expected to flow from the use of those facilities are being realized. The applicant owns all of the outstanding capital stock of the Connecting company, and all funds required for the acquisition and construction of the Connecting company's properties have been provided by the applicant. The Connecting company has issued no securities other than \$250,000 of capital stock now outstanding, nor has the issue by that company of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness or of additional capital stock been determined upon at this time.

The provisions of the proposed lease are substantially identical, except as to the term of duration, with those of the short-term lease first submitted. As to duration, the proposed lease provides that the lessee or its successors or assigns are to have the right to extend the lease, and any extensions or renewals thereof, on all of the terms and conditions therein set forth, for further terms of 99 years, in perpetuity, upon one year's prior notice to the lessor, such extensions to be accomplished automatically by service of such notice upon the lessor. The lease may be terminated at the option of the lessor only upon default by the lessee in the performance of its obligations under the lease. It is contemplated that the properties of the Connecting company eventually may be merged or consolidated with those of the applicant.—V. 123, p. 1994, 1872.

Oregon-Washington RR. & Navigation Co.—Director. F. W. Charske has been elected to the directorates of this company and of the Oregon Short Line Ry., to succeed the late C. C. Stillman.—V. 118, p. 1393.

Pennsylvania Company.—Tenders.—The Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa., will until Oct. 30 receive bids for the sale to it of 40-year guaranteed gold trust certificates, series "E," maturing 1952, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$100,000, at a price not exceeding par and interest.—V. 123, p. 78.

Pennsylvania RR.—To Discontinue Passenger Service on Line of Camden & Burlington County Ry.—Passenger revenue of the Mt. Holly & Meunord branch of the Camden & Burlington County Ry., which is operated by the Pennsylvania RR., having dwindled to an average of \$125 a day, permission was granted by the New Jersey P. U. Commission, effective on Nov. 27, for the discontinuance of that class of service.

To Abandon Shackamaxon Street Ferry.—

The Pennsylvania RR. announces that on and after Nov. 1 next, the ferry service between Cooper's Point, Camden, N. J., and the foot of Shackamaxon St., Philadelphia, will be discontinued. This ferry has been operated by a subsidiary corporation, the Kensington & New Jersey Ferry Co. Abandonment of the service has been made necessary by reason of the fact that during only one of the last six years have revenues been sufficient to meet expenses. Since the opening of the new Delaware River Bridge on July 1 last, the traffic of the Shackamaxon Street ferry has decreased to such an extent that the company can neither earn nor pay its operating expenses. The Shackamaxon Street ferry, together with the ferry formerly operated between Vine St., Philadelphia, and Cooper's Point, Camden, were for many years run as auxiliaries to the Pennsylvania RR.'s main ferry between Market Street wharf, Philadelphia, and Federal St., Camden. For reasons similar to those affecting the Shackamaxon Street ferry, the Vine St. ferry was discontinued on Sept. 15.

The operation of the main ferry for both train and local passengers and vehicles will be continued as at present.

Orders 160,000 Tons of Steel Rails.—

The Pennsylvania RR. on Oct. 13 placed orders for 160,000 tons of steel rails for next year's delivery. The order is divided as follows: Bethlehem Steel Co., 70,000 tons; Carnegie Steel Co., 50,000 tons; Illinois Steel Co., 30,000 tons; Inland Steel Co., 10,000 tons. The road has reserved the right in each case to increase the tonnage of the order by 25%.

Grants Wage Increase of 3c. per Hour to Shop Mechanics, &c.—

Announcement was made on Oct. 20 by the Pennsylvania RR. that all the shop mechanics, helpers and apprentices in its employ will be granted an increase of 3c. per hour in their rate of pay, effective Oct. 16 1926. Approximately 43,000 men will be affected. These increases are the result of a series of conferences held in Pittsburgh between the railroad and duly elected representatives of the shopcraft employees. The meetings were concluded on Tuesday with the decision to grant the increases as announced. The wage negotiations with the shopcrafts were conducted under the Pennsylvania RR.'s plan of employee representation in the regularly prescribed manner. The committees representing the system shopcraft employees were elected under the plan by the employees from among their own number.—V. 123, p. 1994, 1872.

Portland & Rumford Falls Ry.—Bonds.—

The U. S. C. Commission on Oct. 13 authorized the company to issue \$881,000 5% 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds, to be sold at not less than 99.56 and int., and the proceeds used to refund securities.

Authority was granted to the Portland & Rumford Falls RR. to assume obligation and liability as guarantor and obligor in respect of the bonds, and to the Maine Central RR. to assume obligation and liability as guarantor in respect of the bonds.

The report of the Commission says: "The Maine Central solicited offers from various bankers for the purchase of these bonds, and 10 offers were received from bankers located in New York City, Boston, Mass., and Portland, Me. Arrangements have been made for their sale to Maynard S. Bird & Co. and their associates, all of Portland, Me., at a price of 99.56% of par and accrued interest, which was the best offer received. On that basis the average annual cost to the railway will be approximately 5.04%." See offering in V. 123, p. 1872.

Southern Railway Co.—Purpose of Stock Issue Outlined.—

In a letter to the stockholders dated Oct. 12, President Fairfax Harrison outlines the purpose of the present offering of \$10,000,000 capital stock. Pres. Harrison says: "The time has arrived, in the judgment of the board of directors, when the company's credit, its financial strength, and its sustained earning power warrant the inauguration of a policy of securing a portion of the new capital it shall require through the sale of stock. It seems no longer necessary to depend for this purpose solely upon the sale of bonds which add to the fixed charges. The company is now conservatively paying a 7% dividend on the common stock, and that stock for some time past has been, and now is, selling in the market at a substantial premium, tending to reflect the growth in earnings; therefore it seems to the board to be now the appropriate medium for new financing, especially as the participation of new partnership capital may be expected substantially to improve the company's financial structure.

With the approval of the stockholders, it is accordingly proposed to make provision at this time for the issue of 300,000 additional shares of common stock; the intention being that such stock shall be offered for subscription by all the stockholders from time to time as capital shall be required.

In the present state of the development of the plant and of current income, it is estimated that in order to maintain the policy the board has pursued of improvements for economy of operation, as well as to fulfill the company's public obligations in respect to improvements which do not produce immediate economies, the company should provide annually \$10,000,000 of new capital to supplement other resources available for such purposes. To that end it is proposed to make provision of the \$10,000,000, so required for the 1927 budget, out of the contemplated fund of new common stock, and accordingly to present to the stockholders, preferred and common, of subscribing for 100,000 shares at par. This will afford to the stockholders immediate valuable subscription rights, and lay the foundation for other such rights during coming years.

The steady expansion of productive activities in the South during the past 20 years is a matter of common knowledge. The effect of this sound growth on the business of the company, is shown by the fact that in the 20 years from 1905 to 1925 freight traffic increased 145% and passenger traffic 65%. The traffic of 1925 would have imposed upon the facilities of 1905 a task impossible of performance.

To keep pace with the growth of its traffic the company has carried out a continuous program of additions and improvements to its plant, such as the following: (a) construction of second main track on the heavy traffic lines; (b) reduction of main line grades and curvatures; (c) installation of automatic electric block signals and improved train dispatching facilities; (d) construction of long passing tracks; (e) building of new shops and yards; and other terminal facilities; (f) laying of heavier rail; (g) construction of stronger bridges and (h) acquisition of more powerful locomotives and larger cars.

Such improvements make possible a steadily increasing traffic movement, at a lower cost per unit, with consequent increase in net earnings.

The capital investment in road and equipment on Dec. 31 1925, shows a net increase of \$113,890,000 over the investment on June 30 1915. Notwithstanding this large increase in capital investment, the net increase in total bonds and notes outstanding during the same period was only \$50,060,000. The balance of over \$63,000,000 invested in the property came from cash ploughed back out of earnings. No additional capital stock has been issued since 1899.

The policy of upbuilding thus carried on has been amply justified in its financial consequences. The gross earnings in 1925 amounted to \$149,313,391, compared with \$75,554,651 in 1916. The net income remaining after the payment of interest charges in 1925 amounted to \$22,579,172, compared with \$11,524,195 in 1916—an increase of nearly 100% in both gross and net. During the same period the earnings per share of common stock have risen from \$7.10 to \$16.31. For the year 1923 earnings amounted to \$10.12 per share of common stock—for 1924, \$12.30 per share—and for 1925, \$16.31 per share. The operating income for the first 8 months of 1926 was 7.21% in excess of such income for the corresponding period of 1925. In considering the earnings here stated it may well be borne in mind that the Southern's income accounts do not and cannot reflect its interest, as a stockholder, in the undistributed earnings of several prosperous railroad companies now, and for many years past, managed in co-operation with the Southern, under the working designation "Southern Railway System," which companies have likewise benefited from the growth of the South and have pursued a common policy of building up their properties out of earnings.

A general meeting of the stockholders has been called by the directors to be held at Richmond, Va., Nov. 18, for the purpose of considering and acting upon a proposal to make provision for the issue from time to time of not exceeding 300,000 additional shares of common stock of the aggregate par value of \$30,000,000. If this proposal meets with the approval of the stockholders, they will be invited further specifically to approve, the immediate offer, subject to necessary governmental authority, of 100,000 shares of such new stock directly to the stockholders, both preferred and common, of record on Nov. 24 1926, for subscription at par (\$100) at the rate of one new share for each 18 shares held, with the privilege of paying either all cash on or before Dec. 28 1926, or 20% on or before that date, 40% on or before Aug. 1 1927, and 40% on or before Nov. 1 1927.

Abandonment of Portion of Line in Pittsylvania County, Va.—
The U. S. C. Commission on Oct. 6 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon that portion of its old main line between White Oak and Lima, Pittsylvania County, Va., a distance of 5 miles. The company asked authority to abandon that portion of the old main line between Lima and Danville, Va., which was denied.—V. 123, p. 1895, 1872.

Tennessee Central Ry.—Permanent Bonds Ready.—
White, Weld & Co. announce that printed 6% 1st mtge. coupon bonds, series A, due April 1 1947, are now exchangeable for permanent engraved bonds at their offices, 14 Wall St., N. Y. City. (For offering, see V. 122, p. 880).—V. 123, p. 1995.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Adirondack Power & Light Corp.—Acquisition.—
The North Creek Electric Co. has been merged with the above corporation.—V. 123, p. 1872, 1760.

American Super-Power Corp.—Extra Div. of 50 Cents.—
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share on the common stock, payable in participating preferred stock at par, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 30c. a share, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Nov. 30. The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share was declared on the first preferred stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 1.—V. 122, p. 3336.

American Utilities Co. (Del.)—Earnings.—
Consolidated Earnings of American Utilities Co. and Its Subsidiaries.

Period Ending August 1926—	Month.	8 Mos.	12 Mos.
Gross earnings	\$98,412	\$568,422	\$880,020
Oper. expenses, maint., taxes (except Federal), &c.	71,899	381,120	576,227
Balance	\$26,513	\$187,302	\$303,794
Other income*	6,316	33,342	43,181
Balance for interest, &c.	\$32,828	\$220,644	\$346,975
Interest on 1st lien & ref. bonds now outstanding	9,355	74,840	112,260
Bal. for depr., Fed. taxes, divs., &c.	\$23,473	\$145,804	\$234,715

* Includes earnings accruing to American Utilities Co. whether actually received or not; does not include any earnings accruing to Mansfield Light & Power Co. stock owned.

Gross revenues are not comparable with figures earlier published as in certain cases subsidiary companies have disposed of the retail ice business to delivery companies. In some cases the subsidiaries have an interest in the delivery companies. Where this is true the earnings accruing from the delivery companies are included under the heading "other income."

As of Sept. 1 1926 the various subsidiaries were supplying electric light and power to 6,415 customers, water to 1,669 customers, gas to 892 customers, total, 8,974 customers.

The Louisiana Public Utilities Co., Inc., is constructing a gas plant in Lafayette, La., population approximately 12,000. This plant will probably begin operation about Jan. 1 1927. To date the company has over 650 prospective customers, which compares with the original estimate of 600 by Jan. 1 1927. These customers are not included in the above figures.—V. 122, p. 3451.

Associated Electric Co.—Earnings.—
Consolidated Earnings of the Companies Included in the Associated Electric Group for the 12 Mos. End. June 30 1926, and Annual Int. and Div.

Charges on Securities Held by the Public Were as Follows:	
Gross earns. & other inc., incl. \$879,061 credit for int. during construction	\$21,407,119
Operating expenses, including maintenance & amounts applicable to subsidiaries' minority common stocks	10,509,554
Net earnings before provision for replacements, &c.	\$10,897,565
Annual int. & div. charges on—Conv. gold bonds (this issue)	3,575,000
Subsidiaries' bonds and preferred stocks	1,620,739
Balance	\$5,701,826
Capitalization Outstanding, Including all Stocks and Bonds of Subsidiary Companies Held by the Public.	
Common stock (no par value)	400,000 shs.
5½% convertible gold bonds, due 1946	\$65,000,000
Subsidiaries' minority com. stocks, at book value, incl. any surplus applicable thereto	\$3,860,043
Subsidiaries' bonds and preferred stocks	\$830,283,770
Includes 13,028½ shares of Clarion River Power Co. participating stock at par. Preferred stocks included at par, or at liquidation value if without par value.—V. 122, p. 2037.	

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Divs. Payable in Stock.—
The regular quarterly dividends of \$1.50 per share on the \$6 dividend series pref. stock and \$1.62½ per share on the \$6.50 dividend series pref. stock, recently declared, are both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Oct. 30, either in cash or in stock. Stock dividends at the rate of 4.75-100th of a share of class A stock for each share of \$6 dividend series, and 5.15-100ths of a share of class A stock for each share of \$6.50 dividend series pref. stock, will be made at the option of the holders. On the basis of \$35 per share for the class A stock this is at the annual rate of \$6.65 per share for the \$6 dividend series and \$7.21 per share of the \$6.50 dividend series pref. stock (see V. 123, p. 1501).

Investment holdings, as distinguished from brokers' holdings, of the class A stock of the company increased from 173,876 shares as of Jan. 1 1926 to 224,031 shares as of Sept. 30 1926, a gain of 29.3%, according to an announcement by the company. This increase was stated to be indicative of the gradual shifting of class A stock from brokers' hands to investors.

Brokers' holdings of these class A shares on Jan. 1 1926 were 94,542 shares, or 35% of the total outstanding. By March 30 these holdings by brokers had fallen to 92,816 shares, or 34%, while by June 30 they had been reduced to 86,063 shares, or 28% of the total outstanding, and by Sept. 30 the number had been reduced to 75,969, or 25%. The largest increase in investors' holdings was during the quarter ended June 30, with a gain of 20.5%. In the quarter ended March 30 the increase was 2%, and in that ended Sept. 30 the gain was 4.7%.

An increase of 15.9% in the combined kilowatt hour output of the companies in the Associated Gas & Electric System is shown for the month of September 1926, compared with the same month of 1925, the figure being 62,648,584 k.w.h., a gain in terms of k.w.h. of 8,574,157. For the 12 months ended Sept. 30 output increased 18.6%, with a total of 723,269,015 k.w.h., an increase of 113,558,917 k.w.h. Outstanding among the reports submitted by the individual utility groups of the system are Pennsylvania, with an increase of 17% for the month, and 17.8% for the 12 months; New York State, with an increase of 20.8% for the month and 18.6% for the 12 months; Depew & Lancaster, with gains of 70.3% and 44.5%, respectively, and the New York-Vermont group, 24.3% and 31.2%, respectively.

Acquisitions—Budget for 1926.—
The Associated Gas & Electric System, it is announced, has acquired the Meyersdale Electric Light, Heat & Power Co. and affiliated companies the Citizens Light, Heat & Power Co.; the Garrett Electric Light, Heat & Power Co.; and the Summit Township Electric Light, Heat & Power Co. The larger communities served by these properties are Meyersdale, Garrett, Elks Lick, Salisbury, Pa., and Grantsville, Md. These properties are already inter-connected and are near the 110,000-volt transmission line running from the power station at Seward, Pa., to the Deep Creek hydro-electric development on the Youghiogheny River in Garrett County, Md.

Other properties acquired are the United Light, Heat & Power Co.; the Wayside Electric Co.; the White Oak, Light, Heat & Power Co. and the Pennsylvania & Maryland Street Ry.

The budget of the Associated Gas & Electric System for 1926 includes expenditures for new construction amounting to \$14,547,500, of which \$6,555,000 has been expended as of Aug. 1. The expenditures have been fairly evenly distributed over the entire system.

The Staten Island Edison Co. has spent more than \$1,150,000 this year and its total for 1926 will be \$3,441,900. The system will spend

\$1,643,300 for improvements in central New York, including a gas plant at Ithaca. The western New York district will spend \$849,800, the Harlem Valley district \$481,800, the northern New York group \$487,600, the eastern New York \$365,700, the Long Island Water Corp. \$529,000, the Patchogue Electric Light Co. \$52,900, the Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard district in Massachusetts \$629,000, the Kentucky-Tennessee area \$765,900, and the City of Manila \$656,600. The Penn Public System has spent \$2,875,000 thus far and will spend a total of over \$4,000,000 this year. The principal projects of the latter include five new sub-stations, two new links in the 132,000-volt line to Niagara and the extension of the 110,000-volt line northward from Union City to Erie.—V. 123, p. 1873.

Atlantic Public Utilities, Inc.—Expansion.—This corporation, which recently acquired large hydro-electric holdings in northern Maine, has closed a contract for the construction of a new dam and reservoir on the Aroostook River in Caribou, Me., and increased the power plant on the Caribou Light, Water & Power Co., its subsidiary. The reservoir will hold about 2,000,000 gallons. It is stated that the contract, let to the Ring Construction Co. of Montreal and Bangor, Me., calls for the expenditure of about \$1,050,000.—V. 122, p. 3603, 1453.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.—Acquisition.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 9 issued a certificate authorizing the acquisition by the company of certain properties of the Meadville Telephone Co. and the acquisition by the latter company of certain properties of the Bell company.—V. 123, p. 1995.

Bronx Gas & Electric Co.—Rate Case Dismissed.—Attorneys for the company, a subsidiary of the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, filed a motion Oct. 18 with the U. S. Supreme Court seeking dismissal of the State's appeal in the \$1 gas case involving the company because of lack of prosecution by the state Attorney General. The motion was docketed and the State's appeal dismissed by the court. This ends the litigation in the Bronx case in a victory for the company.—V. 122, p. 1760.

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. (& Affil. Cos.).

Period—	Month of Sept.		3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Operating revenue	\$3,671,448	\$3,590,027	\$11,673,905	\$11,228,732
Operating expenses	2,408,822	2,347,436	7,442,816	7,338,227
Taxes on oper. prop.	277,929	270,425	840,063	794,641
Operating income	\$984,696	\$972,165	\$3,391,026	\$3,095,863
Non-oper. inc.	153,513	165,287	293,945	357,654
Gross income	\$1,138,209	\$1,137,452	\$3,684,971	\$3,453,517
Deductions	652,224	654,939	1,952,416	1,962,829
Net income	\$485,985	\$482,513	\$1,732,554	\$1,490,688

—V. 123, p. 1873.

California Telephone & Light Co.—Acquisition.—The Lake County Water & Power Co., operating a hydro-electric plant which serves Kelseyville, Cal., and adjacent territory, has been authorized by the California R.R. Commission to sell its system to the California Telephone & Light Co., a subsidiary of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—V. 116, p. 2134.

Central Illinois Light Co.—Earnings.

12 Mos. End. Sept. 30	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$4,112,438	\$3,832,426	\$3,568,809	\$3,444,046
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance	2,476,956	2,222,175	2,038,391	2,067,440
Fixed charges	467,549	515,487	506,443	472,584
Dividend pref. stock	385,691	319,316	284,521	251,103
Prov. for retirem't res.	256,800	256,800	245,100	210,000
Balance	\$525,443	\$518,647	\$494,354	\$442,918

—V. 123, p. 579.

Central & South West Utilities Co.—Warrants Expire. Holders of common stock purchase warrants may subscribe, share for share, for no par common stock at \$30 a share at the office of the company, 72 West Adams St., Chicago. Rights will expire on Nov. 16 (see V. 121, p. 1676)—V. 123, p. 453.

Chicago Surface Lines.—The Securities of the Chicago Surface Lines as Affected by the Modified "Lisman Plan."—F. J. Lisman & Co., New York, have issued a circular under the above title, from which we take the following.

Status of Existing Conditions.

The street railway lines in Chicago like those in New York were organized in the early days more for the purpose of carrying securities than of carrying passengers. The latter was largely incidental. During the decade 1901-1910 conditions of that kind were largely and usually cured through receiverships and reorganization as happened with the street railways in New York and Chicago. The Chicago receiverships came somewhat earlier and were practically terminated in 1907 when Judge Grosscup settled complex litigation more by edicts than by legal decisions. The 1907 reorganization of the old Yerkes lines into the Chicago Railways Co. and the ordinance of that year were a compromise all around, and taking everything into consideration, it has worked fairly well. That 20-year grant is about to expire, as is also the 1907 grant to the Chicago City Ry. Each issued a large amount of new securities for new money, but made no arrangement for amortization. They are now confronted with a grave problem and have no credit to enable them to meet it. The companies' officials have carried on negotiations with the city on the theory that they might get State legislation which would permit the City of Chicago to grant an indefinite franchise, such as is granted in a number of other States. Such legislation, however, would be contrary to the fixed tradition and policy of Illinois and its enactment is extremely doubtful. The properties of the companies, according to the expiring ordinance, have a city purchase value of about \$164,000,000, while the companies claim a physical value in excess of \$200,000,000. The Illinois Commerce Commission has ruled that a public service company is entitled to a fair return, which it fixed at 7½%. It is presumably the expectation of the existing companies that, after the expiration of the present franchises, they will be permitted to continue to operate their lines and to consolidate with the elevated railroad system. The citizens of Chicago undoubtedly desire to have a unified one-fare transportation system with universal transfers. In order to earn 7½% on the alleged physical value of the street railway system and the elevated lines it would be necessary to earn \$22,500,000 net as against the present net earnings, disregarding the 55% of surplus earnings paid to the City of Chicago of about \$14,500,000. A settlement with the city on that basis would mean an advance of one cent in passenger fares—a raise from 7 cents to 8 cents. To say the least, it is extremely doubtful whether the people of Chicago would tolerate or acquiesce in such an advance. At any rate, a reorganization of the present traction companies, through a receivership, might mean that the properties would remain in the hands of the court for several years, especially if legislation at Springfield or new arrangements with the city must be worked out. The former receivership of the Chicago Traction lines, now owned by the Chicago Railways Co., lasted for five years, and that of the elevated roads rather longer. During the long period of a receivership the securities would undoubtedly very greatly decline in price because there would surely be default of both interest and principal on all the junior securities, such as the Chicago Railways consolidated A and B bonds, and the Chicago City and Connecting bonds, as well as a discontinuance of dividends on Chicago City Ry. stock. Presumably, the interest on the three first mortgage bond issues—that is, Chicago 1st 5s, Chicago Ry. 1st 5s, Chicago Ry. 1st 5s, and Calumet & South could not be collected pending the receivership, and probably not even after its termination. Those first mortgage bonds are doubtless perfectly good, and some day should be paid at par. The junior securities, insofar as they come within the "city purchase price," are also fairly good, although most of them are selling around 50 cents on the dollar and some even at considerably less. In case of a receivership no doubt most of those securities would gradually pass at declining prices from the hands of investors to those of speculators. The latter might make a very handsome profit, in the long run, if the companies should finally be reorganized on a basis of an advanced fare and a 7½% return on the money invested. Possibly the holders of junior securities might then

receive in exchange for their present holdings preferred stock with a common stock bonus, and, quite likely, some day a lively speculation in those stocks might ensue. However, all this would occur after the present bona fide investor is tired out and would accrue to the benefit of the speculator.

The "Lisman Plan."

A financial plan has been proposed to avoid default upon any of the securities of the existing companies and to provide ample funds for the expansion of the surface lines. Naturally, after the experience of the past twenty years bankers and investors will not furnish new capital for expansion unless this money is surely to be repaid within the life of the 20-year franchise. It is right and proper that the first mortgage bonds which represent the money invested in the present properties since 1907 should be likewise paid off. The Lisman plan provides for a very large authorized first mortgage bond issue—that is, a total of \$345,000,000, of which \$95,000,000 are to be exchanged for the present first mtge. bonds. \$50,000,000 are to be issued at once, to be likewise amortized within the twenty years of the new franchise, and the balance to be issuable from time to time, but always on condition that they be amortized within the life of the franchise in force at the time they are issued.

The \$50,000,000 bonds, to be known as series A, which are to be issued for new money are to be amortized within twenty years after Feb. 1 1927, by a cumulative sinking fund which is a charge to operating expense, or rather to the renewal and depreciation fund, which appears to have been rather too large during the last twenty years, as upwards of \$21,000,000 in cash has been accumulated by it.

The \$95,000,000 of new 20-year first mtge. bonds, to be known as series B, which as above stated are to be exchanged for the old first mtge. bonds, are to be retired within 20 years after Feb. 1 1927, by a cumulative sinking fund of 3% per annum, and this sinking fund to the extent of about 80% thereof is contributed during the first years by the city out of the service charge of half a cent, of which the city receives 55%.

The balance of the required amount is made good in part by the junior bondholders of the company and in part by the company itself out of its 45% until such time as the city's 55% will suffice. As the Lisman franchise passed, provides that the city's 55% above mentioned is to be paid directly by the company, on behalf of the city, to the trustee of the first mortgage, there can be no doubt of the payment of the first mortgage.

The junior securities of the present companies, insofar as they represent the difference amounts to about \$70,000,000, receive junior mortgage bonds, dollar for dollar, for their equity to the extent of about 50% in new general mortgage, series "A" bonds, and the other 50% in general mortgage series "B" bonds. The series "A" bonds will be due in 25 years, redeemable in the meanwhile by a cumulative sinking fund which commences after the \$95,000,000 of first mortgage bonds are paid off, and the new general mortgage series "B" bonds will be due in thirty years and will also be retired by the amortization fund which, after retiring the first mortgage and the general mortgage series "A" bonds, is applied entirely to retiring the general mortgage series "B" bonds. In the meanwhile all first mortgage series "B" bonds acquired by the sinking fund are kept alive, drawing interest for the benefit of the general mortgage bonds. The first mortgage series "B" bonds are not to be canceled until all of the general mortgage bonds shall have been retired, at which period the whole property is to be deeded to the city of Chicago for the sum of one dollar and free of all debts, unless in the meanwhile at the request of the city additional debts not amortized within thirty years should have been incurred.

On the basis of the city purchase price the present outstanding securities will be treated as follows:

Chicago Railways 1st 5s, Chicago City Railways 1st 5s, and Calumet & South Chicago, 1st 5s, will receive par in new company first mtge. 20-year 5s, series "B".

Chicago Railways general 5s, series "A," will receive par in new company mortgage series "A" 25-year bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 4% for three years and 5% thereafter.

Chicago Railways series "B" bonds will receive new company 30-year general mortgage series "B" bonds, with interest thereon at the rate of 2% for three years, 4% for two years thereafter, then 4½% for five years, and 5% up to 1957.

The Chicago City Ry. stock will receive approximately the city purchase value of about 118%, half more or less payable in new general mortgage series "A" bonds and the other half in general mortgage "B" bonds.

Chicago City & Connecting Ry. 5% bonds: These bondholders will presumably receive the proceeds of securities deposited under their mortgage, which is likely to work out approximately 50% each in general mortgage "A" and "B".

Chicago City & Connecting preferred stock has a city purchase value of approximately 32%, which it will presumably receive in general mortgage "B" bonds.

Chicago Railways purchase money 5s, being within the city purchase price, will also receive general mortgage 5s, dollar for dollar, their proportion of "A" or "B" bonds to be determined later.

Chicago Railways adjustment income 4s have a small equity in the city purchase price, which undoubtedly would be paid in new general mortgage "B" bonds.

Under the "Lisman plan," all holders of securities within the city purchase price will at once receive a marketable and interest-paying security which should steadily improve in value.

The new first mortgage series "B" bonds, of which nearly \$10,000,000 will have to be redeemed within the first three years, should advance within twenty years, because they will all have to be bought or be drawn at that price within that period.

The junior or general mortgage bonds, which are now in a very weak position in the meanwhile, be in effect a first mortgage of \$70,000,000 on a property ably \$250,000,000. They will also have kept alive for their benefit at that period \$95,000,000 of first mortgage "B" bonds. The mortgage securing the general mortgage bonds will contain a provision that both series "A" and "B" shall become due and payable in twenty years, in case the franchise is not extended beyond that time. Therefore, since the city is at present showing consideration to the outstanding security holders to provide in the new franchise for the entire amount of \$163,500,000, there should be no question about the comparatively small remainder of \$70,000,000 being protected twenty years hence.

Holders of the securities of the Chicago Surface Lines must now choose whether they prefer the uncertainties of a receivership and default, with all its risks, or the first and general mortgage sinking fund bonds which are being offered under the "Lisman plan."

It is suggested that holders who have already deposited their securities with committees should write a letter requesting the committee representing their securities to support the Lisman plan, and security holders who have not deposited their bonds or stocks, to refrain from doing so until requested to do so under the Lisman plan and in accordance with the pending ordinance, which provides for the above outlined plan in full detail.—V. 123, p. 1995, 1631, 1502.

Cities Service Co.—Earnings.

12 Mos. End. Sept. 30.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$23,029,845	\$18,845,283	\$17,176,054	\$16,657,793
Net earnings	22,127,307	18,077,902	16,561,259	16,140,017
Net to stock and reserves	19,501,781	15,941,406	14,456,050	13,485,512
Net to com. stk. & res.	\$13,595,608	10,772,096	9,380,140	8,515,300

x Net net to common stock and reserves of \$13,595,608 was equivalent to \$3 55 a share on the actual amount of common stock outstanding (par value \$20), as compared with \$10,772,096, or \$2 88 a share (par value \$20) for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1925.—V. 123, p. 1873.

Cleveland (Electric) Ry.—New President.—Joseph H. Alexander has been elected President to succeed the late John J. Stanley.—V. 122, p. 1168.

Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Co.—Stock Approved.—The company has been authorized by the California R.R. Commission to issue and sell on or before Dec. 31 next \$500,000 Series B 7% cum. pref. stock, the proceeds to be used to reimburse the treasury.—V. 123, p. 1761.

Colonial Gas & Electric Co. (Del.).—Notes Offered.—West & Co., Pynchon & Co., W. S. Hammons & Co., John Nickerson & Co. and Reilly, Brock & Co. are offering at

98 1/2% and int., to yield about 6.05% \$2,000,000 3-year 5 1/2% secured gold notes (closed issue).

Dated Aug. 1, 1926; due Aug. 1, 1929. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at Chase National Bank, New York, trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Penna. and Conn. 4 mills taxes, Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax, Calif. 5 mills tax, Mass. 6% income tax on int., 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 within 90 days after payment. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100*. Red. all or part on 60 days notice on any int. date at 101 and int.

Data from Letter of Pres. H. L. Clarke, Dated Oct. 15.

Company.—A Delaware corporation. Owns 100% of the outstanding common stock of Derby Gas & Electric Corp., over 95% of the outstanding common stock of Newport Electric Corp. and 100% of the outstanding capital stock of Colonial Coach Co. These subsidiaries and companies controlled by them serve a population of approximately 100,000 with electric light and power, gas, electric railway and motor coach transportation service. All of the principal franchises of the companies are favorable and contain no burdensome restrictions. Over 75% of the net income of the operating companies is derived from the sale of electric light and power.

Derby Gas & Electric Corp. (Del.), owns substantially all of the outstanding stock of Derby Gas & Electric Co. and all of the outstanding stock of Wallingford Gas Light Co., which furnish electric light and power and gas to Derby, Shelton and Ansonia and gas to Wallingford. Population served approximately 60,000, with 8,600 electric customers and 11,700 gas customers. Combined annual electric output over 45,000,000 k.w.h. and the gas output over 330,000,000 cu. ft. Properties include an efficient electric generating station of 15,800 k.w. capacity on the Housatonic River in Derby, which is operated in conjunction with off-peak power purchased from Connecticut Light & Power Co. Derby, Shelton and Ansonia are served with gas from a coal and water gas plant with a daily capacity of 2,160,000 cu. ft. located in Shelton, while a 550,000 cu. ft. water gas plant is operated in Wallingford.

Newport Electric Corporation (Rhod. Island) furnishes electric light, power and transportation service to Newport, Jamestown, Middletown and Portsmouth, R. I. Also operates a fleet of 22 modern motor coaches between Newport, Fall River and Providence, these being owned and leased to it by Colonial Coach Co. Population served with electric light and power approximately 45,000, with 8,300 electric customers and an annual electric output of 6,743,000 k.w.h. Properties include a modern steam turbine power plant with an installed capacity of approximately 2,500 k.w., located on the water front, with facilities for unloading coal directly from coal barges.

Capitalization	Authorized	Outstanding
Three-year 5 1/2% secured gold notes, 1929	(Closed)	\$2,000,000
7% preferred stock	\$5,000,000	509,500
Common stock (no par value)	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

Capital Securities of Subs. Outstanding in Hands of the Public	
Funded debt	\$6,298,600
Prof. stock (at par or pref. value on involuntary liquidation)	1,984,700
Common stock	538 shs.

Purpose.—Proceeds from this issue of notes provided funds for use in connection with the acquisition of the entire common stock of Derby Gas & Electric Corp. and for other corporate purposes.

Security.—Secured by a first lien by pledge upon all of the common stock of Derby Gas & Electric Corp., over 95% of the common stock of Newport Electric Corp. and all of the capital stock of Colonial Coach Co. owned by the company.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings of company and subsidiaries, including the companies controlled by Derby Gas & Electric Corp., for the 12 months ended Aug. 31, 1926, are as follows:

Gross earnings	\$2,118,577
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	1,323,668
Net earns. avail. for int., deprec., Fed. taxes, &c.	\$794,909
Annual int. requirements on funded debt and divs. on pref. stocks of subsidiaries held by public as well as proportion of earnings applicable to minority common stocks	453,518

Balance	\$341,390
Annual int. requirements on 3-year 5 1/2% secured gold notes	110,000

Management.—Utilities, Power & Light Corp. controls corporation through ownership of its entire common stock.

Columbus Railway, Power & Light Co.—Tenders.

The Harris Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, 115 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill., will, until Nov. 10, receive bids for the sale to it of refunding mortgage gold bonds 6% series, due 1941, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$151,075.—V. 123, p. 1382.

Commonwealth Edison Co., Chicago.—Earnings.

Period Ended Sept. 30 1926	Quarter	12 Months
Gross revenue	\$15,131,075	\$63,786,639
Surp. after taxes, charges and depreciation	2,143,543	11,799,011

—V. 122, p. 3603.

Commonwealth Power Corp.—Exercise of Option Warrants.

It is announced that from Aug. 31 to Oct. 14 the corporation issued 73,060 shares of common stock upon the exercise of option warrants against the receipt of \$1,826,500 in its treasury, leaving 18,800 shares of common stock issuable on exercise of option warrants expiring Nov. 1.

Earnings 12 Months Ended Sept. 30 (Including Subsidiary Companies).

	1926.	1925.
Gross	\$48,164,951	\$42,267,753
Expenses, taxes and maintenance	26,049,941	23,996,471
Fixed charges (note)	11,981,044	10,769,494
Preferred dividends	2,191,495	2,189,682
Retirement reserve	3,319,039	3,047,631

Balance	\$4,623,431	\$2,264,474
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This statement is prepared on the basis of giving effect for the full 2-year period to the acquisition of the control of the Tennessee Electric Power Co. under Plan which became effective in July 1925.

Note.—Includes interest, amortization of debt discount and earnings accruing on stock of subsidiary companies not owned by Commonwealth Power Corp.

The activity of general business in the territory served by the corporation and its subsidiaries is indicated by the sales of electricity and gas. September sales of electricity were 121,274,937 k.w.h. and of gas 520,304,000 cu. ft., increases of approximately 16% and 13%, respectively, over September last year. During the first 9 months of 1926 electric sales were 1,056,954,718 k.w.h. and gas sales 4,368,822,400 cu. ft. as compared with 917,193,323 k.w.h. and 3,890,980,300 cu. ft. in same period last year—an increase of 15.24% and 12.28%, respectively. For the year ended Sept. 30 1926 sales of electricity amounted to 1,417,314,317 k.w.h. and of gas 5,788,816,000 cu. ft.—increases of 19.62% and 16.34%, respectively, over sales for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1925.

This increase in business is reflected in increased earnings, which for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1926 applicable to dividends and retirement reserve amounted to \$10,133,965, or \$7.57 per share on preferred stock and \$6.55 per share on the common stock.

After provision for retirement reserve earnings amounted to \$18.54 per share on the outstanding 367,537 shares of preferred and \$3.81 per share on the 1,213,381 shares of common as compared with \$12.12 and \$1.87, respectively, for the same period last year, based on the same number of shares now outstanding, including shares issued upon exercise of option warrants as above stated.—V. 123, p. 1761, 1632.

Consumers Power Co.—Earnings Statement.

	1926.	1925.	1924.
12 Mos. Ended, Sept. 30—			
Gross earnings	\$23,330,227	\$19,609,525	\$18,307,276
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maint.	12,088,540	10,605,212	9,725,493
Fixed charges	2,642,224	2,491,762	2,493,302
Dividend preferred stock	2,801,437	2,183,893	1,431,897
Provision for retirement reserve	1,506,000	1,338,328	1,269,000
Balance	\$4,292,026	\$2,990,330	\$3,389,585

—V. 123, p. 1996.

Connecticut Gas & Coke Securities Co.—Organized.

The certificate of the incorporation of this company, a subsidiary of the Koppers Co. of Pittsburgh to operate the New Haven Gas Light Co., was

filed on Oct. 11 at the office of the Secretary of the State at Hartford, Conn. The capitalization consists of 200,000 shares of preferred stock without par value, and 300,000 shares of common stock without par value.—V. 123, p. 1502.

Depew & Lancaster Ry. Corp.—Service Discontinued.

This corporation, which operates between the Buffalo city line at East Genesee St. and the villages of Depew and Lancaster, discontinued service on Sept. 23. R. C. Lenahan, of Lenahan & Sons of Buffalo, N. Y., who purchased the property at a bondholders' foreclosure sale 5 years ago, says he will scrap the line. The company has operated two cars, but the income, it is stated, was not sufficient to pay operating expenses.—V. 113, p. 1674.

Duquesne Light Co.—Plant Extension Progresses.

Since the ground was first broken on the Colfax power site in 1919, an almost continuous construction program has been carried forward until at present the installed capacity has reached 190,000 kilowatts, or approximately 253,000 h. p., one-half of the ultimate development. During the last year foundations were laid for an additional 80,000 k.w. unit to be placed in operation during the summer of 1927.

As originally planned, the ultimate development was to consist of six 60,000 k.w. units. The first two units now in operation are of this capacity; the third has a capacity of 70,000 k.w. The fourth unit, which is now under construction, will be of 80,000 k.w. capacity, or approximately 106,000 h. p., a departure from the original plan.

The first two units are identical with the exception of some minor detail and some of the auxiliary equipment. They consist of 60,000 k.w. compound units having one high and two low pressure elements, each driving a 20,000 k.w. generator. The third unit consists of two separate 35,000 k.w. single cylinder turbines connected to a common bank of transformers. The fourth unit will be similar in design to the third unit, except that the rating of the turbines and generators will be higher.

Fourteen stoker-fired boilers were provided to furnish steam for the first two units. The third unit installation consisted of five boilers fired with pulverized fuel.

Improvements in the design of the third unit and changes in the first and second units have resulted in an improvement in heat economy which, when converted into tons of coal consumed, is equal to a saving of 85,000 tons of coal for the 1925 power output.—V. 123, p. 1250.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.—To Increase Capital Stock.

The stockholders will vote Nov. 1 on authorizing the company to apply to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue 93,429 additional shares of capital stock. At present there is authorized and outstanding \$46,714,100 capital stock, par \$100. The proceeds of the new stock are to be applied to the payment of liabilities incurred heretofore or hereafter for additions to property. The offering price will be made known when the Commission holds the hearing on the petition.—V. 123, p. 1250.

Electrical Securities Corp.—Tenders.

Offers will be received until 10 a. m. on Nov. 1, 1926 at the office of the Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, for the sale to it at the lowest prices offered (not exceeding 103 and int.) of collateral trust sinking fund 5% bonds of the below mentioned series, in such amounts as will exhaust the following sums: 6th series, \$57,600; 7th series, \$9,000 16th series, \$36,419; 17th series, \$37,810. Interest on the above bonds purchased will cease on Nov. 2 1926.—V. 123, p. 1632, 580.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Bonds Offered.

White, Weld & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Boddell & Co. and West & Co. are offering at 95 1/2 and int., to yield about 5.40%, \$1,329,000 stamped 30-year 1st lien gold bonds, bearing interest at 5%.

Dated March 1 1912, due March 1 1942. Authorized \$50,000,000; retired by sinking fund \$1,486,000; outstanding \$8,049,000, including this issue, \$3,238,000 unstamped 5s and \$3,482,000 stamped as 6s. Issued under 1st mtge. dated March 1 1912, as modified by a supplemental indenture dated Feb. 1 1922. Irving Bank & Trust Co., trustee.

Data from Letter of E. N. Sanderson, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorporated in 1910. Controls public utility properties furnishing electric light and power, gas or traction facilities in 15 communities in the States of New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, Washington, Colorado, Missouri and Arkansas. The companies operate practically without competition in their respective territories.

Security.—The principal of the bonds, and interest thereon, at the rate of 5% per annum, are secured by a first lien (through deposit of the entire issues of first mortgage bonds) on all the properties of the operating companies, with the exception of Springfield (Mo.) Ry. & Light Co., Central Arkansas Ry. & Light Corp., New Mexico Power Co. and Belen Water & Light Co., and are additionally secured by the pledge of the entire \$1,100,000 common stock of the Springfield Ry. & Light Co.

Net Earnings Applicable to Interest on 1st Lien Bonds.

[After deducting interest and preferred dividends on securities of subsidiaries outstanding in hands of the public, but before depreciation.]

Cal. Yrs.—Gross Rev.	Net Earns.	Cal. Yrs.—Gross Rev.	Net Earns.
1919	\$2,897,518	1923	\$5,610,876
1920	4,606,421	1,102,831	5,665,828
1921	4,822,242	1,167,597	5,888,708
1922	5,012,489	1,348,882	6,288,432

x Twelve months ended July 31.
Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used in part to reimburse the company's treasury for capital expenditures already made and for other corporate purposes.

Listing.—Company has agreed to make application in due course to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 123, p. 1633.

Federal Water Service Corp.—Proposed Acquisitions.

The corporation is in process of acquiring another group of water properties, including 5 such properties in California, 3 in Pennsylvania and 1 in New York. President C. T. Cheney said the names of these properties could not be made public at this time, owing to the fact that the final contracts had not been signed. A further announcement is expected this coming week. No new financing is involved in the acquisitions under way, provision having been made for it in the recent capital set-up.

Annual gross earnings of the system, with the taking in of the 9 new properties, will exceed \$3,500,000. Properties of the system are located in 9 States, Pennsylvania, New York, California, West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey, Indiana and Michigan.

To Retire Outstanding 3-Year 5% Gold Notes.

The corporation has elected to redeem all of the outstanding 3-year 5% gold notes, dated May 1 1926, on Dec. 23 1926, at the Central Union Trust Co., N. Y. City, at 101 1/4 and int. The corporation offers to purchase such of the above notes with all unmaturing coupons attached as may be surrendered for cancellation at said office prior to Dec. 23 1926 at 101 1/4 and int. to the date of such surrender.—V. 123, p. 1875.

German-Atlantic Cable Co. (Deutsche-Atlantische Telegraphengesellschaft).—Listing.

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list \$4,000,000 1st mtge. 20-year 7% sinking fund gold dollar bonds, dated April 1 1925 and due April 1 1945 (see offering in V. 121, p. 1677).—V. 122, p. 1382.

International Utilities Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Consolidated Income Account 12 Months Ended Aug. 31 1926.	
Gross revenue from all sources	\$4,644,898
Total deductions, incl. maint., local and Fed. taxes, depletion, preferred divs. on oper. cos. and minority stock interests	3,046,010
Interest and discount expense	848,387

Net income	\$750,500
Profit on investments (net after Federal taxes)	442,202

Net income, on basis of present stock ownership, before depreciation, amortization of properties and dividends	\$1,192,702
Depreciation and amortization of property	290,614

Balance	\$902,088
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—V. 123, p. 1762.

Illinois Power Co.—Earnings Statement.—

	12 Mos. End. Sept. 30 1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings.....	\$2,586,172	\$2,420,400	\$2,320,266	\$2,256,198
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance.....	1,771,595	1,680,170	1,631,491	1,573,723
Fixed charges.....	387,087	395,113	376,375	358,135
Dividend preferred stock	226,893	214,265	182,260	147,446
Prov. for retirement res.....	148,700	153,550	133,650	142,750
Balance.....	sur\$51,897	def\$22,698	def\$3,510	sur\$34,145

—V. 123, p. 581.

Kansas City Public Service Co.—Franchise.—
The City Council of Kansas City, Mo., on Oct. 4 again passed the ordinance providing for a 12-year extension of the existing street railway franchise. Mayor Beach had opposed the passage of the bill. See also V. 123, p. 1996.

The Chase National Bank has been appointed co-transfer agent for the transfer only of an issue of 83,364 shares of pref. stock, series "A," and 183,645 shares of common stock.—V. 123, p. 1996.

Keene Gas & Electric Co.—Merger.—
See Public Service Co. of New Hampshire below.—V. 123, p. 982.

Keystone Telephone Co. of Philadelphia.—Listing.—
There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list \$2,300,000 (auth. \$10,000,000) 1st lien & ref. mtge. gold bonds, series A, 5½%, dated June 1 1925 and due June 1 1955.—V. 123, p. 1996, 581.

Leominster (Mass.) Electric Light & Power Co.—Stock.
The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has approved the issuance by the company, at \$225 a share, of 1,000 additional shares of capital stock, the proceeds to pay for additions to plant. The company had asked approval of an issue of 1,100 shares at \$200 each, but the Commission considered the price too low.

Maine Gas Companies.—Preferred Stock Offered.—Paine, Webber & Co. are offering a new issue of 10,304 shares of \$6 series cumulative preferred stock at \$96 per share and dividend, to yield 6.25%.

Preferred both as to assets and dividends, and entitled to \$105 per share in liquidation, either voluntary or involuntary. Dividends payable Q.-J. Red, either as a whole or in part on any div. date on 60 days prior notice at \$105 per share and div. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax.

Data from Letter of William S. Linnell, President of the Company.
Company.—Has been incorp. for the purpose of combining under one ownership and management the three gas companies now supplying artificial gas to Portland (Me.) and the adjacent cities of South Portland and Westbrook, serving a total population of approximately 90,000. Upon completion of this financing, company will own 93.23% of the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Co. and substantially all the capital stock and bonds of the Municipal Light & Power Co. and the Westbrook Gas Co.

Gas is manufactured in a central plant located at tidewater with a present daily capacity of 3,150,000 cu. ft. Of this capacity 1,950,000 cu. ft. is in a modern Glover West coal gas installation of six benches, two of which were placed in operation in April 1926. Company owns a water gas installation with daily capacity of 1,200,000 cu. ft., which is now used for reserve purposes. Company has 2,550,000 cu. ft. in holder capacity. This combined plant is of ample capacity to supply the present gas requirements of the territory served. The distribution system consists of 150 miles of gas main with 18,410 meters.

Combined Earnings for the 12 Months Ended July 31 1926.

Gross earnings after eliminating inter-company sales of gas.....	\$694,655
Oper. exp., maint., all taxes and depr. based on mtge. provision.....	503,180
Net earnings.....	\$191,475
Int., amortization debt discount and minority int. in sec. of subs.....	49,239

Balance available for preferred dividends.....\$142,236
Preferred dividend requirements.....69,582
These earnings, after allowing 15% of the gross operating revenue for maintenance and depreciation, are over twice the preferred stock dividend requirements.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
\$6 series cumulative preferred stock (no par).....20,000 shs. all 597 shs.
Common stock (no par).....50,000 shs. 448,647 shs.
a Not including 1,737 shares to be held in treasury, of which 903 shares are reserved for exchange for minority interest in subsidiary company.
b Not including 1,353 shares to be held in company's treasury and reserved for exchange for minority interest in stock of subsidiary company.

The Maine Gas Cos. will have no funded debt. Its principal subsidiary, Portland Gas Light Co., has outstanding \$200,000 1st mtge. 4% bonds due 1936 and \$750,000 1st mtge. 5% bonds due 1950. These bonds, plus \$69,850 par value of securities of Portland Gas Light Co., and the Westbrook Gas Co. are the only subsidiary company securities in the hands of the public.

Malone (N. Y.) Light & Power Co.—Offers New \$6 Preferred Stock—7% Pref. Shares to Be Redeemed on Nov. 1.
The company has decided to issue 3,463 shares of \$6 pref. stock, without par value, and to redeem all of the present 7% pref. stock of the City of New York. The franchise under which the corporation operates is very satisfactory and grants the right and privilege, without limit as to time, to lay mains and pipes in any of the streets on the Island of Manhattan and to supply steam for power and heating.

All of the outstanding 7% pref. stock has been called for redemption Nov. 1 at 105 and divs. at the office of the registrar, Peoples Trust Co., Malone, N. Y., or at the office of the company in Malone, N. Y.—V. 121, p. 3131.

Manchester Traction, Light & Power Co.—Merger.
See Public Service Co. of New Hampshire below.—V. 123, p. 1763.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Booklet.
Tucker, Anthony & Co., New York and Boston, have issued a booklet describing the growth and present position of the above company.—V. 123, p. 982, 842.

Montreal Light, Heat & Power Consolidated.—New Common Stock Placed on \$2 Annual Dividend Basis.
The directors have declared a dividend of 50c. per share on the new no par value common stock, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31.

On July 26 last, the stockholders approved a plan to convert the then outstanding capital stock into one 6% cum. red. pref. share (par \$50) and three common shares of no par value. On the old capital stock of \$100 par value dividends at the rate of 8% per annum had been paid. On Nov. 1 next all of the outstanding pref. shares will be redeemed. See V. 123, p. 1876, 1763.

Narragansett Electric Lighting Co.—Time Extended.
Bond & Goodwin, Inc., in a notice to stockholders state: Our offer to buy at \$86 a share stock of Narragansett Electric Lighting Co. has been renewed until the close of business Oct. 23 1926. All persons selling their stock to us pursuant to this offer will be entitled to the additional privileges specified in the notice of Narragansett Electric Lighting Co. to its stockholders, dated Oct. 7 1926 (V. 123, p. 1997).

All stock purchased will be deposited under the plan and agreement dated July 28 1926, if and when such deposited stock will enable the plan to be made effective before March 15 1927 as to both United Electric Ry.s stock and Narragansett Electric Lighting Co. stock. If the plan does not so become effective, all stock purchased will be either retained or resold by us. See also V. 123, p. 1997.

Nebraska Gas & Electric Co.—Acquisition.
Sale of the municipal plant at Pawnee City, Neb., to the above company for \$120,000 has been voted by the City Council subject to the approval of the voters.—V. 122, p. 3340.

New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Director.
Victor M. Cutter, President of the United Fruit Co., has been elected a director to succeed the late Ralph A. Stewart.—V. 123, p. 1877.

National Public Service Corp. & Subs.—Balance Sheet.

Assets—	July 31 '26.		Dec. 31 '25.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Real est., plant & equipment.....	128,880,280	100,048,218		
Miscell. invests.....	1,138,237	1,006,702		
Spec. dep. for retir. of underlying securities, &c.....	1,398,637	383,438		
Cash.....	4,708,383	2,800,246		
Marketable secur.....	41,904	38,715		
Notes & accts. rec.....	3,391,197	2,114,934		
Materials & supp.....	2,470,640	1,884,102		
Miscel. assets.....		5,001		
Unamort. debt discount & oth. def. items.....	11,250,935	9,609,763		
Total (ea. side).....	153,280,214	117,891,119		

Liabilities—
July 31 '26. Dec. 31 '25.
\$ \$
Pf. stk., 7% partic. 3,593,300 3,923,300
Pf. stk., 7% ser. A 5,882,000 4,000,000
Pf. stk., sub. cos. 19,139,435 15,796,810
Com. stk. eq. class A & B..... 7,670,588 6,141,164
Com. stk. of subs. in hands of public & int. of minority stockholders..... 309,027 393,201
30-yr sinking fund coll. tr. g. bonds 13,921,500 12,750,000
Bds., notes, &c., subs. cos..... 80,743,776 57,963,144
Notes & accts. pay. 5,564,655 2,721,267
Acr. int., tax., divs., &c..... 1,418,943 1,631,159
Consumers & construction depts. 1,057,472 792,589
Reserves..... 14,039,518 11,778,485

—V. 123, p. 1877.

New Haven Gas Light Co.—Exchange, &c.—

The company, quoted at which is now quoted at about \$63 50 to \$65 a share, furnishes gas to the City of New Haven and vicinity. In 1925 the company had a gross revenue of \$3,063,000 and a net income of \$611,358.

Prior to Oct. 31 1926 each share of New Haven Gas Light Co. stock may be exchanged for one share of preferred stock and ½ share of common stock in the Connecticut Gas & Coke Securities Co., a new holding corporation to be organized to hold such stock in the New Haven Gas Light Co. and other gas companies as it may acquire.

The payment of a \$3 dividend on the preferred stock of the new holding company will be guaranteed by the Koppers Co. or a coke company to be organized by the Loppers Co. for the purpose of supplying gas to the New Haven Gas Light Co.

During the first 90 days after the new coke company begins supplying gas, the Koppers Co. agrees to purchase the new common stock of the proposed Connecticut Gas & Coke Co., as it may be offered, at \$25 a share. \$65 a share, the present price of New Haven Gas Light Co. stock, is equivalent to \$52 50 for the new preferred stock paying a \$3 guaranteed dividend and \$12 50 for each ½ share of the common stock.—V. 123, p. 1763, 1505.

New York Steam Corp.—Pref. Stock Sold.—National City Co. and Cassatt & Co. have sold at \$93 50 a share (flat), yielding about 6.45% 25,000 shares (no par value) cumulative preferred stock \$6 dividend series.

Entitled to \$105 a share and divs. in case of voluntary distribution and \$100 a share and divs. in case of involuntary liquidation. Red. all or part on any div. date on 30 days' notice at \$105 a share and divs. Dividends payable Q.-J. National City Bank, New York, transfer agent. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York, registrar. Dividends are free of present normal Federal income tax. Corporation will refund to resident owners, upon proper application, personal property taxes paid on the stock in Penn. not exceeding 4 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation in any year, and any Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% of the dividends.

Issuance.—Authorized by the New York P. S. Commission.
Listing.—Application will be made to list these shares on the New York Exchange.

Data from Letter of James D. Hurd, President of the Corporation.

Company.—Is the largest of its kind in the United States. Supplies steam for heating and power purposes in the downtown financial district and in important uptown commercial and residential sections of the City of New York. The franchise under which the corporation operates is very satisfactory and grants the right and privilege, without limit as to time, to lay mains and pipes in any of the streets on the Island of Manhattan and to supply steam for power and heating.

Calendar Years—

	1923.	1924.	1925.	12 Mos. End. June 30 '26.
Gross earnings.....	\$3,724,098	\$3,843,974	\$4,334,889	\$5,193,583
Oper. exp., curr. maint., and all taxes.....	2,818,421	2,800,495	3,174,537	3,722,607
Net earnings.....	\$905,677	\$1,043,479	\$1,159,852	\$1,470,976
Int. on funded & unfund. debt, amortiz. of bond discount, &c.....	344,041	321,150	378,913	385,985

Bal. avail. for divs, reserves and surplus.....\$561,636 \$722,329 \$780,939 \$1,084,991
Ann. div. requirements on pref. stk. (incl. present issue) requires \$443,510

The rates in effect during the past 6 years, under a schedule approved by the P. S. Commission, fluctuate automatically with the cost of fuel to the corporation, thereby assuring a continuance of the satisfactory increases in net earnings as the business expands.

Valuation.—Based on an appraisal approved by the P. S. Commission, the value of the physical property of the corporation is over \$20,360,000, against \$8,193,500 1st mtge. bonds and 66,930 shares of cumulative preferred stock outstanding, including the present issue.

Purpose.—Proceeds will reimburse the corporation, in part, for expenditures in connection with the construction of the new Kip's Bay steam station now rapidly nearing completion, and for other important property additions, including the extension of the corporation's mains in the uptown district.

Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing.

\$6 Dividend cumulative pref. stock (25,000 shs. no par value).....	\$6,693,000
\$7 Dividend cumulative pref. stock (41,930 shares no par value).....	
Common stock (30,000 shares no par value) representing the balance of stated capital.....	7,320,000
First mortgage gold bonds 6% series, due 1947.....	5,693,500
do 5% series, due 1951.....	2,500,000

—V. 123, p. 1378.

Northern Ohio Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

	12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings.....	\$11,913,349	\$11,201,245	\$11,201,245
Operating expenses, incl. taxes & maintenance.....	8,797,047	8,378,085	8,378,085
Fixed charges (see note).....	2,298,048	2,175,224	2,175,224

Net avail. for retirement res. & corp. purposes.....\$818,254 \$647,935
Note.—Fixed charges prior to Feb. 1 1925 have been computed for comparative purposes to include interest of Northern Ohio Power Co. for expired periods of 1925 and include interest charges and dividends on outstanding preferred stock of subsidiary companies.—V. 123, p. 582.

Northern Ohio Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—

	12 Mos. End. Sept. 30.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings.....	\$11,913,349	\$11,201,245	\$9,817,294	\$10,151,510	
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance.....	8,848,493	8,402,409	7,744,903	7,704,111	
Gross income.....	\$3,064,856	\$2,798,836	\$2,072,391	\$2,447,398	
Fixed charges.....	1,644,579	1,532,961	1,384,771	1,328,153	
Preferred dividend.....	461,531	435,854	429,314	403,668	
Balance.....	\$958,746	\$830,021	\$258,306	\$715,577	

—V. 123, p. 1634, 1114.

North American Co.—Rumors Denied.—

When asked about the prospects of a change in the dividend policy of the company, Frank L. Dame, Pres., said "I have heard two rumors within the past few days—one, that we would pass the dividend entirely, and the other, that we would pay in cash instead of stock. We have been unable to trace their origin, but there is no truth in them and the subject has not been discussed even by the officers of the company. A conservative stock dividend policy is admirably adapted to the electric light and power business. The operating companies must keep pace with the growth of the communities they serve in order to retain exclusive rights in their territories. Past records show that the electric light and power business has doubled on

the average approximately in periods of five years. I see no reason why this should not continue on account of the many new applications in the use of electricity for both domestic and commercial purposes.

In a company such as ours about 50% of the financing should be done by bonds of subsidiaries, perhaps one-half of the balance by subsidiary preferred stocks sold locally, but, unless the holding company makes additional investments in the common stock to keep a balanced capital structure, the credit of the subsidiary companies will be impaired. Our dividend policy provides a substantial part of the money needed for this purpose.

In addition to these rumors there has been one which has been repeated many times by certain newspapers and tipster sheets to the effect that the company is going to be the particular target of the forthcoming Ripley article in the Atlantic Monthly. These rumors are causing our 35,000 stockholders a great deal of concern but I am glad to be in a position to say that while I have not seen the article I am assured that there is no criticism of the North American Co. in it.—V. 123, p. 1877, 1634.

Ohio Edison Co.—Earnings Statement.—

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings.....	\$1,766,672	\$1,503,059	\$1,532,988	\$1,193,021
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance.....	1,023,269	919,221	926,176	737,979
Fixed charges.....	82,526	111,997	139,874	98,233
Div. preferred stock.....	116,590	76,869	71,325	47,468
Prov. for retirement res.....	123,000	123,000	119,250	108,000
Balance.....	\$421,287	\$271,973	\$276,362	\$201,341

—V. 123, p. 582.

Ohio Fuel Corp.—To Vote on Merger.—
The stockholders will vote Nov. 5 on approving the proposed merger and consolidation of this company into the Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.—V. 123, p. 1997.

Ohio Gas Light & Coke Co.—To Increase Stock, &c.—
The stockholders will vote Nov. 9 (a) on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000; (b) on changing the location of the corporation from Toledo, Ohio, in Lucas County, to Napoleon, in Henry County, and (c) on amending the charter so as to enlarge the purpose of the corporation by providing for manufacturing, buying, selling, furnishing and supplying artificial gas.—V. 123, p. 844.

Oklahoma Natural Gas Co.—Dissolved.—
A recent letter to the stockholders, signed by Harry Heasley, H. J. Crawford and J. V. Ritts as a committee representing the board of directors, says:

The sale of the company's assets to the Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp. has been consummated by the transfer of its properties and the receipt of the purchase price, to wit \$6,090,000 cash, less accrued interest to Sept. 21 on bonds dated July 1 1926, \$12,500,000 6% gold bonds and 26,000 shares of common stock, without par value, of Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp.

An immediate cash distribution at the rate of \$10 per share has been ordered, and the Colonial Trust Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., has been appointed agent of the board of directors for the purpose of making this distribution and acting as depository of the remainder of the said cash, bonds and common stock (collectively referred to as liquidating assets).

By a decree of the District Court of Tulsa County, Okla., the company has been legally dissolved. Prior to the dissolution, the above mentioned committee was appointed by the directors to supervise the distribution of the liquidating assets, and entered into an agreement, dated as of Sept. 21 1926, between the committee, the Colonial Trust Co. and the stockholders of the Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. who may become parties thereto as therein provided by depositing their stock and accepting certificates of deposit of the Colonial Trust Co., which agreement has been approved by the directors.

As the Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. has been dissolved, there can be no further trading in the stock on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange. The committee, however, is taking steps to have the certificates of deposit listed on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange and it is expected that the market for the certificates will be at least as broad as the previous market for the stock.

"It is hoped that final distribution may be made by the depository not later than July 1 1927."

[The stockholders on July 1 last approved the sale of the entire property and assets of the company to the Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp. The new corporation issued \$15,000,000 1st mtge. s. f. 6% bonds, \$6,000,000 conv. s. f. 6½% debentures, \$2,100,000 7% cum. pref. stock and 500,000 shares of common stock of no par value. Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. received for its assets and properties \$7,870,000 in cash, \$12,500,000 of 1st mtge. bonds and 26,000 shares of the common stock of the new corporation. Of the cash so received \$1,780,000 was applied to the satisfaction of the company's indebtedness to that extent. All other indebtedness and liabilities of the company (except Federal tax liabilities) were assumed by the new corporation.]

The stockholders of the old company received the current earnings of the company from Jan. 1 1926 up to the date of the sale but not in excess of 8% of the par value of their stock.

Of the common stock of the new corporation, 240,000 shares will be reserved for conversion of the debentures aforesaid. Securities of the new corporation, not in excess of \$2,500,000 1st mtge. bonds, \$6,000,000 of debentures, \$2,100,000 of pref. stock (V. 123, p. 1383) and 234,000 shares of common stock, will be issued for the purpose of furnishing the cash required to make the purchase, of providing working capital and management, or for other corporate purposes, and to provide \$1,000,000 cash for the acquisition by the new corporation of the Kingwood Pipe Line property.—V. 123, p. 1997.

Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp.—Acquisition.—
See Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. above.—V. 123, p. 1635.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings.—

	Quarters Ended			9 Mos. End.
	Sept. 30 '26.	June 30 '26.	Mar. 31 '26.	Sept. 30 '26.
Net after exp. & taxes.....	\$2,657,178	\$2,589,223	\$2,006,000	\$7,252,401

—V. 123, p. 711.

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.—Earnings.—

	3 Months.	12 Months.
	Period Ended Sept. 30 1926—	Sept. 30 1925—
Gross operating revenue.....	\$9,170,872	\$38,260,361
Net inc. after taxes, int. & prov. for retirement.....	1,156,745	5,322,656

—V. 123, p. 1115.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—Tenders.—
The Girard Trust Co., trustee, Phila., Pa., will until Oct. 29 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st lien & ref. mtge. gold bonds, 6% series due 1941, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$120,844, at a price not exceeding 107½ and int.—V. 123, p. 1115.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Earnings.—

	—3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—		—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	
	1926.	1925.	1925.	1924.
Passengers carried.....	232,532,081	169,434,043	716,104,022	631,266,613
Operating revenue.....	\$12,893,670	\$11,962,814	\$39,569,605	\$37,115,907
Operating and taxes.....	9,731,154	9,391,320	29,316,713	27,574,635
Operating income.....	\$3,162,516	\$2,571,494	\$10,252,892	\$9,541,272
Non-operating income.....	304,718	90,507	579,824	228,565
Gross income.....	\$3,467,234	\$2,662,001	\$10,832,716	\$9,769,836
Fixed charges, divs. & management fee.....	3,244,232		10,191,744	
Pay. to city sink. fund & Frankford elevated.....	201,040		603,120	
Net income.....	\$21,962	def\$568,816	\$37,853	def\$80,153

—V. 123, p. 1997.

Phoenixville (Pa.) Valley Forge & Strafford El. Ry.—
The sum of \$7,425 will be distributed to the holders of the \$102,323 bonds of this defunct company. The filing of the auditor's report shows that there will be a dividend of 0.07256% on all that remains of the line built and operated for the first time in 1911. The road was built by Thomas E. O'Connell, then residing in Phoenixville, who also sold most of the bonds. In 1923 only one car was in operation on the line between Phoenixville and Spring City. In the year 1922 receivers were appointed. The line operated five miles. (Electric Railway Journal.)—V. 120, p. 958.

Pittsburgh Utilities Corp.—Earnings.—

	Quarters Ended			9 Mos. End.
	Sept. 30 '26.	June 30 '26.	Mar. 31 '26.	Sept. 30 '26.
Divs. on stocks owned.....	\$591,500	\$491,500	\$641,500	\$1,724,500
Interest received.....	2,372	6,104	1,014	9,490
Total income.....	\$593,872	\$497,604	\$642,514	\$1,733,990
Expenses.....	3,153	5,436	5,405	13,994
Interest charges.....	126,902	125,765	122,800	375,467
Net income.....	\$463,817	\$366,403	\$514,309	\$1,344,529

—V. 123, p. 1997.

Portland (Me.) Gas Light Co.—New Control.—
See Maine Gas, compare above.—V. 122, p. 749.

Public Service Co. of New Hampshire.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Tucker, Anthony & Co. and Old Colony Corp. are offering at \$95 and div. per share, to yield about 6.32% 34,100 shares preferred stock, \$6 dividend series (no par value).

Callable at any time on 30 days' notice at \$107.50 per share. Cumulative dividends payable Q-M. Transfer agent, New England Public Service Co., Augusta, Me. Registrar, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass. Dividends exempt from present Federal normal income tax.

Issued with the approval of the Public Service Commission of the State of New Hampshire.

Data From Letter of Pres. Walter S. Wyman, Manchester, N. H. Company.—Incorp. in N. H. in Aug. 1926. Formed by merger and consolidation of Manchester Traction, Light & Power Co. (V. 123, p. 982), Keene Gas & Electric Co. (V. 123, p. 982), Ashuelot Gas & Electric Co., Laconia Gas & Electric Co. and Souhegan Valley Electric Co. Company is the largest public utility in the State of New Hampshire, serving the thickly populated manufacturing district along the Merrimack River comprising the cities of Manchester and Nashua, together with Keene, Laconia and many surrounding towns.

All of the company's territory is served with electricity for power and light. Gas is also furnished in the cities of Nashua, Keene and Laconia. Through wholly owned subsidiaries the company operates the street railway system in Manchester and interurban lines to Nashua and Goffstown. In 1925 78% of the net earnings of the company were derived from the sale of electricity, 16% from sale of gas and miscellaneous sources, and 6% from street railway operations. The population furnished with one or more classes of service is estimated to exceed 170,000, or about 40% of the population of the State.

Company owns and operates 12 hydro-electric generating stations, having a total capacity of 17,000 k.w. and two steam stations of 20,250 k.w. capacity. An additional hydro-electric development now under construction on the North Branch of the Contoocook River will develop 3,200 k.w. upon completion. Valuable rights for future development on the Merrimack and Contoocook River are also owned. Two-thirds of the output of electric energy in 1925 was generated at hydro-electric stations. Transmission lines, now being constructed, will connect the principal plants of the company and will provide a means for an interchange of power which should produce substantial economies in operation.

Capitalization Upon Completion of Present Financing.

Manchester Tr., Lt. & Pow. Co. 1st ref. (closed) mtge. 5s 1925	\$4,314,500
1st ref. (closed) mtge. 7s 1952	914,000
Public Service Co. of N. H. 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, series of 1956	3,150,000
Preferred stock, \$6 cumul. (no par value)	34,100 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	100,000 shs.

*Not including \$386,500 bonds held in sinking fund.

Earnings of Properties now being Merged, After Giving Effect to Present Financing.

	Calendar Years.			Year End.
	1923.	1924.	1925.	June 30 '26.
Gross earnings.....	\$3,128,909	\$3,183,897	\$3,334,739	\$3,417,447
Operating exp., maint. & taxes.....	1,874,025	1,885,164	1,850,950	1,837,339
Net earnings.....	\$1,254,884	\$1,298,733	\$1,483,789	\$1,580,108
Bond interest and amortization.....				457,401
Depreciation.....				231,409
Balance.....				\$891,298

Annual dividend requirements on 34,100 shares pref. stock, \$6 dividend series..... 204,600

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue of stock, together with the proceeds of bonds to be presently issued, will be used to retire capital obligations of the merged companies and to reimburse the company for additions to plant completed and now under construction.

Equity & Control.—The 100,000 shares of no par value common stock of the company are all owned by the New England Public Service Co., and represent an investment on its part of over eight million dollars.

Supervision.—Through control by the New England Public Service Co. the company will be under the supervision of Samuel Insull, Martin J. Insull and associates.—V. 123, p. 983.

Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—Balance Sheet.—

	July 31 '26.		Dec. 31 '25.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—				
Fixed capital.....	195,767,196	179,714,427	20,000,000	20,000,000
Reac'd secur.....	2,914,000	2,914,000	6% cum. pf. stk. 15,000,000	15,000,000
Cash.....	5,885,934	6,169,859	Com stk. (no par) 95,000,000	86,750,000
Marketable secs.....	2,200,000		Camd. Coke Co. com. stock.....	100,000
Notes receivable.....	3,691		Funded debt.....	44,086,000
Acc'ts receivable.....	10,520,354	11,574,692	Bonds of merged companies.....	21,824,500
Int. & divs. rec.....	249,605	643,585	Misc. long term debt.....	35,071
Mat'ls & supp.....	5,079,874	5,377,745	Real estate mtgs Equip. oblig'ns.....	1,466,728
Miscell. assets.....	229,810	156,800	Adv. for constr. P. S. Gas notes.....	520,000
Inv. in affil. cos.....	31,602,201	32,253,363	Adv. from affil'd companies.....	1,250,000
Other investm'ts.....	19,256	16,756	Acc'ts payable.....	1,275,099
Sinking funds.....	704,911	563,701	Consumers' dep. Misc. curr. liabil.....	2,945,168
Misc. spec. fds.....	15,993		Taxes accrued.....	3,497,516
Prepayments.....	2,724,316	1,333,682	Interest accrued.....	4,552
Unamort'd exp. disc. and deb.....	1,044,973	1,065,804	Misc. acer. liabil.....	2,492,180
Misc. suspense.....	472,107	638,873	Misc. acer. liabil.....	1,437,800
			Retirem't res' ve.....	1,098,960
			Casualty & insurance res' ve.....	27,509,776
			Unamort. prem. on debt.....	979,658
			Contrib. for ext. Misc. reserves.....	44
			Misc. unadjust. credits.....	154,956
			Profit & loss sur.....	3,364,800
				3,121,484
				1,089,773
				12,326,940
Total (each side).....	257,230,532	244,626,979		

—V. 123, p. 1252.

Public Service Corporation of New Jersey.—6% Pref. Stock Increased by \$100,000,000—Common Shares Split Up on a 3 for 1 Basis.—The stockholders on Oct. 19 (a) increased the authorized 6% pref. stock from \$25,000,000 to \$125,000,000; (b) increased the authorized common stock of no par value from 2,000,000 shares to 10,000,000 shares; and (c) approved the issuance of three new no par common shares in exchange for each share of present outstanding common stock. It is not the intention of the company to offer for subscription to stockholders any of this stock at this time.

It is the intention of the board to place the new common stock on a \$2 annual dividend basis. This is equivalent to \$6 on the present common stock, which is on a \$5 annual basis.

Dividends on the 6% cum. pref. stock will hereafter be paid monthly instead of quarterly, as heretofore.

The authorized 8% cum. pref. stock remains at \$25,000,000, and the authorized 7% cum. pref. stock at \$50,000,000, par \$100. On Sept. 25 last there were outstanding 1,192,425 shares of no par value common stock, 215,312 shares of 8% cum. pref. stock, 288,570 shares of 7% cum. pref. stock and 51,973 shares of 6% cum. pref. stock. V. 123, p. 1997, 1763.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

July 31 '26.		Dec. 31 '25.		July 31 '26.		Dec. 31 '25.	
Assets—		\$		Liabilities—		\$	
Fixed capital	465,150,762	440,939,296	Com.stk.(no par)	64,910,329	52,803,441	8% cum. pf. stk.	21,531,200
Cash	22,030,546	9,408,585	7% cum. pf. stk.	28,709,900	26,538,800	6% cum. pf. stk.	4,751,600
Marketable securities	762,969	2,200,000	Cap. stk. of oper. sub. controlled through stock ownership	15,030,210	15,031,080	Cap.stk. of lessor cos. controlled through stock ownership	6,803,657
Notes receivable	17,831	18,191	Cap.stk. of lessor cos. not contr. through stock ownership	55,427,605	55,428,205	Prem.on cap.stk.	23,000
Accounts receiv.	8,251,091	8,999,602	Cap. stk. subscr.	1,426,700	3,642,800	Funded debt	241,450,774
Interest & divs. receivable	46,757	27,068	Notes payable	2,504	102,800	Notes payable	2,504
Materials and supplies	6,495,417	6,317,386	Accts. payable	7,625,929	4,511,222	Consumers' dep.	3,497,516
Miscell. current assets	364,286	287,012	Taxes accrued	10,560	3,358,056	Misc. curr. liab.	10,560
Subscribers to capital stock	1,780	228,185	Interest accrued	3,319,646	3,020,569	Misc. acer. liab.	670,641
Purchase of pref. stock under deferred paym't plan	819,672	1,544,367	Reserves	36,222,328	2,080,608	Misd. unadj.cred.	1,312,826
Investments			Profit and loss	17,102,377	14,313,127	Total (each side)	513,403,922
Subsidy and affiliated cos.	2,448,200	3,175,000					
Other investm'ts	201,522	173,522					
Sinking funds	82,204	124,653					
Miscell. special funds	28,554	29,703					
Special deposits	408,737	2,767,355					
Prepayments	2,050,918	388,059					
Wnamortiz. debt disc. and exp.	3,735,879	2,983,329					
Misc. suspense	506,795	777,912					

The income account for 12 months ended July 31 1926 was given in V. 123, p. 1998.

Pensions Increased.—

Changes in the welfare plan of the corporation and its subsidiaries, affecting approximately 20,000 employees, providing what is practically half-pay pensions for employees upon retirement, and doubling the allowance formerly made for each year of service, were announced recently by President Thomas N. McCarter. The welfare plan was established Jan. 1 1911 and up to the first of this year more than \$1,800,000 had been paid to employees under its provisions, in addition to payments made to beneficiaries of employees insured under the group plan. Benefits include pensions upon retirement and in the event of total and permanent disability, death and sick benefits, without cost to the employee.

The new provisions are retroactive and apply to the 192 former employees now receiving pensions, as well as to all other eligible employees. Employees upon retirement will receive a pension computed upon the average yearly wage or salary received during the 5 years next preceding the date of retirement. For each year in the company's employ they will receive 2% of such average pay, or double that which was formerly paid. The maximum pension payable after 25 years' service will be half pay, but no pension will be less than \$500 a year. For exceptionally long employment additional provision is made. For men retirement is optional between 65 and 70 years of age and compulsory at 70. For women it is optional between 60 and 65 and compulsory at 65 years.

By another new provision, any regular employee who has been in service 12½ years or more and becomes totally and permanently disabled will receive half pay.—V. 123, p. 1997, 1763.

Republic Railway & Light Co.—Capital Reduced by Decreasing Par Value of Common Stock.—The stockholders on Sept. 23 voted to decrease the authorized common stock from \$7,500,000, par \$100, to \$3,750,000, par \$50. See also V. 123, p. 1507.

Sacramento Electric, Gas & Railway Co.—Tenders.—The Mercantile Trust Co., trustee, 464 California St., San Francisco, Calif., will, until Oct. 29, receive bids for the sale to it of forty first mortgage 5% gold bonds due in 1927.—V. 121, p. 1790.

Shenango Valley Water Co.—Bonds Offered.—W. C. Langley & Co. and H. M. Payson & Co. are offering at 93 and int., to yield over 5.45%, \$1,000,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series A.

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1956. Int. payable A. & O. at Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Portland, Me., trustee, or agency in New York or Boston. Red., all or part on at least 30 days' notice at 105 up to and incl. Oct. 1 1936, at 102½ thereafter up to and incl. Oct. 1 1946, and at par thereafter; plus int. in each case. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500e*. Principal and int. are payable without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Company agrees to refund, within 60 days after payment, the Conn. and Calif. personal property taxes not exceeding four mills per annum, the Maryland security tax not exceeding 4½ mills per annum and the Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum, on income derived from the bonds. Free of the Penna. 4-mills tax.

Data from Letter of Vernon F. West, President of the Company.

Company.—Will presently own and operate water works properties now owned by Sharon Water Works Co. and South Sharon Water Co., which supply water for domestic, municipal and commercial purposes in Sharon, Farrell and Wheatland, Pa. These communities, which have a combined population estimated at 43,000, are located in the Shenango Valley in the great industrial area of western Pennsylvania, adjacent to Youngstown, Ohio.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the purchase of properties and for other corporate purposes.

Security.—A first mortgage on all the physical property presently to be owned and will be secured by a direct mortgage on such property hereafter acquired.

Earnings of Predecessor Companies—12 Months Ended June 30 1926.

Gross income	\$242,302
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	92,735
Net income before interest and Federal taxes	\$149,567
Annual interest charges on \$1,000,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series A (this issue)	50,000

Capitalization Outstanding (upon Completion of Present Financing).

1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series A (this issue)	\$1,000,000
Preferred stock, 7% cumulative (par \$100)	350,000
Common stock (no par value)	10,000 shs.

Company will operate water works serving 9,290 consumers, and 431 city fire hydrants are connected to the mains. The equipment includes pumping stations with a nominal daily distributive pumping capacity of approximately 15,000,000 gallons, and filtration plants with a nominal daily capacity of approximately 8,000,000 gallons. The source of water supply is the Shenango River. The distribution system includes over 48 miles of mains.

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Acquisitions.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 13 approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Eastern Kentucky Home Telephone Co. The Bell company acquired all of the property, assets, rights and privileges, and assumed all of the contracts, business and obligations of the

Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co., Inc., June 30 1926. The Cumberland company formerly owned and operated a telephone system in Kentucky and other Southern States.

The Kentucky company owns and operates a telephone exchange at Pikeville, Ky., from which it serves 442 exchange stations and 86 toll stations. It also owns various toll lines radiating from its exchange which have a pole mileage of 175 miles, all in Pike County, Ky. No exchange is maintained by the Bell company at Pikeville.

By a contract made July 16 1925 the Cumberland company agreed to purchase all of the tangible properties of the Kentucky company for \$75,000. This contract was subsequently transferred to the Bell company.

The Commission also approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Whitesburg Telephone Co.

The Whitesburg company owns and operates an exchange at Whitesburg, Ky., from which it serves 44 exchange stations and 30 toll stations. It also owns certain toll lines connecting with its exchange, which have a pole mileage of 26.5 miles. No exchange is maintained by the Bell company at Whitesburg. On July 16 1925 the Cumberland Tel. & Tel. Co., Inc., contracted to purchase all of the tangible properties of the Whitesburg company for \$10,000. The contract subsequently was transferred to the Bell company.—V. 123, p. 1763.

Consolidated Income Account for 3 and 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1926.

[Including Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co.'s earnings from July 1.]	
	3 Mos. End. 9 Mos. End.
	Sept. 30 '26. Sept. 30 '26.
Total revenue	\$12,109,721 \$36,001,847
Expenses and taxes	9,816,987 29,208,378
Interest	616,793 1,772,385
Dividends	1,599,971 4,444,296

Balance, surplus \$75,970 \$576,788
—V. 123, p. 1763.

Southern California Edison Co.—Earnings.

Nine Months Ended Sept. 30—	
	1926. 1925.
Gross earnings	\$20,694,231 \$18,605,964
Net after expenses and taxes	13,501,225 12,464,407
Balance after fixed charges avail. for divs. & deprec.	9,134,337 8,484,134

—V. 123, p. 1878.

Southern Gas Co.—Bonds Sold.—G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.; R. E. Wilsey & Co., Inc., and Frederick Peirce & Co., have sold at 97½ and int., to yield about 6.85%, \$1,200,000 10-year 6½% sinking fund gold debenture bonds, series A.

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1936. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at First National Bank, Kansas City, Mo., trustee. Int. also payable at Guaranty Trust Co., New York, and at Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100e*. Red. on any int. date at 105 and int. to Oct. 1 1931; thereafter to maturity at 102½ and int. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% and to refund, upon application within 60 days after payment, the Penna. and Conn. personal property taxes, not exceeding four mills annually, and the Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum on income derived from the bonds.

Data from Letter of L. J. Snyder, President of the Company.

Company.—Formerly Southern Natural Gas Co., was incorporated in October 1921 in Delaware. Under a continuing contract running 12 years from May 3 1922 and thereafter until cancelled, the company has since November 1922 been furnishing natural gas to the San Antonio (Texas) Public Service Co., which latter is one of the largest subsidiaries of the American Light & Traction Co. Company furnishes to the San Antonio Public Service Co. for its distribution, natural gas for domestic, commercial and industrial purposes for San Antonio and adjacent territory as well as all of the gas used under the boilers in the electric power plant in San Antonio. Under a contract with the U. S. Government, the company also supplies all gas used by Kelly Fields No. 1 and No. 2, by the Air Intermediate Depot and by Camp Normoye.

Company's physical assets consist of about 210 miles of main trunk lines, exclusive of gathering lines connecting the gas wells to main trunk lines. Company also owns a gas compressor station located in the Gas Ridge Field, has rights of way easements for the operation of main trunk and gathering lines, and also owns land on which compressor and meter stations are located.

Capitalization—

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtge. (closed) 6½% s. f. gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1925, due Nov. 1 1935	\$3,000,000	a \$2,900,000
10-year 6½% s. f. gold deb. bonds, series A (this issue)	b	1,200,000
7% cumulative preferred stock	2,000,000	750,000
Common stock (no par value)	c 70,000 shs.	55,000 shs.

a \$100,000 retired by sinking fund since issuance Nov. 1 1925. It is estimated that by Jan. 31 1927 the sinking fund will reduce this issue to about \$2,775,000. b Limited by conservative restrictions of the trust agreement, but not any specific principal amount. c 15,000 shares subject to warrant rights of 1st mtge. 6½% bonds.

Security.—A direct obligation of company, and subject only to the outstanding 1st mtge. bonds.

	Estimated Year End. Aug. 31 '26.	Year End. Dec. 31 '26.
Gross earnings	\$1,200,000	\$1,026,976
Oper. exp., incl. cost of gas and other oper. exp., maint. and taxes other than tan Fed. taxes	425,000	375,728

Net available for interest \$775,000 \$651,249
Ann. int. requirements on outstanding 1st M. bonds 185,500
Ann. int. requirements on \$1,200,000 10-year 6½% s. f. gold debentures, series A (this issue) 78,000

Balance \$384,749

The above net earnings are equivalent to about 2½ times combined maximum annual interest requirements on the 1st mtge. bonds and on this issue of debenture bonds. Deducting from net earnings the annual 1st mtge. requirements and fixed sinking fund payments of \$225,000 provided for in the trust indenture securing the 1st mtge. bonds, the balance available is over three times maximum annual interest requirements on this series A debenture issue. The foregoing earnings do not include any of the very substantial profits from the sale of gas which the company will realize from pipe-line extensions provided for through this financing.

Sinking Fund.—Under the terms of the trust agreement the company agrees to deposit with the trustee on the 20th day of each month beginning Jan. 20 1927, the sum of \$10,000, which money is to be used for purchasing and canceling debenture bonds of this series A issue at prices tendered to the trustee at or below the redemption price, or for calling semi-annually by lot on any interest date on 60 days' published notice at the redemption price until the sinking fund moneys are exhausted.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used for capital expenditures, including extension of the present system and for other corporate purposes.—V. 122, p. 2498.

Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.

12 Mos. End. Sept. 30		1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$2,836,706	\$2,636,433	\$2,521,313
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance	1,660,576	1,600,985	1,656,311
Fixed charges	399,910	413,142	438,910
Div. preferred stock	296,923	251,292	209,971
Prov. for retirem't res.	212,083	207,000	205,250

Balance \$267,213 \$164,015 \$125,970 \$113,735
—V. 123, p. 712.

Southern Sierras Power Co.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6% 25-year gold bonds, due Sept. 1 1936, have been called for payment Jan. 1 1927 at 105 and int. at the International Trust Co., Denver, Colo., or at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. City.—V. 122, p. 2653.

Southwest Missouri RR.—Receivership.

Federal Judge Merrill E. Otis at Kansas City, Mo., on Sept. 14 appointed F. C. Wallower and Harrison C. Rogers, both of Joplin, receivers for the company. Mr. Wallower, the petitioner for a receiver, who is said to own 12,000 shares of stock and \$400,000 in bonds of the company

pointed out in the petition that the interest on the bonds had not been paid for a long time and that other creditors of the company had previously threatened legal action.—V. 123, p. 1763.

Suburban Light & Power Co. (of Ohio).—Pref. Stock Sold.—Vought & Co., Inc., New York, have sold at 95 and divs., to yield about 7.37%, \$500,000 7% cumul. 1st pref. (a. & d.) stock.

Callable at any time as a whole or in part at 110 and divs. Dividends payable Q.-M. Dividends are exempt from the present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent, Seaboard National Bank, New York. Registrar, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each share of 7% cumul. 1st pref. stock now offered will carry a warrant entitling the holder, for a period of five years, to purchase one share of common stock of the company at the following prices: \$35 per share if exercised before Oct. 1 1927; \$37 50 per share if exercised before Oct. 1 1928; \$42 50 per share if exercised before Oct. 1 1929; \$47 50 per share if exercised before Oct. 1 1930; \$55 per share if exercised before Oct. 1 1931.

Data from Letter of Pres. R. M. Mead, Cleveland, Oct. 5.

Company.—Incorp. in Ohio. Owns all of the outstanding securities (except directors' qualifying shares) of Suburban Power Co. and General Light & Power Co., and not less than 60% of the outstanding common stock of Suburban Public Service Co. These companies now own and operate electric light and power properties in the suburban districts surrounding such cities as Youngstown, Canton, Marion, Newark, Bucyrus, Columbus, Findlay, Lima, Warren, Cambridge and other communities in the north central and eastern parts of the State of Ohio, and distribute electricity for power and light to over 9,300 customers in over 85 towns and communities. Population served is estimated to be in excess of 130,000. The property consists of over 700 miles of transmission and distribution lines, necessary substation equipment, street lighting systems, and other necessary equipment. It has valuable long-term contracts and franchises with the various communities served.

Capitalization.

1st mtge. bond secured 6% notes due Dec. 1 1928.....	(Closed)	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st preferred stock 7% cumulative.....	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000	1,000,000
2d preferred stock 7% cumulative.....	175,000	175,000	175,000
Common stock (no par value).....	50,000 shs.	40,000 shs.	

The only securities outstanding with the public are those of Suburban Light & Power Co., and as of Sept. 30 1926 \$422,200 of pref. stock and 6,751 shares of common stock of Suburban Public Service Co.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of this additional stock will be used to reimburse the company for the cost of additions and improvements to present properties and for other corporate purposes.

Combined Statement of Earnings.

	Sept. 30 '25.	June 30 '26.
Gross revenue and other income.....	\$546,806	\$810,261
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes.....	332,100	408,215
Net before int., depr., amort. & Fed. inc. taxes.....	\$214,706	\$402,046
Annual int. requirements of \$1,000,000 1st mtge. bond-secured notes.....	60,000	60,000
Balance avail. for depr., taxes, amortization and dividends.....	\$154,706	\$342,046

The balance available as above for the year ended June 30 1926, without including applicable earnings from Suburban Public Service Co. or any earnings to be derived from the expenditure of part of this financing is equivalent to nearly 5 times annual dividend requirements on the \$1,000,000 of 1st preferred stock to be presently outstanding.—V. 122, p. 483, 349.

Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc.—Capital Increased.—The company has filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., increasing the authorized capital stock from 205,000 shares to 1,100,000 shares, of which 100,000 shares are preferred, par \$100, and 1,000,000 shares are common, no par value.—V. 123, p. 1635.

Tennessee Electric Power Co.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—

	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings.....	\$11,922,885	\$10,959,238
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance.....	6,461,230	6,085,748
Fixed charges (see note).....	2,232,434	2,186,271
Dividends on 1st preferred stock.....	1,043,072	880,239
Provision for retirement reserve.....	915,245	889,542
Balance.....	\$1,270,903	\$917,439

Note.—Includes dividends on Nashville Ry. & Light Co. pref. stock not owned by Tennessee Electric Power Co.—V. 123, p. 1115.

Ujigawa Electric Power Co., Ltd. (Ujigawa Denki Kabushiki Kaisha), Japan.—Balance Sheet.—

Comparative Balance Sheet March 31.

	1926.	1925.		1926.	1925.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Cash.....	744,195	783,809	Capital stock.....	26,032,944	26,032,944
Sundry debtors.....	1,390,412	1,026,633	1st mtge. 7% bds.....	13,684,261	—
Stores & material.....	576,961	654,091	Debentures.....	11,703,000	25,149,000
Loans.....	1,412,836	1,284,088	Bills payable.....	12,997,800	5,004,900
Investments.....	6,061,603	4,798,480	Sundry creditors.....	1,229,832	1,923,296
Secs. dep. by con- tr's, per contra.....	1,843	3,337	Officials' & empl's' retirement fund.....	44,437	14,039
Research expenses.....	50,349	48,855	Contr. for secur. depos., per contra.....	2,216	3,337
Exps. of proposed construction.....	46,461	51,431	Sales in suspense.....	28,650	18,660
Land, plants, prop. equip. & fittings.....	54,599,783	49,936,015	Legal reserve.....	1,484,740	1,327,372
Construct'n acct's.....	4,156,551	2,850,413	Special reserve.....	356,319	138,951
Disc. & prep'd exp.....	638,495	337,189	Profit & loss acct'.....	2,115,289	2,101,844
Total.....	69,679,488	61,774,341	Total.....	69,679,488	61,774,341

Note.—Yen total converted into dollars at rate of 1 yen ¼ \$0.498. Income account was given in V. 123, p. 1998.

Union Traction Co. of Morgantown, W. Va.—Control. See West Virginia Utilities Co. below.—V. 111, p. 2042.

Unterebbe Power & Light Co. (Electricitaetswerk Unterebbe Aktiengesellschaft), Germany.—Bonds Offered.—A. G. Becker & Co. are offering at 99¼ and interest, to yield about 7.08%, \$2,500,000 15-year 7% sinking fund mortgage gold bonds.

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1941. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, at the office of the fiscal agent for the loan, A. G. Becker & Co., in Chicago or New York, without deduction for any taxes or charges, past, present or future, levied by German taxing authorities. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red, as a whole but not in part (except for the sinking fund) on any interest date upon 60 days' notice, at 103 and int. Bonds callable for sinking fund at 100 and int. First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, American trustee; Deutsche Waren-Treuhand A.G., Gamburg, German trustee.

Data from Letter of Director Milich, dated Oct. 15 1926.

Company.—The company, the entire capital stock (20,000,000 R.M. par value) of which is owned by the City of Altona, supplies electric power and light without competition in the City of Altona and certain nearby districts. In addition, it recently acquired from the City of Altona the gas and water properties (exclusive of old administration building) which supply the entire requirements of the City and part of the surrounding territory. These gas and water properties will continue to be operated as heretofore through Altona Gas & Water Co. (Altonaer Gas- und Wasserwerke G.m.b.H.) all of whose capital stock has been acquired by the Unterebbe Power & Light Co. from the city. The total population thus served directly and indirectly by the company with electricity, gas and water is approximately 260,000. Sales of electric current, about 37,996,000 k.w.h. in the calendar year 1924 and 44,612,000 k.w.h. in the year 1925, have approximately doubled over a five-year period. More than half the current sold in 1925 was delivered to industrial users. Sales of gas have shown normal increase and in the calendar years 1924 and 1925 were in excess of 741,000,000 cu. ft. and 813,000,000 cu. ft., respectively.

The City of Altona, with a present population of about 185,000 (census of 1925) was organized as a municipality in 1664. It is situated upon the River Elbe immediately adjoining the City of Hamburg and in the Prussian Province of Schleswig-Holstein. Its docks and shipping facilities are an integral part of the port which has developed in and about Hamburg, the most important harbor on the continent of Europe. Altona is also an important terminal point in the German rail system. Its principal activities are the outgrowth of its position in respect of ocean, inland waterway and rail transport and largely consist of the handling, storage and manufacturing operations incident to a great traffic in raw materials and products of every kind. Particularly important are its deep sea fisheries and enterprises engaged in the processing and handling of food products. Other important industries include breweries and distilleries, plants employed in ship repair work, the manufacture of wood products, paper and artificial leather, leather goods, soaps, perfumes and building materials. The territory tributary to the city, though largely agricultural, is developing along the same lines of manufacture and trade as the city proper.

Properties.—The electric properties owned and operated by the company consist of a plant having an installed turbo-generator capacity of 26,000 k.w., together with high tension lines for transmission of current to outlying districts and a distribution network within the city providing for a total connected load in excess of 60,000 k.w. New plant to be presently constructed out of proceeds of this financing will bring the total generating capacity to 60,000 k.w., as well as extend the transmission and distribution system to care for the rapidly increasing demand in the territory served. The gas and water properties directly owned by the company and operated through its wholly owned subsidiary consist of (a) gas generating facilities capable of producing daily a total of 3,500,000 cu. ft. of coal gas (with by-products) and delivering gas to consumers through about 47,000 meters, and (b) a water filtration, central pumping and supply plant serving consumers through about 13,000 meters. The company either owns or has the exclusive right to use gas and water distributing systems appurtenant to these plants. Both plants are well maintained, adequate and modern except for certain units of the gas plant, which are to be replaced with equipment of improved design.

Purpose of Issue.—The proceeds of these bonds will be used for additions to the company's generating and distributing properties which will be subject to the mortgage securing the bonds.

Security.—These bonds will be direct obligations of the company and will be secured by a direct mortgage in the gold mark equivalent of at least the principal amount of bonds outstanding on the company's electric light and power properties, its gas generating plants and its water filtration, central pumping and supply plant. This mortgage will be a first mortgage on the company's electric light and power properties and a direct mortgage on the gas and water properties subject to a repurchase right with respect to the water works property effective only if the property ceases to be used as a water works, and to a prior lien in the maximum amount of \$140,476. This lien secures a debt of the city of Altona which was not assumed by the company and the city has indemnified the company against any liability for interest or principal thereon.

The mortgaged property, exclusive of additions to be made out of proceeds of this loan, has been independently appraised as of April 1926 at a total sound value of \$5,834,000, or more than 2.3 times the amount of this issue of \$2,500,000. The gas and water distributing systems which the company either owns or has the exclusive right to use are appraised at \$1,453,400. The electric light and power properties have been appraised by Dr. Ing. Adolph, Director of the Berlin Electric Works, and the gas and water properties by Dr. Hencke, Managing Director of the Municipal Works of Luebeck, Germany.

As the company is municipally owned, it is not subject to a capital charge under the Dawes Plan, and its property is, therefore, free from the so-called Dawes Mortgage. However, in accordance with the laws of the German Reich, enacted to put the Dawes Plan into effect, the company is obligated to make annual payments, which on the basis of present assessments, are estimated at a maximum of about \$35,000 per year.

Earnings.—Combined earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1925 of the properties now owned and operated by Unterebbe Power & Light Co. and its subsidiary, the Altona Gas & Water Co., as certified by Price, Waterhouse & Co., were as follows:

Gross earnings, including miscellaneous income.....	\$3,262,229
Oper. expenses, incl. maint., taxes not based on profits, charges under the Dawes Plan, &c.....	1,826,026

Net earnings available for int., deprec., royalties, &c..... \$1,436,203
Maximum annual interest requirement of this issue..... \$175,000

* The city has covenanted to subordinate royalty charges accruing to it for franchises held by the company to current interest and sinking fund charges on these bonds.

Net earnings, as defined above, for the 6 months ended June 30 1926, as certified by Price, Waterhouse & Co. were \$893,612, or at an annual rate of over 10 times the interest requirement on this issue.

Franchise Situation.—Company and its subsidiary, Altona Gas & Water Co., operate in the City of Altona under exclusive franchises granted by the city to the company, which, in the opinion of counsel, extend well beyond the life of these bonds. In all of the other communities served, operations are carried on without competition and though in some cases without formal franchise the company feels assured of the undisturbed continuance of its present position.

Sinking Fund.—The trust indenture under which these bonds will be issued will provide for the retirement through the sinking fund by purchase or by call at 100 and interest of \$100,000 principal amount of bonds on or before April 1 1929, and a similar amount during each 6 months' period thereafter. This sinking fund will be sufficient to retire \$2,500,000 principal amount of bonds before maturity. In the event of the future issuance of the \$1,500,000 principal amount of additional authorized but unissued bonds such semi-annual sinking fund retirement will be increased by \$60,000 principal amount of bonds.

This Issue.—These \$2,500,000 additional unissued bonds, may be issued only after improvements or extensions have been made in the mortgaged property having a cost or fair value (whichever is lower) of at least the amount of the proceeds of the present issue plus \$2,000,000, provided that net earnings of the company, after interest charges but before depreciation and royalties, during each of the two fiscal years immediately preceding such issue shall have been at least 3 times the maximum annual interest requirement on the total authorized issue of \$4,000,000. Such additional bonds may also be issued upon the deposit of cash with the (German) trustee, which shall subsequently be repayable to the company in the manner to be provided in the indenture securing the bonds.

[All conversions from German to U. S. currency have been made at the rate of 4.2 reichmarks or 4.2 gold marks to the dollar.]—V. 123, p. 1879.

Utah-Idaho Central RR.—Substitutes Bus.—Permission to abandon its street car line in Logan, Utah, and to substitute a bus line has been granted the company by the Utah P. U. Commission. The decision allows the company to tear up its tracks and repair the streets where the tracks have been.—V. 123, p. 1879.

Utah Light & Traction Co.—Buses Replace Ry. Service. The Utah P. U. Commission has authorized the company to abandon street railway service between Centerville and Salt Lake City, 7½ miles, and to remove its trackage and other appurtenances. Bus service will be substituted.—V. 122, p. 2331.

York County Power Co., Portland, Me.—Bonds Called. All of the outstanding 1st & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1943, have been called for payment on Dec. 1 next at 105 and int. at the Fidelity Trust Co., Portland, Me.—V. 117, p. 563.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Refined Sugar Prices.—On Oct. 18 Arbuckle Bros. reduced price 15 pts. to 5.75c. @ 5.85c. per lb. on Oct. 19 Revere Refinery reduced price 10 pts. to 5.90c. per lb. On Oct. 22 Arbuckle Bros. advanced price 5 pts. to 5.80c. @ 5.90c. per lb.

Automobile Company Reduces Work Schedule.—Reports from Chicago stated that Studebaker Corp. at South Bend, Ind., has instituted a 4-day week to avoid overstocking the dealers. "Wall St. News" Oct. 22, p. 1.

International Paper Co. Announces \$65 Per Ton as Newsprint Price for 1927.—New York "Times" Oct. 21, p. 41.

Typographical Union No. 6 Accepts Publishers' Association Offer of \$3 Per Week Wage Increase, Retroactive to July 1 1926, and \$1 Per Week Increase on July 1 1927 and 1928.—New York "Times" Oct. 18, p. 13.

Attempt to Unionize Motion Picture Industry.—Unless producers adopt closed shop by Dec. 1, 3,500 Los Angeles workers will strike. New York "Times" Oct. 20, p. 27.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Oct. 16.—(a) Shipbuilding on decline, p. 1936. (b) Copper producers perfecting organization of Copper Exporters, Inc., p. 1940. (c) New York Stock Exchange brings suit to have stock prices kept from Consolidated Exchange, p. 1949. (d) Appointment by President Coolidge of committee to consider cotton situation, p. 1949. (e) Other items regarding cotton situation, p. 1950 to 1953, inclusive. (f) Supreme Court affirms as valid sales to Chemical Foundation—Circuit Court's decision, adverse to Government's contentions that transfers were illegal, sustained on appeal, p. 1953. (g) Use of artificial silk in manufacture of cotton fabrics opens up new markets for textile industry—Aids cotton planters, p. 1959.

Air Reduction Co., Inc.—Acquisition.—The company has acquired all the assets of the Dayton Oxygen & Hydrogen Products Co. of Dayton, Ohio. The addition of this plant to the Air Reduction Co.'s chain will give it 52 plants and 169 warehouses through the United States, enabling it to give prompt service to its customers in all sections of the country.—V. 123, p. 1999.

American Bosch Magneto Corp.—Earnings.

Period	Quar. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$3,175,673	\$3,461,222	\$9,987,651	\$10,414,326
Operating profit	72,023	156,232	417,837	587,261
Depreciation	71,632	50,145	173,694	150,112
Interest		42,500		131,666
Profit (bef. Fed. taxes)	\$391	\$63,587	\$244,143	\$305,483

—V. 123, p. 1999.

American Brick Co.—Extra Dividend of 5 Cents.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 5 cents a share on the outstanding 50,000 shares of common stock, no par value, in addition to the regular quarterly payment of 25 cents a share, both payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 25. An extra dividend of like amount was paid on the common stock on Nov. 2 1925.—V. 122, p. 484.

American Car & Foundry Motors Co.—Resignation.—F. R. Fageol, of Oakland, Calif., has resigned as Vice-President and director.—V. 122, p. 613.

American Chicle Co.—Earnings.

Period	Quar. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.
Profits after int. charges and depreciation	\$398,949	\$373,612	\$1,119,835	\$1,016,250
Net income after reserves for income taxes	\$344,349	\$339,592	\$965,075	\$919,362

—V. 123, p. 450.

American Factors, Ltd.—Outlook for Sub. Cos.—The Oahu Sugar Co. will not be forced to dip into reserves this year to pay dividends on common stock, now 15c. monthly, as the corporation was forced to do in 1925, says G. P. Wilcox, Secretary of the company and of American Factors, Ltd., operators of Oahu, Olaa Sugar Co. and Pioneer Mill, Ltd.

"There is not much prospect for a resumption of dividends by Olaa," Mr. Wilcox declared, "and as for Pioneer Mill's resuming payments, that will depend upon the price of sugar next year. Pioneer Mill is doing very well; has a fine crop coming and will probably go upon a dividend basis next year. Pioneer's crop this season was very low, about 28,000 tons. Pioneer Mill will soon be independent of drought conditions, as it is to install a steam plant to generate electricity to electrify its pumping plants to supplement the hydro-electric power. This will prevent a repetition of past experiences when the company suffered through curtailment of water power. The company is preparing a bond issue to build the new plant."

The Oahu Sugar Co., with more than 35,000 tons, harvested its largest crop on record, and Olaa, with 63,000 tons, was just slightly under the 1925 record crop, said Mr. Wilcox. Olaa's crop prospect for next year is for a harvest equal to the 1926 output, but Oahu will probably have a little less on account of drought conditions, although it is yet too early to say. In regard of the 1927 crops of all three companies will begin about Dec. 1.

The Olaa Sugar Co. has not paid dividends since its last payment of 50c. a share on Nov. 20 1920. Pioneer Mill made its last monthly payment, 10c. a share, on Dec. 1 1925. (San Francisco "Chronicle.")—V. 122, p. 1765.

American Home Products Corp.—Earnings.—The company reports for the 8 months ended Aug. 31 1926, net income of \$675,449 after charges, including taxes.

As of Aug. 31 1926, current assets amounted to \$2,120,404, including \$1,129,808 cash, as compared with \$1,996,683, including \$518,387 cash, on Dec. 31 1925. Current liabilities were \$304,108, against \$467,706 as of Dec. 31 1925 leaving net working capital of \$1,816,296, as compared with \$1,528,977 on Dec. 31 1925.—V. 123, p. 1999.

American International Corp.—Earnings.

Period	Quar. Ended Sept. 30—1926.	1925.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.
Int. on current assets	\$124,218	\$33,817	\$386,967	\$83,069
Int. on securities		57,751		157,986
Divs. on stocks owned	275,569	185,873	299,148	423,504
Prof. on sale of securities	def27,212	322,859	347,582	1,111,931
Profits on syndicate and cr. participations	26,059	163,182	140,011	194,594
Miscellaneous	1,765	2,386	4,395	6,055
Total income	\$400,399	\$765,868	\$1,508,103	\$1,977,138
Expenses	69,544	72,730	210,639	206,509
Interest	674	640	4,101	2,346
Taxes	3,245	7,080	16,535	22,626
Operating income	\$326,934	\$685,418	\$1,276,829	\$1,745,658

—V. 123, p. 984.

American La-France Fire Engine Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Period	Quar. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.
Operating profit	\$275,576	\$242,884	\$651,375	\$693,509
Less int. and tax res.	79,044	62,548	48,638	173,682
Net income	\$196,532	\$180,336	\$602,737	\$519,827

* Additions to surplus: Prem. on sale of securities, \$44,930; partial refund of excise tax, \$505,606; total surplus, including \$602,737 net income for nine months, as above, \$1,159,273.—V. 123, p. 584.

American Machine & Foundry Co. (& Subs.).—Period of Jan. 1 to Oct. 2—

Period	1926.	1925.
Orders booked	\$4,569,000	\$3,825,000
Sales billed	4,281,000	2,900,000

—V. 123, p. 1253, 327.

American Radiator Co.—Dividend Increased on Common Stock.—The directors on Oct. 19 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 25 per share on the outstanding \$31,064,025 common stock, par \$25, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15. From June 1920 to Sept. 1926, inclusive, quarterly cash dividends of \$1 per share were paid on this issue. In addition stock dividends of 50% each were paid on Dec. 30 1922 and Dec. 31 1924.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the preferred stock, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1.

It is announced that "sales and profits to date exceed those of last year. Unfilled orders indicate excellent results last quarter and early months of 1927."—V. 122, p. 2333.

American Stores Co., Phila.—Extra Dividend of 50 Cents.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15, and the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 16. On Dec. 1 last year the company made an extra distribution of 40 cents per share.—V. 122, p. 3344.

American Surety Co.—New Director.—Walter Kasten, President of the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, has been elected a member of the board.—V. 122, p. 1614.

American Window Glass Co.—Earnings.

Years Ending—	Aug. 27 '26.	Aug. 28 '25.	Aug. 31 '24.	Aug. 31 '23.
Net profits	\$1,344,822	\$1,368,173	\$1,951,291	\$5,012,807
Other income	751,955	419,302	544,589	691,148
Total income	\$2,096,777	\$1,787,475	\$2,495,880	\$5,703,955
Federal and State taxes	\$67,531	\$38,014	\$141,336	\$411,249
Royalties	1,463,470	1,630,765	1,419,898	2,403,488
Other deductions	145,066	32,771	42,523	131,663
Prof. dividend (7%)	279,650	279,650	279,650	279,650
a Adjustments		29,375	68,845	
Balance, surplus	\$141,060	def\$223,100	\$543,628	\$2,477,905
P & L surplus	\$10,845,438	\$10,704,378	\$10,927,478	\$10,383,850

a Charges applicable to prior years' operations.—V. 122, p. 1173.

American Writing Paper Co.—Sale.—Federal Judge Lowell has ordered the sale of all the assets of the company. The sale will be held at the Windsor Locks, Conn., plant by Sidney L. Wilson, who is appointed special master for this purpose. No bid of less than \$1,000,000 will be accepted.—V. 123, p. 1999, 1880, 1117.

Anglo American Corp. of So. Africa, Ltd. (Transvaal).

The following are the results of operations for Sept. 1926:

	Tons Crushed	Total Yield (Oz. Fine)	Estimated Value	Estimated Profit
Brakpan Mines, Ltd.	84,500	30,917	£130,998	£50,164
Spring Mines, Ltd.	88,500	30,229	£128,261	£62,909
West Springs, Ltd.	50,300	18,414	£78,000	£31,832

—V. 123, p. 1765, 1636.

Anglo-Ch'lean Consolidated Nitrate Corp.—To Deliver Stock—New Plant Nearing Completion.

Announcement was made Oct. 21 that common stock of the company would be issued about Nov. 1 to holders of the 20-year 7% sinking fund debenture bonds, in the ratio of 7 1/2 shares for each \$1,000 bond. The Bankers Trust Co., acting as trustee under the indenture, is now arranging to call for the deposit of the temporary bonds and to deliver in exchange the permanent bonds and the common stock to which the bondholders are entitled.

In connection with the carrying out of this step in the company's financial program, officers of the corporation state that the new plant, which will use the Guggenheim process for the extraction of nitrate, is rapidly nearing completion. Operation of the first units and production are expected to begin before Jan. 1.

The announcement of a definite date by which operations will be started indicates that construction of the new plant, covering more than 45 acres and begun about 20 months ago, has proceeded almost exactly on schedule. The properties of the company, including the new and three old plants, nitrate lands, railways, and harbor developments, will represent an investment of over \$40,000,000 and will comprise the largest American interest in the Chilean nitrate industry.—V. 122, p. 2951, 2802.

Apco Manufacturing Co.—Earnings 6 Mos. Ended June 30 1926.

Net sales	\$647,178
Net profit, after int. deprec. & res. for Fed. taxes	45,702

—V. 121, p. 981.

Archer-Daniels Midland Co.—Earnings.—The company and its subsidiaries report for the year ended Aug. 31 1926, net profits of \$1,585,479 after Federal taxes. This compares with a net profit of \$1,900,227 for the 11 months ended Aug. 31 1925. The fiscal years of the company was changed in 1925 which accounts for the 11 months statement of a year ago.—V. 123, p. 1765.

Armstrong Cork Co., Pittsburgh.—5% Stock Div.—The directors have declared a 5% dividend on the common stock payable Jan. 15 1927, to holders of record Dec. 17 and the regular quarterly cash dividends of \$1 50 on the common and 1 3/4% on the preferred stock, payable Jan. 2 1927, to holders of record Dec. 17. On Jan. 15 1926, a stock dividend of the same amount was paid on the common shares.—V. 121, p. 2879

Atlantic Refining Co.—New Comptroller.—V. L. Elliott has been elected Comptroller, succeeding William McKaig.—V. 123, p. 1385.

Atlas Tack Corp.—Acquisition.—The corporation has acquired the assets and good-will of the St. Louis Trunk Hardware Mfg. Co. Production is being transferred to the Atlas corporation's St. Louis plant. This acquisition was financed without issuance of additional securities. Current assets of the corporation on Aug. 31 1926 of \$1,064,000 included cash and marketable securities of \$148,000, compared with total current liabilities of \$77,400.—V. 123, p. 985.

Autosales Corp., N. Y. City.—To Reduce Capital Stock.—The stockholders will vote Nov. 4 on reducing the authorized preferred stock from 60,000 shares to 35,995 shares and common stock from 90,000 shares to 80,592 shares, par \$50.—V. 123, p. 2000.

Bayuk Cigars, Inc.—Earnings.

	3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.
* Net earnings	\$267,205	\$230,009	\$706,185	\$482,088
Other income	23,760	9,011	59,102	44,324
Total income	\$290,965	\$239,020	\$765,287	\$526,412
Depreciation	33,825	33,527	98,855	101,549
Net income	\$257,140	\$205,493	\$666,432	\$424,863
Preferred dividends	53,555	53,906	160,666	163,124
Surplus	\$203,585	\$151,587	\$505,766	\$261,739

* After deducting charges for maintenance and repairs of plants and estimated Federal taxes, &c.—V. 123, p. 458.

Beech Nut Packing Co.—Earnings.

Period	Quar. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.	9 Mos. to Sept. 30—1926.	1925.
Net profits after charges but before taxes	\$605,812	\$758,844	\$1,954,188	\$2,111,034

Sales for the nine months ending Sept. 30 1926, as compared with the same period of 1924, show an increase of 2.5%.—V. 123, p. 458.

Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Company's Relation to Employees—During the last 21 years the employees of the corporation have received in wages over five times as much as the investors in the company have received for the use of their capital, according to the issue of the "Bethlehem Review," published Oct. 15.

Wages paid to employees between 1904 and 1925 as their part of the income of the company totaled \$1,115,000,000; while investors received a total of \$81,000,000 in dividends and \$125,000,000 in interest on bonds. These facts are given in the "Review" to illustrate the importance of the function of management in bringing capital and labor together to increase production of goods thus creating profits for both workers and stockholders

The development of business in this country with high production and low production costs, according to the "Review," is due in considerable part to the willingness of American capital to reinvest part of its earnings in industry. As an example is cited the growth in the total book value of the plants and equipment of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., which has been increased from \$27,700,000 in 1904 to \$448,000,000 at the end of 1925, through re-investment of earnings and the application of the proceeds of securities sold to investors. As a result, Bethlehem to-day gives employment to 70,000 people, as compared with only 9,000 in 1904.

In addition to the physical growth of industry through increased capital investments, improved manufacturing equipment has been constantly placed at the laborer's disposal to increase his production. The average man in the steel industry is now able to produce 1,179 tons of pig iron a year, or almost three times the average of 470 tons which each individual made in 1904.

The use of capital as an aid to human effort to increase production, together with the diversification of products, has resulted in the case of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., in a marked increase in the company's ability to provide steady employment for each individual; the average employee worked 293 days during 1925, as compared with only 241 days in 1919. The company's steadier operations in turn have been responsible in considerable part for a reduction in labor turnover from 135% in 1923 to only 67% last year.

All of these improvements have resulted in a steady increase in the wages or profit which Bethlehem Steel creates for its employees. In the last 21 years the hourly wage rates of employees have been increased from 18 to over 62 cents an hour. In addition, employees have been given an opportunity to participate as stockholders in the dividends paid by the corporation to capital.

The increased return received by employees has been created by introducing new economies and efficiency in operation rather than by passing on an additional cost to the public. In 1925, for instance, the average price received for steel products was \$5 85 a ton less than in 1923. But by the use of economies which reduced operating costs by \$12 a ton, the net operating profit to the corporation in 1925 was only 73 cents less per ton than in the former year. Because of modern methods of management, the wage rates paid to labor were not affected, despite a decline in the market that in former years might have been wholly disastrous both to labor and capital.—V. 123, p. 458.

Bing & Bing, Inc. (and Subsidiaries)—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—1926.	Sept. 30—1925.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.
Earns. from managem't, construction, &c.	\$289,922	\$297,596	\$1,333,366	\$778,116
Net profit on real estate.	179,698	143,512	554,814	554,814
Other income	50,658	35,906	275,309	124,673
Gross income	\$520,278	\$477,014	\$1,608,675	\$1,557,603
Salaries & office expenses	91,881	85,109	275,504	274,905
Res. for deprec. & amort.	110,323	75,375	324,469	208,460
Bond interest (April 15-June 30 1925)				68,611
Reserve for income taxes				45,957
Net income	\$318,074	\$316,530	\$1,008,702	\$959,669

—V. 123, p. 329.

Boston Rubber Shoe Co.—To Reopen Plant.—
The Fells factory of this company, at Melrose, Mass., a subsidiary of the United States Rubber Co., will reopen on Oct. 25 after having been closed for three months. It is expected that by Nov. 1 the plant will be in full operation. Officials of the company said there were orders enough ahead to keep the Fells plant, as well as the main plant at Malden, in full operation all winter. The Fells plant employs about 700.—V. 111, p. 2426.

Briggs Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.—

Net after deprec., Fed. taxes and charges.	Quar. End. Sept. 30—1926.	Sept. 30—1925.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.
	\$1,359,068	\$1,025,485	\$6,772,799	\$5,092,700

—V. 123, p. 846.

(J. G.) Brill Co.—Common Dividends Adjusted.—
The directors on Oct. 21 declared a dividend of \$2 91 2-3, being for the period from March 1 to Oct. 1 1926, on the outstanding common stock, and the usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock, both payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 29. The common dividend is at the rate of 10% per annum and has been declared at this time so as to adjust the dividend period to coincide with the calendar year. On March 2 last a quarterly distribution of \$1 25 per share was made on the common stock. Recently the Brill Corp. acquired 97% of the common and 95% of the preferred stock.—V. 122, p. 3087.

Brockway Motor Truck Corp.—Stock Dividend.—
The directors have declared a quarterly cash dividend of 50c. a share and a 2% stock dividend on the common stock, no par value, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 21. Disbursements of the same amounts were made in the previous quarter.—V. 123, p. 459.

Bucyrus Co., Milwaukee.—Considering Split Up.—
It is reported that the directors are considering a plan for issuing four new shares of common stock in exchange for every share of common now held. This would increase the common stock outstanding from 40,000 to 160,000 shares. In addition, the retirement of the \$3,900,000 of preferred stock with funds raised through the sale of 40,000 more shares to stockholders for cash is understood to be under discussion.—V. 123, p. 1510.

California Petroleum Corp.—Debentures Offered.—Blair & Co., Inc., and Hallgarten & Co. are offering at 98 and int., to yield about 5 3/4%, \$12,000,000 12-year convertible 5 1/2% sinking fund gold debentures.

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1938. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c* Int. M. & N., payable without deduction of Federal income taxes to the extent of 2% per annum. Penna. personal property tax and Calif. personal property tax refundable up to 4 mills per annum; Mass. income tax up to 6% of income refundable. Red., all or part, at any time on 60 days notice at 103 and int., if called for redemption on or before Nov. 1 1927, the premium decreasing thereafter 1/4% of 1% for each successive 12 months period. American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, N. Y., trustee.

Convertible at the option of the holder at any time into common stock at the following prices: \$40 per share if converted on or before Nov. 1 1929, or \$42 50 per share if converted after Nov. 1 1929, and on or before Nov. 1 1932, or \$45 per share if converted after Nov. 1 1932 and on or before Nov. 1 1935, or \$50 per share if converted thereafter, with provision for a reduced conversion price in the event of a stock dividend, or if additional stock shall be issued or sold at prices lower than the respective conversion prices, except as otherwise provided in the indenture.

Sinking Fund commencing Feb. 1 1927 and payable semi-annually thereafter to operate by purchase or call, will be sufficient to retire 60% of the debentures by maturity.

Listing.—It is expected that application will be made in due course to list these debentures on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of President Jacques Vinmont, Dated Oct. 21.

Company.—Organized in 1912. From the beginning, it has ranked as one of the leading oil producing companies of California, the production from its various controlled properties for the years 1912-1925, inclusive, aggregating approximately 100,000,000 barrels. In 1924 the management decided to change the status of the corporation from that of a local California producer to that of a refiner and marketer as well so as to enable it to reach out more effectively for a share of the world's oil business. Pursuant to that policy, there were acquired during 1925 and 1926, either directly or through stock ownership, the following: Mohawk Oil Co. (Calif.), Ventura Consolidated Oil Fields (Calif.), California Gasoline Corp. (Calif.), Northern Star Oil & Refining Co. (Mont.), Olympic Calpet Refining Co. (Wash.), International Refining Co. (Mont.)—a 56% interest.

As a result of these acquisitions, the corporation has strengthened its general position in all fundamental branches—the producing, refining and marketing of both crude oil and its products. It now operates, through subsidiaries, in the States of California, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Utah, and has developed a growing export business with South America and Australia, China, Japan, the Philippines and other points in the Orient.

Purpose.—Corporation proposes to call for redemption on April 1 1927 all its 6 1/2% bonds, due Oct. 1 1933, of which there are \$5,963,000 now outstanding. It will also cause to be called for redemption on Feb. 1 1927

all the 6% mortgage bonds of the American Oilfields Co., due Feb. 1 1930, of which there are \$514,800 now outstanding. The proceeds of this proposed issue of \$12,000,000 debentures will be used to retire said bond issues and for other corporate purposes, including additional working capital.

Capitalization.—Upon completion of this financing, these proposed \$12,000,000 5 1/2% debentures will constitute the sole outstanding funded debt of the corporation and its subsidiaries. The share capitalization of the corporation as of Aug. 31 1926, adjusted to include additional stock issuable in connection with the acquisition of the Northern Star Oil & Refining Co., and a 56% interest in the International Refining Co., is substantially as follows:

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock (par value \$25)	\$125,000,000	\$49,497,725

There is also outstanding \$239,910 par value stock of subsidiary cos. **Earnings.**—Following is a statement of the consolidated net earnings of corporation and subsidiaries after Federal taxes, to which have been added the corresponding net earnings of Ventura Consolidated Oil Fields for the entire period, of the California Gasoline Corp. for the years 1924 and 1925 and of the Mohawk Oil Co. for the year 1925, all as compiled by said companies:

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.

1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
\$5,400,357	\$7,180,595	\$8,783,566	\$5,561,520	\$9,137,752

The maximum annual interest on the proposed \$12,000,000 debentures would amount to \$660,000.

The above net earnings for the five years ended Dec. 31 1925 averaged \$7,212,758 per annum, or about 11 times the maximum annual interest requirements on the new debentures and for the year 1925 were over 13 1/2 times such annual interest requirements.

The corresponding net earnings for the 8 months ended Aug. 31 1926 were \$5,558,717, which do not include the full benefit of certain acquisitions made this year.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Aug. 31 1926.
Adjusted to give effect to this proposed issue of \$12,000,000 debentures and the application of the proceeds thereof, but before giving effect to the acquisition of the Northern Star Oil & Refining Co. and a 56% interest in International Refining Co. taken over as of Sept. 1 1926.]

Assets		Liabilities	
Property account	\$4,909,135	Common stock	\$47,553,300
Investments at cost	176,835	Stock subser. for but not iss.	104,000
Bond sinking fund	39,600	Stock of subsids. with pub. and minority surplus	247,169
Cash	7,984,386	Capital surplus	230,020
Accts. receivable (less res.)	2,894,908	5 1/2% debentures	12,000,000
Oil inventories	6,572,148	Dividends payable	2,511,539
Materials and supplies	1,946,248	Reserve for Federal taxes	950,263
Deferred charges	820,096	Prof. stock called for red.	1,704,887
Total (each side)	\$85,343,357	Surplus	19,984,219
After deducting reserve for depreciation and depletion	\$24,788,529.		

—V. 123, p. 1766, 1510.

Chastleton Apartment Bldg. and Chastleton Annex Apartment Bldg. (Washington, D. C.)—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding Chastleton Apartment Building 1st mtge. 6% serial bonds have been called for redemption as of Nov. 15 at 102 and int. This issue, underwritten May 20 1919, has been reduced to \$505,000 by serial payments.

All of the outstanding Chastleton Annex Apartment Building 1st mtge. 6% serial bonds have been called for redemption as of Oct. 15 at 102 and int. This issue, underwritten Oct. 15 1919, has been reduced to \$550,000 by serial payments. Payment will be made at the office of S. W. Straus & Co.

The two properties above have been refinanced by a loan of \$1,100,000 at 5 1/2% by the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, one of the large insurance companies.

Chrysler Corp.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—1926.	Sept. 30—1925.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1926.	1925.
Net after deprec. & int. but before Federal tax.	\$4,436,939	\$8,078,286	\$13,453,184	\$16,275,644

—V. 123, p. 2001.

City Central Corp., Boston.—Capital Increased, &c.—
Barrett Andrews, formerly head of the New England Newspaper Publishing Co., has been elected President and a director of the City Central Corp., succeeding Albert O. Hagar, who becomes Chairman of the Board. Quincy Adams Shaw McKean also has been added to the board. The executive committee will comprise Barrett Andrews, Robert Burnett and Q. A. S. McKean.

The corporation, which is a real estate operating and development concern, controls or manages 12 trusts embracing 14 buildings, representing \$19,000,000 of invested capital, and which have been appraised at between \$23,000,000 and \$25,000,000. These buildings are in Boston, Worcester, Washington and Montreal.

The authorized 7% preferred stock has been increased from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000; \$1,000,000 of new 2d pref. (6%) stock has been created, and the no par common stock has been increased to 300,000 shares. The additional preferred stock will be issued from time to time to care for additions, &c. The new 2d preferred stock will not be offered immediately, but later will be issued for use as collateral for building or construction loans. (Boston Transcript.)

Clark Equipment Co.—Bonds Called.—
All of the outstanding 1st mtge. bonds dated May 1 1922 have been called for redemption Nov. 1 at 105 and int. at the Union Trust Co., trustee, Detroit, Mich.—V. 114, p. 2018.

Clafin's, Inc.—Liquidation Voted.—
The liquidation of the company was voted for Oct. 17 at a meeting of stockholders.—V. 123, p. 1882.

Coldak Corporation.—Notes Sold.—A new issue of \$1,150,000 collateral trust 7-year 6 1/2% sinking fund conv. gold notes has been sold by a banking group headed by Redmond & Co., Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc., DeRidder, Mason & Minton, New York, Mark C. Steinberg & Co., St. Louis, Brokaw & Co., Chicago, Plimpton & Plimpton, Boston, and Smith, Landeryou & Co., Omaha.

Earnings.—Based on present production and sales programs the J. G. White Management Corp. estimates that for the year ended Aug. 31 1927 earnings of the Coldak Corp., exclusive of the Alaska Company recently acquired, will exceed those reported by the Alaska Company for the past year (V. 123, p. 1764). Combined earnings of these two companies after deducting all prior charges should thus result in a substantial amount applicable to the class A stock. These earnings may reasonably be expected to increase with the natural growth of an industry whose markets are rapidly expanding.

Capitalization—

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st M. 6% bonds due 1941 (Alaska Ref. Co.)	\$600,000	\$600,000
Coll. trust 7-year 6 1/2% sinking fund conv. gold notes (this issue)	1,750,000	1,150,000
Convertible interest-bearing certificates	45,000 cts.	45,000 cts.
Class A stock	500,000 shs.	171,731 shs.
Class B stock	500,000 shs.	171,731 shs.

Security.—Notes will be the direct obligation of the corporation and will be issued under a trust indenture which will constitute a first lien on the gold notes and outstanding capital stock of the Alaska Refrigerator Co., and on all of the stock of any other subsidiary company now owned or hereafter acquired by Coldak Corp., and on all real estate, plant and other fixed assets that may be hereafter acquired by Coldak Corp., subject to purchase money mortgages or then existing liens not exceeding 75% of the cost thereof.

The 45,000 convertible interest bearing certificates, bearing interest payable quarterly at the rate of 7 1/2% each per annum, will have no maturity date, but in the event of liquidation or failure to pay interest thereon for

one year will become unsecured obligations of Coldak Corp. entitling holders to share in the assets as general creditors to the amount of \$12 50 and accrued interest per certificate. These certificates will be redeemable at any time at the option of the corporation at \$11 and accrued interest.

The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent of an issue of convertible interest bearing certificates, which are convertible into shares of class A capital stock of the corporation on and after April 1 1927.]

Sinking Fund.—Corporation will covenant on Sept. 15 1928, and annually thereafter, to pay into the sinking fund the sum of \$25,000 and such sum in addition thereto as shall equal the excess, if any, over \$25,000 of 10% of the consolidated net earnings after all charges and deductions, except said sum of \$25,000 and dividends, for the preceding fiscal year; the sinking fund to be used for the purchase of notes of this issue in the open market at not exceeding par and interest or for redemption of the notes at 105 if redeemed on or before Sept. 15 1928, the premium to decrease 1% in each 12 months thereafter, but the redemption price to be not less than 101.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used in part payment of the entire capital stock of the Alaska Refrigerator Co.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30 1926.

[Giving effect to new financing and purchase of Alaska Refrigerator Co.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$670,005	Accts. payable, sundry accrued accounts, &c.	\$81,816
Notes, trade acceptances and accts. receiv. (less reserve)	738,805	Reserves, &c.	51,132
Inventories	457,419	1st mtg. 6s (Alaska Ref. Co.)	600,000
Advances to manufacturers	32,098	Collateral trust notes	1,150,000
Land contract receivable	3,750	Capital stock and interest-bearing convertible cts.	1,423,644
Investments	5,801	Surplus	437,623
Property (less depreciation)	1,248,634	Total (each side)	\$3,744,215
Patents and good-will	9,061		
Deferred charges	578,641		

Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.—Earnings.

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Gross receipts	\$5,712,664	\$5,977,325	\$25,559,707	\$26,194,551
Operating expenses	5,010,337	5,277,644	21,241,296	22,526,804
Net earnings from oper.	\$702,327	\$699,680	\$4,318,411	\$3,667,747
Other income	118,484	121,174	343,029	346,747
Net income	\$820,811	\$820,854	\$4,661,440	\$4,014,494
Int., taxes, sink. fd., &c.	705,465	750,007	2,125,392	2,175,372
Depreciation	343,821	257,182	949,761	771,546
Surplus	def\$228,475	def\$186,334	\$1,586,287	\$1,067,576

Commercial Solvents Corp.—Earnings.

Period—	Quarters Ended—			9 Mos. End.
	Sept. '26	June '26	Mar. '26	Sept. '26
Oper' profit after deprec.	\$694,997	\$619,523	\$453,722	\$1,768,242
Other income	25,918	31,416	27,975	85,309
Total income	\$720,915	\$650,939	\$481,697	\$1,853,551
Interest, discount, &c.	163,756	196,276	79,195	439,227
Federal taxes	80,828	88,241	80,613	249,681
Net profit	\$476,331	\$366,422	\$321,889	\$1,164,643

Congress Cigar Co.—Earnings.

Period—	3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Net, after charges, but before Federal taxes.	\$669,392	\$553,883	\$1,727,361	\$1,473,727
x After deducting Federal income taxes at the rate of 13 1/2%, this is equivalent to \$4 27 per share on the 350,000 shares no par capital stock for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1926, compared with \$3 64 per share for the same period in 1925.—V. 123, p. 1882.				

Consolidated Cigar Corp.—Earnings of G. H. P. Cigar Co.

Earnings of G. H. P. Cigar Co., Inc., for the two years and seven months ended July 31 1926 are as follows:

Period—	7 Mos. End. July 31 '26.	Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Gross profit on sales	\$2,012,197	\$2,796,982	\$2,177,990	
Selling, admin. and general expenses	1,043,876	1,608,631	1,428,523	
Net profit	\$968,321	\$1,188,351	\$749,467	
Miscellaneous income (net)	Cr. 41,908		Cr. 33,076	
Miscellaneous charges (net)	Dr. 74,324	Db. 32,116		
Federal income taxes (est.)	125,800	144,200	101,500	
Preferred dividends	16,737	29,403	27,449	
Common dividends	143,250	119,375	23,875	
Balance, surplus	\$650,118	\$863,255	\$629,719	
Total earned surplus at end of period.	\$3,489,015	\$2,858,404	\$2,034,564	

The G. H. P. Cigar Co., Inc., was incorp. in Delaware on Dec. 19 1914 with an authorized capital of 5,000 shares of pref. stock, par \$100, and 5,000 shares of common stock, no par value. All of the former issue is outstanding, while of the latter 4,775 shares are issued. The Consolidated Cigar Corp. has contracted to purchase all, but in no event less than 95% of the outstanding capital stock of the G. H. P. Cigar Co., Inc. (see also V. 123, p. 1511).—V. 123, p. 2001.

Continental Tobacco Co., Inc.—Merged.—See Philip Morris Consolidated, Inc., below.—V. 123, p. 1255.

Credit Alliance Corp.—Definitive Notes Ready.—The Guaranty Trust Co. is now prepared to deliver definitive industrial equipment collateral trust 5% serial gold notes upon the surrender of temporary notes. (For offering see V. 122, p. 3089).—V. 123, p. 1766.

Crucible Steel Co. of America.—Orders Increase.—At the annual meeting of the American Iron & Steel Institute, Chairman Horace Wilkinson said in substance: Our orders for high grade finished steel in the first half of October show an increase of 2,500 tons over the first half of last month. General orders, shipments and operations of the company are the largest since 1920.—V. 123, p. 461.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Earnings.

Results for Nine Months Ending Sept. 30.

Period—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
*Net earnings	\$9,317,448	\$6,324,415	\$9,586,598	\$9,782,792
Other income	1,769,859	1,315,598	871,650	702,111
Total income	\$11,087,307	\$7,640,013	\$10,458,248	\$10,484,903
Int. and depreciation	3,480,068	2,377,989	2,498,338	2,347,632
Preferred dividends	1,312,500	1,312,500	1,312,500	1,303,417
Common divs	(6%) 3,795,000	(6%) 3,795,000	x3,765,000(4 1/2%) 2,240,280	
Com. stock extra	(1%) 632,500		(2 1/4%) 1120,140	
Balance, surplus	\$2,867,238	\$154,522	\$2,882,410	\$3,473,437
x Includes 2 1/2% paid April 1924 on the old \$50,000,000 stock (par \$100) and 2% paid July 1924 on the new \$62,500,000 stock, par \$25 (after the declaration of a 25% stock dividend paid in April) and 2% paid October 1924 on the then outstanding \$63,250,000 stock (par \$25).				
*After deducting maintenance and repairs and estimated amount of Federal taxes, &c.—V. 123, p. 1637.				

Cushman's Sons, Inc.—Earnings.

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Net earnings after int., taxes & depreciation	\$64,143	\$101,758	\$703,472	\$441,009

Cutler-Hammer Mfg. Co.—Capital Stock Increased.—The company has filed a certificate with the Secretary of State in Wisconsin increasing its authorized capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000,

consisting of \$2,000,000 common stock and \$4,000,000 7% preferred stock.—V. 121, p. 2162.

De Forest Phonofilm Corp.—Rights.—L. A. Baker, Treasurer, in a notice to stockholders, says: "Be advised that the balance of a limited issue of the capital stock of this corporation released for sale Sept. 26 1926, is on sale to shareholders and subscribers of record of the company for a period of ten days, beginning Oct. 13 and continuous until the close of business Oct. 23 1926, at \$32 50 per share. Each shareholder and subscriber is extended the privilege of purchasing up to a number of shares equal to the number now owned by him until the remaining balance of the limited issue is subscribed for. Orders will be honored by the company in the order of their receipt during the ten-day period. The offer is conditional upon the number of shares remaining from day to day during the period and in the event of over subscription during the period, remittances will be promptly returned. This being an arbitrary offer or allotment, it is limited by time and the number of shares of the issue available from day to day. The stock may be purchased by shareholders and subscribers under these terms by application to the office of the company at 1560 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Devoe & Reynolds Co., Inc.—Tenders.—Announcement was made on Oct. 16 by the company, that tenders will be received on or before Nov. 18 for the redemption of its outstanding 1st preferred stock to the amount of \$30,145, which amount is held for the purchase of such stock under the provisions of the sinking fund. The redemption price will be 115 and divs.—V. 123, p. 210, 90.

Dodge Bros., Inc.—Shipments, &c.—Domestic and foreign shipments of motor cars and trucks from the corporation's factories, including Canada, during the first 9 months of 1926 were 293,842 units, a gain of 86,241, or 41.5%, over the output in the corresponding period of 1925. Shipments of Graham Bros. trucks and motor coaches from all factories totaled 29,336 during the first 3 quarters of this year, a gain of 12,896, or 78.4%, over the total for the corresponding period of 1925. Dodge Bros. factory sales of passenger cars alone during the first 9 months of this year showed an increase of 39.5% over the same period of 1925.

Earnings for Three and Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1926.

Period Ended Sept. 30 1926—	Quarter.	9 Months.
Net after depreciation	\$7,242,081	\$23,043,445
Interest and Federal taxes	1,629,023	5,063,661
Preferred dividends	1,465,625	4,396,875
Surplus	\$4,147,433	\$13,582,909

Sales for the 9 months were 293,842 cars, trucks and buses, against 207,601 for the same period of 1925.

As of Sept. 30 1926, cash in bank was \$24,545,769 and other readily marketable securities were \$8,623,064. Inventories were \$16,052,591 and total quick assets \$59,597,553. Current liabilities, consisting entirely of ordinary accounts payable, accrual for Federal income taxes, interest on debentures and accrued dividends on preference stock, amounted to \$22,408,837.—V. 123, p. 1386.

Dome Mines, Limited.—Earnings.

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
No. of tons milled	141,900	133,300	413,500	396,600
Average recovery	\$971,245	\$1,100,835	\$2,961,718	\$3,237,801
Operating, general costs	565,175	636,505	1,728,459	1,752,662
Dominion inc. tax, est.	23,677	29,369	68,280	93,232
Net income	\$382,393	\$434,961	\$1,164,978	\$1,391,907
Miscellaneous earnings	59,954	44,142	149,446	132,690
Total income	\$442,347	\$479,103	\$1,314,424	\$1,524,597

Note.—In the above figures no allowance is made for depreciation or depletion.—V. 123, p. 1833.

Douglas-Pectin Corporation.—Earnings.

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Sales less rets. & allow'ns	\$2,237,654	\$1,450,631	\$4,260,920	\$2,975,982
Other income	5,735	4,920	18,929	14,381
Total income	\$2,243,389	\$1,455,551	\$4,279,849	\$2,990,363
Mfg. costs, sell'g exp. &c.	1,488,708	1,264,008	2,971,770	2,289,357
Depreciation	27,982	28,436	83,189	81,974
Interest	5,163	10,989	24,028	34,710
Net profits	\$721,539	\$152,118	\$1,200,861	\$584,322

—V. 123, p. 986.

Dow Chemical Co., Midland, Mich.—Rights.—Secretary James T. Pardee, Oct. 15, says in substance: The business of the company has increased to such an extent that the directors deem it advisable to increase the amount of capital stock by offering for sale 15,000 shares of the 7% cumulative preferred stock. An indication of increase in manufacture and sale of the products of the company is shown by the following table of shipments in carload lots from the plant for the first 9 months of the calendar years as follows:

1923	3,891 carloads	1925	5,401 carloads
1924	4,778 carloads	1926	6,301 carloads

The above figures do not include shipments by express nor in less than carload lots.

The net assets of the company, as shown by the books at May 31 1926, which were audited by the Cleveland Trust Co., after adjustment to include this offering, indicate an equity of \$310 71 for each share of preferred stock outstanding after the sale of this present issue.

For the past 4 years net earnings after deducting all taxes and depreciation charges, have averaged over 3 1/2 times annual dividend requirement on 30,000 shares of preferred stock. Last year the dividend on this preferred stock was earned over 5 times.

At a meeting of the directors held Sept. 21 1926 a resolution was adopted to offer 15,000 shares of 7% preferred stock at \$100 per share, pro rata, to holders of non-par value stock of record Oct. 5 1926, with the right to subscribe expiring Nov. 20 1926.

Dividends on this issue of preferred stock shall be considered as accruing from Nov. 15 1926, and not before.—V. 123, p. 1833.

Dubilier Condenser Corp.—New Name.—See Dubilier Condenser & Radio Corp. below.

Dubilier Condenser & Radio Corp.—Change in Name.—Effective Oct. 8 the name of the company was changed to Dubilier Condenser Corporation.—V. 123, p. 1767.

Eaton Axle & Spring Co.—Earnings.

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Net prof. aft. int., exps., &c. but bef. Fed. tax.	\$303,542	\$200,066	\$972,773	\$605,641

—V. 123, p. 1833.

Electric Refrigeration Corp.—Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividends of 50c. a share in cash and 1 1/4% in stock on the capital stock, both payable Nov. 20 to holders of record Oct. 29. Quarterly dividends of the same amounts were paid May 1 and Aug. 20 last.—V. 123, p. 1512.

Earnings for Three and Nine Months Ended Sept. 30.

Period—	1926-3 Mos.—	1925-9 Mos.—
Net after chgs. & Fed'l tax.	\$252,488	\$622,228
A statement issued by the company says: "Heavy development expenses which will be reflected later in larger sales volume were charged to expenses in the third quarter of the company's first fiscal year, resulting in net earnings for the Sept. quarter after all charges of \$252,487. "Very large increased volume of business is apparent for the coming year and the future of the company is bright."		
As of Sept. 30 1926, current assets stood at \$8,157,561 and current liabilities \$822,108.—V. 123, p. 1512.		

European Shares, Inc.—Profits, &c.—Hayden, Stone & Co. in a statement issued Oct. 20 state:

The industrial and financial recovery of Germany during the past 10-12 months has been accompanied by a considerable appreciation in the market value of German securities, notably the shares of German banks, utilities and well-established industrial corporations.

American capital which has been invested in German enterprises has in a number of cases profited most substantially.

European Shares, Inc., which was organized and financed during the latter part of December 1925 by Hayden, Stone & Co., with a paid-in capital of \$2,000,000, consisting of 100,000 shares, had in the period from organization up to Oct. 7 realized a profit of \$881,941 as a result of business closed as of Oct. 1 1926.

The corporation has a further substantial paper profit on investments which it has not sold. The extremely liquid nature of the company's present balance sheet is indicated by the fact that at present the company has in cash or street loans approximately \$2,000,000.—V. 123, p. 462.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—
Quarter Ended— Mar. 27 '26. Mar. 28 '25. Mar. 29 '24.
 Net profits after all charges and reserve for Federal taxes \$1,649,690 \$1,355,808 \$803,072
 Earnings per share on common after paying of preferred dividends \$4 02 \$4 87 \$2 71
 —V. 123, p. 587.

First National Pictures, Inc.—Earnings.—
Period— 2d Quarter Ended— 6 Months Ended—
 July 3 1926. June 27 '25. July 3 1926. June 27 '25.
 Income from operations \$6,349,131 \$5,759,450 \$12,513,115 \$12,323,285
 Royalty, film exhaust, general expense, &c. 6,109,622 5,298,150 12,041,031 11,012,773
 Net income \$239,509 \$461,300 \$472,084 \$1,310,512
 Other income 60,597 56,338 119,078 129,432
 Total income \$300,106 \$517,638 \$591,162 \$1,439,944
 Int. & miscell. charges 38,057 8,915 71,253 18,069
 Estimated Federal taxes 49,000 63,000 99,000 178,000
 Net profit domestic Cos \$213,049 \$445,723 \$420,909 \$1,243,875
 Net profit foreign subs. 100,614 254,758
 Total net profit \$313,663 \$445,723 \$675,667 \$1,243,875

Net profits for the six months ended July 3 1926 were equal to \$27 86 per share on the 8% cumulative participating first preferred stock of the company.

During the first six months of 1926 company has been engaged in carrying out its policy of concentrating production in one locality. For this purpose, a new studio was erected in California early in the year and full production was inaugurated during July and August. The large capacity of this new studio will enable the company to effect substantial savings in the production of pictures. Net earnings from these expenditures were not reflected in the income of the first six months, but a substantial improvement in earnings should be realized during the second half of the year.—V. 123, p. 91.

(Chas.) Freshman Co., Inc.—To Acquire Plant.—
 This company is negotiating for the acquisition of one of the largest wood-working plants in the country. Officials believe that with an ample supply of cabinets assured through ownership of adequate plant facilities it will be possible to double the volume of business now being done. The company has on hand a record volume of unfilled orders and its sales, during the first 9 months of the year, showed a 50% increase over the corresponding period of 1925.—V. 123, p. 1883.

Gabriel Snubber Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—
Period— Quar. End. Sept. 30— 9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
 1926. 1925. 1926. 1925.
 Net profit after deprec. and Federal taxes \$269,452 \$317,059 \$883,874 \$1,087,259
 —V. 123, p. 1883.

Gardner Motor Co., Inc.—Earnings.—
 The company reports for the 8 months ended Aug. 31 1926 a profit of \$6,824 before taxes.
 Current assets on Aug. 31 1926, totaled \$1,006,640, including \$389,804 cash, and current liabilities were \$190,097.—V. 122, p. 3459.

General Electric Co.—Earnings.—
Period Ended Sept. 30— Quarter. 9 Months.
 Net sales billed \$82,187,349 \$229,638,216
 Cost of sales billed, incl. oper., maint. & deprec. charges, res. & provision for all taxes 72,499,449 203,690,909
 Net income from sales \$9,687,900 \$25,947,307
 Sundry income less int. paid & sundry charges 2,006,848 5,818,365
 Profit available for dividends \$11,694,748 \$31,765,672
 Dividends on special stock 643,521 1,714,052

Profit avail. for divs. on com. stock & surplus \$11,051,227 \$30,051,620
 Note.—The above indicates net earnings equivalent to about \$4 17 per share on the 7,211,481 shares of no par value common stock.—V. 123, p. 2002.

General Fireproofing Co.—Earnings.—
Period— Sept. 30 '26. June 30 '26. Mar. 31 '26. Sept. 30 '26.
 Earnings after charges & pref. divs. but before Federal taxes \$150,134 \$295,609 \$199,887 \$645,630
 —V. 123, p. 1638.

General Motors Corp.—Open Car Sales—Sub. Co. Sales.—
 Of all cars sold by General Motors in July 16% were open cars, compared with 46% in July 1925. Reports on Sept. 29 stated that "the average for 1926 to date is below 20%, compared with 37% in 1925, with 57% in 1924 and 72% in 1922."

Press dispatches from Detroit say: "The Oakland Motor Car Co. produced 10,060 Pontiacs and 6,776 Oakland, a total of 16,836 cars, in September, against 9,264 Pontiacs and 8,713 Oakland, a total of 17,977 cars in August and 4,987 Oakland cars in September 1925. The total output for the first nine months of this year was 113,380 cars, against 25,715 in same period last year. The October schedule calls for over 16,000 Oakland and Pontiac cars.

"The Buick Motor Co. produced 29,102 cars in September, a new record for that month. This compares with 21,575 cars produced in Sept. 1925. All previous daily records of the Buick Motor Co. were broken on Sept. 30 when 1,554 cars were shipped from the factory. The day also set a new record for freight movement from the plant, 453 freight cars being required to handle the volume of Sept. 30. The last previous daily record was on Aug. 31, when 1,498 cars were shipped.

"For the second time within the last 12 months the Buick Motor Co. has found it necessary to increase the production capacity of plant units in order to keep pace with demand. The latest addition to the Buick factory is to be a \$5,000,000 grey iron foundry with a capacity of 500 tons of castings a day. The new foundry unit will supplement the old one, which has been taxed heavily to furnish enough castings for the present production schedule of over 1,200 cars per day."

According to Albert Champion, President of the A.-O. Spark Plug Co., "this latter company, which is practically a subsidiary of General Motors, is doing exceptionally well." Mr. Champion further states: "We are manufacturing 10,000 speedometers daily, 100,000 spark plugs, 10,000 air cleaners and 10,000 oil filters. The outlook for the motor industry for the balance of this year is exceptionally good."

H. H. Bassett, Vice-President of General Motors and President of the Buick Motors Co. died Oct. 18 in Neuilly, France.—V. 123, p. 2002.

General Railway Signal Co.—New Orders Received.—
 The company has received the following orders: Electric interlocking machines with equipment, from the Louisville & Nashville RR. and Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., signals from Missouri Pacific RR. and switch machines from Michigan Central RR.—V. 123, p. 2002, 1388.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Listing.—
 The London Stock Exchange has granted an official quotation to 2,000,000 shares of common stock of no par value.—V. 123, p. 2002.

(Adolph) Gobel, Inc.—Initial Dividend.—
 An initial dividend of \$1 16 per share has been declared on the 7% conv. pref. stock (covering the two months' period Sept. 1 to Nov. 1), payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 25. See V. 123, p. 987, 1388.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.—Hearing Postponed.—
 Hearing on a motion to reopen litigation affecting the 1921 refinancing plan of the company has been postponed in Common Pleas Court at Akron until Nov. 5.—V. 123, p. 2002, 1767.

(The) Granada, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and int. \$1,400,000 1st mtge. fee 6% serial gold bonds.
 Dated Sept. 27 1926; due serially, Sept. 22 1929 to Sept. 22 1938. Int. payable M. & S. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100*. Callable at 103 and int. on or before Sept. 22 1930; at 102½ and int. after Sept. 22 1930 and on or before Sept. 22 1934; and at 102 and int. after Sept. 22 1934 and before Sept. 22 1938. U. S. Federal income tax up to 2% paid by borrowers.

Security.—Secured by a direct, closed, first fee mortgage on land situated on the northwest corner of Lafayette Ave. and Ashland Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., together with a 15-story fireproof apartment hotel building now under construction on that site. The land fronts 76 ft. on Lafayette Ave. and 175 ft. on Ashland Place, and has a total area of 13,091 sq. ft.
Valuation.—Land and building when completed have been appraised as follows:

Appraiser—	Value Land.	Value Building.	Total Valuation.
David Porter, Inc.	\$366,080	\$1,745,475	\$2,111,555
John F. James & Sons.	399,000	1,765,903	2,164,903

On the basis of the lower of these valuations there is an equity of \$711,555 above the amount of this first mortgage, making this a 66.3% loan.

Building.—The building will be 15 stories high, of steel-frame, brick and concrete, fireproof construction. On the first floor will be eight stores, four fronting on Lafayette Ave., three on Ashland Place, and one corner store with entrances on both streets. On this floor will also be the main entrance on Ashland Place, a large main dining room and two private dining rooms. Above the main floor the building will contain 262 apartments divided into units of from one to three rooms with serving pantry and bath, served by three elevators. Owing to the corner location of the property fronting on wide thoroughfares, every suite in the building will enjoy maximum light and air. The building will be operated as an apartment hotel of the highest grade with complete hotel service available to each suite. The building is now under construction and is expected to be ready for occupancy about Oct. 1 1927.

Earnings.—Net annual earnings of the property are estimated at \$173,280 per annum after deducting taxes, all operating expenses, and with a liberal allowance for vacancies. This sum is over twice the greatest annual interest charges, and more than \$53,000 in excess of the greatest combined annual interest and amortization charges on this issue.

Borrowers.—The mortgage securing this loan has been jointly and severally executed by the Doudera Construction Co., Inc., who own the land in fee, and the Ashland-Lafayette Corp., who have leased the land for 99 years from the Doudera Construction Co., Inc., and who are erecting the building.

Gulf States Steel Corp.—Earnings.—
Period— Quar. End. Sept. 30— 9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
 1926. 1925. 1926. 1925.
 Net earnings \$249,702 \$333,621 \$911,946 \$1,167,759
 Taxes, deprec'n, &c. 101,414 122,889 347,006 389,235
 Net income \$148,288 \$210,732 \$564,940 \$778,524
 —V. 123, p. 588.

Hamilton Dairies, Ltd.—Amalgamation.—
 This company has been incorporated in Ontario as an amalgamation of six companies distributing milk and dairy products, viz.: Hamilton Dairy, Ltd., the Wentworth Dairy Co., Ltd., the Cloverdale Creamery, Ltd., Bonnie Bank Dairy, Hamilton Ice Cream, Ltd., and Caledonia Dairy, Ltd. See also V. 123, p. 2003.

(M. A.) Hanna Co.—Earnings.—
Period— Quar. End. Sept. 30— 9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
 1926. 1925. 1926. 1925.
 Net income after int., deprec., depl. & Fed. taxes \$423,004 \$223,237 \$534,640 def \$292,290
 —V. 123, p. 718.

Harbison-Walker Refractories Co.—Earnings.—
Period— Quar. End. Sept. 30— 9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
 1926. 1925. 1926. 1925.
 Net profits (est.) aft. deprec., deplet., Fed. taxes, &c. \$979,000 \$873,000 \$2,880,000 \$2,407,000
 —V. 123, p. 718.

Havana Docks Corp.—Tenders.—
 The Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, Boston, Mass., will until Oct. 29 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st collat. lien 7% bonds, series A to an amount sufficient to absorb \$85,910 at prices not exceeding par and int.—V. 122, p. 2338.

Hibernia Mortgage Co., Inc.—Notes Offered.—Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., New Orleans is offering at prices to yield 5¼% for all maturities \$100,000 1st mtge. collateral trust 6% gold notes, series "J" 1926.
 Dated Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1929-1932. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Interest payable (A. & O.) at Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, La., trustee. Callable on any int. date upon 90 days' notice at 101 and int.

These notes are the direct and unconditional obligations of the company and in addition are secured ratably and without preference by the assignment to the trustee, of first mortgages on improved city real estate. See also V. 123, p. 1639.

House Financing Corp., Detroit.—Debentures Called.—
 The company has called for redemption Nov. 1 at par and int. \$200,900 gold debentures, dated May 1 1924. Payment will be made at the Union Trust Co., trustee, Detroit Mich.
 Any or all of the debentures called will be taken up at 100 and int. to date of payment upon presentation and surrender thereof at the office of the trustees at any time prior to Nov. 1 1926.

Houston Oil Co. (of Texas)—Earnings.—
 [Including Houston Pipe Line Co. of Texas.]
Period— 3 Mos. End. Sept. 30— 9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
 1926. 1925. 1926. 1925.
 Gross earnings \$2,330,159 \$997,977 \$5,566,573 \$2,920,478
 Oper. & gen. exp., incl. tax 1,580,796 410,431 3,356,419 1,184,417

Net earnings before depr. & depletion \$749,363 \$587,546 \$2,210,154 \$1,736,062
 —V. 123, p. 332.

Howe Sound Co.—Earnings.—
Production— Quar. End. Sept. 30— 9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
 1926. 1925. 1926. 1925.
 Gold (ounces) 3,090 2,891 8,018 5,720
 Silver (ounces) 678,630 594,615 1,852,902 1,500,650
 Copper (pounds) 7,980,470 7,583,675 25,223,961 20,956,316
 Lead (pounds) 15,133,821 6,735,038 42,650,624 15,774,258
 Zinc (pounds) 11,890,863 5,888,439 34,809,017 6,618,915

Earnings.
 Value of metals produced \$3,615,052 \$2,513,606 \$10,463,631 \$5,686,460
 Operating expenses 2,609,051 1,844,649 7,620,331 4,407,081

Operating income \$1,006,001 \$668,958 \$2,843,300 \$1,279,379
 Other income 60,368 92,650 142,610 187,102
 Total income \$1,066,369 \$761,608 \$2,985,910 \$1,466,481
 Depreciation 190,674 227,994 569,969 563,468

Net inc. before depl.— \$875,696 \$533,614 \$2,415,941 \$903,012
 —V. 123, p. 1639.

Hudson River Navigation Corp.—Initial Pref. Dividend. The directors have declared an initial dividend on the preferred stock at the rate of 8% per annum for the period from May 1 to Dec. 31 1926. This dividend is payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15.—V. 122, p. 3612.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period (1926, 1925), Net sales, and Net profit after depreciation and taxes.

Indian Motorcycle Co.—Sued.—An attachment for \$1,000,000 has been filed in the Registry of Deeds, Springfield, Mass., by Allen W. Morris against the company and its directors. The attachment is an outgrowth of the sale of the Harley Co. on Page Boulevard.

International Paper Co.—Acquires Chaleur Bay Mills Co. The Chaleur Bay Mills Co. has sold the greater part of its assets to the International Paper Co. for approximately \$1,800,000, of which \$1,000,000 was paid in cash.

Interstate Natural Gas Co.—Definitive Bonds.—The National Bank of Commerce in New York is prepared to deliver definitive 1st mtge. 10-year 6% s. f. gold bonds, due July 1 1936, in exchange for temporary bonds now outstanding.

Jaeger Machine Co.—Earnings.—Net earnings for the nine months ended Aug. 31 1926 before Federal taxes and amortization of patents, were \$367,966. The balance sheet as of Aug. 31 1926 showed \$558,446 in U. S. bonds and certificates, \$30,557 in cash and \$105,067 in net receivables.

King Edward Hotel Co., Ltd.—New Clfs. Ready.—It is announced that shareholders may now surrender their certificates of \$100 par value to the Toronto Agency Co., Ltd., 302 Bay St., Toronto, transfer agent.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period (1926, 1925), Sales, Profits before tax, Taxes, Preferred dividends, Balance, surplus.

Lago Oil & Transport Corp. (& Subs.).—Balance Sheet, June 30 1926.—Assets: Properties, Cash, Accounts receivable, Organization expenses, Inventories, do materials & supplies, Deferred charges.

Assets and Liabilities table for Lago Oil & Transport Corp. showing values for Properties, Cash, Accounts receivable, etc., and Liabilities like Cap. stk. & initial surplus, Minority stockholders' interests, etc.

Consist of oil lands, leases and concessions—based on appraisal as of Jan. 1 1926, \$56,014,661; oil wells and development, marketing stations, &c., \$5,766,174; marine equipment, \$2,527,015; less, reserve for depreciation and depletion of \$1,888,964.

Landay Bros., Inc.—Condensed Balance Sheet June 30 '26.—Assets: Fixed assets, Cash in banks & on hand, U. S. Liberty bonds, etc., U. S. Liberty bonds, etc., Misc. accounts receivable, Merchandise inventory, Special deposit, Other assets, Prepaid insur., int. & rent.

Note.—The company is contingently liable as guarantor of mortgages for \$300,000 covering "Landay Hill," at Newark, N. J. Leaseholds, improvements, furniture, fixtures and automobiles, \$408,112; less reserve for amortization and depreciation of \$68,831.

Lawyers Mortgage Co.—Stock Increase.—Rights.—The stockholders on Oct. 20 increased the authorized capital stock from \$9,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The additional stock will be offered at par to stockholders of record Nov. 8 1926 on a basis of one new share for each nine shares held.

Lincoln (Me.) Worsted Co.—Sale.—The property of the company has been sold by the First National Bank, Boston, trustee for the bondholders, to John F. Dana, attorney for Edward F. Green and Charles F. Marble of Worcester and Lawrence M. Carroll of Norway, Me., trustees under agreement relative to 7% bonds dated Mar. 22 1926.

Lloyds Finance Corp. of New York.—Notes Offered.—M.-W. Bradermann Co., Inc., New York are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 10-year 6% guaranteed gold notes. Irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York.

Dated Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 1936. Interest payable A. & O. at Central Mercantile Bank, New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable at 102 and int. Company will agree to pay interest without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%, and to refund security tax

not exceeding 5 mills in whatever State held, if requested within 60 days after taxes are due and payable.

Security.—These notes are the direct obligation of Lloyds Finance Corp. of New York, which has a net capital and surplus of \$533,780. There will be, according to the terms of the indenture, at all times during the life of the notes, deposited with the guarantor, mortgage securities plus readily marketable bond securities equal to at least 120% of the face amount of the outstanding notes.

Titles.—The titles to all properties securing the mortgages deposited as collateral with the guarantor have been guaranteed by a title company approved by the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York.

(The) McCormick (McCormick Building Corp.), Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Chicago Trust Co., Chicago; Litter & Roberts, Rock Island, Ill. and Dixon & Co., Springfield, Ill., recently offered at par and int., \$1,400,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% gold bonds. Dated May 1 1926; due serially May 1 1928-1936.

Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal taxes not in excess of 2%. Bonds are callable on any int. date at 103. Chicago Trust Co., trustee.

The McCormick Building is located at the southwest corner of Rush and Ontario Streets on a lot fronting 109 ft. on Rush St. with a depth of 150 ft. feet extending west along Ontario St.

The McCormick is a handsome 16-story and basement modern fireproof apartment hotel building. The structure is of re-inforced concrete and covers the entire land area with the exception of a private alley at the west end of the property.

The McCormick contains 4 shops facing on Rush St. The Ontario St. frontage has been designed as one large store to be occupied by a cafeteria. It has been so designed, however, that it can be readily changed to a number of small shops should occasion arise.

Valuation.—The property has been appraised as follows: Land, \$500,000; equipment, \$200,000; building, \$1,550,000; total, \$2,250,000. On the basis of the above appraisal, this loan is approximately 62% of the value of the property.

Income.—The gross annual income of this property is estimated at \$490,800. This estimate is based on the actual rental figures of similarly constructed properties in locations which is believed to be inferior to that of the McCormick.

Ownership and Management.—Bonds will be the direct obligation of the McCormick Building Corp. of which Thomas Gaynor is Pres. and Benjamin E. Cohen is the Sec. James McCormick is Treas.

McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Quarter Ended (Mar. 31 '26, June 30 '26, Sept. 30 '26, 9 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '26), Gross recovery, Net earnings after exp. & taxes, but before depreciation.

The date of the annual meeting has been changed from September to June and the fiscal year changed to end March 31 instead of June 30.—V. 123, p. 1389.

Magma Copper Co.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period (1926, 1925), Prod. refined copper (lbs.), Net earnings before depr. and Federal taxes.

Mary Lee Candy Shops, Inc.—Sales.—Table with columns for Month of September (1926, 1925), Sales (\$100,711, \$80,012).

The company has opened new stores in Cleveland, Ohio and Newcastle, Pa., making four in Cleveland and bringing total stores up to 50.—V. 123, p. 1770, 1640.

Mathieson Alkali Works (Inc.)—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period (1926, 1925), Total earns. from oper., Prov. for depr. & depl., Net earnings, Income charges (net), Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes.

Net inc. transf. to sur. \$429,764 \$342,225 \$1,205,920 \$1,095,628 E. M. Allen, President, says: The results of the third quarter of 1926 show a continued increase in the company's earnings as compared with the same period of 1925.

Mercantile American Realty Co.—Bonds Sold.—A banking group comprising Blyth, Witter & Co., Mercantile Securities Co. of California, Inc., Peirce, Fair & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., and Wm. Cavalier & Co. announce the offering and oversubscription of a new issue of \$7,000,000 1st mtge. 5%.

Sinking Fund.—An annual sinking fund, commencing 1929, will provide for the retirement of \$3,500,000 1st mtge. sinking fund 5% gold bonds on or before Oct. 1 1950. Moneys in the sinking fund will be used to purchase bonds, if obtainable, at or below 101 and int.; otherwise to redeem bonds at that price.

Preferred Stock Offered.—A banking syndicate headed by Blyth, Witter & Co. and including Peirce, Fair & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., and Wm. Cavalier & Co. also offered at par (\$100) and div. \$5,000,000 pref. (a. & d.) 6% cumulative stock.

Preferred as to assets and dividends and in event of liquidation or dissolution, entitled to receive 105 and divs. Non-voting, cumulative divs. (Q-J)

at rate of 6% per annum from Oct. 15 1926. First dividend payable Feb. 15 1927. Red. all or part, on any div. date, upon 30 days' notice at 105 and divs., or for annual retirement requirements as provided in the certificate of incorporation at 102½ and divs. to April 15 1951. Red. on or after April 15 1951, at par and divs. Stock may be transferred at the company's office, 464 California St., San Francisco, Calif. Mercantile Trust Co. of California, San Francisco, Registrar. The certificate of incorporation will provide for the retirement of \$2,500,000 par value of this preferred stock on or before Oct. 15 1950. Dividends exempt from normal Federal income tax under present laws. Exempt from California personal property taxes.

Listing.—Company will make application to list this preferred stock on the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange.

Data from Letter of Pres. John S. Drum, San Francisco, Oct. 19.

Company.—Is being organized in Delaware, to acquire and operate the real properties now owned and occupied as banking premises by the Mercantile Trust Co. of California, and the real properties now owned and occupied as banking premises by the American Bank. Company may acquire additional real properties or place improvements on properties owned or acquired.

The properties to be acquired comprise more than 50 parcels of real property located in the San Francisco Bay area. These properties include among others: The Mercantile Trust Co. of California Building, 464 California St.; the Canadian Bank Building, 454 California St.; the 10-story American Bank Building, California and Montgomery Sts.; the Savings Union Building, Market St. and Grant Ave.; the Hastings Building, 418 Montgomery St., and the Buckbee Building 416 Montgomery St. in San Francisco; the 11-story American Bank Building, 16th St. and San Pablo Ave., in Oakland; the recently completed 12-story Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Building, Shattuck Ave. and Center St., and the former First National Bank Building, 2195 Shattuck Ave., in Berkeley; the former Bank of Alameda Building, Park St. and Central Ave. in Alameda; and a number of properties occupied principally by branch offices of the Mercantile Trust Co. of California, or the American Bank in San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Emeryville, San Leandro, Richmond, Pittsburg, San Jose, Santa Clara, Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Palo Alto, Burlingame, Newman, Martinez, and other cities in the San Francisco Bay area.

Capitalization.—Authorized **Outstanding.**
1st Mtge. sinking fund 5% gold bonds. \$10,000,000 \$7,000,000
Preferred 6% cumulative stock (par \$100) 5,000,000 5,000,000
Common stock, no par value. 50,000 shs. 50,000 shs.

Lease.—Company will agree, upon acquisition of these properties, to lease them to the Mercantile Trust Co. of California and/or to the American Bank, or to their successor, for a period of 25 years from Oct. 1 1926. The lease or leases, will provide that the Mercantile Trust Co. of California and/or the American Bank, or their successor, will pay a rental which will be sufficient to meet operating expenses and taxes of the Realty Company, and, in addition, a net sum of \$800,000 per annum, sufficient for interest and sinking fund requirements on outstanding bonds and dividends and annual retirement requirements on outstanding preferred stock.

The lease, or leases, will provide that in the event additional properties are required by the Realty Company and utilized as banking premises by the Mercantile Trust Co. of California and/or the American Bank, or their successor, or improvements are made upon properties owned or acquired, such additional properties or improvements shall be leased to the Mercantile Trust Co. of California and/or the American Bank, or to their successor, for a net sum sufficient to pay interest and provide for sinking fund requirements on such additional bonds as may have been issued for the purpose of acquiring such additional properties, or placing improvements on properties owned, or acquired. The lease, or leases, may provide for a decrease of rental, in case any of the properties leased are disposed of and preferred stock and/or bonds are retired from the proceeds received from the disposition of the properties, or for an increase of rental, sufficient to provide interest and sinking fund requirements on such additional bonds as may be issued for the acquisition of new properties or the placing of improvements on properties owned or acquired.

Security.—Secured by a first trust indenture upon the properties mentioned above and additional properties acquired, or improvements made, for which additional bonds may be issued. The indenture securing the bonds may provide for the substitution and exchange of properties covered by its lien, provided the properties substituted, or received in exchange, shall also be made subject to its lien. The properties to be subject to the lien of the indenture have been appraised for more than \$13,000,000. This issue of bonds is less than 55% of the appraised value of the properties.

Ownership and Management.—The common stock of the company will be acquired by the Mercantile Securities Co. of California, which is entirely owned by the stockholders of the Mercantile Trust Co. of California.

Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co., N. Y.—Paul Arthur Schoellkopf, President of the Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern Power Corp., President of the Niagara Falls Power Co., and Chairman of the board of the Power City Bank, Niagara Falls, and also a director in a long list of companies, among them the Shredded Wheat Co., the Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc., and the U. S. Light & Heat Corp. has been elected a director of the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co.—V. 122, p. 759.

Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp.—Earnings.

Period	—3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Net after int., abandoned wells, &c., but before deprec., depl. & Fed. taxes	\$4,203,116	\$3,907,528
	\$11,020,001	\$11,254,263

—V. 123, p. 2004.

Midi Realty Corp.—Trustee.—The Guaranty Trust Co. has been appointed trustee, paying agent, and registrar under a trust mortgage of the Midi Realty Corp., dated Sept. 15 1926, securing an issue of \$475,000 1st leasehold 6½% serial gold bonds.

Midland Steel Products Co.—Earnings.

Period	—Quar. End. Sept. 30—	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Manufacturing profit	\$815,721	\$993,297
Expenses, &c.	122,801	205,238
Interest	39,774	92,895
Depreciation	105,726	102,710
Federal taxes		75,000
Net profit	\$547,420	\$517,454
	\$2,012,106	\$1,935,827

—V. 123, p. 1514.

Mohawk Mining Co.—Larger Dividend.—A dividend of \$2 per share has been declared on the capital stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Oct. 30. From March 1925 to September 1926 incl., quarterly dividends of \$1 per share were paid.—V. 122, p. 2808.

(Philip) Morris & Co., Ltd., Inc.—Merged.—See Philip Morris Consolidated, Inc. below.—V. 123, p. 1257

(Philip) Morris Consolidated, Inc.—Merger.—This corporation has acquired control of the Philip Morris & Co., Ltd., Inc. and of the Continental Tobacco Co., Inc. and has purchased land at Richmond, Va., for the erection of a factory to cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000.—See also V. 123, p. 1257, 1390.

National Biscuit Co.—Extra Dividend of 4%.—The directors on Oct. 19 declared an extra dividend of 4% on the outstanding 2,046,520 shares of common stock, par \$25, payable Nov. 30 to holders of record Oct. 29, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 1¾% on the preferred stock, payable Nov. 30 to holders of record Nov. 17 and the regular quarterly of 4% on the common stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31. The company on July 15 also paid an extra of 4% on the common stock (compare V. 122, p. 3463).

Earnings for Quarter and Nine Months Ended Sept. 30.

	—Quar. End. Sept. 30—	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Net income, after all expenses and taxes	\$4,113,391	\$3,759,930
	\$11,254,722	\$10,372,625

—V. 123, p. 335.

National Cash Register Co. (Md.)—Def. Stock Certifs.—Dillon, Read & Co. announce that definitive stock certificates for the issue of common A stock are now ready for exchange for outstanding temporary stock certificates at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, and at the First Trust & Savings Bank, 68 West Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.—V. 123, p. 591.

National Sugar Refining Co.—New Vice-President.—William K. Dick, a director, has been elected a Vice-President to succeed the late J. Adolph Mollenhauer.—V. 122, p. 852.

New Cornelia Copper Co.—Larger Dividends.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the capital stock, payable Nov. 22 to holders of record Nov. 15. In the two previous quarters dividends of 40 cents each were paid, while in Feb. 1926 a distribution of 30 cents per share was made.—V. 123, p. 1886.

North American Title Guaranty Co.—Organized.—William E. Walter has organized the above company, a title insurance and mortgage company operating under the authority of the laws of New York. Mr. Walter has been elected to the office of Pres. & Gen. Mgr. The other officers are: Edward I. Edwards, Chairman; George C. Van Tuyl Jr., Vice-Pres. (former Superintendent of Banks in New York); and Carl Sherman, Vice-Pres. (former Attorney-General of New York State). Company is located at 8 West 40th St., New York. Company will have a capital of \$1,000,000 and surplus of \$250,000.

O'Cedar Corp.—Omits Dividend on Class A Stock.—The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend of 15 cents usually paid Nov. 1 on the class A stock. This rate had been paid since 1923.—V. 122, p. 491.

Oriental Development Co., Ltd. (Japan)—Report.—The figures given in last week's "Chronicle" cover the "business year 1925," or the 12 months ended March 31 1926. The preceding years mentioned should be treated likewise.—V. 123, p. 2005.

Otis Steel Co.—Earnings.

Period	—3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Manufacturing profit	\$1,260,192	\$914,571
General exp., taxes, &c.	297,109	291,775
Operating profit	\$963,083	\$622,796
Other income	63,788	20,542
Total income	\$1,026,871	\$643,338
Interest, discount, &c.	291,380	243,226
Balance, before depr. & Federal taxes	\$735,491	\$400,112
	\$2,149,131	\$1,595,034

—V. 123, p. 1886.

Peerless Motor Car Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Period	—Quar. End. Sept. 30—	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Net aft. depr., Fed. tax, &c.	\$239,191	\$211,737
Net sales for the first 9 months of 1926 totaled \$16,355,029, against \$13,313,760 in the first 9 months of 1925.—V. 123, p. 1642.	\$1,139,330	\$258,457

Pepperell Mfg. Co.—Earnings.

Years End. June 30	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Sales	\$13,004,335	\$13,655,797	\$11,170,521	\$11,287,790
Increase in inventory			1,691,774	161,338,291
Total	\$13,004,335	\$13,655,797	\$12,862,295	\$14,949,499
Operating expenses	12,387,805	14,067,853	12,944,798	14,003,950
Credits			138,986	116,272
Net profit	\$616,530	\$587,944	\$917,500	\$945,549
*Includes Federal tax refund of \$141,000 for previous years, leaving net profits of \$475,530.—V. 121, p. 2284.			\$56,483	\$1,061,821

Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp.—Director.—Joseph Wayne Jr., has been elected a director to serve for the unexpired term of the late Joseph B. McCall.—V. 122, p. 3076.

Pie Bakeries of America, Inc.—Earnings.

Period	Dec. 27 1925 to Oct. 2 1926	1926.	1925.
Net profits aft. chgs. incl. deprec. & Fed. taxes	\$294,854	\$263,691	\$263,691
*This is equal to 3 times the dividend requirements of the 7% cumulative preferred stock for a full year. A substantial amount was available for surplus after providing for the dividends for the period on both the preferred and class A stocks.			
As of Oct. 2 1926, the company's net tangible assets were equal to \$205 per share of outstanding preferred stock.—V. 122, p. 3614.			

Phillips Petroleum Co.—Earnings.

Period	9 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Income from oil	\$24,769,824	\$15,326,277	\$15,326,277
Gasoline and miscellaneous income	15,186,128	11,164,639	11,164,639
Total income	\$39,955,952	\$26,490,916	\$26,490,916
Operating, general and administration expenses	10,856,502	8,108,246	8,108,246
Interest and taxes	852,870	1,069,900	1,069,900
Reserves for abandoned leases, Federal taxes, &c.	3,418,986	1,300,000	1,300,000
Estimated depreciation and depletion	9,066,604	6,685,079	6,685,079
Net income	\$15,760,992	\$9,327,691	\$9,327,691
Dividends	5,413,356	2,850,271	2,850,271
Surplus	\$10,347,636	\$6,477,420	\$6,477,420

—V. 123, p. 1515, 723.

Piggly Wiggly Corp.—New President, &c.—Joseph E. Maury, of Memphis, Tenn., has been elected President of this corporation and of the Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc., succeeding C. D. Smith, J. R. Peters succeeds J. N. Staples as General Manager. Col. J. W. Canada and E. G. Willingham have been elected directors, succeeding George W. Davison and the late R. Leedy Matthews. Mr. Canada was also appointed General Counsel.—V. 123, p. 854.

Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc.—New President, &c.—See Piggly Wiggly Corp. above.—V. 122, p. 1777.

Pioneer (Sugar) Mill Co., Ltd.—New Financing, &c.—See American Factors, Ltd. above.—V. 121, p. 3016.

Porto Rican-American Tobacco Co.—Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding 10-year 8% gold bonds, dated May 15 1921 have been called for redemption Nov. 15 at 105 and int. at the National City Bank, 55 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 122, p. 1465.

Postum Cereal Co., Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

	Quarter Ending	9 Mos. End.
	Sept. 30.	Sept. 30.
Sales to customers	\$11,886,449	\$12,718,478
All exp. less misc. income	8,466,281	9,276,436
Income taxes	461,960	469,675
Net profit	\$2,958,208	\$2,972,317
*Equals \$6 17 per share on 1,465,000 shares of no par value common stock outstanding; this compares with \$8.078,858 combined earnings of constituent companies for corresponding period 1925, equivalent to \$5 51 on the same number of shares (Igleheart Bros., Inc., acquired at March 31 1926, included only for second and third quarters 1926 and 1925.—V. 123, p. 1771.		\$3,106,321
	\$9,036,846	\$9,036,846

Pratt & Lambert, Inc.—Obituary.—President James H. McNulty died Oct. 17.—V. 123, p. 591.

Procter & Gamble Co.—Dividend Rate Increased.—The directors on Oct. 20 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the common stock (par \$20), payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 25. This compares with quarterly dividends of \$1.25 per share previously paid. In addition, the company on Aug. 14 paid an extra dividend of \$2 per share on the common stock. Record of dividends paid on the junior issue since 1913 follows:

	'13.	'14.	'15.	'16.	'17-24.	'25.	x'26.
Regular in cash (%)	16	16	16	18	20	21½	27½
Extra in cash (%)							10
Extra in stock (%)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

x Includes dividends payable Nov. 15.—V. 123, p. 1771.

Pro-phy-lac-tic Brush Co.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1. An extra dividend of like amount was paid on March 1 and July 1 last.—V. 122, p. 3614.

Pullman Co.—New Directors.—The stockholders on Oct. 20 approved the proposal to increase the number of directors to 14 from 12. John R. Morrow, George Whitney, Donald McLennan and Lowell M. Greenlaw were elected new directors. The other directors were re-elected. Replacements were for Robert C. Lincoln and John A. Spoor, both deceased.

In reply to a question of a stockholder, President Edward F. Carry said it must be borne in mind that the company is under the supervision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. It is possible that the valuation may be greater than expected, in which event there is every reason to be optimistic about payments. He said it is only a matter of time until something will be done for the stockholders, but that the management does not deem it wise at this time. The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1.—V. 123, p. 1626, 1259.

Punta Alegre Sugar Co.—Sells Mill.—The co. on Aug. 16 sold its Trinidad mill in the Santa Clara Province of Cuba to W. A. Chadbourne.—V. 122, p. 3222.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Earnings.

Period—	—Quar. End. Sept. 30—	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Net earnings	\$2,127,822	\$1,555,755
Deprec. & renewals	466,975	302,364
Exhaustion of minerals	88,032	86,799
Bond and note interest	260,549	320,130
Preferred dividends	(1¼)437,500	(1¼)437,500
Common dividends	300,000	300,000

Balance, surplus, \$574,766 \$408,961 \$2,143,048 \$1,186,826
*These are the net earnings from operations after charges for repair and maintenance of plants amounting to \$1,154,835 and provision for Federal taxes.

Unfilled orders on hand Sept. 30 1926 of finished and semi-finished products totaled 150,493 tons, against 122,944 tons June 30 1926.—V. 123, p. 465.

Rose Realty Co. (Fashion Square Building), St. Louis.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$435,000 1st (closed) mtge. leasehold 6½% serial gold bonds is being offered by Waldheim-Platt & Co., Inc., St. Louis, and Stern Brothers & Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Dated Aug. 1 1926; due serially Feb. 1 1928 to Feb. 1 1936. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Interest payable F. & A. at Boatmen's National Bank, St. Louis, trustee. Red. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 102 and int. Company assumes payment of normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Building.—The Fashion Square Building, now under construction, and to be completed about Jan. 1 1927, is located at the northwest corner of 13th Street and Washington Ave. in the heart of the St. Louis wholesale district. The construction is a modern concrete type, strictly fireproof, fronting 135 ft. 2¼ in. on the north line of Washington Avenue, by 137 ft. on the west line of 13th Street.

The structure contains 11 floors and basement, designed to accommodate manufacturers and wholesale distributors of merchandise, particularly the garment industry. The building contains 2,487,882 cu. ft., and a square area of 210,912 sq. ft.

Security.—The bonds are secured by a first closed mortgage on the leasehold estate and building being erected thereon. The mortgaged property has been valued as follows: Leasehold estate (based on appraisal of Cornet & Zeibig, Realtors, of St. Louis), \$120,090; building (cost), \$710,000; total, \$830,090. The loan is approximately 52% of the appraised value of the property. The cost of the building is at the rate of about 28¼c. per cu. ft.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this loan are to be used to provide part of the funds needed for the construction of the building.

St. Andrews Bay Lumber Co.—Bonds Called.—Twenty-two 1st mtge. 7% gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1924, have been called for redemption on Nov. 1 next at 101 and int.—V. 123, p. 93.

Salmon Falls Mfg. Co.—To Liquidate.—The stockholders on Oct. 21 approved the plan to liquidate the corporation. A recent letter to the stockholders says: "For over 6 years current business on the fire fabric has been almost uniformly unprofitable. The question of moving machinery to the South was carefully gone over, but the cost appeared prohibitive. To change to other lines was also considered, but this entailed a very large outlay of new money and at no time since 1920 has it been feasible to raise new capital to the extent that would have been required."

For the quarter ended Oct. 2 1926 the company had a loss of \$76,714, consisting of \$54,000 inventory mark-down, \$12,500 depreciation and \$10,214 manufacturing loss. Current assets at that time totaled \$474,326 and current liabilities \$362,241, leaving net working capital of \$112,085.—Compare V. 123, p. 1644.

Sanford (Me.) Mills.—To Split Up Shares.—The stockholders will vote Nov. 1 on changing the common stock from \$100 par value to no par value, 4 new shares to be issued in exchange for each old share. If action is approved, there will be outstanding 260,000 shares of no par common stock.—V. 123, p. 724.

Schulco Co., Inc.—Earnings.—The company reports for the quarter ended Sept. 30 1926. Net earnings \$82,282; reserve for payment of interest on bonds due Jan. 1 1927, \$56,875; net income, \$25,407.—V. 123, p. 1887.

Seagrave Corp.—Earnings.

Period—	—Quar. End. Sept. 30—	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$494,514	\$497,046
Cost of sales	298,270	327,241
Selling & adm. expense	112,392	98,328
Operating profit	\$83,852	\$71,476
Other income	10,908	20,492
Total income	\$94,760	\$91,968
Charges & Federal taxes	20,887	12,999
Net profit	\$73,873	\$78,969

—V. 123, p. 1644.

Securities Corporation General.—Dividends.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock and a dividend of \$1 per share on the no par common stock, both payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 21 1926. Like amounts were paid on Aug. 2 last.—V. 123, p. 94.

Shelby Hotel Co., Detroit.—Bonds Called.—The company has called for payment Nov. 1 at 102 and int. \$411,100 bonds, dated May 1 1917. Payment will be made at the Union Trust Co. trustee, Detroit, Mich.

Sherwin-Williams Co., Cleveland.—Extra Div. of 1%.—An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding \$14,861,125 common stock, par \$25, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 30. Like amounts have been paid quarterly on this issue since Nov. 16 1925. Extras of ½ of 1% each had been paid quarterly on the common stock from Nov. 15 1923 to Aug. 15 1925 incl.

The company and its subsidiaries report for the year ended Aug. 31 1926, a net profit of \$4,262,476 after depreciation, interest, Federal taxes, &c., against \$4,481,686 in the previous year.—V. 123, p. 592.

Shreveport-El Dorado Pipe Line Co., Inc.—Extra Div.
The extra dividend of \$1 per share and the regular quarterly of 25c. per share, recently declared, are both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 21. Compare V. 123, p. 2006.

	Quarter Ended			9 Mos. End.
	Sept. 30 '26.	June 30 '26.	Mar. 31 '26.	Sept. 30 '26.
Gross earnings	\$398,212	\$465,437	\$326,392	\$1,190,042
Expenses, maint., &c.	132,770	110,339	88,970	332,078
Int., rentals and taxes	56,007	25,892	19,410	101,311
Adj. of inven., &c.	1,864	162,295	106,136	270,296
xNet income	\$207,571	\$166,910	\$111,876	\$486,357

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1926.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Pipe lines and property	\$1,984,345	Capital stock	\$2,500,000
Cash and receivables	533,057	Bonds	240,000
Oil on hand (at market)	269,106	Bills & accounts payable	333,351
Prepaid items	8,776	Reserves for taxes, &c.	96,764
Contracts, etc.	2,540,524	Reserve for depreciation	600,905
		Surplus earned	1,564,789
Total	\$5,335,808	Total	\$5,335,808

—V. 123, p. 2006.

South Porto Rico Sugar Co.—Acquires New Mill—To Issue 11,206 Additional Shares of Common Stock at Par (\$100).

Secretary Edward S. Paine, Oct. 18, says in substance: The directors have authorized the purchase of the entire outstanding capital stock of Yucamo Santa Fe, C. por A. (a Dominican corporation), the owner of Central Santa Fe, located at San Pedro de Macoris, Santo Domingo. The properties of Central Santa Fe adjoin the properties of the Central Romana, Inc., on the north and west.

This acquisition rounds out the holdings of the Central Romana, Inc., on the west, at the same time permitting economical administration. The Yucamo Santa Fe, C. por A., owns about 75,000 acres of land, of which about 20,000 are now in cane. Its mill, which is located at the port of Macoris, is in good condition and has been profitably operated in the past. Its output last year was 40,000 tons which can be substantially increased at a reasonable cost. The price paid was favorable, in the judgment of the directors, and the purchase should prove profitable for the company and add substantially to its earnings.

In order to provide a part of the funds required for this purchase the board has authorized the issue of 11,206 shares of common stock, out of the unissued balance of the total authorized issue of 125,000 shares, and the sale at par of these new shares to the common stockholders pro rata, in the proportion of one share of new stock for each ten shares of common stock held at the close of business Nov. 1 1926. Payment for such stock is to be made at par in cash on or before Dec. 1 1926, at the office of William Schall & Co., 160 Broadway, N. Y. City. The new stock will be dated Dec. 1 1926, and will participate in the next common stock dividend declared by the company. Application to list said stock will be made to the New York Stock Exchange.

The entire new issue has been underwritten by a syndicate formed by William Schall & Co., fiscal agents for the company, at par, without commission or other compensation.

Warrants will be issued to the common stockholders as soon as possible after Nov. 1, representing their rights to subscribe to this new stock. Warrants for fractions of shares will be exchangeable for full share warrants in lots aggregating one or more full shares, upon delivery thereof to William Schall & Co. for such exchange. Stock certificates will not be issued for fractions of shares.—V. 121, p. 2650.

Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.—Earnings.

Period—	—Quar. End. Sept. 30—	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Net earnings after depr., Federal taxes, &c.	\$1,686,531	\$1,906,364

—V. 123, p. 1888.

Tennessee Copper & Chemical Corp.—Trustee.—The Bank of America has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$3,000,000 15-year 6% conv. debenture gold bonds, dated Oct. 1 1926. The company has increased its authorized common stock from 800,000 shares to 890,000, no par value. See also V. 123, p. 1888.

Texas Co.—Plan Effective.—Chairman Amos L. Beaty announces that the plan of exchange of the Texas Co. shares into the new Texas Corp. has become effective. More than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Texas Co., the amount necessary to make the plan effective, have been deposited.

Mr. Beaty added that it is expected that fully 70% to 80% of the total stock, and possibly more, will be deposited by Nov. 1, when the time for deposit expires. Under the plan holders of Texas Co. stock exchange their holdings share for share into the new Texas Corp. of Delaware (see V. 123, p. 1125).

Discussing stockholders' response to request for deposit of stock in share for share exchange into new Texas Corp. of Delaware, Chairman Beaty says: "Response has been very satisfactory, despite inclination of many stockholders to defer action until near last moment." Time for deposit expires Nov. 1.

Mr. Beaty further says: "The authorized capital stock of the new corporation in excess of the stock required for exchange can be sold for cash or it can be issued for property. In either case the value of the stock first outstanding is maintained since the cash received goes into the general treasury or property received becomes a general assets. If another alternative it should be decided to distribute this stock or some of it to stockholders as a stock dividend, the rule of equality and fair dealing would apply."—V. 123, p. 1645.

Tonopah Mining Co.—Semi-Annual Report.

Six Mos. Ended June 30—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross value ore milled	\$677,206	\$570,434	\$742,498	\$829,179
Metal losses in milling and refining	47,831	44,710	54,823	68,261
Gross value of milled product	\$629,375	\$525,723	\$687,674	\$760,917
Mining, milling, market & gen. exps.	522,617	481,194	575,324	525,251
Net profit	\$106,757	\$44,529	\$112,350	\$235,665
Miscellaneous income	61,489	64,451	118,497	148,530
Internal revenue tax refund, 1917		24,959		
Profit from sale of securities	12,394	50,038		
Net income	\$180,641	\$183,978	\$230,848	\$384,195

Quick assets and invested funds on June 30 1926 were reported as follows: Cash on hand June 30 1926, \$68,440; railroad and public utilities bonds at stock at purchase price, \$950,666, and due from smelter, \$122,518; total, \$1,141,625.—V. 122, p. 3225.

Texas Gulf Sulphur Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Period—	—Quar. End. Sept. 30—	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Net earnings	\$2,531,469	\$1,478,847
Dividends	1,905,000	1,270,000
Surplus	\$626,469	\$208,847
Profit and loss surplus, incl. reserve for depl'n	\$8,482,287	\$5,959,739

—V. 123, p. 1644.

During the three months ended Sept. 30 1926, the company also increased its reserves, including reserve for depreciation and for unpaid Federal taxes accrued, by \$520,451, making the total of these reserves \$7,423,814 as at Sept. 30 1926.—V. 123, p. 1645.

Transcontinental Oil Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Net income after int., deprec., depletion, &c., taxes	\$1,457,796	\$139,791	\$1,846,632	\$1,206,611
Accumulated dividends on the preferred stock amounted to 15% on July 1 1926.—V. 123, p. 1517.				

Transue & Williams Steel Forging Corp.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Gross sales	\$948,851	\$1,325,657	\$3,427,199	\$3,743,734
Net loss	56,626	6,085	83,066	prof. 27,580

Union Carbide & Carbon Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Earnings (after provision for income, &c., taxes)	\$8,862,089	\$7,068,877	\$23,303,435	\$18,735,948
Int. on funded debt and divs. on pref. stock of sub. cos.	304,135	256,702	915,246	770,392
Deprec'n & other charges	x1,959,491	1,800,382	x5,757,744	5,401,146
Balance	\$6,598,463	\$5,011,794	\$16,630,444	\$12,564,411
x Estimated.—V. 123, p. 467.				

Union Switch & Signal Co.—Contract.—

The Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR. has awarded the Union Switch & Signal Co. a contract for the installation of automatic train equipment on 270 miles of its Scranton division. Automatic train control has been in operation on 282 miles of D. L. & W. main line on the Buffalo division since July 1 1925.—V. 121, p. 1357.

Union Tank Car Co.—To Increase Common Stock—25% Stock Dividend Planned.—The stockholders will vote Nov. 22 on increasing the authorized common stock from \$25,000,000 (\$24,564,400 outstanding) to \$40,000,000, par \$1,000. "In case this increase in common stock is duly authorized," says a letter to the stockholders, "the company will then be in a position to declare a 25% stock dividend, or one share for each four shares of common stock outstanding, if in the judgment of the board of directors such action is deemed advisable."

To Redeem \$12,000,000 Preferred Stock.

The directors have voted to redeem all of the outstanding preferred stock Dec. 1 at the Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City, at 115 and divs.

The directors declared the final quarterly dividend of \$1 75 a share on the preferred stock payable Dec. 1 upon presentation of the stock certificates for redemption.

The directors also declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 25 a share on the outstanding common stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 10.—V. 123, p. 1772, 1517.

United States & Foreign Securities Corp.—Earnings.—

Attention is called to the right of holders of full paid allotment certificates to receive on Nov. 1 1926, first preferred stock called for by such allotment certificates, and an equal number of shares of common stock. This exchange can be effected at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York City, or Old Colony Trust Co., 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., through deposit of such allotment certificates.

There will be no call for the final installment at this time, but holders of 75% paid allotment certificates have the right to make payment in full on Nov. 1 1926 or any subsequent dividend date, thereby becoming entitled to receive definitive certificates as above for preferred and common shares.

Income for First 9 Months of 1926.

Income from interest and dividends	\$1,060,029
Profit from underwritings and sale of securities	\$1,459,925
Total	\$2,519,953
Expenses and reserves for taxes	288,260
1st pref. divs. paid and accrued, \$934,189; 2d pref. divs. paid and accrued, \$275,000	1,209,189
Carried to surplus	\$1,022,504

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Sept. 30 '26.	Aug. 31 '25.	Liabilities—	Sept. 30 '26.	Aug. 31 '25.
Investments	\$23,814,839	\$21,879,936	1st pref. stock	\$19,998,300	
Call & time loans	6,150,000		2d pf. stk. (50,000 shs. no par val.)	8,068,725	
Accrued interest	131,072	107,927	Common stock	c100,000	
Cash	270,017	395,127	General reserve	x4,950,000	4,950,000
Comm. rec. & inc. earned but not received	356,000		Bank loans		6,950,000
			Taxes, accr. divs. and payables	823,224	408,264
Total (each side)	30,365,927	22,738,990	Surplus	4,444,404	2,362,001

a 250,000 shares no par value, \$25,000,000, less amount uncalled, \$5,001,700. b 50,000 shares no par value. c 1,000,000 shares no par value. x Set up out of \$5,000,000 paid in cash by subscribers to second preferred stock. y Present investments are divided as follows: (a) Bonds: Government, \$3,308,525; railroad, \$314,909; industrial, \$1,745,815. (b) Stocks: Railroad, \$4,391,710; bank, \$5,882,719; industrial, \$8,171,069; total, \$23,814,838. The aggregate market value of these investments is greater than cost. All securities are carried on the books at cost. Where two or more classes of securities have been received for one sum, the cost has been apportioned.—V. 122, p. 1929.

United States Stores Corp.—Sales.—

Period Ended Oct. 2—	1926—Week—	1925—9 Mos.—	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$697,668	\$663,420	\$26,263,968	\$25,101,958

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Acquisition.—

An authoritative statement says: The company has acquired an option on the Murray mining claims lying between the Noranda and Richardson groups in Rouyn Township Quebec. The purchase price mentioned in the option is reported as \$300,000, to be paid over an extended period. \$10,000 has been paid by United Verde to bind the option. A 90% interest would be thus secured.—V. 123, p. 1889.

Universal Pipe & Radiator Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Period—	Quarter Ending Sept. 30 '26.	June 30 '26.	Mar. 31 '26.	Total 9 Mos.
Net after chges., incl. deprec. & depletion	\$342,488	\$373,845	\$210,203	\$926,537

Utah Construction Co.—To Redeem Bonds.—

One hundred 1st (closed) mtge. 7 1/2% serial gold bonds (Nos. M-251 to M-350, incl., of \$1,000 each) have been called for redemption Dec. 1 at 101 1/2 and int. at the Mercantile Trust Co. of California, trustee, 464 California St., San Francisco, Calif.—V. 123, p. 2008.

Vanadium Corp. of America.—Extra Dividend of \$1.—

The directors on Oct. 20 declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1. Upon the basis of the earnings for the current year, the board further voted to declare an extra dividend of \$1 per share for the year 1926, payable on Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 1.

President Corey stated that the business of the corporation in all its products, including those of the United States Ferro-Alloys division, had been quite satisfactory for the year to date and that the outlook for the balance of the year was promising. It is estimated that the earnings for the last half of the fiscal year ending Dec. 31 will equal the earnings for the first half.—V. 123, p. 991.

Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Gross	\$944,962	\$865,709	\$2,587,207	\$2,376,595
Expenses	862,053	800,475	2,430,220	2,231,535
Operating profit	\$82,909	\$65,235	\$156,987	\$142,061
Other income	22,028	83,206	70,762	332,773
Total income	\$104,937	\$148,441	\$227,749	\$174,833
Int., deprec. & taxes	68,555	86,444	241,000	265,794
Net profit	\$36,382	\$61,997	\$13,251	\$209,039

Waldorf System, Inc.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$3,321,558	\$3,142,458	\$9,974,620	\$9,428,608
*Net profit	239,967	200,409	784,530	686,692
Preferred dividends	20,860	25,879	66,798	79,753
Common dividends	138,003	138,003	414,009	414,009

Surplus \$81,104 \$36,527 \$303,723 \$193,330
* After depreciation, Federal taxes and reserves.—V. 123, p. 1773.

Western Electric Co.—Billings, &c.—

1st 9 Months of Year—	1926.	1925.
Sales billed (approx.)	\$188,123,000	\$176,203,000
Orders received (estimated)	182,721,000	182,006,000
Unfilled orders at Sept. 30 (est.)	85,417,000	92,339,000

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$6,324,751	\$5,393,377	\$14,832,992	\$12,801,153
Cost & expense	5,148,275	4,703,144	12,269,364	10,257,914
Operating profit	\$1,176,476	\$690,233	\$2,563,628	\$2,543,239
Miscell. charges, net	8,080	17,104	50,540	55,160
xNet income	\$1,168,396	\$673,129	\$2,513,088	\$2,488,079

x Represents net income before deducting reserve for depreciation, depletion and Federal income tax.—V. 123, p. 1773.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—The directors on Oct. 21 declared an initial dividend of 3 1/2% on the 7% preferred stock, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 3. This is the first distribution to be made since the reorganization of the company. Dividends on the preferred stock do not become cumulative until after Nov. 1 1927.—V. 123, p. 2008.

(Wm.) Wrigley Jr. Company, Chicago.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Earnings	\$5,213,820	\$5,017,543	\$14,331,595	\$14,292,645
Expenses	1,906,008	1,689,592	5,195,274	5,266,330
Depreciation	140,070	129,799	420,700	387,642
Federal taxes	357,635	399,769	1,106,599	1,079,834
Net profit	\$2,810,107	\$2,798,383	\$7,609,022	\$7,558,839

Yellow Taxi Corp. of New York.—To Change Capitalization—

New Stock to be Placed on a \$5 Annual Dividend Basis.—The directors have voted to call a special meeting of stockholders to authorize the purchase of 15,000 shares of outstanding stock and to then authorize a reduction in the then remaining 375,000 shares of stock to 125,000 shares by the issuance of one share of new stock for each 3 shares outstanding.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1 25 a share on the new stock "when issued," payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15, thus placing the issue on a \$5 a year basis.

The board also elected Ernest H. Miller, President and General Manager; William E. McGuirk was elected chairman of the board, and Udo M. Reinach, Treasurer; Wm. M. Parke, of the firm of Chadbourne, Stanchfield & Levy, was elected a director. Mr. Miller is the owner of the largest taxi company in Newark and Mr. Reinach is Vice-President of the Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—V. 122, p. 2816.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
xNet profit	\$8,592,384	\$6,560,802	\$24,468,693	\$20,938,510
Other income	557,935	576,735	2,591,819	1,860,270
Total inc. (all sources)	\$9,150,319	\$7,137,537	\$27,060,512	\$22,798,780
Miscellaneous charges	1,151,409	184,826	3,020,238	1,129,992
Net income	\$7,998,910	\$6,952,711	\$24,040,274	\$21,668,787
Deprec. of plants & equip	2,032,228	1,975,314	6,148,460	6,000,929
Lepl. of minerals	270,745	242,049	782,215	753,483
Interest on bonds	1,036,078	1,060,614	3,164,976	3,205,182
Prov. for Fed taxes	652,000	365,000	1,964,000	1,279,000
Pref. dividends paid	249,219	249,219	747,659	747,656
Com. dividends paid	987,606	987,606	2,962,818	2,962,818
Minority stockholders		10,299		10,299

Balance, surplus \$2,770,634 \$2,062,611 \$8,283,615 \$6,709,422
x From operations after deducting all expenses of the business and after deducting charges for repairs and maintenance of plants.—V. 123, p. 728, 469

CURRENT NOTICES.

—M. E. Erdorfy and Martin B. Lester, partners in the firm of Lester & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, announce the dissolution of their firm. Mr. Erdorfy is now directing the Tobacco Stores Securities Co., a subsidiary of the United Cigar Stores Co., and will shortly open his own offices in the Bar Building, 36 W. 44th Street, New York.

—Douglas G. Sloan, formerly of McDonough & Sloan, and John H. Sloan, previously with Paine, Webber & Co., and Prince & Whitely, have formed a co-partnership under the name of Sloan & Sloan, with offices in the Trust Co. of New Jersey Building, 921 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J., to deal in investment securities.

—Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed Fiscal Agent for the payment of principal and interest of an issue of \$3,500,000 principal amount of New Orleans Pontchartrain Bridge Co. first mortgage sinking fund 7% gold bonds, due Sept. 1 1946.

—McCown & Co., Philadelphia, announce the appointment of E. J. Guilbert as manager of their New York office, located at 160 Broadway. They also announce that H. P. Lilienthal and H. R. Kneezel are now associated with their bank stock department in New York.

—National Bank of Commerce in New York has been appointed Transfer Agent of an issue of 2,000,000 shares of stock without nominal or par value of the Pantepec Oil Co. of Venezuela.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

[The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of the paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."]

Friday Night, Oct. 22 1926.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet with Rio 7s, 15½c. and Santos 4s, 20¼ to 20¼c. late last week; fair to good Cucuta, 23½ to 24½c.; washed, 26½ to 27½c.; Laguayra, washed, Caracas fair, 26 to 26½c.; good 27 to 27½c.; Porto Cabello, Natural, 22½ to 23c.; washed, 26 to 27c.; Colombian, Ocana, 23½ to 24c.; Bucaramanga, Natural, 26½ to 27c.; washed 27¼ to 27¾c.; Honda, Tolima, Giradot, 27 to 27½c.; Medellin, 28½ to 29c.; Manizales, 27¼ to 27¾c.; Mexican, washed, 28½ to 29½c.; Mandheling, 36½ to 39c.; Genuine Java, 35 to 37c.; Mocha, 29 to 30c.; Harrar, 28 to 28½c.; Guatemala, prime, 28 to 28½c.; good, 27½ to 27¾c.; Bourbon, 25 to 25½c.

A special cable from Rio on the 18th inst. reported a 1-16d. advance in exchange to 6 11-16d. with the dollar buying rate 60 reis lower at \$410. This advance in exchange seemed to have caused covering in a sold out market here which quickly advanced December to 14.60; January to 14.40c.; March to 14.28c.; May to 13.95c.; July to 13.60c. and September to 13c. Prices fell on the 18th inst. with Rio 7s, 15½c. to 15½c. and Santos 4s, 19¾c. to 20c. In the cost and freight market, prices were irregular, some lower and others a shade higher. Included were prompt shipment Bourbon Santos 3s, at 19.30c.; 3-5s at 17¾c. to 18.30c.; 4-5s at 18.20 to 18.30c.; 5-6s at 17½c. to 17.85c.; part Bourbon 3-4s at 18¼c. to 18.80c.; 3-5s at 17¾c. to 18¼c.; 4-5s at 18.10c.; 4-6s at 17.90c.; 5-6s at 17.40c.; Santos peaberry 3-5s 17.95c. to 18¼c.; Rio 7s at 14½c. to 14.90c.; future shipment Santos Nov.-Dec. 3-5s part Bourbon at 18c.; Jan.-March 3-5s Bourbon at 17.35c.; 3-5s part Bourbon at 17¼c.; Jan.-June 3-5s at 17c. to 17¼c.; April-June Bourbon 5s at 16¾c.

Cost and freight prices rose sharply on the 19th. From the lowest on Monday and the lowest on Tuesday for Santos 4s the rise was 60 points. Offerings on the 19th were small. Prompt shipment Bourbon Santos 3-5s, 18.35 to 19.15c.; 6s at 18¼c.; part Bourbon on flat bean 3-4s, 18¾c.; 3-5s at 18.35 to 19.16c.; 4-5s at 18¼ to 19c.; 5s at 18 to 18.05c.; 6s at 17½c. Santos peaberry 3-5s at 18.35 to 19c.; 4-5s at 18.60c. Rio 2s at 14.85 to 15.10c. Future shipment Santos, November-December, 3-5s part Bourbon, 18.35 to 18.75c.; January-March, 18c.; spot coffee became firmer with Santos 4s quoted at 20 to 20¼c. Rio 2s at 15½c. Santos cabled officially: "Starting 23d inst. Santos receipts, 32,000 bags daily continuing until Nov. 5 after which date receipts will be regulated in sympathy with previous month's exportations." It was called bearish. To-day the demand was better so much so as to be a factor in the future market. Latterly Rio 7s have been quoted at 15¾c. and Santos 4s at 20 to 20¼c.; fair to good Cucuta, 23½ to 24½c.

Futures advanced 15 to 30 points with a better technical situation following recent drastic liquidation. Better cables from Brazil helped to stimulate local and foreign covering. Futures declined on the 18th inst. 5 to 21 points with Rio and Santos exchange off ⅛ to ¼d., whether due to manipulation or other causes matters little. Santos daily receipts are to be increased 6,000 bags. But later came a rally. After all, Santos made a net gain on the 18th in terme prices since the 16th inst. of 50 to 225 reis with exchange off 5-32d. at 6 11-16d. Rio terme prices were 25 to 225 reis net lower with exchange down 1-16d. at 6 11-16d. and the dollar rate 60 reis net higher. At Rio the receipts are expected greatly to decrease in November. The crop has been estimated at 2,500,000 bags and 1,450,000 bags have reached Rio. And on the 19th inst. prices here advanced 34 to 47 points with sales of 113,000 bags. Cost and freight prices were up sharply with a rise of 3-16d. in Brazilian exchange. New York and foreign shorts hastily covered. Increasing the Santos limit of daily receipts was taken to mean that the coffee was wanted. Santos made a rise of 225 to 500 reis with exchange up ¼d. to 6 15-16d.; dollars fell 210 reis, a hectic state of affairs. Rio was 175 reis lower to 25 reis higher, with exchange up 5-32d. at 6 27-32d. and the dollar rate 210 reis net lower. Trading here included switches from December to July at 96 to 99 points, December-September at 135 to 140 points, March-May 39 points, and December-March 31 points.

To-day futures closed 33 to 49 points higher with sales of 73,000 bags. Stronger Brazilian exchange was largely instrumental in putting up prices. Later with some decline in Santos cables there was a reaction. Still later with Rio exchange ¾d. higher and Santo sup 5-32d., New York again turned upward and at one time was 40 to 55 points higher than at the close of Thursday. Havre was higher. Rio futures were 25 reis lower to 100 higher. Santos opened

unchanged to 25 reis lower. Brazil coffee in stock and afloat for this country amounts to 1,075,917 bags, against 1,061,278 a year ago. Spot demand improved. Final prices for futures were 55 to 74 points higher.

Spot unofficial	March	14.97a	July	14.28a
December	May	14.57a	September	13.88a

SUGAR.—It is estimated that the loss by the big storm and hurricane is anywhere from 35,000 to 100,000 bags. It is impossible to tell. Refiners of late have bought fully 100,000 bags at 2¾c. c.&f. The big hurricane in Cuba has naturally been the outstanding factor. Cuban freights have risen to 22c. North of Hatteras and to 44 to 47c. to the United Kingdom. Futures on the 21st inst. were 1 to 5 points higher on cyclone news, covering and new buying, with sale of 54,200 tons. Refined was more active at that time at 5.75 to 6c. Havana cabled on the 20th: "Hurricane sweeping the city at the rate of 150 miles an hour, uprooting trees, wrecking electric apparatus and interrupting telegraph service; working by candle." This news had a sentimental effect on futures, shorts starting a movement to cover which advanced prices 6 to 7 points net. Some recalled a hurricane in the Havana district is not likely to be detrimental to the Cuban sugar crop for the reason that very little sugar is grown in that section of the Island.

London on the 19th opened easy 1½d. to 2¼d. lower. British cane refiners are having keen competition from British domestic beet sugar. Weak London cables and a yielding cost and freight market caused long selling here on the 19th inst. and lower prices. December felt the force of liquidation most. December sold at 2.67d.; January at 2.69d.; March at 2.65d.; May at 2.73d.; July at 2.81d. and September at 2.89d. New refined business has been dull. Beet refined sugars in the Michigan Ohio district continued to be offered up to the Buffalo-Pittsburgh line and in some instances, offers are understood to have been extended to points somewhat further East. If this is so, cane refiners trade is hurt. Withdrawals against old contracts continue liberal. One refiner quoted 5.75c. prompt and 5.85c. 30 days.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 55,466 tons, against 39,298 in the previous week, 34,041 in the same week last year and 11,959 two years ago; exports, 113,924, against 107,036 in previous week, 60,042 last year and 46,954 two years ago; stock, 477,273, against 535,731 in previous week, 536,507 last year, and 167,297 two years ago. Of the exports, U. S. Atlantic ports received 61,865 tons; New Orleans, 22,162 tons; Galveston, 5,121 tons Savannah, 2,882 tons; California, 594 tons; Canada, 9,345 tons; Europe, 7,531 tons; China, 4,424 tons. Rio Janeiro cabled that the Pernambuco Sugar Growers' Combine will unload 1,000,000 bags of sugar in Europe to dispel the crisis caused by overproduction. Prices are at a level below the cost of production. Some maintain the recent dilatory tactics of refiners have not in the least disturbed Cuban holders. The situation in Cuba is said to be firm. Leading producing interests who are said to control the remainder of unsold sugars on the island are declared to be confident that no serious decline is ahead. They predict better prices, it is said. Some expect further inquiry from the Far East as well as from European markets. Estimates of Cuba's carryover at the end of this year are being reduced. The trade generally expects it to be 100,000 to 125,000 tons. Some statisticians are putting it at not over 25,000 tons.

To-day futures closed 1 point lower to 2 points higher with sales of 67,450 tons. Prompt raws were firm at 2¾c. to 2 13-16c. Refined was firmer at 5.30 to 6c. with an increasing demand. Nothing definite is known as to the amount of damage done in Cuba by the great storm but it is believed here to have been severe in Havana, Matanzas and Pinar del Rio. London was firm with Continental offerings very small. The crop news from France and Belgium is none too favorable. Many here, however, are awaiting further developments in regard to the effects of the storm in Cuba. Final prices show a rise for the week of 3 to 6 points. Willett & Gray estimated the world's sugar crop at 96,813 tons smaller than the last one, i.e., 24,279,000 long tons against 24,375,813 last year. Cuba is tentatively put at 5,200,000 tons against 4,884,656 tons last year; Europe, 7,319,000 tons, a decrease of 116,000 tons; Java, 1,936,000 tons, a decrease of 343,000 tons; British India, 3,000,000, an increase of 7,000 tons; United States beet, 860,000 tons, an increase of 54,000; Hawaii, 714,000, an increase of 9,000; Philippines, 500,000, an increase of 75,000; Porto Rico, 530,000, a decrease of 14,000.

Spot unofficial	2 13-16	March	2.76a	July	2.91a
December	2.77a	May	2.83a	September	2.98a

LARD on the spot declined with trade light. Prime Western, c.a.f. New York, 14.40 to 4.50c.; refined Continent 15½c.; South America, 16½c.; Brazil, 17½c. To-day prices were firmer; Prime Western, 14½c.; refined Continent,

15½c.; South America, 16¼c.; Brazil, 17¼c. Futures declined with reports that hog cholera was being checked in some sections. Liverpool on the 18th inst. fell 9d. and on the 19th 6d. to 1s. Dulness of the cash trade is a drag on futures. Besides, stocks are large. Hogs declined. The supply in Iowa is said to be large. Meats have been dull. Deliveries of lard at Chicago on the 19th inst. were 150,000 lbs. Selling by cotton oil interests and commission houses generally had a depressing effect. Chicago wired on the 19th inst: "Increased number of cholera infested hogs received at the Chicago market from Illinois farms during the past ten days is causing both farmers and packers serious losses, the Farmers' Union Live Stock Commission, the live stock selling department of the Illinois Farmers' Union, reveals in a warning to Illinois farmers." Later, prices continued to weaken. Western hog receipts were 81,000, against 78,400 on the same day last week and 90,000 last year. Liverpool was unchanged to 6d. lower. Futures advanced with hog cholera an outstanding feature. To-day futures closed 17 to 22 cents higher while cottonseed oil ended 5 to 6 points up. Hog products were generally firmer. Shorts were covering. The cash trade showed more life. This was in spite of the fact that hogs closed 10 to 15 cents lower with the top \$13 65. Hog receipts were large at the West, however. They reached 68,000, against 67,000 last year. Chicago expects 5,000 to-morrow. Lard prices ended, however, at a net decline for the week of 18 to 30 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October delivery	14.00	13.87	13.75	13.60	13.55	13.77
December delivery	13.35	13.35	13.30	13.20	13.02	13.22
January delivery	13.45	13.30	13.25	13.10	13.00	13.17

PORK was dull; mess, \$37; family, \$40; fat back pork, \$30 to \$32. Ribs in Chicago quiet at 14.50c. Beef steady; mess, \$18 to \$20; packet, \$18 to \$20; extra India mess, \$33 to \$34; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3; No. 2, \$8 25; 6 lbs., \$18 50. Cut meats steady but quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 24¼ to 25¾c; bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 22½ to 23c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring 37 to 48c. Cheese, 22 to 26c. Eggs medium to extra 30 to 54c.

OILS.—Linseed has been in rather better demand of late, especially for nearby delivery. Early in the week, however, prices were reduced to 10.8c. for spot carlots, October-December delivery. The weakness of flaxseed was a depressing influence. There was a good movement on contract, however, and this has tended to check the accumulation of stocks. More confidence among leading crushers is noticeable. Coconut oil, Ceylon, coast tanks, 8¾c.; Manila, coast tanks, 8¾c.; spot tanks, 8¾c.; China wood, N. Y., spot bbls., 17c.; coast tanks, October-November, 14c. Corn crude, tanks, plant, high acid, 8½c. Olive, Den., \$1 30 to \$1 40. Soya bean, coast tanks, 10½c. Lard, prime, 16½c.; extra strained, N. Y., 12¾c. Cod, domestic, 63 to 65c.; Newfoundland, 65 to 66c. Turpentine, 89½ to 90c. Rosin, \$13 50 to \$16 25. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 7,800 bbls. P. Crude S. E., 7¼c. bid. Prices closed as follows.

Spot	8.25a	9.00	December	8.60a	8.63	March	8.95a
October	8.35a	9.00	January	8.75a	8.78	April	9.00a
Nov	8.46a	8.49	February	8.77a	8.90	May	9.12a

Cottonseed oil.—Liquidation of October and November and selling against October notices caused weakness on the 20th inst. Tenders were said to be circulating freely. Commission houses and refiners were moderate buyers of the distant months. After reaching new lows recently there was something of a rally traceable to covering, and speculative buying. Refiners continued to sell hedges in the late months, however. Some think a rally on technical position would be logical, but "long" buying will only appear on declines.

PETROLEUM.—There was a better jobbing demand for gasoline, owing to the recent favorable weather. Reports of price cutting were heard but the price was generally quoted at 12c. for U. S. Motor at refineries and 13c. in tank cars delivered to the trade. The tank wagon market was steady locally but up-State the tendency was easier. U. S. Motor in the Gulf section was weaker at 10¾ to 11c. in bulk for export; 64-66 gravity 375 e.p. was quoted at 12¼c. but little demand reported. Cased gasoline steady at \$2 10 for U. S. Motor and \$2 30 for 64-66 gravity 375 e.p. There is much uncertainty as to the crude outlook. While some observers look for a cut in Mid-Continent prices soon others take an opposite view. The former think that a cut in prices would prove beneficial to the industry. Kerosene was more active. Locally, 10¾c. was quoted for water white and 10½c. for prime in bulk at refineries. There was a good jobbing demand. In the Gulf prime white was in good demand at 8c. and water white was more active at 9¼c. in bulk. The Standard Co. has cut the price of gas as the oil output increased. It is believed that the reduction will spread, and may affect prices for crude sooner or later. New York refined export prices. U. S. Motor specifications, deodorized, 27.40c.; bulk, refinery, 12c. Kerosene, cargo lots, cases, 19.15c.; water white, 150 degrees, 20.65c. Bunker oil, \$1 65 dock; Diesel oil, Bayonne, bbl., \$2 50. Gas oil, 28-34 degrees, 6c.; 36-40 degrees, 6¾c. Petroleum, refined, tanks, wagon to store, 18c. Kerosene, bulk, 45-46-150 water white, delivered, New York, tank cars, 11¾c. Motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 21c.; up-State, 21c.

single tank cars, delivered, New York, 13½ to 13¾c. Naphtha, V.M.P., deodorized, in steel bbls., 21c.

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas—	Elk Basin	\$2.40
28-28.9	Big Muddy	2.25
32-32.9	Lance Creek	2.40
52 and above	Homer 35 and above	2.20
Louisiana and Arkansas—	Caddo	
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—	Buckeye	\$3.05
3.40	Bradford	3.40
Cornlng	Lima	2.43
2.45	Indiana	2.25
Cabell	Princeton	2.25
2.40	Canadian	2.80
Somerset, light	Smackover, 27 deg	1.50
2.65	Corsicana heavy	1.15
Rock Creek	Eureka	\$3.25
2.25	Illinois	2.37
Smackover, 27 deg	Crichton	2.10
1.50	Plymouth	1.90
	Haynesville, 33 deg	2.10
	Gulf Coastal "A"	1.40
	De Soto	2.30

RUBBER.—Prices rose last week 80 to 110 points including 10 to 30 points on the 16th inst. Outside prices advanced ¼c. Tire mills are said to be buying more freely for spot and nearby delivery. They had held off so long it seems that buying became imperative. October delivery has come to the front in a sudden awakening under the stimulus of a better demand. Of course tire makers must look to the automobile industry. And that is working at a high production. It is said that the total for 1926 will be 10% larger than in 1925, or some 4,750,000 vehicles, against 4,336,271 last year. Spot and nearby rubber rose despite heavy imports. Arrivals for the month so far are 16,450 tons at New York. That is certainly large. Unused coupons, it is said, will not be arbitrarily cancelled, but according to the London trade, their holders will be given until Feb. 1 1927 to use them for rubber export. If that is so, the favorable effect of a 20% cut in exports next quarter is a moot question.

The Rubber Association issued a correction of the statistical data on inventory and production of balloon casings and balloon inner tubes. The August figures are correct as originally reported, but the July totals on casings and inner tubes were transposed in the report through a printer's error. The comparisons now read: Balloon casings: Inventory, July 3,246,844; August 3,116,440. Production 1,918,251 and 2,020,347. Balloon inner tubes: Inventory 4,686,819 and 4,552,647; production 1,869,089 and 2,024,197, respectively. London cables late last week indicated that Monday's increase in stocks would be from 1,500 to 2,300 tons. Imports for the month now exceed those of any preceding month this year at this date. The steamers Venice Maru from Singapore and the Baltic from Liverpool landed 1,512 tons here, making the October figure to date 16,450 tons. Nine more steamers are due from the Far East. October was 42.90c. on the 16th inst.; December, 43.60 to 53.80c. closing at 43.70c.; March, 44.50c. Ribbed smoked sheets spot and October, 43¼c.; November, 43½c.; December, 44c.; Jan.-March, 44½c.; First latex crepe, 43¾c.; clean thin, brown crepe, 40¾c.; light clean crepe, 41c.; specky, brown crepe, 39½c. Goodyear is building more warehouses and Firestone another factory.

Increased supplies caused a decline on the 18th inst. of 20 to 50 points. Exports from Malaya have been large. It is contended manufacturers will face 1927 with decreasing supplies of rubber if the British Colonial Office cancels the outstanding export coupons. Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and October, 42¾c.; November, 43¼c.; December, 43¾c.; January-March, 44¼c.; first latex crepe, 42¾c.; clean thin, brown crepe, 40¾c.; light clean crepe, 41c.; specky brown crepe, 39½c. London declined early in the week owing to a big increase in stocks. Spot, October, 21 to 21½d.; December, 21½d. to 21½d.; January-March, 21¼ to 22d.; April-June, 22¼ to 22½d. Singapore, spot, 20½d.; November-December, 20½d.; January-March, 21½d., ex-godown Singapore. London on the 18th reported an increase of 2,424 tons in the stock. Arrivals during the week were 3,557 tons, deliveries 1,133 tons. The stock was 39,650 tons, against 37,226 in the previous week, 33,249 last month and 5,190 last year.

On the 21st inst. New York fell 20 to 30 points, owing to auto curtailment; sales, 522 tons. London was dull and not much changed. Chicago wired that the South Bend, Ind., factories of the Studebaker Corporation were returning to a four-day-a-week basis to avoid overproduction. Closing prices here were: December, 42.30c.; January, 42.90c. Outside prices: Spot ribbed, 42½ to 42¾c.; October, 42c.; November, 43¾c.; December, 42½ to 43c.; January-March, 43¾c. First latex crepe, 42½c.; clean, crepe, 40¾c.; specky brown crepe, 39¼c.; Para, Cauchoa ball upper, 28 to 28½c.; Guayule, washed and dried, 29 to 33½c.; Balta, Block Ciudad, 47 to 48c.; London, spot, 20¾d. to 20½d.; October, 20¾d. to 20½d.; December, 21d. to 21½d.; January-March, 21¾d. to 21½d.; April-June, 21¾d. to 22½d. Singapore, spot, 20½d.; November-December, 20½d.; January-March, ex-godown Singapore. To-day prices were firmer, although October was an exception, ending 20 points lower than yesterday. London was unchanged to ½d. lower; spot, 20½d. Some months were 10 points higher here, but business was only moderate. October ended at 42c.; November, 42.20c.; December, 42.60c.

HIDES were in some cases quiet and rather weaker on Plate prices. Some San Domingoes, it is said, sold at 18½c. Of frigorific hides 4,000 Swift La Plata steers sold at \$38 12½ or 17 5-16c. c.&f. City packer hides were more active. Two uptown packers sold 10,000 butt brands, it appears, at 15½c. for butt brands and 15c. for Colorados. Country hides were in better demand and firm.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Coal tonnage has been in demand. Grain tonnage has been wanted. Rates were naturally strong. The British coal situation is still a big factor. It has introduced an anomalous state of things. High record Montreal October grain shipments at 40c. have been a feature. Coal has gone to the United Kingdom at \$8 75. Montreal to Hull was done at about 43c.

CHARTERS included coal from Hampton Roads to Port Said, 26s. Nov.; from Hampton Roads to Savona or Genoa, \$7, Nov. 20 canceling; from Atlantic range to Oslo, 29s., free discharge first half Nov.; from Hampton Roads to Oran or Algiers, \$7 25, first half Nov.; from Atlantic range to west Italy, \$8 50 prompt; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 33s. 9d., Nov. 15 canceling; to United Kingdom, \$8 25, Nov. 1-15 canceling; to Atlantic Islands, \$8 35, Nov. 20 canceling; to Atlantic Islands, \$8, Nov. 15 canceling; same, \$8 50, Nov. 25 canceling; to United Kingdom, 42s. 6d., Nov. 5 canceling; same, 40s., Nov. 10 canceling; to River Plate, \$8 50, Nov. 25 canceling; to United Kingdom, \$8 75, Nov.; to Montevideo, Buenos Aires or La Plata, 33s. 9d., Dec. 15 canceling; to United Kingdom, 32s. 6d., Nov.; to Belfast, 37s. 6d., Nov. 1-15 canceling; to United Kingdom, 33s., Nov. 30 canceling; 32s., Dec. 5 canceling; to United Kingdom, 33s. 9d. first half Nov.; to United Kingdom, 35s., Nov. 10-25 canceling; same, 37s. 6d., Nov. 20; same, 35s., Nov. 30; same, 30s., Dec. 25; to west Italy, \$7 75, Dec. 20 canceling; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, \$7 prompt; from Atlantic range to Oslo, 35 Norwegian kroner (\$8 42), Nov. 15 canceling; from Atlantic range to Copenhagen, \$7 75, Nov. 15 canceling; from Atlantic range to south Norway, \$8 75, Nov.; from Hampton Roads to River Plate, 29s., Nov.; from Philadelphia to United Kingdom, 29s., Oct.; from Hampton Roads to French Atlantic, \$7, Nov. 5-20 canceling; to United Kingdom, 29s., Nov. 20 canceling; from Atlantic range to Copenhagen, \$7 75, Nov.; same, \$7 50; from Atlantic range to Oslo, \$8, Nov.; from Hampton Roads or Baltimore to west Italy, \$7 40, Nov. 10 canceling; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, \$7 35; Rotterdam, \$7 35; French Atlantic, \$7 40, Nov. 25 canceling; to French Atlantic, \$7, Nov.; from Hampton Roads to Manchester, 32s. 6d., Nov. 15 canceling; to United Kingdom, 30s., Nov. 20 canceling; 29s., Nov. 25, 28s., Nov. 30; to United Kingdom, 30s., Nov.; to United Kingdom, 30s., Nov. 15 canceling; to United Kingdom, 30s., Dec. 5 canceling; to United Kingdom, 31s., Nov. 25 canceling; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, \$7 prompt; from Hampton Roads or Baltimore to west Italy, \$7 50, Nov. 15 canceling; \$7 40 if Nov. 20, \$7 30 if Nov. 25, \$7 15 if Nov. 30; from Atlantic range to west Italy, \$7 50, first half Nov.; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 36s., Nov. 2; same, 36s., Nov. 5; same, 35s., Nov. 30; same, 32s. 6d., Nov. 25; same, 32s. 6d., Nov.; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 27s., Nov.; Dec.; grain from Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 38c.; option Hamburg, 40c., Nov. 5 canceling. **TANKERS:** Gulf of Tampico to United Kingdom, 29s., Nov.-Dec.; gas oil Gulf to French Atlantic, 32s., Nov.-Dec.; clean, one year's consecutive voyages transatlantic, North Atlantic to United Kingdom-Continent, 24s. 6d.; option Gulf loading, 27s. 6d., beginning Jan.; clean, one year's consecutive voyages, transatlantic, North Atlantic to United Kingdom-Continent, 24s. 6d.; option Gulf loading, 27s. 6d., beginning Jan. **TIME CHARTER:** 3,435 net, one trip delivery Japan, redelivery Australia, 4s. 3d., Oct.; 2,660 net, round trip transatlantic trade, 6s. 6d., delivery and redelivery United Kingdom prompt; 3,207 net, 7 to 9 months Australia trading, delivery and redelivery United Kingdom-Continent, 4s. 4d., dead weight, Nov.; grain from New York to Bremen, full cargo barley, 25c.; option St. John loading, 27c., Dec.; from Gulf to Santos, 35s., Nov.; from North Pacific to United Kingdom-Continent, 36s. 6d.; Mediterranean, 39s., Dec.; from Atlantic range or west St. John to Mediterranean, 32c.; 33c., two ports, 34c., three ports, Dec.; from Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 38c.; option Hamburg, 40c., Nov.; from Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 31c.; Bordeaux-Havre-Dunkirk, 33c., Nov.

COAL has been advancing and so have freight rates. Pocahontas coal at Hampton Roads was quoted at \$7 50. Some said Pennsylvania bituminous navy standard at New York would bring \$6 25 to \$6 75. The Pennsylvania RR., it was feared might impose a local embargo on coal shipments to the Hudson with export destination. Little exportable gas coal at Hampton Roads was offered at less than \$6 50. Last of November ocean tonnage was said to have commanded 34s for the United Kingdom. Western markets were firm. Screened nut low volatile has been quiet. Consumers prefer the larger sizes. Nut has advanced about 50c. Stove has also risen. The slack by-product of the screen is up. British coal strike export business is still of notable size. No sign appears of an ending of the strike. Cold and snowy weather in New England and low temperatures at times in the West have been stimulating factors. At higher prices late last week, 200,000 tons sold for export to the United Kingdom. England prefers to buy here. One dealer at Hampton Roads quoted Pocahontas at \$7 and higher later. A December coal charter to West Italy was at \$7. Steamships have found bunker quotations as high as \$9 at Boston. Canadian-Atlantic bunkers advanced 50c. in the week.

TOBACCO.—In Hartford trade is said to be rather brisk. A pool inscription was held there. Much of the Porto Rican crop has been sold. High prices are demanded for what remains and this is checking trade. In other tobacco there is a fair business reported at steady prices. Cigar manufacturers are busy and it is said are in some cases oversold. First Remedios Havana, 85c.; second Remedios, 70c.; Pennsylvania broad leaf filler, 10c.; broadleaf binder, 15 to 20c.; Porto Rico, 75c. to \$1; Connecticut top leaf, 18c., nominal; No. 1 second, 75c.; seed fillers, 15c.; medium wrappers, 95c.; dark wrappers, 35 to 45c.; light wrappers, 90c. to \$1 40.

COPPER was generally quiet and weaker. Early in the week 14.20c., delivered to the Valley, was quoted, but later the price eased to 14 1/2c. The functioning of the Copper Exporters, Inc., was expected to have a strengthening influence on the market, but it was largely neutralized by the unfavorable September statistics. Reports from the Lake district stated that buying for water shipment during the fall is very small, but a satisfactory movement is noticeable for prompt shipment. Standard spot in London on the 19th inst. declined 2s. 6d. to £58 15s.; futures unchanged at £59 12s. 6d.; sales, 300 tons spot and 1,700 futures. On the 20th inst. standard spot and futures declined 10s. to £58 5s. for spot and £59 2s. 6d. for futures on sales of 300 tons of spot and 1,400 tons of futures. There was a sharp drop in the price of silver early in the week and this is expected to affect the earnings of several copper producers who turn out silver as a by-product. Official prices of the Copper Exporters, Inc., on the 20th inst. were: Hamburg, 14.40c. c.i.f.; Havre, 14.42 1/2, and London, 14.47 1/2c. The settling

price on the 20th inst. was off 2 1/2 points on the local exchange to 14 bid and 14.20 asked, and 14.10c. the settling price, spot to November. Latterly copper has been dull and depressed at 14.10c. London was slightly higher; standard up 2s. 6d. on Thursday to £58 7s. 6d. spot; electrolytic, spot, £66 10s.

TIN early in the week was quiet. Prices were unchanged. Spot Straits, 70 1/2c.; October, 70c.; November, 69 1/4c.; December, 68 3/8c. and January, 67 7/8c. At New York on the 19th inst. 5 tons of October Straits sold at 70c. There were good sales at other centers. In London 900 tons sold while at Singapore the sales amounted to 375 tons. London on the 19th inst. declined 10s. on standard spot to £314 10s. but futures advanced £2 7s. 6d. to £305 12s. 6d. on sales of 200 tons spot and 700 tons of futures. Spot Straits declined 10s. to £322; Eastern c. i. f. London dropped £1 10s. to £311 10s. on sales of 375 tons. Prices here on the 20th inst. declined in sympathy with a lower London market. There was considerable buying at the lower prices, however. Sales of Straits were made at 69 1/2 to 69 3/8c. for spot, 69c. for October, 68 1/2 for November, 67 1/2 for December and 67 5/8 to 68 1/4c. for January. Sales at New York were estimated at 300 to 400 tons mostly to consumers. Spot standard in London on the 20th inst. fell £3 5s. to £311 5s. and futures dropped £3 2s. 6d. to £302 10s. Spot Straits declined £3 10s. to £318 10s.; Eastern c. i. f. was £311 10s. Latterly tin has been helped by a stronger stock market. Spot Straits 69.10c.; December 67 3/4c. London on Thursday fell £2 on the spot to £309 5s.; futures up £1 to £302 10s.

LEAD.—There was a good demand early in the week, but later it fell off, and prices weakened both here and in London. The decline in the stock market, weakness of other metals and a falling off of business in the steel industry were adverse factors. The American Smelting & Refining Co. was quoting 8.35c. New York. In the Middle West the price declined to 8.07 1/2c. and there were intimations that 8.05c. was done. London on the 19th inst. declined 5s. to £30 18s. 9d. for spot and futures fell 2s. 6d. to £30 17s. 6d. on sales of 150 tons of spot and 250 tons of futures. On the 20th spot there dropped 6s. 3d. to £30 12s. 6d. and futures fell 5s. to £30 12s. 6d. Lead ore dropped \$2 50 per ton to \$120 50 in the tri-State district. Of late prices have shown an easier tendency here, though the big company adh res to 8.35c. New York. The Middle West was weaker, at 8.02 1/2 East St. Louis and some business was done, it was said, at 8c. London dropped 5s. to £30 7s. 6d. for spot.

ZINC was quiet and easier. The decline in other metals and lower cables were depressing influences. The falling off of business in the steel industry also had its effect. At East St. Louis the price was 7.32 1/2c. Zinc ore in the tri-State district was advanced \$1 to \$49. This advance resulted in the release of 17,000 tons of ore which had been held for higher prices. London on the 19th inst. was unchanged at £34 8s. 9d. for spot and £34 6s. 3d. for futures; on the 20th there was a decline in London of 3s. 9d. to £34 5s. for spot and £34 2s. 6d. for futures. Prices have been drifting downward of late. Prompt, 7.30c.; November-December, 7.27 1/2c. to 7.30c.; East St. Louis with trade dull. High grade, 9 1/4 to 9 1/2c. delivered, New York. London fell 2s. 6d. on Thursday with spot £34 2s. 6d.

STEEL.—There has been a decrease, not unexpected, in trade and output. Large consumers are indifferent. They are supposed to be well supplied. Certainly they bought heavily for the third quarter. Deliveries are quick. This of course is re-assuring to buyers. They can get heavy finished steel in a week. Sales are falling off. There is no attempt to deny it. Recently, however, Japanese interests have been big buyers of tin plate. Within less than two months they have taken 100,000 base boxes and they are inquiring for 35,000 more. Not a few of the sales, it is intimated, have been at \$4 60 Pittsburgh. The composite steel price has not changed on the finished product, i.e., 2.453c., against 2.403c. a year ago. But increased conservatism, as already intimated, is plainly evident now. Pittsburgh quotes 1.90c. for plates, no matter what the size of the order. Open hearth output has decreased somewhat, but this has been counterbalanced, it is said, by increased production of Bessemer steel. Pittsburgh is said to be working at 90%.

PIG IRON.—Late last week the trend of prices was considered upward. For foreign iron was higher, coke was rising and the demand for iron showed some increase. German and Dutch iron advanced 50c. with German \$21 50 duty paid. Eastern Pennsylvania was quoted at \$21 to \$21 50 nominally, but some were said to be trying to get \$22 for the first quarter of 1927. London reported Cleveland pig iron 10s. higher on the 16th inst. Royal Dutch iron is said to have sold at a rise of \$21 75 for No. 2 plain and 2-X and \$22 for No. 1-X. German iron is arriving at Boston. New England bought 1,000 tons of charcoal iron at the reduced price of \$24. Lake Superior furnace. Coke prices remain very firm. Furnace is supposed to be around \$5. Coke is not easy to quote.

WOOL has sold rather freely for prompt delivery and at firm prices. The mills in some cases may have held off too long and their trade has improved. In England it is true

the coal strike still overshadows the situation. Continental buyers, as well as Japanese, have bought freely in Australia. America has taken some high grades. Average sorts declined at Sydney on the 15th inst. River Plate markets were less active. Mohair was rather quiet but steady. Prices in the country have declined. The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 to Oct. 14, inclusive were 158,022,000 lbs. against 138,420,000 lbs. for the same period last year. The receipts from Jan. 1 to Oct. 14, inclusive, were 297,813,657 lbs., against 259,275,500 lbs. for the same period last year. Boston prices.

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces delaine unwashed, 45 to 46c.; 1/4 blood combing, 45 to 46c.; 3/8 blood combing, 45 to 46c.; 1/2 blood combing, 45 to 46c.; fine unwashed, 40 to 42c. Michigan and New York fleeces delaine unwashed, 43 to 44c.; 1/4 blood combing, 43 to 44c.; 3/8 blood combing, 45 to 46c.; fine unwashed, 38 to 39c. Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England 1/4 blood, 40 to 42c.; 3/8 blood, 43 to 44c.; 1/2 blood, 42 to 43c.; scoured basis. Texas fine 12 months (selected), \$1 10 to \$1 12; fine 8 months, 90 to 92c. California Northern, \$1 05 to \$1 10; Middle County, 95c. to \$1 00; Southern, 80 to 85c. Oregon, Northern, \$1 08 to \$1 12; fine and fine medium clothing, 90 to 96c.; Valley No. 1, 93 to 95c. Territory, Montana and similar fine staple, choice, \$1 10 to \$1 15; 1/4 blood combing, \$1 to \$1 05; 3/8 blood combing, 90 to 93c.; 1/2 blood combing, 80 to 82c.; Pulled delaine, \$1 12; AA, \$1 08 to \$1 10; fine A supers, \$1 to \$1 05; A supers, 92 to 97c. Mohairs, best combing, 70 to 75c.

At Sydney, Australia on Oct. 15th sales closed firm. Demand steady for all qualities, but average sorts were lower. France was the largest buyer and the offerings generally more attractive. Greasy merinos sold at 29 1/2d., the season's best price; comebacks were 23d. and crossbreds 18d. Montreal wired that an increase of 10% is estimated for the Canadian wool clip of 1926, compared with that of a year ago. The Co-operative Wool Growers point out that this is to more sheep being raised in the Dominion, particularly in Alberta and Quebec. The total clip is now placed at 11,000,000 lbs. compared with 10,000,000 lbs. in 1925. This comprises only the wool removed from mature breeding sheep, no account being taken of that considerable portion from lambs which is known as "pulled wool." At Perth, Australia on October 18th attendance large. Selection good. Demand light. Some 20,000 bales were offered. Demand from the Continent was active but English buyers did little. Prices were 10% lower as compared with the September sale. The top price was 24d. At Melbourne on October 20th selection of average sort and mostly sold. American and Japan bought well. Yorkshire took little. Best descriptions steady; topmaking sorts fell 5 to 7 1/2% below October 12th.

COTTON.

Friday Night, Oct. 22 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 587,297 bales, against 618,810 bales last week and 622,656 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1926 4,039,015 bales, against 3,143,793 bales for the same period of 1925, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1926 of 895,222 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	24,252	27,612	48,257	21,728	19,588	13,647	155,084
Houston	7,670	23,527	18,071	16,782	18,071	7,670	167,575
Houston*	28,160	51,045	34,133	16,384	19,782	13,328	123,957
New Orleans	14,424	22,102	24,231	27,802	22,070	13,328	123,957
Mobile	3,011	3,575	4,963	5,425	3,835	8,549	29,358
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	---	1,900	1,900
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	---	35	35
Savannah	8,488	11,851	7,581	6,717	7,422	7,321	49,380
Charleston	4,256	5,019	8,326	3,792	2,125	3,345	26,863
Wilmington	1,179	279	977	1,065	564	938	5,002
Norfolk	1,822	2,245	5,063	2,410	2,186	4,591	18,317
New York	102	100	---	293	118	90	703
Boston	---	235	31	---	32	---	298
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	876	876
Philadelphia	30	157	---	---	---	92	279
Totals this week	85,724	124,220	133,562	85,616	77,722	80,453	587,297

* 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 Oct. 22.	1926.		1925.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1926.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1925.	1926.	1925.
Galveston	155,084	1,031,116	132,746	910,414	537,886	382,168
Texas City	7,670	23,527	---	---	18,365	1
Houston*	167,575	1,454,776	59,300	612,513	611,934	---
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Orleans	123,957	583,027	91,791	716,466	408,583	375,135
Gulfport	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mobile	29,358	119,603	10,276	96,261	39,395	36,686
Pensacola	1,900	7,931	---	2,127	---	---
Jacksonville	35	134	---	538	---	473
Savannah	49,380	448,286	35,738	452,312	173,957	155,738
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	300
Charleston	26,863	212,676	14,125	120,515	104,205	53,443
Georgetown	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wilmington	5,002	37,580	5,492	41,850	19,083	20,596
Norfolk	18,317	100,371	30,789	162,282	77,501	121,763
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---
New York	703	2,055	354	1,218	90,926	33,770
Boston	298	3,494	182	2,417	1,391	962
Baltimore	876	14,100	1,695	7,135	1,728	775
Philadelphia	279	279	---	---	6,943	3,613
Totals	587,297	4,039,015	383,026	3,143,793	2,092,370	1,188,319

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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	155,084	132,746	163,523	134,820	116,996	110,771
Houston, &c*	167,575	59,300	24,093	21,404	41,624	1,735
New Orleans	123,957	91,791	74,853	42,613	80,039	50,346
Mobile	29,358	10,276	3,610	1,920	4,614	4,615
Savannah	49,380	35,738	23,732	21,237	19,183	25,063
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	1,100
Charleston	26,863	14,125	12,215	16,515	4,762	2,239
Wilmington	5,002	5,492	5,104	9,112	6,154	3,160
Norfolk	18,317	30,789	22,034	26,918	12,992	14,694
N'port N., &c.	---	---	---	---	---	46
All others	11,761	2,769	10,128	2,638	10,075	4,830
Total this wk.	587,297	333,026	339,292	277,177	297,539	217,599
Since Aug. 1	4,039,015	3,143,793	2,637,203	2,318,866	2,070,922	2,052,952

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The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 358,689 bales, of which 112,084 were to Great Britain, 38,175 to France, 99,835 to Germany, 20,339 to Italy, 56,177 to Japan and China and 32,079 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 291,941 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 2,082,018 bales, against 1,966,783 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended Oct. 22 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	43,554	21,684	25,334	13,296	---	8,870	10,430	123,168
Houston	13,538	10,966	18,627	5,568	---	---	7,793	56,492
Texas City	1,938	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,938
New Orleans	12,652	5,075	4,206	---	---	15,143	8,198	45,274
Mobile	8,038	---	7,253	---	---	2,500	---	17,791
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	---	---	300	300
Savannah	25,769	---	29,488	---	---	4,800	550	60,607
Charleston	---	---	8,005	---	---	6,000	---	14,005
Norfolk	4,509	---	6,187	---	---	---	652	11,348
New York	387	---	735	1,475	---	---	4,156	6,753
Los Angeles	1,699	450	---	---	---	---	---	2,149
San Francisco	---	---	---	---	---	7,015	---	7,015
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	11,849	---	11,849
Total	112,084	38,175	99,835	20,339	---	56,177	32,079	358,689
Total 1925	88,353	17,662	91,542	9,717	---	62,812	21,855	291,941
Total 1924	34,906	1,549	34,213	6,345	---	31,197	8,062	116,273

From Aug. 1 1925 to Oct. 22 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	139,595	88,903	127,278	48,045	37,417	33,524	75,423	550,185
Houston	155,785	111,497	145,367	61,596	62,950	49,739	37,532	624,466
Texas City	3,309	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,309
New Orleans	42,471	17,271	52,061	27,332	17,506	71,502	23,318	251,461
Mobile	18,777	132	18,668	300	---	2,500	753	41,130
Pensacola	1,604	---	3,087	---	---	---	---	4,991
Savannah	73,166	100	164,091	4,300	---	6,800	6,432	256,459
Charleston	18,044	331	78,292	---	---	9,388	2,227	110,764
Wilmington	3,000	---	10,500	4,262	---	---	---	17,762
Norfolk	15,327	---	25,272	---	---	---	16,013	41,351
New York	26,337	12,292	27,983	8,765	---	---	19,149	109,887
Boston	220	---	---	---	---	---	938	1,158
Baltimore	---	200	52	400	---	---	---	652
Philadelphia	394	---	---	---	---	---	1,177	1,571
Los Angeles	3,632	550	2,250	---	---	2,450	---	8,882
San Francisco	---	---	---	---	---	30,108	8	30,116
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	27,674	200	27,874
Total	501,661	231,276	654,901	155,000	117,873	233,685	187,622	2,082,018
Total 1925	529,490	194,730	633,838	132,725	96,323	184,624	195,053	1,966,783
Total 1924	535,628	219,801	350,309	139,668	53,295	154,505	155,688	1,608,874

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 September the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 13,041 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 20,478 bales. For the two months ended June 30 1926 there were 20,341 bales exported as against 20,478 bales for the corresponding two months of 1925.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, at the ports named.

Oct. 22 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	12,100	6,200	8,000	23,100	9,000	58,400
New Orleans	6,817	12,965	12,638	30,581	1,222	64,223
Savannah	10	---	3,000	---	500	3,510
Charleston	---	---	---	---	1,631	1,631
Mobile	5,500	522	---	3,700	159	9,881
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	77,501
Other ports*	3,000	2,000	4,000	6,500	500	16,000
Total 1926	27,427	21,687	27,638	63,881	13,012	153,645
Total 1925	38,676	26,651	37,348	54,762	10,345	167,782
Total 1924	38,669	27,260	37,151	69,315	33,288	205,683

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a moderate scale, with the drift of price downward owing to generally good weather and persistent hedge selling. Also, there has been a good deal of tired long liquidation. What is popularly known as "stale" long liquidation was a noticeable feature on Thursday afternoon. The tropical storm which developed such seemingly formidable proportions in Cuba sheared off to all appearance before it struck Florida and went out seaward. There had been some apprehension on this score. It speedily disappeared. Cotton goods of late have been more quiet. Liverpool has been weaker. It is impressed by the size of the crop and by general liquidation. Increased hedge selling has left its impress on that market also. The Continent has been selling there. In fact, there has been general liquidation across the water. Manchester has been quiet. Buyers are not inclined to take hold of either yarns or cloths at all freely. They distrust

present prices. They do not believe that the decline has culminated. The bids from India at Manchester have been altogether too low. China trade has been particularly dull. The weekly weather report was in the main favorable. The weather during the week on the whole has been very good for saving and picking as well as ginning and marketing the crop. On Thursday appeared an estimate of 17,200,000 bales. Another, from Memphis, was 16,810,000 bales. They had no very marked effect, merely confirming the generality of people in the expectation of a bearish Government report on the 25th inst. It is also believed that because of the recent very favorable weather the ginning for the latest period will be very large. Speculation for the rise has been very small, where there has been any at all. There is very pronounced skepticism as to the likelihood of any sustained advance until the peak of the crop movement has been passed, and it ceases to weigh on the market as it does now. The South, Wall Street and Liverpool have been selling. Nothing definite has yet been done towards holding back 4,000,000 bales. Chairman Eugene Meyer, of the National Commission, thinks that the ordinary means of marketing are working smoothly for the time being.

In Egypt prices have been rapidly declining. The planter in that country is in pretty much the same fix, to all appearances, as the American planter. He complains of a big crop and falling prices. He wants the Egyptian Government to come in again and help him. The Egyptian Government has tried to help him in the past by buying cotton and holding it off the market. Its success in these measures did not seem any too flattering. Nothing has been heard of additional attempts to extricate the Egyptian fellaheen from his new predicament. Apparently it is felt he should have profited by the experience of recent years. Paternalism is apt to produce precisely this effect of calling for more wherever it is tried. The only cure for the economic ills of the cotton belt is reduction of acreage, and so a reduction of the crop to proportions in conformity with the demands of the market.

On the other hand, there is a steady trade demand on a scale down often of 1 to 2 points. Where there is not too much pressure of hedges or liquidation this acts, for a time at least, as a kind of brake on any downward tendency. There is also more or less unobtrusive investment demand. It comes from people who could stand a siege. To others the long side, as already intimated, does not appeal. But spot markets have been brisk even if they have not been so active as recently. The sales continue to run ahead of those of last year. The Continent has been buying. In some cases it is said to have taken more or less cotton for 1927 and 1928 delivery. It appears that some of the Continental mills have directed that the cotton shall be shipped to them at once. The costs of storage, interest and insurance are said to be not much more than half of what they are on this side of the water. Some of the mills have been buying low grades, even tinges, tempted by the attractive discounts on such cotton. New England and the Carolinas have been buying to a certain extent, though apparently not very heavily. Liverpool has bought on at least a moderate scale. Bombay has taken a certain quantity. It is significant, too, that New Orleans, Galveston and Houston have been calling on the Government for more cotton steamers. Ocean freights have been steadily rising. Yet in spite of this, exports make quite a good showing. On a single day they were 180,000 bales. Of course, the rise in ocean tonnage rates is due to the coal strike in Great Britain, one result of which is enormous importations of coal and an absorption of abnormally large amounts of ocean tonnage which would naturally go to the grain and cotton trades, Great Britain ordinarily being a large exporter of coal. But Europe needs American cotton. The price is 8 to 17c. lower than at this time for the last three years. Recently there has been a decline of about 6c. This appeals to the Continental spinner. Margins of profit are more attractive. The tendency of foreign currencies has been upward. The buying power of the world is rising. In New England the trend is towards increased hours of work. Fall River is said to be operating at about 77%. Many are looking forward to the withdrawal of 4,000,000 bales from the market. It is said that the plan is to hold this quantity off for about 18 months and see to it that the farmers cut their acreage at least 25% next spring. Some are talking about a possible decrease of 40%. That appears to be out of the question. But smarting under the experience of the fall of 1926, the cotton planter of the South may on this account and because of the pressure of public opinion really reduce his acreage sharply in the spring of 1927. The great decline in cotton has attracted the attention of the whole country. Reciprocal relations between the big industries of the country make it certain that the South cannot suffer without other parts of the country feeling it. As the case stands now there is more or less of a reversion to the condition of former years, with manufacturing looking up and agriculture more or less depressed, especially in the cotton belt. But proverbially "when things get to their worst they mend."

To-day prices were slightly lower early, but wound up at a small net rise, with the tone steady. Spinners' takings made no bad showing. Neither did the exports for the week. The quantity brought into sight was not so large as had been expected. Some had been looking for a new high

record. It fell well below that. There was less hedge selling, especially in the afternoon. Mills were buying. New Orleans bought to some extent. Shorts took profits. The average exchange guess here on the Government report on the 25th inst. is 17,110,000 bales. The universal conviction is that the crop is 17,000,000 bales if not more. Some would not be surprised if it should turn out to be 17,500,000 bales. There is some complaint of congestion in the smaller towns at the South, both at warehouses and compresses. And in this emergency it is worth while to recall that New York has a storage capacity with a little shifting of merchandise of 400,000 bales, and that by the latter part of January it will be some 500,000 bales. The charges here have been materially reduced and of course there is always the added advantage of big banking facilities and cheap money. These things are being more generally discussed than at any time for years past, as the spot business at New York is materially increasing. To-day the sales were 7,000 bales, and for the week they are over 28,000 bales. Final prices for futures show a decline for the week of 105 points. Spot cotton ended at 12.55c. for middling, a decline also of 105 points.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been.

Oct. 16 to Oct. 22—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland—	13.20	13.05	13.00	12.80	12.55	12.55

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Oct. 22 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows.

1926	12.55c.	1918	32.00c.	1910	14.45c.	1902	8.70c.
1925	21.75c.	1917	28.45c.	1909	13.95c.	1901	8.38c.
1924	24.20c.	1916	18.50c.	1908	9.40c.	1900	9.56c.
1923	30.30c.	1915	12.45c.	1907	11.45c.	1899	7.38c.
1922	23.95c.	1914	—	1906	11.25c.	1898	5.50c.
1921	18.60c.	1913	14.50c.	1905	10.40c.	1897	6.12c.
1920	21.00c.	1912	11.00c.	1904	9.95c.	1896	7.94c.
1919	36.60c.	1911	9.75c.	1903	10.00c.	1895	8.62c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 40 pts. dec.	Barely steady	6,200	—	6,200
Monday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Steady	—	100	100
Tuesday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Barely steady	1,500	—	1,500
Wednesday	Quiet, 20 pts. dec.	Barely steady	6,000	1,100	7,100
Thursday	Quiet, 25 pts. dec.	Easy	1,400	900	2,350
Friday	Quiet, Unchanged	Steady	7,150	—	7,150
Total	—	—	22,250	2,100	24,350
Since Aug. 1	—	—	115,571	66,300	181,871

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows.

	Saturday, Oct. 16.	Monday, Oct. 18.	Tuesday, Oct. 19.	Wednesday, Oct. 20.	Thursday, Oct. 21.	Friday, Oct. 22.
October—						
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—
Closing	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nov.—						
Range	—	—	—	12.56-12.56	—	—
Closing	12.81	12.66	12.61	12.45	12.17	12.18
Dec.—						
Range	12.92-13.18	12.58-12.80	12.67-12.99	12.55-12.77	12.27-12.52	12.19-12.32
Closing	12.92-12.96	12.77-12.79	12.72-12.75	12.55-12.56	12.27-12.28	12.28-12.29
Jan.—						
Range	13.00-13.23	12.65-12.88	12.76-13.06	12.62-12.84	12.35-12.58	12.26-12.39
Closing	13.00-13.03	12.86-12.88	12.78-12.80	12.62-12.65	12.35-12.37	12.37-12.38
Feb.—						
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—
Closing	13.12	12.99	12.90	12.73	12.47	12.48
March—						
Range	13.25-13.44	12.92-13.12	13.00-13.29	12.88-13.08	12.58-12.83	12.52-12.64
Closing	13.25-13.30	13.11-13.12	13.02-13.03	12.88-12.90	12.58-12.61	12.60-12.62
April—						
Range	—	13.20-13.20	—	—	—	12.60-12.60
Closing	13.31	13.20	13.13	12.97	12.68	12.70
May—						
Range	13.43-13.67	13.13-13.32	13.22-13.51	13.08-13.29	12.80-13.05	12.74-12.85
Closing	13.43-13.49	13.31-13.32	13.25-13.30	13.08-13.11	12.80-12.81	12.80-12.83
June—						
Range	—	—	—	—	12.90	12.90
Closing	13.51	13.40	13.34	13.16	12.90	12.90
July—						
Range	13.60-13.84	13.30-13.50	13.40-13.67	13.27-13.47	13.01-13.24	12.93-13.03
Closing	13.60-13.62	13.50	13.43-13.46	13.27	13.01-13.02	12.98
August—						
Range	—	—	—	13.50-13.50	—	—
Closing	13.70	13.60	13.52	13.40	13.14	13.10
Sept.—						
Range	13.85-13.90	13.60-13.71	13.65-13.72	13.50-13.50	13.25-13.40	13.15-13.22
Closing	13.85	13.71	13.61	13.45	13.25	13.20

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Oct. 22 1926 and since trading began on each option.

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.	
Oct. 1926	—	12.60 Oct. 8 1926 19.70 Nov. 6 1925	
Nov. 1926	12.56 Oct. 20	12.56 Oct. 20 1926 18.20 Feb. 5 1926	
Dec. 1926	12.19 Oct. 22	12.19 Oct. 22 1926 18.50 Jan. 4 1926	
Jan. 1927	12.26 Oct. 22	12.26 Oct. 22 1926 18.28 Sept. 8 1926	
Feb. 1927	—	13.39 Oct. 11 1926 18.10 Sept. 1 1926	
Mar. 1927	12.52 Oct. 22	13.44 Oct. 16 12.00 Oct. 22 1927 16.10 July 6 1926	
Apr. 1927	12.60 Oct. 22	13.20 Oct. 16 12.74 Oct. 22 1926 18.65 Sept. 8 1926	
May 1927	12.74 Oct. 22	13.67 Oct. 16 16.00 Sept. 23 1926 16.00 Sept. 23 1926	
June 1927	—	13.84 Oct. 16 12.93 Oct. 22 1926 18.51 Sept. 2 1926	
July 1927	12.93 Oct. 22	13.50 Oct. 9 1926 14.25 Oct. 14 1926	
Aug. 1927	13.50 Oct. 22	13.90 Oct. 16 13.15 Oct. 22 1926 14.50 Oct. 15 1926	
Sept. 1927	13.15 Oct. 22	—	—

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently

all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Stock at Liverpool.....bales.	768,000	467,000	368,000	373,000
Stock at London.....	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Stock at Manchester.....	56,000	33,000	30,000	25,000
Total Great Britain.....	824,000	500,000	400,000	400,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Stock at Bremen.....	160,000	182,000	60,000	51,000
Stock at Havre.....	72,000	106,000	82,000	74,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	6,000	3,000	5,000	4,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	16,000	29,000	34,000	62,000
Stock at Genoa.....	18,000	5,000	13,000	2,000
Stock at Ghent.....	1,000	5,000	3,000	2,000
Stock at Antwerp.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Continental stocks.....	272,000	331,000	199,000	210,000
Total European markets.....	1,096,000	831,000	599,000	610,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	37,000	54,000	22,000	87,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	833,000	737,000	511,000	420,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe.....	96,000	119,000	109,000	67,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	228,000	197,000	163,000	204,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	283,000	319,000	327,000	286,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	2,092,370	1,188,319	1,057,081	742,556
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,076,125	1,385,045	1,057,209	1,060,002
U. S. exports to-day.....	600	600	600	6,150
Total visible supply.....	5,741,495	4,830,364	3,845,890	3,482,708

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:
American—
 Liverpool stock.....bales. 380,000 173,000 185,000 158,000
 Manchester stock..... 40,000 20,000 15,000 17,000
 Continental stock..... 219,000 292,000 164,000 156,000
 American afloat for Europe..... 833,000 737,000 511,000 420,000
 U. S. port stocks..... 2,092,370 1,188,319 1,057,081 742,556
 U. S. interior stocks..... 1,076,125 1,385,045 1,057,209 1,060,002
 U. S. exports to-day..... 600 600 600 6,150

Total American..... 4,640,495 3,795,364 2,989,890 2,559,708
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—
 Liverpool stock..... 388,000 294,000 183,000 215,000
 London stock..... 16,000 13,000 15,000 8,000
 Manchester stock..... 52,000 39,000 35,000 54,000
 Continental stock..... 37,000 54,000 22,000 87,000
 Indian afloat for Europe..... 96,000 119,000 109,000 67,000
 Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat..... 228,000 197,000 163,000 204,000
 Stock in Alexandria, Egypt..... 283,000 319,000 327,000 286,000
 Stock in Bombay, India..... 1,101,000 1,035,000 856,000 923,000
Total East India, &c..... 4,640,495 3,795,364 2,989,890 2,559,708

Total visible supply..... 5,741,495 4,830,364 3,845,890 3,482,708
 Middling uplands, Liverpool..... 6.70d. 11.27d. 13.45d. 17.63d.
 Middling uplands, New York..... 12.55c. 21.80c. 23.35c. 31.75c.
 Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool..... 15.95d. 24.40d. 26.45d. 19.65d.
 Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool..... 13.50d. 24.00d. 21.00d. 14.50d.
 Broach, fine, Liverpool..... 6.15d. 10.50d. 12.90d. 18.75d.
 Tinnevely, good, Liverpool..... 6.70d. 10.90d. 13.30d. 15.65d.

Continental imports for past week have been 187,000 bales.

The above figures for 1926 show an increase over last week of 390,776 bales, a gain of 911,131 over 1925, an increase of 1,895,605 bales over 1924, and an increase of 2,258,787 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 Oct. 22 1926.				Movement to Oct. 23 1925.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Oct. 22.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Oct. 23.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birming'm	4,000	22,705	2,000	13,535	9,332	30,999	6,276	11,687
Eufaula.....	1,500	11,693	1,000	6,103	2,999	25,791	2,000	14,000
Montgomery.....	7,713	66,901	5,000	21,096	3,628	69,367	3,624	25,262
Selma.....	4,746	45,935	2,317	31,285	4,240	62,879	4,764	32,183
Ark., Helena.....	6,377	34,367	4,513	38,012	2,806	39,643	2,712	25,279
Little Rock.....	12,964	87,969	10,881	62,333	7,999	90,981	7,808	38,494
Pine Bluff.....	15,856	61,781	9,678	53,116	9,839	64,664	3,632	43,727
Ga., Albany.....	707	6,400	680	3,500	273	7,335	100	2,414
Atlanta.....	3,140	13,242	862	8,549	2,675	14,405	650	10,718
Augusta.....	24,765	171,186	5,723	56,914	10,172	177,120	5,607	45,197
Columbus.....	14,149	156,053	6,997	102,891	13,589	171,518	9,710	100,229
Macon.....	2,653	17,378	1,646	5,843	3,261	30,044	1,935	15,543
Rome.....	6,447	48,182	5,545	13,819	2,250	42,944	988	27,020
La., Shreveport.....	2,771	11,368	1,825	12,108	3,280	19,002	1,700	10,546
Miss., Columbus.....	11,586	65,606	7,872	32,941	10,059	99,310	5,761	33,906
Clarkeville.....	4,438	17,640	3,482	8,937	6,827	23,533	4,416	11,199
Greenwood.....	9,393	74,020	8,582	89,806	9,515	93,739	6,953	59,887
Meridian.....	3,933	66,248	6,594	80,233	16,633	97,281	11,632	60,001
Natchez.....	2,507	28,828	2,235	14,161	1,187	33,979	2,124	14,277
Vicksburg.....	2,189	18,842	1,306	11,214	2,184	33,887	1,574	14,782
Yazoo City.....	2,889	17,107	1,770	15,277	2,793	31,844	1,755	16,109
Mo., St. Louis.....	2,801	18,594	2,299	21,152	3,034	31,162	1,917	20,589
N.C., Greensboro.....	21,047	94,477	21,527	9,057	28,769	117,959	28,634	1,036
Raleigh.....	2,145	9,319	1,304	11,921	1,934	15,127	1,570	7,252
Okla., Altus.....	1,207	3,675	752	4,391	582	3,895	550	566
Chickasha.....	4,235	10,790	2,774	5,754	6,771	16,086	4,521	7,478
Oklahoma.....	4,602	20,599	3,332	6,982	9,186	26,057	7,327	10,530
S. C., Greenville.....	5,282	19,988	3,634	13,719	5,267	26,410	2,225	9,515
Greenwood.....	8,902	54,417	4,305	28,317	8,738	56,553	4,046	32,595
Tenn., Memphis.....	318	1,549	132	2,076	2,416	2,416	2,687	2,687
Nashville.....	88,689	425,839	63,927	245,790	55,155	366,257	45,297	129,479
Tex., Abilene.....	31	2,121	326	584	535	958	208	521
Brenham.....	5,702	24,760	6,148	2,073	7,000	25,794	5,351	3,955
Austin.....	2,569	14,683	221	5,897	62	3,011	57	4,089
Dallas.....	2,999	19,447	2,400	3,757	793	5,191	77	1,372
Houston.....	9,628	36,977	6,774	14,713	5,365	53,197	2,636	13,522
Paris.....	4,722	20,234	4,680	2,747	212,175	1,897,682	163,347	515,749
San Antonio.....	5,000	47,078	3,000	6,378	4,535	58,003	5,777	5,216
Fort Worth.....	4,091	23,486	4,834	6,034	893	16,221	1,333	2,322
					4,021	22,617	3,485	5,008

Total, 40 towns 321,659.1,791,484,223,461,107,612.5 480,613,904,861,364,729,138,504.5

* 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 100,723 bales and are to-night 308,920 bales less than at the same period last year. The receipts at all towns have been 158,957 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made

up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows.

Oct. 22— Shipped—	1926		1925	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis.....	21,527	97,598	28,634	119,703
Via Mounds, &c.....	14,950	55,525	15,150	54,500
Via Rock Island.....	305	1,923	1,543	3,065
Via Louisville.....	1,815	8,732	2,294	9,897
Via Virginia points.....	5,230	62,168	8,081	46,008
Via other routes, &c.....	24,013	100,424	24,363	116,785
Total gross overland.....	67,840	326,370	80,065	349,958
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.....	2,156	19,931	2,231	10,770
Between interior towns.....	675	4,838	685	5,401
Inland, &c., from South.....	10,494	159,064	8,709	83,979
Total to be deducted.....	13,325	183,833	11,625	100,150
Leaving total net overland *.....	54,515	142,537	68,440	249,808

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 54,515 bales, against 68,440 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 107,271 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1926		1925	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Oct. 22.....	587,297	4,039,015	383,026	3,143,793
Net overland to Oct. 22.....	54,515	142,537	68,440	249,808
Southern consumption to Oct. 22.....	110,000	1,158,000	90,000	1,090,000
Total marketed.....	751,812	5,339,552	541,466	4,483,601
Interior stocks in excess.....	100,723	508,202	117,680	1,220,277
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Oct. 1.....		*79,328		*140,990
Came into sight during week.....	852,535		659,146	
Total in sight Oct. 22.....	5,768,426		5,844,868	
North, spinners' takings to Oct. 22.....	76,570	477,100	82,735	411,865

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years.

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1924—Oct. 25.....	607,166	1924.....	4,402,444
1923—Oct. 25.....	474,357	1923.....	4,097,501

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week.

Week Ended Oct. 22.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thurs. day.	Friday.
Galveston.....	13.00	12.85	12.80	12.60	12.35	12.35
New Orleans.....	12.85	12.66	12.56	12.40	12.15	12.0
Mobile.....	12.25	12.10	12.00	11.80	11.50	11.50
Savannah.....	12.37	12.17	12.19	12.00	11.73	11.78
Norfolk.....	12.50	12.31	12.31	12.19	11.88	11.88
Baltimore.....		12.31	12.80	12.80	12.55	12.30
Augusta.....	12.31	12.19	12.13	11.94	11.69	11.69
Memphis.....	13.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.50	12.50
Houston.....	12.95	12.80	12.75	12.60	12.30	12.30
Little Rock.....	12.60	12.40	12.40	12.20	11.90	11.90
Dallas.....	12.00	11.80	11.80	11.60	11.25	11.35
Fort Worth.....		11.85	11.80	11.65	11.25	11.35

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, Oct. 16.	Monday, Oct. 18.	Tuesday, Oct. 19.	Wednesday, Oct. 20.	Thursday, Oct. 21.	Friday, Oct. 22.
October.....	12.93	12.71-12.72	12.56	12.47	bid	12.24
November.....						
December.....	12.97-12.99	12.77-12.79	12.69-12.71	12.55-12.56	12.27-12.28	12.29-12.32
January.....	13.03-13.05	12.84-12.85	12.76-12.78	12.60-12.63	12.32-12.33	12.35-12.36
February.....						

"In the death of Mr. McFadden," said Mr. Hubbard after the meeting, "there has passed away one of the oldest and most esteemed members of the cotton trade. It is difficult for me to express how great is the loss to the cotton industry. Time and again Mr. McFadden had stepped to the front in grave crises in the industry with invaluable advice and guidance, but he advanced these ideas so quietly and so modestly that few were aware that it was he who had solved many of our most complicated problems. He was a man who shrank from public recognition of his remarkable ability."

"Not only was Mr. McFadden greatly admired by the entire trade, but he held the affection of those who had the privilege and honor of knowing him so deeply that we feel we have not only lost an honored associate but a beloved friend."

The committee who represented the Exchange at the funeral follows:

Samuel T. Hubbard Jr., W. P. Jenks, A. B. Gwathmey, Samuel H. Hopkins, A. R. Marsh, R. P. McDougall, H. A. Sands, Daniel Schnakenberg, Geo. M. Shutt, J. L. Watkins, William Mitchell, Clayton E. Rich, Edward K. Cone, H. T. Dumbell, L. L. Fleming, C. D. Freeman, Norrie Sellar, E. E. Bartlett Jr., E. P. McEnany, R. T. Harriss, E. M. Weld, W. M. Van Lear, W. R. Craig, W. L. Johnson, W. C. Hubbard, H. H. Royce, Clement Moore, Arthur Lehman, John W. Jay, H. B. Baruch.

Jerome Lewine, of H. Hentz & Co., commenting upon the death of Mr. McFadden, said:

Another "grand old man" has been lost to the cotton world in the death of George H. McFadden, who for many years commanded so high a position in the trade and was so outstanding a figure in the exchange activities and all matters pertaining to the world of cotton affairs.

ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON SPINNING INDUSTRY FOR SEPTEMBER.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

WEATHER REPORT BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather as a rule has been favorable for cotton in most sections of the cotton belt. Generally, rainfall has been light and scattered. Picking is well advanced in the northeast sections of the cotton belt and practically completed in many southern districts.

Texas.—The condition and progress of the cotton crop has been mostly fair. Picking was interrupted somewhat by rains and the rapid opening of the bolls has been somewhat checked. Insects are less active.

Mobile, Ala.—The weather during the week has been dry and clear and cotton picking on the southern border has been practically finished, but there still remains considerable unpicked cotton in the northern border district.

	Rain.		Thermometer	
	Day	Rainfall.	High	Low
Galveston, Texas	1 day	1.20 in.	high 84	low 62
Ahlene	1 day	0.01 in.	high 88	low 50
Brenham	4 days	0.88 in.	high 90	low 48
Brownsville	2 days	0.98 in.	high 92	low 64
Corpus Christi	3 days	0.09 in.	high 88	low 60
Dallas	2 days	0.44 in.	high 86	low 56
Henrietta	1 day	0.10 in.	high 86	low 46
Kerrville	2 days	1.25 in.	high 88	low 42
Lampasas	1 day	0.02 in.	high 90	low 44
Longview	1 day	0.18 in.	high 84	low 46
Luling	3 days	1.24 in.	high 88	low 50
Nacogdoches	1 day	0.02 in.	high 86	low 46
Palestine	2 days	0.36 in.	high 86	low 48
Paris	1 day	0.02 in.	high 84	low 50
San Antonio	2 days	0.26 in.	high 88	low 54
Weatherford	2 days	0.16 in.	high 86	low 44
Ardmore, Okla.	1 day	0.78 in.	high 89	low 44
Atus		dry	high 82	low 46
Muskogee		dry	high 88	low 42
Oklahoma City		dry	high 87	low 45
Brinkley, Ark.		dry	high 88	low 34
Eldorado		dry	high 90	low 43
Little Rock		dry	high 85	low 45
Pine Bluff	1 day	0.04 in.	high 95	low 45
Alexandria, La.		dry	high 86	low 47
Amite	1 day	0.23 in.	high 86	low 44
New Orleans		dry	high --	low --
Shreveport	1 day	0.02 in.	high 88	low 50
Okolona, Miss.		dry	high 92	low 36
Columbus		dry	high 90	low 38
Greenwood		dry	high 90	low 40
Vicksburg		dry	high 86	low 47
Mobile, Ala.		dry	high 86	low 54
Decatur		dry	high 85	low 39
Montgomery		dry	high 87	low 47
Selma		dry	high 88	low 53
Gainesville, Fla.	1 day	0.04 in.	high 90	low 57
Madison	1 day	0.09 in.	high 89	low 53
Savannah, Ga.	1 day	0.76 in.	high 87	low 61
Athens	1 day	0.95 in.	high 90	low 41
Augusta	1 day	0.02 in.	high 92	low 46
Columbus		dry	high 90	low 45
Charleston, S. C.	1 day	0.01 in.	high 90	low 55
Greenwood	1 day	0.83 in.	high 89	low 39
Columbia	1 day	0.20 in.	high --	low 46
Conway	1 day	0.12 in.	high 89	low 46
Charlotte, N. C.	1 day	0.16 in.	high 86	low 40
Newbern	1 day	0.10 in.	high 87	low 46
Weldon		dry	high 83	low 43
Memphis, Tenn.		dry	high 86	low 42

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.

	Oct. 22 1926.	Oct. 23 1925.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	11.2
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	30.0
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	7.8
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	21.9
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	39.2

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.
July 23--	37,161	21,742	40,508	884,912	170,236	206,000	4,081	8,454	20,709
30--	85,222	45,020	35,170	819,353	160,605	182,549	19,663	35,388	11,719
Aug. 6--	53,306	41,207	13,558	542,251	150,547	183,738	22,217	31,149	14,747
13--	73,889	43,254	49,702	622,013	164,545	158,959	53,631	57,252	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	276,460	533,485	643,994	415,060	373,572	473,097	384,961
24--	410,234	325,890	291,228	631,415	872,105	544,092	508,164	554,001	420,260
Oct. 1--	567,704	494,293	366,406	744,323	957,762	603,535	680,612	580,130	425,849
8--	622,656	367,670	320,698	869,793	1,137,618	796,030	748,126	547,516	513,193
15--	618,810	423,813	441,485	975,402	1,267,365	898,351	724,419	553,560	543,800
22--	587,297	383,026	339,292	1,076,125	1,385,045	1,057,209	688,020	500,706	498,150

The above statement shows. (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1926 are 4,348,068 bales. In 1925 were 4,362,118 bales, and in 1924 were 3,510,361 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 587,297 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 688,020 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 100,723 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 500,706 bales and for 1924 they were 498,150 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1926.		1925.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Oct. 15-----	5,350,719		4,474,894	
Visible supply Aug. 1-----		3,646,413		2,342,887
American in sight to Oct. 22--	852,535	5,768,426	659,146	5,844,868
Bombay receipts to Oct. 21-----	7,000	156,000	11,000	151,000
Other India shipments to Oct. 21	1,000	96,000	7,000	114,000
Alexandria receipts to Oct. 20--	60,000	238,400	68,000	359,200
Other supply to Oct. 20.* b-----	20,000	230,000	13,000	237,000
Total supply-----	6,291,254	10,135,239	5,233,040	9,048,955
Deduct-----				
Visible supply Oct. 22-----	5,741,495	5,741,495	4,830,364	4,830,364
Total takings to Oct. 22. a-----	549,759	4,393,744	402,676	4,218,591
Of which American-----	410,759	3,372,344	319,676	3,162,391
Of which other-----	139,000	1,021,400	83,000	1,056,200

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,158,000 bales in 1926 and 1,090,000 bales in 1925—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 3,235,744 bales in 1926 and 3,128,591 in 1925, of which 2,214,344 bales and 2,072,391 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.

October 21. Receipts at—	1926.		1925.		1924.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay-----	7,000	156,000	11,000	151,000	4,000	75,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since Aug. 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1926-----		1,000		1,000	1,000	64,000	134,000	199,000
1925-----	1,000	1,000	3,000	5,000	9,000	85,000	92,000	186,000
1924-----	1,000	5,000	5,000	11,000	14,000	35,000	163,000	212,000
Other India—								
1926-----		1,000		1,000	7,000	89,000		96,000
1925-----	1,000	6,000		7,000	25,000	89,000		114,000
1924-----					4,000	27,000		31,000
Total all—								
1926-----		2,000		2,000	8,000	153,000	134,000	295,000
1925-----	2,000	7,000	3,000	12,000	34,000	174,000	92,000	300,000
1924-----	1,000	5,000	5,000	11,000	18,000	62,000	163,000	243,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 4,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 10,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an decrease of 5,000 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, October 20.	1926.	1925.	1924.	
Receipts (cantars)—				
This week-----	300,000	340,000	240,000	
Since Aug. 1-----	1,190,315	1,797,505	1,851,696	
Exports (bales)—				
This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	
To Liverpool-----	7,000	36,965	9,000	30,533
To Manchester, &c-----		27,600		20,323
To Continent and India.	10,000	54,924	8,250	52,010
To America-----	1,000	12,719	1,250	10,474
Total exports-----	18,000	132,208	18,500	113,340

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Oct. 20 were 300,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 18,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in cloth is quiet and in yarns steady. Demand for yarn is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

	1926.				1925.			
	32s Cop Turst.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt-tns, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'g Upl'ds		32s Cop Turst.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt-tns, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'g Upl'ds	
July—	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.
23—	14 3/4 @ 16 1/4	13 0 @ 13 2			9.93	20 @ 21 1/2	16 3 @ 16 6	14.08
30—	15 @ 16 1/4	13 0 @ 13 2			10.02	20 1/2 @ 21 1/2	16 4 @ 16 7	13.53
Aug—								
6—	15 @ 16 1/4	13 0 @ 13 2			9.74	20 1/2 @ 21 1/2	16 3 @ 16 6	13.35
13—	14 3/4 @ 16 1/4	13 0 @ 13 2			9.35	20 @ 21 1/2	16 3 @ 16 6	12.93
20—	15 1/2 @ 16 1/4	13 2 @ 13 4			9.58	20 @ 21 1/2	16 3 @ 16 7	13.07
27—	15 1/2 @ 16 1/4	13 2 @ 13 4			10.17	20 @ 21 1/2	16 2 @ 16 6	12.60
Sept—								
3—	15 1/2 @ 17	13 4 @ 13 6			10.07	19 1/2 @ 20 1/4	15 5 @ 16 1	12.51
10—	15 1/2 @ 17	13 4 @ 13 6			10.16	20 @ 21 1/2	15 4 @ 16 0	13.01
17—	15 1/2 @ 17	13 4 @ 13 6			9.52	20 1/2 @ 22	15 6 @ 16 2	13.57
24—	15 @ 16 1/2	13 3 @ 13 5			8.43	20 1/2 @ 22	15 6 @ 16 2	12.91
Oct—								
1—	14 1/2 @ 15 1/4	12 6 @ 13 2			7.79	19 1/2 @ 21	15 5 @ 16 1	12.72
8—	13 1/2 @ 14 1/4	12 0 @ 12 4			7.09	18 1/2 @ 20 1/2	15 2 @ 15 6	11.53
15—	13 1/2 @ 14 1/4	12 2 @ 12 6			7.35	18 @ 19 1/2	14 6 @ 15 2	11.54
22—	13 @ 14 1/4	12 0 @ 12 3			6.70	18 @ 19 1/2	14 6 @ 15 2	11.27

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail.

	Bales.
NEW YORK—To Rotterdam—Oct. 15—Rotterdam, 187	187
To Genoa—Oct. 13—Sangus, 575—Oct. 20—Dante Aleghieri, 600	1,175
To Barcelona—Oct. 14—Cabo Hatteras, 100—Oct. 15—Pro-mero, 200	300
To Antwerp—Oct. 15—Belgenland, 236	236
To Liverpool—Oct. 15—Baltic, 387	387
To Trieste—Oct. 18—Pres. Wilson, 300	300
To Bombay—Oct. 18—City of Dunedin, 3,433	3,433
To Bremen—Oct. 19—Pres. Harding, 735	735
NEW ORLEANS—To Porto Colombia—Oct. 13—Athenas, 300	300
To Havre—Oct. 15—Winston-Salem, 5,075	5,075
To Antwerp—Oct. 15—Winston-Salem, 816	816
To Ghent—Oct. 15—Winston-Salem, 2,950	2,950
To Port Barrios—Oct. 16—Saramacca, 100	100
To Liverpool—Oct. 16—West Totant, 3,880—Oct. 20—Stu-dent, 6,448	10,328
To Manchester—Oct. 16—West Totant, 1,943—Oct. 20—Student, 381	2,324
To Bremen—Oct. 15—Tripp, 4,206	4,206
To Rotterdam—Oct. 15—Tripp, 450—Oct. 19—Leerdam, 532	982
To Gothenburg—Oct. 16—America, 1,050	1,050
To Oporto—Oct. 19—West Chetala, 1,700	1,700
To Japan—Oct. 16—Fernhill, 8,399—Oct. 19—Radnor, 5,594	13,993
To Porto Colombia—Oct. 20—Furrialba, 300	300
To China—Oct. 19—Radnor, 1,150	1,150
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Oct. 15—Editor, 13,096	13,096
To Manchester—Oct. 15—Editor, 442	442
To Copenhagen—Oct. 15—Stureholm, 500—Oct. 18—Amer-ica, 1,000	1,500
To Gothenburg—Oct. 15—Stureholm, 556	556
To Warburg—Oct. 15—Stureholm, 500—Oct. 18—America, 200	700
To Oslo—Oct. 15—Stureholm, 100—Oct. 18—America, 100	200
To Rotterdam—Oct. 15—Saguache, 1,679—Oct. 19—Beem-sterdijk, 2,172	3,851
To Havre—Oct. 16—Cliffwood, 10,966	10,966
To Antwerp—Oct. 16—Cliffwood, 50	50
To Ghent—Oct. 16—Cliffwood, 682	682
To Genoa—Oct. 15—Jolee, 5,568	5,568
To Bremen—Oct. 16—Sapinera, 11,255—Oct. 20—Holger, 7,372	18,627
To Vejle—Oct. 18—America, 200	200
To Drammen—Oct. 18—America, 54	54
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Oct. 15—Inventor, 9,978; Stead-fast, 16,870; Minnie de Larrinaga, 7,209—Oct. 16—Editor, 2,634	36,691
To Manchester—Oct. 15—Inventor, 191; Steadfast, 2,158; Minnie de Larrinaga, 4,333—Oct. 16—Editor, 181	6,863
To Havre—Oct. 15—Inora, 5,690; West Munham, 13,700; Wulsty Castle, 2,294	21,684
To Antwerp—Oct. 15—Wulsty Castle, 2,834; West Munham, 300	3,134
To Ghent—Oct. 15—Wulsty Castle, 450; West Munham, 2,075	2,525
To Bremen—Oct. 15—West Hematite, 11,121; Megna, 8,063; Oct. 14—St. Oswald, 5,550	24,734
To Hamburg—Oct. 15—West Hematite, 600	600
To Rotterdam—Oct. 15—Saguache, 2,721	2,721
To Venice—Oct. 14—Oakman, 2,900	2,900
To Trieste—Oct. 14—Oakman, 490	490
To Genoa—Oct. 15—Jolee, 5,008; Nicolo Odero, 4,898	9,906
To Japan—Oct. 14—Tozama Maru, 8,870	8,870
To Oslo—Oct. 16—Stureholm, 100	100
To Gothenburg—Oct. 16—Stureholm, 1,300	1,300
To Copenhagen—Oct. 16—Stureholm, 650	650
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Oct. 19—Kearney, 2,884	2,884
To Manchester—Oct. 19—Balsam, 1,625	1,625
To Bremen—Oct. 20—Hanover, 6,187	6,187
To Rotterdam—Oct. 21—Voschdijk, 652	652
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Oct. 15—Liberty Glo, 4,675—Oct. 19—Shickshinny, 11,009	15,684
To Manchester—Oct. 15—Liberty Glo, 6,035—Oct. 19—Shickshinny, 4,050	10,085
To Bremen—Oct. 15—Dendera, 14,216; Oakpark, 2,953; Lek-haven, 12,169	29,338
To Hamburg—Oct. 15—Oakpark, 150	150
To Rotterdam—Oct. 15—Oakpark, 300	300
To Antwerp—Oct. 15—Oakpark, 200	200
To Ghent—Oct. 15—Oakpark, 50	50
To Japan—Oct. 18—Silver Pine, 2,800; Fugi Maru, 600	3,400
To China—Oct. 18—Fugi Maru, 1,400	1,400
CHARLESTON—To Japan—Oct. 20—Steel Trader, 6,000	6,000
To Bremen—Oct. 21—Jobshaven, 8,005	8,005
MOBILE—To Liverpool—Oct. 14—Afoundria, 6,588	6,588
To Manchester—Oct. 14—Afoundria, 1,450	1,450
To Bremen—Oct. 15—Antinous, 7,253	7,253
To Japan—Oct. 16—Selma City, 2,500	2,500
SAN PEDRO—To Liverpool—Oct. 17—Eurana, 843—Oct. 19—Lochgoll, 856	1,699
To Havre—Oct. 19—La Marseillaise, 450	450
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Oct. 15—Shinyo Maru, 2,924; Pres-ident Pierce, 3,791	6,715
To China—Oct. 15—Shinyo Maru, 300	300
TEXAS CITY—To Liverpool—Oct. 14—Minnie de Larrinaga, 502	502
To Manchester—Oct. 14—Minnie de Larrinaga, 1,436	1,436
PORT TOWNSEND—To Japan—Oct. 9—Agato Maru, 5,474	5,474
Oct. 11—Yuri Maru, 100; Alabama Maru, 6,275	11,849
PENSACOLA—To Barcelona—Oct. 21—Pruso, 300	300
Total	358,689

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the fol-lowing statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port.

	Oct. 1.	Oct. 8.	Oct. 15.	Oct. 22.
Sales of the week	37,000	47,000	43,000	52,000
Of which American	18,000	27,000	22,000	30,000
Actual exports	3,000	7,000	3,000	5,000
Forwarded	46,000	43,000	56,000	69,000
Total stocks	765,000	754,000	778,000	763,000
Of which American	362,000	357,000	380,000	380,000
Total imports	46,000	39,000	83,000	67,000
Of which American	28,000	25,000	59,000	44,000
Amount afloat	233,000	305,000	306,000	360,000
Of which American	149,000	219,000	221,000	289,000

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.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.	Good demand.	Good demand.	A fair business doing.
Mid.Upl'ds	7.25	7.04	6.99	6.93	6.83	6.70
Sales	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	7,000	8,000
Futures. Market opened	Quiet decline.	Steady decline.	Quiet advance.	Barely st'y decline.	Steady decline.	Barely st'y decline.
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet decline.	Quiet decline.	Steady advance.	Steady decline.	Quiet decline.	Steady decline.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below.

Oct. 16 to Oct. 22.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
October	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
October	7.04	6.84	6.76	6.79	6.83	6.73	6.78	6.68	6.64	6.55	6.52	6.52
November	7.10	6.88	6.81	6.82	6.87	6.75	6.80	6.70	6.66	6.57	6.56	6.56
December	7.13	6.90	6.83	6.85	6.89	6.77	6.82	6.73	6.70	6.62	6.61	6.61
January	7.18	6.96	6.88	6.90	6.94	6.83	6.88	6.79	6.76	6.68	6.67	6.67
February	7.19	6.98	6.90	6.92	6.96	6.85	6.89	6.81	6.78	6.70	6.69	6.69
March	7.25	7.05	6.97	6.99	7.03	6.93	6.96	6.88	6.84	6.77	6.75	6.75
April	7.27	7.07	6.99	7.01	7.05	6.95	6.98	6.90	6.86	6.79	6.77	6.77
May	7.33	7.13	7.05	7.07	7.12	7.02	7.05	6.97	6.93	6.86	6.84	6.84
June	7.33	7.14	7.06	7.08	7.14	7.04	7.07	6.98	6.95	6.88	6.86	6.86
July	7.35	7.18	7.10	7.12	7.17	7.06	7.10	7.02	6.99	6.93	6.91	6.91
August	7.37	7.20	7.12	7.14	7.19	7.08	7.12	7.04	7.01	6.96	6.94	6.94
September	7.37	7.21	7.14	7.16	7.21	7.11	7.14	7.07	7.04	6.99	6.97	6.97
October (1927)	7.38	7.23	7.19	7.24	7.14	7.17	7.10	7.07	7.02	6.97	6.95	6.95

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Oct. 22 1926.

Flour has remained as it has for months past, to go no further back, so far as trade is concerned. It has been emphatically of the hand-to-mouth order. Nothing lifts it out of that rut. Buyers intimate that they are watching an uncertain wheat market. It really seems to matter very little whether wheat declines or advances. The attitude of the flour buyer does not in any case change much, if at all. Buying for prompt or near future delivery continues to be the rule. Mills at the Northwest and the Southwest complain of tardy shipping directions and of small forward sales. The export demand later in the week was poor, partly owing to a rise in ocean freights. This is a rather formidable obstacle to foreign trading, due to the scarcity of tonnage arising from the necessities of the British coal trade, following the prolonged coal strike.

Wheat advanced despite ocean freights. For Liverpool was sharply higher, export demand persisted, the United States visible supply fell off 1,429,000 bushels last week and the French import duty was reduced 6 1/2 c. per bushel. Win-nipeg on the 19th advanced 3 to 4 1/2 c., with the weather worse in Canada. Bull speculation was more active. A better export demand is expected for both American and Canadian wheat. It is a shorter trip from North America to Europe than from countries south of the Equator; that is from the Southern Hemisphere and the Far East. The export business has been limited only by the available supply of ocean freight room. The British coal strike persists. The imperative need of ocean shipping in the importation of coal into Great Britain therefore continues. It makes for scarcity of such shipping in the grain, cotton and other trades. It is a strange, yet after all perfectly natural develop-ment, considering the prolonged nature of the coal strike. Meanwhile there are fears of frost damage in Argentina. The decrease in the French duty is a partial offset to the high freights. It also seems to show that France needs wheat more than usual. Indeed, the weekly shipments from North America of about 11,000,000 bushels strengthens the impression that Europe as a whole re-quires a good deal of wheat from this side of the water, the nearest market.

Chicago was 1/2 to 1c. higher early on the 19th inst. Win-nipeg cars were 2,507, of which 1,398 graded below No. 4, indicating the movement of much poor quality wheat. Later wheat was inclined to advance in response to higher prices in Liverpool, but it met with an unusual check. Ocean freights are scarce and rising, owing to the big demands upon ocean tonnage by the British coal trade, due to the prolonged coal strike in Great Britain. It was a bar to any large export business in wheat this week. Storage rates, too, are very high. On the 20th inst. there were export sales of 400,000 bushels. The European crop is supposed to be 10% short of last year's. This condition is aggravated by the ocean freight trouble. On the declines there has been quite a good demand from those who are inclined to take the bull side. Argentina reported further frost. Win-nipeg, after weakening, became stronger. More than 50% of the receipts at Winnipeg are said to be grading tough. Receipts at Winnipeg have been exceeding those of last year. Scarcity of ocean tonnage and prohibitive freight rates, as

Missouri Valley and Central-Northern States eastward. The dry weather was especially favorable in the central portions of the corn and winter wheat belts as it dried corn rapidly and permitted good progress in seeding. In Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, and New England, however, sunshine was deficient, and the soil continued too wet for much work, while fall crops matured slowly. Tender vegetation was nipped by frost in a few northeastern localities, but, in general, no material harm from this cause occurred. Killing frost is later than usual over most of the interior valley sections.

In the Middle Atlantic States, and generally in the South, except the northwestern cotton belt, the week was unusually favorable for field work and good progress was made in harvesting operations, but some localities continued too dry for growth of minor fall crops and fall pastures, especially in the south Atlantic area. In Texas good rains improved pastures, cereals and minor fall crops. In the southern Great Plains, principally in Oklahoma, conditions continued unfavorable during most of the week because of too much rainy and cloudy weather, or wet soil from preceding heavy rainfall, while but little seeding could be accomplished in eastern Kansas. Elsewhere in the Great Plains, conditions were excellent, except for continued drought in the west-central portion.

SMALL GRAINS.—In parts of the Middle Atlantic area and extreme upper Ohio Valley districts, wet soil delayed the completion of wheat seeding, but in the central valley States, where conditions had previously been very adverse for field work, the warm, dry weather was much more favorable and seeding made good progress quite generally. In the Southwest, however, particularly in Oklahoma and eastern Kansas, there was further delay in seeding because of wet soil, but the latter part of the week was dry and more favorable. Much wheat is yet unseeded in Oklahoma, and considerable remains to be seeded in some central valley districts.

In the central portion of Kansas sowing has been practically completed under favorable conditions and the crop is good to excellent, but in the western part of that State, as well as in southwestern Nebraska and eastern Colorado, unfavorable drought continued. In other portions of the Great Plains, and in the Northwest, conditions were favorable, except that more moisture was needed in parts of Utah and eastern Oregon.

Wet weather in the southern Plains was unfavorable for grain sorghums. Conditions were favorable for rice harvesting and threshing in Arkansas and this work is nearly completed in Texas, but was somewhat delayed by rain in Louisiana; rains last week caused some delay in harvest in California. Flax threshing made good progress in the northern Great Plains under favorable weather conditions.

CORN.—The drying of corn and the harvest of the crop were favored by the weather of the week in practically all parts of the Corn Belt, although it was still too cloudy and damp in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and a few other local areas. It was especially favorable in the lower Ohio and central and upper Mississippi Valley States where practically no rain fell during the week. The crop is now mostly safe from further frost damage, the lateness of frost in the Ohio Valley States being very favorable. Corn dried slowly in eastern Kansas, and there was some deterioration because of wet weather to that in shock in Oklahoma.

COTTON.—In the northwestern Cotton Belt, especially in Oklahoma, harvest of the crop was again suspended until near the close of the week because of wet weather, and there was some interruption to picking by rain in Texas and Arkansas. Elsewhere the generally dry and warm weather favored field work and harvest made good progress. Picking is well advanced in the northeastern portion of the belt, and is practically completed in many southern districts. Some river bottom cotton in Arkansas has been destroyed by overflow; and there was a general deterioration in Oklahoma, especially in grade, where bolls were opening very slowly and picking and ginning made but little progress. In Texas the condition and progress of the crop continued spotted, but was mostly fair; insects are less active, and rapid opening of bolls was somewhat checked by the rain.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Weather generally favorable for fall work, which is well advanced. Wheat seeding well along. Tobacco mostly harvested and curing well. Cotton harvest delayed by rain. Peanuts good, but late. Gathering apples well along and late corn being cut.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Warm and dry, except some scattered showers, favorable for harvesting and other farm work, except soil preparation. Progress of cotton fair to very good; picking early well advanced, but much late to open and pick. Rain much needed for fall crops, pastures, and to replenish water supply.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Cotton picking in full sway and about half completed, but ginning continues backward; late crop in Piedmont opening rather slowly. Sweet potatoes fair and about matured. Winter cereals and oats being sown and a few good stands secured, but generally too dry.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Few scattered showers, mostly in northeast; week generally decidedly favorable for progress, which progressed nicely. Cotton opening rapidly in north and there are many late bolls which will open with continued good weather; picking advanced considerably, but much low-grade cotton not picked. Harvesting corn, potatoes, peanuts, and hay nearing completion. Seeding wheat and oats backward.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Warm, sunny weather, ideal for harvesting peanuts, hay, and sweet potatoes. Moderate rains in central and north on 16th improved uplands, which were a little dry for cane, seed beds, truck, strawberries, oats, and rye. Citrus, including satsumas in west, mostly good; coloring more rapidly.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Showers first day; dry remainder; averaged warm. Wet soil delayed farm work at beginning. Corn and sweet potatoes mostly fair to good condition. Sowing oats progressing in south and central. Truck, pastures, and minor crops mostly fair to good condition. Condition of cotton mostly fair to good; picking progressing rather slowly, except good progress in more northern counties and practically finished in many areas of south and central.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Mostly dry, but scattered showers Friday and Saturday. Progress of cotton picking and ginning generally fair with picking nearing completion in extreme south. Progress in housing corn poor to fair. Progress of pastures mostly poor.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Mostly very favorable for fall work. Cotton picking made very good advance and practically completed in south; well advanced in north; some low grade abandoned; weevil still numerous in green fields in north. Corn mostly mature, but much still to be gathered. Rice harvesting somewhat delayed. Cane making only fair progress; prospects very poor.

Texas.—Houston: Warm, with good rains over interior, improved pastures, truck, stock-water supply, and winter grain germination. Early-sown wheat up to good stand. Corn largely harvested. Rice harvesting and threshing nearing completion on coast. Commercial trucking extreme south needs more rain. Condition and progress of cotton continued spotted; mostly fair; insects less active; opening and picking slowed down account rains; labor scarce and moving to northern districts.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Field work suspended until near close of week account cloudy, wet weather and wet, muddy fields. Further deterioration of cotton, especially in grade of lint, reported quite generally; bolls opening, but very slow progress in picking and ginning account wet, boggy fields. Further deterioration of corn and grain sorghums in field and shock account dampness; some rotting. Early-planted wheat good to excellent.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Cotton made very good advance due to little or no rain, except picking delayed first of week by cloudy, damp weather; crop on low, river bottoms destroyed by overflow. Nearly all corn out of way of frost. Favorable for threshing rice and harvesting late crop.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Dry, with moderate temperatures, hastened curing corn, most of which is harvested and condition excellent. Progress in picking and ginning cotton excellent, and while some damage from worms locally, crop better than first expected. Condition of ground excellent for fall plowing and seeding.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Dry, with moderate temperatures. Good progress in sowing wheat latter half; nearing completion in southwest and well started in north; first sown up and growing rapidly. Condition of corn in shock and tobacco in barns much better; remaining late tobacco cut and housed.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, Oct. 22 1926.

Demand in the markets for textiles maintained satisfactory proportions during the past week, and the future was regarded optimistically. This was especially true of the

cotton, silk, rayon, woolen and floor covering divisions. In regard to the latter, after the recent success of the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Co. auction, buyers have had time to collect their bearings and business has been making satisfactory headway. The popular trend is decidedly toward the higher qualities of merchandise, as is evidenced by the fact that these have been enjoying the best business. Many road salesmen have left on their first trip for the spring season and shortly every producer will have representatives out. Various manufacturers have been already doing a fair business at higher levels on some of their numbers. Although competition for business is keen, it is believed that there will be enough orders to keep everyone busy. Additional credence was accorded this theory by the fact that available stocks in both producers' and consumers' hands are unusually low. As to silks, despite a decline in prices for the raw product, which is down about 5% from the high, business has continued of fair proportions. Advance business on the new spring lines, which have been opening from day to day, has been slowly broadening. At the same time re-orders from retailers for quick delivery have been unusually large. A number of manufacturers were quick to take advantage of the fashion value of the visit of the Queen of Rumania and have offered new fabrics and costumes of Rumanian inspiration. These have been so favorably received that there is now talk of a "Rumanian vogue." This has been likened to a craze current a few years ago for things of Egyptian motif when King Tutankh-Amen's tomb was discovered.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—While markets for domestic cotton goods have continued relatively active, prices have been somewhat irregular. One of the most encouraging factors was the maintenance of previous prices on percales and other printed goods. Sales of these cloths have been satisfactory. Buyers operated much the same as they did before the price announcement, and it was pointed out that they would not have purchased more had the price basis been reduced, thus putting mills in a position where they would operate at a loss. As a result of this action taken by the large corporation printers, a steadier tendency was noticeable in some of the other good, as for instance, colored cottons and many of the wash goods. On the other hand, there was a downward revision on some of the bleached cottons, dyed cottons and one or two specialties in yarn dyed cottons. These were the direct result of accumulated revisions made on gray cloths some time ago. However, manufacturers did not view the revisions seriously, although buyers were inclined to accord them more or less consideration. Raw cotton has continued its decline to the lowest point in years. Whereas previously any break in prices for the latter has been a signal for buyers to withhold commitments, now purchasers are not inclined to take any chances in contracting ahead. In fact, some of the manufacturers of heavy goods have been contracting into next year. During the week quite a number of manufacturers were in the market to attend the meetings of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association and the organization meeting of the Cotton Textile Institute. These visitors were optimistic as to the future, and while they expect to witness a continuation of unsettled conditions for some time, they do not believe that it will be long before it is generally recognized that cotton has reached the low point. They are counting much upon low prices stimulating increased consumption. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 5½c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 4½c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 7¼c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 9½c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The outlook for the coming spring season in the markets for woolens and worsteds is considered very promising, as the majority of mills have been steadily booking orders for goods. Both the women's and men's wear divisions have been showing steady improvement. Spring cloths for the latter are being displayed in fabrics more highly styled and colored than has been the case for more than two years past. However, business for immediate shipment and re-orders, especially for overcoatings, has continued so active that some mills have delayed their openings. After a long period of hand-to-mouth buying tactics, buyers have been recently placing orders for larger amounts and for deferred delivery. It is now believed that the garment strike among the New York garment workers is breaking up and will be amicably settled shortly.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Business in the linen markets has maintained satisfactory proportions. In fact, the demand has been somewhat better owing to the increased arrangements under way for the forthcoming holiday trade. In order to provide some incentive to the latter, importers have been offering their best fancies. The demand for these novelties has been as keen as ever, which has been a feature in the situation. Dress linens have been doing better, with buyers following up their initial orders with requests for further merchandise. Suitings and knicker linens have been developing their spring markets gradually, and thus far give promise of a more than fair season. There has been a steady inquiry for household goods. Burlaps have again lapsed into inactivity with prices tending somewhat lower. Light weights are quoted at 7.30c., and heavies at 9.30c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

California (State of).—*Special Session of the Legislature Called by Governor.*—A special session of the California Legislature, to convene at 10 a. m. Oct. 22, was called by Governor Friend W. Richardson for the purpose of ratifying the six State Colorado River compact. We quote Governor Richardson's extra session call below from the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Oct. 13.

Owing to the need for immediate action upon Colorado River legislation by Congress upon its convening in December, I have decided to call a special session of the California Legislature to ratify the six-State Colorado River compact. To delay action further is to jeopardize the whole plan and to continue the flood menace to the Imperial Valley. The State engineer, under my direction, is co-operating with the California Development Board to prepare data showing the flood menace.

The six-State pact, which contains all of the provisions of the original seven State compact, agreed upon at Santa Fe, N. M., by commissioners from the seven States and Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, has been unconditionally ratified by the States of New Mexico, Nevada, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado. The seven-State pact was ratified unconditionally by the Legislatures of all the foregoing States and by the California Legislature in 1923, Arizona alone declining to ratify. The six-State compact was drawn for the purpose of enabling the Federal Government to proceed without delay to erect structures in the Colorado River designed to protect Imperial and Palo Verde Valleys from the great danger of flood, to assure an adequate and a regulated supply of water for Imperial and other valleys, to provide additional water for Arizona lands, to provide additional domestic water for the cities of Southern California and to develop hydro-electric power.

Approval Was Blocked.

Reservations and limitations written into the six-State compact by the California Legislature in 1925 proved unacceptable to the five other States, and unfortunately, blocked all opportunity for action at the last session of Congress. The action of the California Legislature was practically a nullification and was taken against my advice and despite the protest of the five governors of the ratifying States, of Mark L. Requa, personally representing Secretary Hoover; of the late W. F. McClure, State Engineer; of the late R. T. McKissick, deputy attorney-general, and of others possessing knowledge of the situation.

The short session of Congress will begin in the first week of December. There will be a general rush to obtain favorable action on numerous proposals, among them the Colorado River program outlined by Secretaries Hoover and Work and embodied in the amended and rewritten Swing-Johnson bill.

Vote is Needed.

This measure contains a provision requiring unconditional ratification of a river compact by at least six States, including California, before any appropriation may be made or any work undertaken for Colorado River control and development. California must ratify the compact before Congress meets or no action can be expected. The cost of a special session is a small sum compared to what is at stake.

The States of the upper basin of the Colorado River are not to be censured for insisting upon adequate protection of their rights, and there is no disposition on my part to criticize Arizona or any other State for demanding every legitimate safeguard for its own interest. It is my earnest wish that some agreement may soon be reached between Arizona and the other interested States that will enable Arizona to join with the others in proceeding without further delay with this constructive undertaking.

Danger of Flood.

There is, however, a vital need for action that will lead without delay to protection of the lives and property of the men and women of Imperial Valley. The danger of flood, constant and increasing, must be eliminated if this productive region is not to be inundated and destroyed. The schemes of petty politicians who thrive on water agitation, should be swept aside and Colorado River development placed on a non-political basis.

Chemnitz, Germany.—\$2,000,000 *Treasury Gold Notes Floated.*—Blair & Co., Inc. of New York offered and sold on Thursday, Oct. 21, \$2,000,000 5½% one-year treasury gold notes of the City of Chemnitz, Germany, at 99.50 and accrued interest to yield 6%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. M. & N. payable in U. S. gold coin of or equal to the present standard of weight and fineness in New York City without deduction for any taxes, present or future, of the German Government, the Saxon State or the City.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

Chile (Republic of).—\$42,500,000 *Externa l Bonds Floated in United States.*—On Monday, Oct. 18, a syndicate headed by Hallgarten & Co. of New York, offered and quickly sold (the issue being oversubscribed) \$42,500,000 6% external sinking fund gold bonds of the Republic of Chile at 93.25 and accrued int., to yield about 6.50%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal only. Due April 1 1960, redeemable only through the sinking fund on April 1 1927 or on any int. date thereafter at face amount on not less than 10 days' notice. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in N. Y. City at the office of either of the fiscal agents—Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. or Hallgarten & Co.—in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, or at the option of holder, in London at the office of the sub-fiscal agent, J. Henry Schroeder & Co., in sterling at exchange rate of \$4 8665 to the pound sterling, without deduction for any Chilean taxes, present or future. With regard to the sinking fund provision of the loan, the offering circular says:

A cumulative sinking fund of 1% per annum is provided for, to operate semi-annually through purchase of bonds at or below face amount, or if not so obtainable, then by call of bonds by lot at face amount. The Republic reserves the right to increase the amount of any sinking fund payment and to tender bonds in lieu of cash.

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New York City.—*Tentative Budget for 1927 Revised to \$474,893,300.*—The city's budget for 1927 was revised upward on Oct. 20 by the Board of Estimate and as now proposed for adoption is \$474,893,300, the highest in the city's history, being an increase of \$37,893,300 over the 1926 budget and \$15,215,558 09 higher than the first estimated total set on Oct. 11 by the Board of Estimate. No

further additions may be made to the budget, but the estimated costs of running the city for 1927 may be decreased up to Oct. 31, when the budget must be passed on and adopted by the Board of Estimate and the Board of Aldermen. The main items which served to increase the first estimate of the budget by the Board of Estimate by \$15,215,558 09 were: \$7,000,000 for repaving all boroughs, \$5,000,000 Board of Transportation, salaries and expenses, and \$1,854,600 to Police Department for 1,000 additional patrolmen, four inspectors and 20 lieutenants.

Texas (State of).—*Governor Signs First of Bond Validation Measures—Effective at Once.*—On Thursday, Oct. 14, Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson signed the first of the bond validation bills passed by the Legislature and they become effective at once. The most important measure signed was that validating bonds authorized but not issued or sold. Several counties voted road bonds and failed to sell them previous to the decision handed down by the Supreme Court in the "Archer County Road District Case" and which affected all road bonds of the State of Texas. We quote the following from the Dallas "News" of Oct. 14 with regard to bills signed validating bonds of certain counties and also the provisions of the general bond validation Act, which validates the authorized but unsold road bonds:

The Governor signed the bill validating the bonds of Anderson County Road District No. 8, which includes \$1,500,000, of which \$1,000,000 had been issued and sold and \$500,000 remain unsold. The general and the special Act now validates the latter and authorizes their sale.

Cochran County Special Road bonds amounting to \$300,000 were validated in a bill signed Thursday; also the Tom Green County Road bonds, which had not been sold. Another bill signed also authorized Wise County to fund or refund its outstanding road bonds and warrants at a lower rate of interest, as well as validated them.

Applies to Several Large Issues.

The general Act, which validates the authorized but unsold road bonds, is regarded as the most important and applies to several large issues as well as to some of the smaller counties. Its exact provisions are as follows:

"That all bonds heretofore voted and authorized by any political subdivision, or by any road bond district, in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 52 of Art. 3 of the Texas Constitution, and which bonds have not yet been issued and sold, are hereby validated, and the Commissioners' Court of the county including such political subdivision or road district shall have the power, and is hereby expressly authorized to make and enter any and all orders and provisions necessary for the purpose of issuing and selling the bonds so authorized to be issued by the qualified electors of such political subdivision or road district, and such Court is hereby further expressly authorized to levy general and ad valorem taxes on all taxable property situated in such political subdivision or road district as such taxable property appears upon the assessment rolls for the State and County taxes, in amount sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds and the principal thereof at maturity, and such bonds, when approved by the Attorney-General, registered by the Comptroller and delivered, shall be the general direct and binding obligations of such political subdivision or road district issuing the same."

Governor Ferguson also signed Senate Bill No. 315 creating the Dallas County Fresh Water Supply District No. 7, validating \$85,000 of its bonds and approving the orders of the Commissioners' Court in all things pertaining to the creation of this district.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

ALTON, Madison County, Ill.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The 4 issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$350,000, purchased by the Citizens National Bank of Alton at 106.54—V. 123, p. 1658—are described as follows:

- \$200,000 city hall bonds.
- 100,000 park bonds.
- 30,000 fire dept. equipment bonds.
- 20,000 fire engine house bonds.
- Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due serially 1927 to 1946, incl. Int. payable A. & O.

ALVARDO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oakland) Alameda County, Calif.—BONDS OFFERED.—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, received sealed bids until Oct. 18 for \$16,000 5% school bonds. Due serially, 1928 to 1943, inclusive.

AMITA, Tangipahoa County, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles G. Weishaar, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 2 for \$30,000 6% street bonds. Denom. \$500.

ANDERSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Palestine), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—W. C. Quick, County Judge, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 4 for \$500,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, Chicago.

APALACHICOLA, Franklin County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—F. B. Wakefield, City Cashier, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 28 for \$79,000 6% street impt. bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 1936. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Bids may be submitted subject to the approval of bonds by reputable bond attorneys. A certified check, payable to the City Cashier for \$4,000, required.

ASHEVILLE, Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,590,000 bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 123, p. 1784—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Bankers Trust Co. and the Guaranty Co., both of N. Y. City, the First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, the Federal Commerce Trust Co. of St. Louis, and Durfey & Marr of Raleigh, at 101.715, a basis of about 4.62%:

- \$520,000 water bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1929 to 1938, incl., \$12,000, 1939 to 1946, incl., \$16,000, 1947 to 1955, incl., and \$20,000, 1956 to 1965, incl.
- 440,000 permanent impt. bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1929 and 1930; \$14,000, 1931 and 1932; \$20,000, 1933 and 1934; \$24,000, 1935 and 1936, and \$30,000, 1937 to 1946, incl.
- 350,000 city hall bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1936, incl., \$7,000, 1937 to 1944, incl., \$11,000, 1945 to 1954, incl., and \$12,000, 1955 to 1966, incl.
- 143,000 general corporate bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1934, incl., \$7,000, 1935 to 1939, incl., \$9,000, 1940 and 1941 and \$12,000, 1942 to 1946, incl.
- 93,000 sewerage bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1937, incl., and \$3,000, 1938 to 1962, incl.
- 44,000 electric light bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1938, incl., and \$3,000, 1939 to 1946, incl.
- Date Sept. 1 1926.

ASHLAND, Jackson County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Ralph Schnedeker Co. of Portland has purchased an issue of \$20,741 04 impt. bonds at 102.95.

ASHLEY, Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Stanley E. Christman, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Oct. 28 for \$50,000 5½% coupon borough bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000 Jan. 1 1928 and 1929. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds is required.

ATLANTIC COUNTY (P. O. Atlantic City), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Enoch L. Johnson, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 5 for the following 5% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$42,000:

\$22,000 road impt. bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 and 1929, and \$6,000, 1930 and 1931. Int. payable A. & O.
20,000 road impt. bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$5,000 Nov. 1 1928 to 1931 incl. Int. payable M. & N.
Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

AUBURNDALE, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—D. W. Thorp Jr., City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$130,000 6% street impt. assessment bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$13,000, Dec. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

BACON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alma), Bacon County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—J. T. Altman, County Superintendent, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 1 for \$6,000 5% school bonds.

BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Halfway), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5½% school bonds offered on June 2—V. 122, p. 2988—were awarded to Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane at 103, a basis of about 4.94%. Dated June 1 1926. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$1,500, 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$2,000, 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$2,500, 1938 to 1940 incl.; \$3,000, 1941 to 1944 incl., and \$3,500, 1945 and 1946.

BAY, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Jesse L. Sadler, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Cleveland time) Oct. 26 for \$78,282 4½% special assessment street impt. bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500 except one for \$1,282 42. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,500, 1928; \$8,000, 1929; \$7,500, 1930; \$8,000, 1931 and 1932; \$7,500, 1933; \$8,000, 1934 and 1935; \$7,500, 1936, and \$9,282 50, 1937.

BEAUMONT, Jefferson County, Tex.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by the City Clerk until Oct. 16 for \$1,250,000 impt. bonds.

BELLINGHAM, Whatcom County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Seattle has purchased the following two issues of refunding bonds aggregating \$250,000:

\$170,000 series E 5% refunding bonds. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1928; \$6,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$7,000, 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$8,000, 1935 and 1936; \$9,000, 1937 and 1938; \$10,000, 1939 and 1940; \$1,000, 1941 and 1942; \$12,000, 1943 and 1944, and \$13,000, 1945 and 1946.

80,000 series C 4¼% refunding bonds. Due as follows: \$4,000, 1928 and 1929; \$5,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; \$6,000, 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$7,000, 1938 to 1940 incl., and \$8,000, 1941.

Dated Oct. 1 1926. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office.

BELMONT, Gaston County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds aggregating \$200,000 offered on Oct. 12—V. 123, p. 1785—were awarded to W. K. Terry & Co. of Toledo as follows:

\$175,000 local impt. bonds at a premium of \$300, equal to 100.17, a basis of about 4.98%. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1931 incl., and \$10,000, 1932 to 1946 incl.

25,000 water bonds at a premium of \$74, equal to 100.29, a basis of about 4.96%. Due \$1,000, July 1 1927 to 1951 incl.
Dated July 1 1926.

BERLIN, Worcester County, Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% electric light plant bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 123, p. 1659—were awarded to Townsend, Scott & Son of Baltimore at par. Due in 1936.

BESSEMER, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—J. M. Scott, City Clerk, will sell at public auction at 8 p. m. Nov. 2 the following two issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$122,000:

\$92,000 public improvement bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1936. Int. payable (M. & N.)

30,000 sewer bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 1956. Int. payable (M. & S.)

Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, Boston. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the City, required.

BINGHAMTON, Broome County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry H. Evens, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (standard time) Oct. 26 for the following three issues of 4¼% bonds, aggregating \$80,000:

\$50,000 school building bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due \$20,000 1927 to 1951 incl. Int. payable M. & S.

105,000 paving bonds. Date April 1 1926. Due \$11,000 1927 to 1931 incl., and \$10,000, 1932 to 1936 incl. Int. payable A. & O.

75,000 bridge bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due \$5,000, 1927 to 1941 incl. Int. payable J. & D.

Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds, registerable as to prin. only or as to both prin. and int. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to above-named official, is required.

BLACKFORD COUNTY (P. O. Hartford City), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Ruth Werber, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 5 for \$9,587 85 6% drainage bonds. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$500 except one for \$87 85. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,587 85, 1927, and \$2,000, 1928 to 1931 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Clay Thompson, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 26 for the following 3 issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$49,600:

\$16,600 Marion and Union Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$830. Due \$830 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl.

15,000 Marion Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$750. Due \$750 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl.

18,000 Jackson Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$900. Due \$900 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl.

Dated Oct. 5 1926. Int. payable M. & N.

BURLINGTON, Des Moines County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$79,000 4½% coupon sewer bonds offered on Oct. 14—V. 123, p. 1905—were awarded to the First Iowa State Trust & Savings Bank of Burlington at a premium of \$1,175, equal to 101.48, a basis of about 4.24%. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 and 1929; \$8,000, 1930; \$10,000, 1931 to 1935 incl., and \$13,000, 1936.

CAMDEN COUNTY (P. O. Camden), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—S. B. Seymour, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 1 for \$20,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

CARBONDALE, Jackson County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Central Public Service Co. of Carbondale has purchased an issue of \$100,000 water system bonds.

CEDAR FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Black Hawk County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens Savings Bank of Cedar Falls has purchased an issue of \$75,000 refunding school bonds at a premium of \$763, equal to 101.01%.

CHICAGO LINCOLN PARK DISTRICT, Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Taylor, Ewart & Co. of Chicago, W. A. Harriman & Co. of New York and Blyth, Witter & Co. of San Francisco was awarded on Oct. 20 an issue of \$1,000,000 4½% Series B bonds at 102.409, a basis of about 4.20%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$50,000, 1927 to 1946 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Standard Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago.

CHINO VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Prescott), Yavapai County, Ariz.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$85,000 6% coupon irrigation bonds offered on Sept. 23 V. 123, p. 1532 have not been sold.

CLAWSON, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Lynn Richards, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 26

for the following not exceeding 6% special assessment bonds, aggregating \$39,000:

\$3,500 street bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$500, 1927, and \$1,000, 1928 to 1930 incl.

35,500 street bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$8,500, 1927, and \$9,000, 1928 to 1930 incl.

Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. A certified check for \$3,000, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

CLEARWATER, Pinellas County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. M. Gilmore, City Auditor, until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 1 for the following two issues of 6% special assessment bonds, aggregating \$166,000:

\$130,000 improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Due \$13,000 April 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

36,000 improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1926. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1931 incl., and \$4,000, 1932 to 1937 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in New York. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. A certified check for 2% of bid required.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. C. Frazine, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 6 for the following 3¼% bonds, aggregating \$525,740:

\$390,740 street impt. (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$38,740, 1927; \$39,000, 1928 to 1935 incl., and \$40,000, 1936.

60,000 park bonds. Due \$6,000 Oct. 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

75,000 street impt. (city's portion) bonds. Due \$3,000 Oct. 1 1928 to 1952 incl.

Date Nov. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the Director of Finance or at the legal depository of the city in Cleveland.

A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to above-named official, is required.

CLEVELAND SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX DISTRICT (P. O. Salisbury), Rowan County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Max Barker, Register of Deeds, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 1 for \$32,500 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.

COLUSA COUNTY (P. O. Colusa), Calif.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$110,000 5% highway bonds awarded to Dean, Witter & Co. of Los Angeles on Oct. 9—V. 123, p. 1905—was a premium of \$9,929, equal to 109.02, a basis of about 4.32%. Due July 1 as follows: \$25,000 1944, \$30,000 1945 and 1946, and \$25,000 in 1947.

CONCORD, Merrimack County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—The \$195,000 4¼% coupon Union School District bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 1905—were awarded to Merrill, Oldham & Co. of Boston at 100.94, a basis of about 4.17%. Date Dec. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 1927 to 1965, inclusive.

CONCORD, Merrimack County, N. H.—LOAN OFFERING.—The City Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 27 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$50,000 temporary loan. Due Dec. 15 1926.

CORONA, Riverside County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The California Securities Co. of Los Angeles, has purchased an issue of \$70,000 5% coupon municipal drainage system, and street improvement bonds, Date Oct. 1 1926. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$3,500 Oct. 1 1927 to 1946, incl. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Legality to be approved by O'Melveny, Millikin & Fuller, Los Angeles.

Financial Statement (Officially Reported Sept. 15 1926).

Assessed valuation (1925-26).....\$5,783,941

Total bonded debt (including this issue).....350,174

Estimated population, 6,000.

CORTEZ, Manatee County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—A. W. Meserve, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 15 for the following 3 issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$100,000:

\$84,000 curbs, sidewalks and storm sewers bonds.

15,000 water plant and water main bonds.

1,000 lighting construction bonds.

Denom. \$500. Due serially in 30 years, optional after 20 years. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

COVINGTON, Tipton County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Memphis has purchased an issue of \$105,000 5¼% paving bonds at 100.04, a basis of about 5.24%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$7,000 1927 to 1936, incl.; \$3,000 in 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943 and 1945, and \$4,000 in 1938, 1940, 1942, 1944 and 1946. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office, or at the Union Savings Bank, Covington. All expenses to be paid by purchaser.

COWLITZ COUNTY DIKING DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Kelso), Wash.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$22,000 7% diking bonds has been purchased by the Brookfield Quarry & Towing Co. of Astoria at 90.

CRANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cranford), Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The State Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund has purchased at private sale the following school bonds, aggregating \$545,000, at par:

\$298,000 Orange Ave. school bonds.

247,000 Lincoln school addition bonds.

CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. Bucyrus), Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Charles H. Fry, County Auditor, received sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 21 for \$40,000 5% inter-county highway No. 485 bonds. Date June 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1934 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Purchaser required to furnish printed bonds at his own expense.

CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. Bucyrus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles H. Fry, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Central standard time) Oct. 29 for \$26,000 5% bridge bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1930 incl., and \$6,000, 1931. Int. payable A. & O. A certified check, payable to the County Treasurer, for \$500, is required.

CRESTVIEW, Okaloosa County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—A. E. Clary, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 23, for \$24,000 6% water and sewerage bonds. Due \$2,000, April 1 1933 to 1944, incl. Int. payable A. & O. A certified check for \$500, required.

DEARBORN, Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of the following bonds aggregating \$2,900,000:

\$2,400,000 sewer bonds. \$500,000 water bonds.

DEARBORN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Dearborn), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—E. E. Walborn, Secretary, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 4 for \$200,000 not exceeding 5% school bonds. Date Jan. 2 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 2 as follows: \$10,000 in 1928 and 1929; \$12,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.; \$15,000, 1934 to 1937 incl.; \$30,000, 1938 and 1939; and \$12,000, 1940. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in Detroit. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the District Treasurer, is required.

DEER PARK, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Julien, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Nov. 15 for the following 6% bonds aggregating \$9,377 90:

\$2,682 66 coupon special assessment Ohio Ave. impt. bonds. Denom. \$335, except one for \$337 66. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$337 66, 1928, and \$335, 1929 to 1935 incl.

6,695 24 coupon Matson Ave. special assessment impt. bonds. Denom. \$335, except one for \$850 24. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$850 24, 1928, and \$835, 1929 to 1935 incl.

Dated Nov. 10 1926. Prin. and annual int. payable at the Silverton Bank, Silverton. A certified check, payable to the Village for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, is required.

DELAWARE (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas S. Fouracre, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Nov. 5 for \$600,000 4% coupon highway bonds. The State of Delaware reserves the right to purchase and take \$350,000 of the bonds at the same price per bond as is bid for the remaining \$250,000 of the bonds.

DELPHOS, Allen County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—Frank M. Irick, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 10 for a \$1,478 35 not exceeding 6% note. Date Nov. 10 1926. Due Dec. 31 1927. A certified check for 10% of the note, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

DESCHUTES COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Bend), Oregon.—BOND SALE.—The A. D. Wakeman Co. of Portland has purchased an issue of \$65,000 school bonds at a premium of \$5, equal to 100.007.

DEVINE, Medina County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—H. D. Crosby & Co. of San Antonio recently purchased an issue of \$40,000 6% water works bonds due \$1,000 1927 to 1966 inclusive.

DOGDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62, McLean County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during the month of February an issue of \$9,500 5% school bonds Dated Jan. 2 1926. Due Jan. 2 1946, optional Jan. 2 1928.

DONNA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hidalgo County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Taylor, Ewart & Co. of Chicago, have purchased an issue of \$50,000 5% school bonds. Due serially, in 20 to 28 years.

DORCHESTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. Hinesville), Liberty County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—W. C. Hodges, Attorney for District, will receive sealed bids until Dec. 15 for \$15,000 6% school bonds.

DOVER (P. O. Dover Center), Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 5 1/2% special assessment bonds, aggregating \$33,850, offered on June 24 (V. 122, p. 3633), were awarded to Geo. W. York & Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$1,352, equal to 103.99, a basis of about 4.72%:

\$20,500 Detroit Road sewer bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1935 incl., and \$2,500, 1936.

11,350 Detroit Road water bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,100, 1927 and 1928; \$1,200, 1929; \$1,100, 1930 and 931; \$1,200, 1932; \$1,100, 1933 and 1934; \$1,200, 1935, and \$1,150, 1936.

2,000 Johnson Court improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$200, 1927 and 1928; \$250, 1929; \$200, 1930 and 1931; \$250, 1932; \$200, 1933 and \$250, 1934 and 1935.

Date June 1 1926.

DUBLIN, Erath County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Garrett & Co. of Dallas have purchased an issue of \$38,000 5 1/4% paving bonds at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.26.

DUNN, Harnett County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$70,000, offered on Sept. 24 (V. 123, p. 1532) were awarded to the Federal Commerce Trust Co. of St. Louis and W. F. Shaffner & Co. of Winston-Salem, jointly, as 5 1/4s at a premium of \$550 90, equal to 100.78, a basis of about 5.17%:

\$40,000 water and sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 Feb. 1 1929 to 1966 incl. and \$2,000, 1967.

30,000 street and sidewalk bonds. Due \$3,000, 1928 to 1937 incl. Date Aug. 1 1926.

EAST FORK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Williams County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota, purchased an issue of \$6,500 5% school bonds, during the month of July. Date June 1 1926. Due June 1 1946, optional June 1 1928.

EAST FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kittingan, R. F. D. No. 3), Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Aug. 4 (V. 123, p. 481) were awarded to the Safe Deposit & Title Guaranty Co. of Kittingan at par. Date Aug. 2 1926. Due Aug. 1 1946, optional in 1928.

EASTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Eastland County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary Board of Education until 12 m. Nov. 1 for \$150,000 5 1/4% school bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 15 as follows: \$1,000 1927 to 1933, incl.; \$2,000 1934 to 1939, incl.; \$3,000 1940 to 1946, incl.; \$4,000 1947 to 1951, incl.; \$5,000 1952 to 1956, incl.; \$6,000 1957 to 1961, and \$7,000 1962 to 1966. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, New York City. A certified check for \$3,000, payable to J. H. Caton, President Board of Education, required.

Financial Statement

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Assessed valuation, Real property, Personal property, Total, Total debt, Sinking fund, and Net debt.

EAST LANSDOWNE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Lansdowne), Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on June 28—V. 122, p. 3488—were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia at 101.78, a basis of about 4.28% to optional date and a basis of about 4.39% if allowed to run full term of years. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 1956; optional July 1 1936.

EDEN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Renville County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of September, the State of North Dakota purchased an issue of \$24,000 5% school bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due June 1 1946, optional June 1 1928.

EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$153,023 69 impt. bonds offered on Oct. 11—V. 123, p. 1905—were awarded to the Ralph Schneeloch Co. of Portland as 5s at 100.261, a basis of about 4.97%. Dated Oct. 15 1926. Due Oct. 15 1936.

FAIRFIELD, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$83,000 coupon school building and impt. bonds offered on Oct. 20—V. 123, p. 1786—were awarded to McEldowney & Co. of Bridgeport as 4 1/4s at a premium of \$1,000, equal to 101.20, a basis of about 4.12%. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1946 incl., and \$3,000, 1947.

FALLS CREEK, Clearfield County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$32,000 6% (special assessment) street bonds offered on July 22—V. 123, p. 356—were awarded to the Jefferson County National Bank of Brookville at a premium of \$396 80, equal to 101.15, a basis of about 5.58%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$6,460, July 31 1927 to 1931 incl.

FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$300,000, offered on Oct. 15 (V. 123, p. 2023), were awarded to the Old Colony Corp. of Boston at 100.22, as follows: \$250,000 public improvement bonds as 4 1/4s. Due serially 1927 to 1936 inclusive.

50,000 sewer bonds as 4s. Due serially, 1927 to 1956 inclusive. Date Sept. 1 1926.

FARRELL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62, Cass County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during the month of February an issue of \$5,000 5% school bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1925. Due Dec. 1 1945, optional Dec. 1 1927.

FOSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Logan County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during the month of September an issue of \$40,000 5% school bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1926. Due Aug. 1 1946, optional Aug. 1 1928.

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 4% coupon water bonds purchased on Oct. 5 by Estabrook & Co. of Boston at 100.58—V. 123, p. 1906—a basis of about 3.95%, are described as follows: Date Oct. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, Oct. 15 1930 to 1954 incl. Interest payable A. & O. 15.

FRANKLINTON, Franklin County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—George L. Cooke, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Nov. 2 for \$10,000 coupon or registered water bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, Oct. 1 1928 to 1947 incl. Rate of interest to be named by bidders. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in N. Y. City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City, and J. L. Morehead, Durham. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bid is required.

FROSTPROOF, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Truitt, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 1, for the following three issues of 6% special assessment bonds, aggregating \$78,000: \$35,000 street impt. bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due as follows: \$4,000, 1927, 1928, 1930, 1932 and 1934, and \$5,000, 1929, 1931 and 1933. Interest payable M. & N.

26,000 street impt. bonds. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1927, 1929, 1932 and 1934, and \$3,000, 1928, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1935 and 1936. Interest payable F. & A.

17,000 street impt. bonds. Date March 1 1926. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1927, 1930 and 1933, and \$2,000, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1935 and 1936. Interest payable M. & N.

Denom. \$1,000 Prin. and int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. A certified check for 3% of the bid, payable to the Town, required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

GAFFNEY, Cherokee County, So. Caro.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$100,000 5% coupon street impt. bonds awarded to the Robinson-Humphrey Co. of Atlanta on Aug. 2—V. 123, p. 1140—at a premium of \$1,170, equal to 101.17, are described as follows: Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially Aug. 1 1931 to 1954, incl. Int. payable (F. & A.).

GALLIPOLIS, Gallia County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 2 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$105,000 electric light bonds. W. P. Kling, City Auditor.

GAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Chardon), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% I. C. H. No. 475 coupon bonds offered on Oct. 18 (V. 123, p. 1660) were awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$442 50, equal to 101.77, a basis of about 4.61%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927; \$3,000, 1928; \$2,000, 1929; \$3,000, 1930; \$2,000, 1931; \$3,000, 1932; \$2,000, 1933; \$3,000, 1934; \$2,000, 1935, and \$3,000, 1936.

GREENFIELD, Adair County, Iowa.—The reported sale of \$16,000 4 1/4% school bonds to Brown-Crummer Investment Co. of Wichita on Aug. 21—V. 123, p. 1007—was incorrect.

GREENLEAF, Washington County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo., has purchased the following two issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$105,000: \$55,000 sewer bonds. Due serially, 1927 to 1946, inclusive. 50,000 paving bonds. Due serially, 1927 to 1936, inclusive.

GREENVILLE, Greenville County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 water works extension bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 123, p. 1787—were awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. and Hannas, Ballin & Lee, both of New York City, jointly, as 5s at 104.79, a basis of about 4.61%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 1965, optional, Jan. 1 1945.

GREENVILLE SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Madison), Madison County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. Hardee, Chairman Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$60,000 6% school bonds. Dated May 1 1926. Due May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1952 incl., and \$3,000, 1953 to 1956. Int. payable M. & N. A certified check for \$3,000 required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York.

GROVELAND, Lake County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 6% assessment impt. bonds offered on Oct. 11—V. 123, p. 1661—were awarded to the J. B. McCrary Co. of Atlanta at 95, a basis of about 7.12%. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927, and \$3,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.

HAMER TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Danville), Highland County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—A. B. Robinson, Clerk, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 1 for \$2,400 6% funding of net deficiency notes. Date Sept. 20 1926. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 March and Sept. 1 1927 to Sept. 1 1929 incl. A certified check for 5% of the notes bid for, payable to the Board of Education, is required.

HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry H. Schuster, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 4 for \$3,254 80 6% Tiffin Ave. Improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$325 48. Due \$325 48 Oct. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 5% of the amount of the bid, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$246,213 25, offered on Oct. 15—V. 123, p. 1787—were awarded as follows:

To the Federal Securities Corp. of Chicago and the W. H. Silverman Co. of Cincinnati, jointly: \$161,748 21 sanitary sewer district No. 4 bonds at a premium of \$817 79, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.44%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,748 21, 1928 and \$8,000, 1929 to 1947, incl.

\$4,465 04 road impt. bonds at a premium of \$59 15, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 4.49%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$8,465 04 in 1928; \$9,000, 1929 to 1932, incl., and \$8,000, 1933 to 1937, incl.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Chattanooga), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$725,000, offered on Oct. 20—V. 123, p. 2023—were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, jointly, at a premium of \$5,510, equal to 100.76, a basis of about 4.45%: \$600,000 Mission Ridge Tunnel bonds. Due Nov. 1 1956. 125,000 children's hospital bonds. Due Nov. 1 1946.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Chattanooga), Tenn.—MATURITY.—The two issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$725,000, offered on Oct. 20 (V. 123, p. 2023) mature as follows: \$600,000 Mission Ridge tunnel bonds, due Nov. 1 1956. 125,000 Children's Hospital bonds, due Nov. 1 1946. The above corrects the report given in V. 123, p. 2023. Date Nov. 1 1926.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Whippany) Morris County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,500 5% school bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 1906—were awarded to the New Jersey Fidelity & Plate Glass Insurance Co. of Newark at a premium of \$2 50, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.99%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$1,000, 1927 to 1936, incl., and \$500 in 1937.

HAVANA, Gadsden County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 6% town bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 1533—were awarded to W. T. Taylor at par. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1935, incl.; \$2,000, 1936 to 1940, incl.; \$4,000, 1941 to 1945, incl., and \$6,000, 1946 to 1950, incl.

HAWAII (Territory of)—BOND SALE.—The \$1,805,000 4 1/2% series B public improvement coupon gold bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 123, p. 1140—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Banc Bros. & Co., the Old Colony Corp., Lee, Higginson & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co., all of New York City; the Herrick Co. of Cleveland, the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis and the Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee at 103.19, a basis of about 4.27% to optional date and a basis of about 4.31% if allowed to run full term of years. Date Oct. 15 1926. Due Oct. 15 1956, optional Oct. 15 1946. The bankers are re-offering these bonds at 104.50, to yield over 4.16% to optional date and 4.50% thereafter. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Assessed valuation 1926, Net bonded indebtedness, and Population 1920.

HENDERSONVILLE, Henderson County, No. Caro.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by the City Clerk, until Oct. 25 for the following two issues of impt. bonds, aggregating \$350,000: \$200,000 street paving bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1929 to 1940, incl., and \$20,000, 1941.

150,000 sewer and water bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1954, incl., and \$10,000, 1955 and 1956.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National Park Bank, New York City. A certified check for \$7,000, payable to the City Treasurer, covering both bids required. Legality approved by Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. These are the bonds offered on Oct. 11—V. 123, p. 1533.

HERKIMER, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Herkimer was awarded on Oct. 15 an issue of \$27,000 4 1/4% additional water supply bonds at par. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1953. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank of Herkimer.

HOFFNINGSTHAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25, McIntosh County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of July the State of North Dakota purchased an issue of \$6,000 5% school bonds. Dated May 1 1926. Due May 1 1941, optional May 1 1928.

HUNTINGTON BEACH UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Ana), Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Anaheim have purchased an issue of \$150,000 5% school bonds at a premium of \$2,144, equal to 101.42. Due serially 1926 to 1935.

HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Huntington), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$475,000 4½% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 123, p. 1787—were awarded to Geo. H. Burr & Co. of New York at 102.266, a basis of about 4.30%. Date Aug. 15 1926. Due \$19,000 Aug. 15 1931 to 1955, incl.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Findlay), Route 5, Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. W. Edie, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Oct. 27 for \$2,100 6% road impt. bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$525. Due \$525, Nov. 1 1928 to 1932, incl. Prin. and int. M. & N. payable at the Township Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$100 is required.

JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$250,000, offered on Oct. 13 (V. 123, p. 1787), have been sold at a premium of \$3,750, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 4.56%:

\$100,000 water works and improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 1928.

100,000 water works and improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 1935.

50,000 sidewalk bonds. Dated July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1928 and 1929, and \$10,000, 1930.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Zanesfield) Logan County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—The \$5,523 25 6% funding notes offered on Oct. 4—V. 123, p. 1787—were awarded to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus at a premium of \$50, equal to 100.89, a basis of about 5.67%. Date June 1 1926. Due \$552 30 each six months from June 1 1927 to Dec. 1 1931, incl.

KENTUCKY (State of).—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Nov. 2 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$9,000,000: \$5,000,000 penal, correctional, and charitable institution bonds. 4,000,000 funding bonds.

KINGSVILLE, Kleberg County, Tex.—BONDS OFFERED.—Mrs. Carrie B. Sims, City Secretary, received sealed bids until Oct. 21 for \$180,000 5% street improvement bonds. Due serially in 30 years.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$142,500 4½% coupon road construction bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 123, p. 1786—were awarded to the Peoples State Bank of Crown Point at a premium of \$2,469 38, equal to 101.73. Date Sept. 15 1926. Due semi-annually 1927 to 1936, incl. Int. payable M. & N.

LANCASTER, Fairfield County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Barnes, City Aud., will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 8 for \$10,393.61 5% Wyandotte St. paving special assessment bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$393.61. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,393.61 1928 and \$1,000 1929 to 1937, incl. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

LANCASTER COUNTY (P. O. Lancaster), So. Caro.—NOTE OFFERING.—T. Y. Williams, Chairman Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 1 for \$500,000 5% notes. Denom. \$1,000.

LANESBORO, Susquehanna County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—H. A. Bennett, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 5 for \$14,000 4½% coupon borough bonds. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1931; \$1,500, 1936; \$2,000, 1941; \$2,500, 1946; \$3,000, 1951 and \$4,000, 1956. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Borough, is required.

LARCHMONT, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Larchmont Trust Co. of Larchmont was awarded on Oct. 18 an issue of \$13,000 disposal chimney camouflaging bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, New York. (Rate not stated.)

LEBANON, Linn County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—Hugh McGuire & Co. of Portland have purchased an issue of \$9,703 42 5½% street improvement bonds at 101 12.

LEIPSIC, Putnam County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Wardle McCallister, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Central standard time) Oct. 25 for \$15,956 16 6% net deficiency notes. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,595 except one for \$1,601 16. Due \$1,595 May 1 and Nov. 1 1927 to May 1 1931, incl., and \$1,601 16, Nov. 1 1931. Int. payable M. & N. A certified check for 5% of the amount of notes bid for is required.

LENOIR GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Caldwell County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 school bonds offered on June 15—V. 122, p. 3371—were awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati as 5s at a premium of \$2,220, equal to 102.22, a basis of about 4.78%. Date June 1 1926. Due \$4,000, 1929 to 1953 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in gold in N. Y. City. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of N. Y. City.

LEON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Decatur County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 4½% coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 123, p. 1141—were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport at a premium of \$705, equal to 101.76, a basis of about 4.33%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$2,000, 1935 to 1938 incl.; \$3,000, 1939 to 1941 incl., and \$4,000, 1942 to 1946 incl.

LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Sioux County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota during the month of April purchased an issue of \$5,800 5% school bonds. Dated April 1 1926. Due April 1 1946, optional April 1 1928.

LINTON SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36, Emmons County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota during the month of April purchased an issue of \$27,500 5% school bonds. Dated April 1 1926. Due April 1 1946, optional April 1 1928.

LORENZO, Crosby County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Roy J. Terrill, City Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 8 for \$42,000 6% water works bonds. Date Aug. 10 1926. Due Aug. 10 as follows: \$1,000, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, and \$1,000, 1936 to 1959 incl., and \$2,000, 1960 to 1966 incl. Int. payable A. & O. A certified check payable to the Mayor for \$1,000, required.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 8 for \$5,000,000 5% flood control bonds. Date July 2 1924. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due July 2 as follows: \$757,500, 1927; \$210,500, 1928, and \$112,000, 1929 to 1964 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. Legality approved by O'Melveny, Millikin, Tuller & Macneil, Los Angeles. A certified check, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, required.

LOUISIANA (State of).—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 4½% State impt. gold bonds offered on Oct. 20—V. 123, p. 2024—were awarded to the William R. Compton Co. and Curtis & Sanger, both of New York City, jointly, at 100.629, a basis of about 4.38%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1932.

NOTE SALE.—The National Bank of Commerce of New York has purchased privately an issue of \$1,200,000 Confederate Veterans' Widows' Pension Fund notes. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Feb. 15 1927.

LOWER LAKE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lakeport), Lake County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5% school bonds offered on Oct. 12 (V. 123, p. 1907) were awarded to Dean, Witter & Co. of San Francisco. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1929 to 1951 incl.

Financial Statement.
Assessed valuation 1925.....\$1,858,630
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....45,000

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The 12 issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$261,556, offered on Oct. 14—V. 123, p. 1661—were awarded as follows:

To A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo:
\$61,634 Main Sewer District No. 11 bonds at a premium of \$1,351, equal to 102.19, a basis of about 4.57%. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$7,634 in 1928 and \$7,000 1929 to 1934, incl., and \$6,000 in 1935 and 1936.
79,247 Main Sewer District No. 11 bonds at a premium of \$1,957, equal to 102.19, a basis of about 4.50%. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$8,247 1928, \$8,000 1929 to 1936, incl., and \$7,000 1937.

To the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, jointly:
\$12,076 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds at a premium of \$151, equal to 101.25, a basis of about 4.68%. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,076 in 1928 and \$2,000 1929 to 1933, incl.

12,952 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds at a premium of \$151, equal to 101.16, a basis of about 4.69%. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,952 1928 and \$2,000 1929 to 1932, incl.

10,460 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds at a premium of \$107, equal to 101.02, a basis of about 4.72%. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,460 1928 and \$2,000 1929 to 1932, incl., and \$1,000 in 1933.

33,357 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds at a premium of \$651, equal to 101.95, a basis of about 4.58%. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$5,357 in 1928 and \$4,000 1929 to 1935, incl.

12,672 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds at a premium of \$151, equal to 101.19, a basis of about 4.69%. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,672 1928 and \$2,000 1929 to 1932, incl.

10,831 Main Sewer District No. 8 bonds at a premium of \$102, equal to 100.94, a basis of about 4.73%. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,831 in 1928 and \$2,000 1929 to 1932, incl.

To the Herrick Co. of Cleveland:
\$6,617 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds at a premium of \$13, equal to 100.19, a basis of about 4.93%. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,617 1928 and \$2,000 1929 and \$1,000 1930 to 1931, incl.

7,770 Main Sewer District No. 8 bonds at a premium of \$36, equal to 100.46, a basis of about 4.83%. 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 at a premium of \$41, equal to 100.47, a basis of about 4.84%. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,707 in 1928 and \$2,000 1929 and 1930 and \$1,000 in 1931 and 1932.

5,234 Main Sewer District No. 4 bonds at a premium of \$10, equal to 100.19, a basis of about 4.94%. Due Oct. 26 as follows: \$2,233 in 1928 and \$1,000 1929 to 1931, incl.

LUCCA SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85, Barnes County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$20,000 5% school bonds was purchased during the month of July by the State of North Dakota. Dated June 1 1926. Due June 1 1943, optional June 1 1928.

McCAMMON, Bannock County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 coupon water rights bonds offered on Oct. 12—V. 123, p. 1661—were awarded to the J. E. Edgerton Co. of Pocatello as 5½s at par. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 1946, optional Oct. 1 1936.

McCOOK, Red Willow County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The United States Trust Co. of Omaha has purchased an issue of \$155,000 5% Voting District No. 2 bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000.

McCLUSKY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19, Sheridan County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during the month of May an issue of \$45,000 5% school bonds. Dated April 1 1926. Due April 1 1946, optional April 1 1928.

McKEE ROCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McKees Rocks), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Nov. 8 for \$800,000 4½% school bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due serially 1932 to 1951, incl.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl C. Morris, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 1 for the following 5 issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$134,500:

\$73,500 Pipecreek Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$1,225. Due \$3,675, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl.

27,000 Anderson Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$1,350. Due \$1,350, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl.

20,000 Pipecreek Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl.

11,000 Anderson Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$550. Due \$550, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl.

3,000 Anderson Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$150. Due \$150, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl.

Prin. and int. M. & N. payable at the County Treasurer's office.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,000 4½% road bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 123, p. 1788—were awarded to the Merchants National Bank of Muncie at a premium of \$432 32, equal to 101.60, a basis of about 4.17%. Date Oct. 15 1926. Due \$1,350 May 1 1928 to Nov. 1 1937, incl. Denom. \$675. Interest payable M. & N.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. London), Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$7,836 57 5% county home repairing bonds, offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 2024—were not sold on that date. L. P. Wilson, County Auditor, informs us that it was found that Section 5654-1 provides that bonds can not be sold on an estimate of the cost of the work and therefore notes have been issued, as below.

NOTE SALE.—The Central National Bank of London has purchased an issue of \$7,836 57 5% notes.

MADISON SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Madison), Madison County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. Hardee, Chairman Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$100,000 6% school bonds. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1948, incl., and \$5,000, 1949 to 1956, incl. Int. payable (M. & N.). A certified check for \$5,000 required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York. These are the bonds offered on April 5—V. 122, p. 1507.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Rolla, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 15 for the following 5% improvement bonds aggregating \$171,540:

\$63,300 West River road bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$1,300. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,330 1928 and \$7,000 1929 to 1936, incl. A certified check for \$3,000 is required.

55,000 East River road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1928, \$6,000 1929 to 1934, incl., and \$7,000 1936 and 1937. A certified check for \$3,000 is required.

25,330 Shields Titusville road bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$1,330. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,330 1928, \$2,000 1929 and \$3,000 1930 to 1936, incl. A certified check for \$1,200 is required.

19,390 Southern Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$1,390. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,390 1928, \$2,000 1929 to 1935, incl., and \$3,000 in 1936. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

8,520 Afton Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$520. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$520 1928 and \$1,000 1929 to 1936, incl. A certified check for \$500 is required.

Date Nov. 1 1926. Bidders to satisfy themselves as to legality. All checks to be made payable to Frank H. Vogan, County Treasurer.

MAINE (State of).—BOND SALE.—Estabrook & Co., of Boston, were awarded on Oct. 21 \$500,000 4% coupon "Kennebec Bridge" bonds at 99.54 a basis of about 4.03%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$50,000, Nov. 1 1941 to 1950, incl.; optional after 1936. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the State Treasurer's office.

Financial Statement.

Valuation of the State.....\$701,439,297

Bonded debt (including this issue).....17,630,300

MANATEE, Manatee County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—Farson, Son & Co. of New York City recently purchased an issue of \$99,000 6% impt. bonds at 90. Denom. \$1,000. These are the bonds offered unsuccessfully on Oct. 12—V. 123, p. 1907.

MAPLE HEIGHTS (P. O. Bedford R. F. D.), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. J. Vasek, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 15 for the following 5½% bonds, aggregating \$61,700:

\$50,700 Dunham Road Sewer District No. 2 special assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$700. Date Sept. 15 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 Oct. 1 1928 to 1936, incl., and \$5,700 in 1937.

3,000 street improvement bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$300. Due \$300 Oct. 1 1928 to 1937, incl.
 4,000 water works bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 Oct. 1 1928 to 1937, incl.
 4,000 sewer bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 Oct. 1 1928 to 1937, incl.
 Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Central National Bank of Cleveland. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer is required.

MAPLE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36, Cass County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota, during the month of July, purchased an issue of \$10,000 5% school bonds. Dated May 1 1926. Due May 1 1946, optional May 1 1928.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,800 5% coupon road bonds offered on Oct. 14—V. 123, p. 1788—were awarded to A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$83, equal to 100.76, a basis of about 4.79%. Date June 15 1926. Due each six months as follows: \$750, March 1 1927 to March 1 1933, and \$1,050, Sept. 1 1933.

BOND SALE.—The \$14,831 5% Fairground Road Impt. bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 1788—were awarded to the Herrick Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$206, equal to 101.38, a basis of about 4.69%. Date Aug. 5 1926. Due \$1,000 March and Sept. 1 1928 to March 1 1934, and \$1,831 Sept. 1 1934.

MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—J. L. Landes, City Auditor, received sealed bids until Oct. 18 for the following two issues of 5 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$14,677 53:

\$2,656 45 Holmes Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$56 45. Due serially.
 12,021 08 Holmes Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$21 08. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,021 08, 1928; \$2,000, 1929 to 1931, incl., and \$1,000, 1932 to 1936, incl.
 Interest payable M. & S.

MARFA, Young County, Tex.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until Oct. 22 for the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$114,000:

\$58,000 water works bonds. Due \$1,000 1929 to 1952, incl.; \$20,000 1953 to 1960, and \$3,000 1961 to 1966, incl.
 56,000 sewer bonds. Due as follows: \$1,000 1929 to 1953, incl.; \$2,000 1954 to 1961, incl., and \$3,000 1962 to 1966.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Interest rate to be determined at time of sale. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker of Chicago. A certified check payable to John J. Hamic, Mayor, for \$5,000, required.

MASON CITY, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.—J. H. McEwen, City Clerk, received sealed bids until Oct. 20 for \$179,000 not exceeding 4 1/2% funding bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1928 to 1932, incl.; \$7,000 1933 to 1937, incl.; \$10,000 1938 to 1942, incl.; \$15,000 1943 to 1945, incl., and \$29,000 1946. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, Chicago.

MEADVILLE, Crawford County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 4 1/2% coupon city bonds offered on Oct. 12—V. 123, p. 1907—were awarded to E. F. Weber of Meadville at par. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 1941, optional after July 1 1936.

MEXIA, Limestone County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Oct. 14 the following two issues of 5 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$175,000:

\$140,000 city hall bonds.
 35,000 park improvement bonds.
 Due serially.

MIAMI BEACH, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—We are informed by C. W. Thomlinson, City Clerk, that the sale of the \$475,000 6% park improvement bonds to Eldredge & Co. of New York and Wright, Warlow & Co., Orlando, jointly, at 97.90, a basis of about 6.27%—V. 123, p. 1142—was not completed. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due \$25,000 Sept. 1 1928 to 1946, inclusive.

MILFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Somerville), Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 14—V. 123, p. 1788—were awarded to the Ohio State Teachers' Retirement System at a premium of \$947 70, equal to 102.70, a basis of about 4.65%. Date Oct. 14 1926. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1927, and \$2,000, 1928 to 1944 inclusive.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Baldwin County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 6% street impt. bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 123, p. 1788—were awarded to John W. Hutchinson of Milledgeville at 98. Due in ten years.

MINERAL WELLS, Palo Pinto County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$299,000 5% refunding bonds registered on Sept. 29 were awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita at par.

BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Oct. 14 an issue of \$68,000 5% refunding bonds. Due serially.

MIRANDA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Webb County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 6% coupon school bonds registered on Sept. 9—V. 123, p. 1778—were awarded to the State Board of Education at par. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$800. Due \$800 July 1 1926 to 1936 incl. Int. payable J. & J.

MISSOULA, Missoula County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Clerk will receive sealed bids until Nov. 9 for \$189,000 amortization or serial funding bonds.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Key West), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—D. Z. Eller, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 15 for the following two issues of 5 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$750,000:

\$500,000 highway bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1936 to 1945 incl.; \$28,000, 1946 to 1954, incl., and \$108,000, 1955.
 250,000 bridge bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1936 to 1945, incl., \$14,000, 1946 to 1954, incl., and \$54,000, 1955.

Date June 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Crawfordsville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following 3 issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds, aggregating \$88,000, offered on Oct. 20—V. 123, p. 2024—were awarded to the Crawfordville Trust Co. at a premium of \$1,460 80, equal to 101.66, a basis of about 4.16%.

\$6,000 Sugar Creek Twp. road bonds. Due \$300 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl.
 12,000 Brown Twp. road bonds. Due \$600 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl.
 70,000 Union Twp. road bonds. Due \$3,500 each six months from May 15 1927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl.
 Date Aug. 15 1926.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SEPARATE ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Winona), Miss.—BONDS OFFERED.—James W. Townsend, Chancery Court Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 1 for \$250,000 highway bonds. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

MONTICELLO Jefferson County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% coupon sidewalk impt. bonds offered on Oct. 5—V. 123, p. 1535—were awarded to the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Monticello at 96, a basis of about 6.33%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 1951.

MOONACHIE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Carlstadt) Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Hannibal Mercaldo, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 28 for an issue of 6% registered school bonds, not to exceed \$21,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$21,000. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Dec. 1 1927 to 1947, incl. Prin. and int. J. & J., payable at the Little Ferry National Bank, Little Ferry. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education is required.

MORRISTOWN, Shelby County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% water bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 2024—were awarded to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$313, equal to 103.13, a basis of about 4.59%. Date Oct. 18 1926. Due \$1,000 July 1 1941; \$1,000, Jan. 1 and July 1 1942; \$1,000, Jan. 1 1943; \$1,500, July 1 1943; \$1,000, Jan. 1 1944; \$1,500, July 1 1944, and \$1,000, Jan. 1 and July 1 1945.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Henry County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—J. P. Budde, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 27 for \$8,000 public library building bonds. Due serially \$1,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1934, inclusive. Legal opinion and bonds to be furnished by purchaser.

MOUNT ULLA SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salisbury), Rowan County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Max Barker, Register of Deeds, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 1 for \$24,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.

MOUNT VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Comptroller will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 26 for the following bonds, aggregating \$612,000:

\$220,000 incinerator bonds. Due \$11,000 Nov. 1 1928 to 1947, incl.
 165,000 highway impt. bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 and \$20,000, 1929 to 1936, incl.
 154,000 highway repaving bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$17,000, 1928 to 1935, incl. and \$18,000, 1936.
 48,000 Dept. of Public Works Equipment bonds. Due \$12,000, Nov. 1 1929 to 1931, incl.
 20,000 drainage bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 and \$1,000, 1929 to 1946, incl.
 5,000 sewerage bonds. Due Nov. 1 1936.
 Date Nov. 1 1926. Bidders to name rate of interest.

MUSCATINE, Muscatine County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport have purchased an issue of \$8,500 levee impt. bonds.

MUSCOTAHA, Atchison County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo., has purchased an issue of \$35,000 5% paving bonds. Due serially 1927 to 1936, incl.

NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Natchitoches), La.—BOND OFFERING.—E. A. Lee, Superintendent of Schools, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 2 for \$60,000 5% school bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1927, \$3,000 1928 to 1931, incl.; \$4,000 1932 to 1936, incl.; \$5,000 1937 to 1940, incl., and \$6,000 1941. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley, Chicago. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the amount of bonds bid for, required. These are the bonds mentioned in V. 123, p. 2025.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—We are in receipt of the following financial statement of this city which is offering on Nov. 8 an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered water bonds not to exceed \$2,000,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$2,000,000.

Assessed valuation real property	\$626,652,123 00
Assessed valuation personal property	145,264,750 00
Total assessed valuation taxable property	\$771,916,873 00
Bonded debt including this issue	79,522,200 00
Water Bonds included in above	\$16,512,000 00
Sink funds for bonds other than water bonds	10,015,589 30
Special assessments collected and on hand	195,485 12
	26,723,074 43
Net debt	\$52,799,125 58
Sinking fund for water bonds	\$2,166,878 43
Population 1915 census, 366,744; population 1920 census, 414,524.	

NEW BOSTON, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 2 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$50,000 incinerator bonds.

NEW CANAAN, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of H. L. Allen & Co., Gibson, Leeffe & Co., both of New York and G. L. Austin & Co. of Hartford was awarded on Oct. 15 an issue of \$150,000 4 1/2% school bonds at 102.72.

NEW MILFORD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John Kobel, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. Nov. 13 for the following 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$198,000: \$92,000 Assessment bonds. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$8,000, 1927 to 1932, incl.; \$10,000, 1933 and 1934, and \$12,000, 1935 and 1936.
 106,000 public impt. bonds. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1938, incl., and \$8,000, 1939 to 1943, incl.
 Date Oct. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the Peoples Trust Co., Hackensack. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. If the bids received do not permit the award of either issue at 4 1/2% then and in that event the bonds of such issue will bear interest at the rate of 5%. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for payable to the Bouough is required.

NEW ROCKFORD, Eddy County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,000 water works bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 123, p. 1662—were awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago as 5 1/4%. Date Oct. 15 1926. Due serially in 5 to 20 years.

NILES, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,833 51 5/2% coupon (city's portion) sanitary sewer bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 123, p. 1789—were awarded to the State Teachers Retirement System at a premium of \$716, equal to 104.52, a basis of about 4.62%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1933, incl., \$1,000, 1934 to 1936, incl., and \$883 51, 1937.

NORTH BELLMORE FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. North Bellmore) Nassau County, N. Y.—BONDS OFFERED.—Gottlieb Roll, Clerk Board of Fire Commissioners, received sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 20 for \$30,000, not exceeding 6% coupon or registered fire equipment bonds. Date Oct. 19 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928; \$2,000, 1929; \$3,000, 1930 and 1931; \$4,000, 1932 and 1933; \$5,000, 1934 and \$4,000, 1935 and 1936. Rate of interest to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

NORTH DAKOTA (State of)—BOND SALE.—We are in receipt of the following statement showing the bonds purchased by the State from January to September, inclusive, not previously reported by us. During the month of January the State of North Dakota purchased the following 5% school bonds aggregating \$4,800:

Name	Amount	Date	Due
Barton School District No. 8	\$2,300	Nov. 1 1925	Nov. 1 1945
Long Creek School District No. 2	2,500	Nov. 1 1925	Nov. 1 1945

BOND SALES.—During the month of March the same State also purchased the following 5% school bonds aggregating \$11,500:

Name	Amount	Date	Due
Brooklyn School District No. 78	\$4,000	Jan. 2 1926	Jan. 2 1936
Beaver Creek School District No. 19	3,500	Jan. 2 1926	Jan. 2 1936
Defiance School District No. 32	4,000	Jan. 2 1926	Jan. 2 1936

BOND SALES.—During the month of May the same State also purchased the following 5% school bonds aggregating \$10,200:

Name	Amount	Date	Due
Cleven School District No. 123	\$4,800	Jan. 2 1926	Jan. 2 1946
Divide County Ind. Sch. Dist. No. 37	2,900	Apr. 1 1926	Apr. 1 1946
Manhelm School District No. 3	2,500	Apr. 1 1926	Apr. 1 1946

BOND SALES.—During the month of August the same State also purchased the following 5% school bonds aggregating \$8,800:

Name	Amount	Date	Due
Allegheny School District No. 16	\$4,000	July 1 1926	July 1 1936
LaMoure School District No. 45	2,800	June 1 1926	June 1 1946
Grenz School District No. 21	2,000	July 1 1926	July 1 1936

BOND SALES.—During the month of September the same State also purchased the following 5% school bonds aggregating \$9,000:

Name	Amount	Date	Due
Lake Washington Sch. Dist. No. 49	\$3,000	July 1 1926	July 1 1936
Loretta School District No. 108	4,000	Aug. 1 1926	Aug. 1 1936
Crosby School District No. 82	2,000	Aug. 1 1926	Aug. 1 1946

BOND SALES.—The State of North Dakota also purchased the following school bonds aggregating \$10,500:

Name	Amount.	Date.	Due.	Purchased.
Raney School District	\$3,000	Jan. 2 1926	Jan. 2 1936	February
Ross School District No. 119	3,000	Jan. 2 1926	Jan. 2 1946	April
Odessa School District No. 1	4,500	May 1 1926	May 1 1946	July

All the above bonds are optional two years from date of issue.

NORTH DAKOTA (State of).—**BOND SALE.**—The State of North Dakota purchased during the month of January an issue of \$600,000 4½% real estate Series G Industrial Commission bonds. Dated April 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 1954, optional April 1 1927.

NORTH FORK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20, Benson County, No. Dak.—**BOND SALE.**—The State of North Dakota purchased, during the month of July, an issue of \$8,000 5% school bonds. Dated May 1 1926. Due May 1 1946, optional May 1 1928.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Pulaski County, Ark.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$400,000 5% viaduct impt. District No. 1 bonds offered on Oct. 20—V. 123, p. 2025—were awarded to the American Southern Trust Co. and M. W. Elkins & Co., both of Little Rock, jointly at 97.

NORTH OLMSTEAD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$9,461 01 5¼% coupon Maple Ridge Road impt. bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 123, p. 1789—were awarded to the Herrick Co. of Cleveland. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due \$461 01 Oct. 1 1927, \$1,000 April and Oct. 1 1928 to 1931 incl., and \$1,000 April 1 1932.

NORTH TONAWANDA, Niagara County, N. Y.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$32,000 4¾% paving bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 1907—were awarded to the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo at 100.449.

NUECES COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Corpus Christi), Tex.—**BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Oct. 11 an issue of \$12,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

OCEAN CITY, Cape May County, N. J.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$335,000 coupon temporary finance bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 1907—were awarded to the Ocean City Title & Trust Co. of Ocean City as 4½s at a premium of \$331 65, equal to 100.099, a basis of about 4.45%. Date Oct. 18 1926. Due Oct. 18 1928.

OLNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Young County, Tex.—**BOND SALE.**—The Commercial Trust Co. of Kansas City has purchased an issue of \$75,000 5¼% coupon school bonds at a premium of \$101 70, equal to 101.13. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due serially to June 1 1966.

OREGON (State of).—**BOND SALE.**—A syndicate composed of the First National Bank, the Detroit Co., Eldredge & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., all of N. Y. City; the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco; the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis; and the Ralph Schneelock Co. of Portland, were awarded the \$2,000,000 series No. 6 Veterans' State Aid coupon gold bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 123, p. 1789—taking \$1,775,000 as 4½s and \$225,000 as 4¼s at a premium of \$10, equal to 100.005, a basis of about 4.29%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$1,000,000 April and Oct. 1 1951.

ORONOCO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Olmstead County, Minn.—**BONDS NOT SOLD.**—We are informed by Charles E. Postier, Clerk Board of Education, that the \$16,500 school bonds offered on Oct. 1 (V. 123, p. 2025) were not sold, as an injunction has been served and will be heard on Nov. 3.

OTIS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 80, McLean County, No. Dak.—**BOND SALE.**—The State of North Dakota during the month of March purchased an issue of \$5,000 5% school bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due Feb. 1 1946. Optional Feb. 1 1928.

PALMER, Hampden County, Mass.—**NOTE SALE.**—The Palmer National Bank was awarded on Oct. 20 \$50,000 notes at 4%. Due Dec. 24 1926.

PANAMA CITY, Bay County, Fla.—**BOND OFFERING.**—J. F. Bannerman, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 5 for \$164,000 6% improvement bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$82,000 Nov. 1 1931 to 1936, incl. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City, or at the First National Bank, Panama City. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the city, required.

PARKE COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Ind.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until Nov. 15 by Lawrence Bramblett, County Auditor, for \$2,799 6% drainage bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1926. Denom. \$277 90. Due \$277 90 Nov. 15 1927 and \$277 90 May and Nov. 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1936 incl. Int. payable M. & N. 15. Legality approved by Smith, Renster, Hornbrook & Smith of Indianapolis. A certified check for 3% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, is required.

PELHAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Pelham), Westchester County, N. Y.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$260,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 14 (V. 123, p. 1789) were awarded to the Bankers' Trust Co. of New York as 4.30s at 100.319, a basis of about 4.28%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000 in 1936 and \$9,000, 1937 to 1964 inclusive.

PELL CITY, St. Clair County, Ala.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$56,000 water works bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 123, p. 1662—were awarded to Steiner Bros. of Birmingham, at 90. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1937, incl.; \$1,500, 1938 to 1954, incl., and \$20,500, 1955. Rate not given.

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$1,200,000 5% temporary water bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 1789—were awarded to H. L. Allen & Co. of New York and the Old Colony Corp. of Boston at a premium of \$2,040, equal to 100.17, a basis of about 4.65%. Date Oct. 15 1926. Due April 15 1927.

BOND SALE.—The four issues of 4¾% bonds, aggregating \$407,000, offered on the same date—V. 123, p. 1789—were awarded to the Perth Amboy Trust Co., acting for a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Kountze Bros. and Kean, Taylor & Co., all of New York, as follows:

\$298,000 school bonds (\$300,000 offered) paying \$300.651 60, equal to 100.85, a basis of about 4.66%. Due \$10,000 Oct. 15 1927 to 1956, inclusive.

69,000 street improvement bonds at a premium of \$6 90, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.74%. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$6,000 1927 to 1930, incl., and \$9,000 1931 to 1935, inclusive.

30,000 general improvement bonds at a premium of \$6, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.74%. Due \$3,000 Oct. 15 1927 to 1936, incl.

10,000 general improvement bonds at a premium of \$2, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.74%. Due \$1,000 Oct. 15 1927 to 1936, incl.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000,000 50-year coupon or registered city bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 1789—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, White, Weld & Co., Old Colony Corp., William R. Compton Co., Barr, Bros. & Co., Taylor, Ewart & Co., Lazard Freres and Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., all of New York; Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., Inc., of Chicago, and the National Bank of Pittsburgh as 4½s at 100.16, a basis of about 4.24%. Date Oct. 16 1926. Due Oct. 16 1976, with the option to the city to redeem at par and accrued interest on Oct. 16 1946 or at any interest period thereafter upon sixty days notice by public advertisement.

PINELLAS COUNTY (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk, Board of County Commissioners until Nov. 23 for \$1,275,000 causeway bonds.

PIPESTONE, Pipestone County, Minn.—**BOND SALE.**—The State of Minnesota has purchased an issue of \$61,000 sewerage disposal plant bonds.

PLEASANT RIDGE, Oakland County, Mich.—**BONDS OFFERED.**—O. C. Keil, Village Clerk, received sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 18 for \$3,000 not exceeding 6% assessment district No. 39 paving bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$600. Due \$600 1927 to 1931 inclusive. Int. pay. A. & O.

PORT JERVIS, Orange County, N. Y.—**CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—John F. Cleary, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m.

Oct. 29 for \$6,812 76 6% certificates of indebtedness. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Feb. 1 1927. Certificates will be payable at the City Treasurer's office in New York exchange. A certified check for \$150 is required.

PRINCETON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Princeton), Mercer County, N. J.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Charles A. Seidensticker, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 29 for an issue of 4½% coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed \$43,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$500 over \$43,000. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1955 incl., and \$1,500, 1956 to 1965 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable to the Princeton Bank & Trust Co., Princeton. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, is required.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Greenfield), Ind.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$4,000 4½% road bonds offered on Oct. 18 (V. 123, p. 2026) were awarded to Frank Donner of Greencastle at a premium of \$50, equal to 101.25. Due semi-annually in 1 to 10 years.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Ottawa), Ohio.—**BOND OFFERING.**—A. B. Bruskotter, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Central standard time) Oct. 25 for \$44,527 96 5% I. C. H. No. 285, Sec. B and C impt. bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$527 96. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,527 96, 1927; \$5,000, 1928 to 1934, incl.; and \$4,000 in 1935. Prin. and semi-annual int. M. & N. payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$800 payable to the County Treasurer is required.

RALEIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23, Grant County, No. Dak.—**BOND SALE.**—During the month of August the State of North Dakota purchased an issue of \$7,000 5% school bonds. Dated July 1 1926. Due July 1 1946, optional July 1 1928.

RHAME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17, Bowman County, No. Dak.—**BOND SALE.**—The State of North Dakota purchased during the month of January an issue of \$10,000 5% school bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1925. Due Oct. 1 1945, optional Oct. 1 1927.

RIVERSIDE COUNTRY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Riverside), Calif.—**BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.**—The sale on July 26 of the following two issues of 4¾% school bonds, aggregating \$1,050,000, to the National City Co. of New York City (V. 123, p. 612) was not completed as the bonds were declared illegal:

\$850,000 City High School District bonds at a premium of \$28,240 55, equal to 103.32, a basis of about 4.49%. Due \$25,000 Aug. 1 1931 to 1964 inclusive.

200,000 City Junior College District bonds at a premium of \$6,454, equal to 103.22, a basis of about 4.50%. Due \$10,000 Aug. 1 1936 to 1955, inclusive. Date Aug. 1 1926.

RIVIERA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kleberg County, Texas.—**BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Oct. 5 an issue of \$18,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—**NOTE SALE.**—The six issues of City of Rochester notes, aggregating \$1,350,000 offered on Oct. 19—V. 123, p. 2026—were awarded to the National Bank of Rochester on a 3.86% discount basis plus a premium of \$8.

\$500,000 local impt. notes as per ordinance of the Common Council, Oct. 13 1926.

150,000 municipal building construction notes as per ordinance of Common Council, Oct. 13 1926.

100,000 municipal hospital notes as per ordinance of Common Council Oct. 13 1926.

350,000 subway railroad notes as per ordinance of Common Council, Aug. 4 1926 and Oct. 13 1926.

150,000 school construction bonds as per ordinance of the Common Council, May 12 1925.

100,000 water works impt. bonds as per ordinance of the Common Council, Feb. 23 1926.

Date Oct. 13 1926. Due Feb. 23 1927.

ROCKVILLE CENTER, Nassau County, N. Y.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$75,000 coupon or registered water works bonds offered on Oct. 20 (V. 123, p. 2026) were awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co. of New York as 4.35s at 100.044, a basis of about 4.34%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$5,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1941 inclusive.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Frank Mitchell, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 16 for \$4,200 5% Rockland Ave. water main bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$500, except 1 for \$200. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$200, 1928 and \$500, 1929 to 1936, incl. A certified check for 10% of the bonds bid for is required.

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51, McLean County, No. Dak.—**BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$30,000 5% school bonds were purchased by the State of North Dakota during the month of June. Dated June 1 1926. Due June 1 1946. Optional June 1 1928.

ROSSELL, Chaves County, N. Mex.—**BOND SALE.**—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago has purchased an issue of \$55,000 6% paving bonds. Date Feb. 15 1924. Due in 1934. Legality approved by Pershing, Nye Tallmadge & Bosworth, Denver.

ROYAL OAK, Oakland County, Mich.—**BOND SALE.**—The 18 issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$351,925, offered on Oct. 11 (V. 123, p. 1908), were awarded as follows:

To Lewis & Co., Inc., of Detroit, 3 issues of bonds, aggregating \$115,000, as 4½s at a premium of \$10, equal to 100.008, a basis of about 4.49%: \$50,000 general obligation paving bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 to 1931 incl., and \$6,000 in 1932 to 1936 incl.

60,000 storm sewer general obligation bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.; \$2,000, 1937 to 1945 incl., and \$3,000, 1946 to 1956 incl.

5,000 sidewalk bonds. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1931 inclusive.

To the Royal Oak Savings Bank, 15 issues of bonds, aggregating \$236,925, as 4½s, at a premium of \$1,236, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.74%: \$24,850 Alexander Ave. paving (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,850 in 1927 and \$2,000 1928 to 1931 incl., and \$3,000 1932 to 1936 incl.

4,650 W. Harrison Ave. paving (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$650 in 192, and \$1,000 in 1929, 1931, 1933 and 1936.

73,725 road paving (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,725 in 1927, \$7,000 in 1928 to 1932 incl., and \$8,000, 1933 to 1936 incl.

13,500 California Ave. paving (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1927, \$1,000 1928 to 1932 incl., and \$2,000 1933 to 1936 incl.

8,850 Gainsboro Ave. (special assessment) paving bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$850 in 1927 and \$1,000 in 1928 to 1935 incl.

27,950 road paving (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,950 in 1927; \$2,000 in 1928 and \$3,000 1929 to 1936 incl.

9,200 Parent St. paving (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$200 in 1927 and \$1,000 in 1928 to 1936 incl.

11,100 Fernwood Ave. paving (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,100 in 1927, \$1,000 1928 to 1935 incl., and \$2,000 in 1936.

1,600 Main St. widening (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$600 in 1931 and \$1,000 in 1935.

8,750 Blair Ave. paving (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$750 in 1927 and \$1,000 in 1928 to 1935 incl.

6,250 sidewalk (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,250, 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1930 incl., and \$2,000 in 1931.

11,700 sidewalk (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,700, 1927; \$2,000, 1928 and 1929, and \$3,000 in 1930 and 1931.

2,000 water (special assessment) bonds. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1928 to 1931 incl.

13,200 water (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,200 in 1927, \$2,000 in 1928, and \$3,000 in 1929 to 1931 incl.

19,600 N. Washington Ave. paving (special assessment) bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,600, 1927, and \$2,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.

Date Oct. 1 1926.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—**BOND SALE.**—The City Sinking Fund has purchased an issue of \$100,000 4¾% airport bonds at par. Due serially in 1 to 20 years.

SALAMANCA, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—George H. Elliott, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 1 for \$13,000 not exceeding 5% registered school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Dec. 1 1927 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Salamanca Trust Co., Salamanca. A certified check for \$500, payable to Fred W. Gardner, City Treasurer, is required.

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, McIntosh County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of July the State of North Dakota purchased an issue of \$5,000 5% school bonds. Dated May 1 1926. Due May 1 1946. Optional Jan 1 1928.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY UNION JUNIOR COLLEGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Bernardino), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk until 12 m. Nov. 1 for \$485,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Due serially in 5 to 28 years.

SCOTTBLUFF, Scotts Bluff County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—C. C. Cross, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 9 for \$70,000 swimming pool and water extension system coupon or registered bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 20 years, optional after 5 years. Principal and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office in Gering.

SELFRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, Sioux County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota during the month of May purchased an issue of \$24,000 5% school bonds. Dated May 1 1926. Due May 1 1946; optional May 1 1928.

SHANNON CITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Union County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.—E. L. Edwards, Secretary Board of Directors, received sealed bids until Oct. 20 for \$8,000 school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926.

SHARON, Mercer County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred S. Williams, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 9.30 a.m. Oct. 26 for the following bonds aggregating \$125,000. \$75,000 4 1/2% sewer and sewage disposal plant bonds. Due \$3,000 Oct. 1 1931 to 1955, incl. A certified check for \$750 is required.

50,000 4 1/4% paving and sewer bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1931 and 1936 and \$10,000, 1941, 1946, 1951 and 1956. A certified check for \$500 is required. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable semi-annually.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Sidney), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens National of Sidney purchased an issue of \$10,500 5% coupon impt. bonds at a premium of \$30.45, equal to 100.29, a basis of about 4.91%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due semi-annually as follows: \$1,000, Mar. 1 1927 to Mar. 1 1931, and \$1,500, Sept. 1 1935.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Memphis), Tenn.—NOTE SALE.—The following two issues of 5% revenue notes, aggregating \$300,000, offered on Oct. 7 (V. 123, p. 1664), were awarded to the Old Colony Corp. of Boston at a premium of \$705, equal to 102.23, a basis of about 4.55%: \$200,000 elementary school notes.

100,000 high school notes. Dated Aug. 1 1926. Due April 1 1927.

SOUTH EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$61,805 5% coupon street improvement bonds offered on Sept. 13—V. 123 p. 1144—were awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland. Date Oct. 1 1926 Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,805 in 1928; \$6,000, 1929 to 1931, incl.; \$7,000, 1932; \$6,000, 1933 to 1936, incl., and \$7,000, 1937. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

SPRINGDALE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cedar County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport have purchased an issue of \$50,000 school bonds.

STARK COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$192,000, offered on June 21 (V. 122, p. 3493), were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$1,257, equal to 100.65, a basis of about 4.38%: \$107,000 road bonds. Due on July 7 as follows: \$11,000, 1928, and \$12,000, 1929 to 1936 inclusive.

52,000 road bonds. Due on July 7 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 and 1929, and \$6,000, 1930 to 1936 inclusive.

33,000 road bonds. Due on July 7 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1930 inclusive, and \$4,000, 1931 to 1936 inclusive. Date July 7 1926.

STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, McIntosh County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of July the State of North Dakota purchased an issue of \$10,000 5% school bonds. Dated June 1 1926. Due June 1 1936; optional June 1 1928.

SUMMIT, Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$95,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 123, p. 1909—were awarded to H. L. Allen & Co. of New York as 4 3/4% at a premium of \$713.45, equal to 100.75, a basis of about 4.44%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1928 to 1932, incl., and \$3,000 1933 to 1937, incl.

SWISHER COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Tullia), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Oct. 5 an issue of \$12,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

SYRACUSE, Onondago County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—H. W. Osborn, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Oct. 29 for the following 5 issues of not exceeding 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$1,625,000:

\$560,000 water bonds. Due \$14,000, Nov. 1 1927 to 1966, incl. 520,000 school bonds. Due \$36,000, Nov. 1 1927 to 1946, incl. 420,000 general bonds. Due \$21,000, Nov. 1 1927 to 1946, incl. 100,000 refunding bonds. Due \$5,000, Nov. 1 1927 to 1946, incl. 25,000 Traffic Signal bonds. Due \$5,000, Nov. 1 1927 to 1931, incl.

Date Nov. 1 1926. Prin. and int. M. & N. payable at the Equitable Trust Co., New York. Bidders to name rate of interest in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Bonds may be registered as to principal or as to both principal and interest. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for payable to above named official is required.

Financial Statement table with columns for item and amount. Items include Assessed valuation taxable property, Actual valuation taxable property (est.), Assessed valuation real property, Assessed valuation special franchises, Bonded debt, Water bonds, and Population.

TARBORO, Edgecombe County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 electric light bonds offered on Oct. 14—V. 123, p. 1791—were awarded to the Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis as 5% at a premium of \$355, equal to 100.78, a basis of about 4.94%. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1941, incl., and \$2,000, 1942 to 1956, inclusive.

TEXAS (State of).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered for the week ending Oct. 16, the following four issues of 5% school bonds aggregating \$20,800:

\$3,500 Martin County Common School District No. 11. Due 10 to 20 years. 2,000 Henderson County Common School District No. 55. Due 20 years. 1,800 Smith County Common School District No. 8. Due serially. 1,500 Scurry County Common School District No. 31. Due serially.

THE DALLES, Wasco County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of The Dalles has purchased an issue of \$24,853.25 5% improvement bonds at 100.96.

TONAWANDA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Nov. 1 by Edward F. Fries, City Treasurer, for \$19,000 4 1/2% improvement bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 July 1 1933 to 1951, incl. Principal and interest payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check for \$1,000 payable to the above named official, is required.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$99,113.05 internal improvement water main bonds offered on Oct. 12—V. 123, p. 1909—were awarded to the State School Funds Commission at par. Date Sept. 15 1926. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$10,613.05, 1927; \$10,000, 1928 to 1933, incl., and \$9,500, 1934 to 1936, incl. (Rate not stated).

TORRINGTON, Goshen County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The United States Bond Co. of Denver recently purchased an issue of \$34,000 5 1/2% refunding water, light and sewer bonds. Due in 30 years, optional after 10 years.

UNDERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, McLean County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during the month of January an issue of \$35,000 5% school bonds. Dated Jan. 2 1926. Due Jan. 2 1946; optional Jan. 2 1928.

UNION (TOWN) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Johnson City), Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$90,000 school bonds offered on Oct. 14 (V. 123, p. 2027) were awarded to Pulley & Co. of New York as 4 1/4% at 100.67, a basis of about 4.43%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$10,000 Dec. 1 1936 to 1944 inclusive.

VERMILION PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Albeville), Vermilion County, La.—BOND OFFERING.—R. P. Le Blanc, Secretary Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Dec. 1 for \$100,000 not exceeding 6% road bonds. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, required.

VERNON, Wilbarger County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. D. Hockersmith, Mayor, on Oct. 25 for \$18,500 5 1/2% park-site bonds.

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—James O. Leek, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 25 for \$10,500 4 1/4% Lost Creek Township road improvement bonds. Date Oct. 15 1926. Denom. \$525. Due \$525 each six months from May 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1937, incl. Interest payable M. & N. 15.

WALLER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15, Grant County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of September the State of North Dakota, purchased an issue of \$10,000 5% school bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due Aug. 1 1946, optional, Aug. 1 1928.

WASHBURN, McLean County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of May the State of North Dakota purchased an issue of \$20,000 5% sewer bonds. Dated May 1 1926. Due May 1 1946; optional May 1 1928.

WAYNESBURG, Greene County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Oct. 25 by K. W. Scott, Borough Secretary, for the following two issues of 4 1/4% coupon or \$126,800 funding bonds.

123,200 improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Union Deposit & Trust Co., Waynesburg. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927 to 1929, incl.; \$5,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$6,000, 1933 to 1935, incl.; \$7,000, 1936 to 1938, incl.; \$8,000, 1939 to 1941, incl.; \$9,000, 1942 to 1944, incl.; \$10,000, 1945 and 1946; \$11,000, 1947 to 1949, incl.; \$12,000, 1950 and 1951; \$13,000, 1952; \$14,000, 1953 and 1954, and \$15,000, 1955.

Certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for required. Legality approved by Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul of Philadelphia. These are the bonds offered on Sept. 27—V. 123, p. p. 1280.

WELLER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, Grant County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of May the State of North Dakota purchased an issue of \$25,000 5% school bonds. Dated April 1 1926. Due April 1 1946; optional April 1 1928.

WEST CONCORD, Dodge County, Minn.—WARRANTS OFFERED.—F. M. Campbell, Village Recorder, received sealed bids until Oct. 21 for \$25,000 not exceeding 6% sewer warrants. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due serially 1 to 10 years.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Arvilla Miller, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 15 for \$5-\$41 88 5/4% sewer bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$500, except one for \$341.38. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$341.38, 1928 and \$500, 1929 to 1939, inclusive. Prin. and int. A. & O., payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Willoughby branch. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer is required.

WINFIELD (P. O. West Winfield), Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood & Merrifield of New York purchased on Aug. 9 an issue of \$22,000 5% highway bonds at 103.15, a basis of about 4.66%. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Mar. 1 1929 to 1950 inclusive.

WOOD LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32, Benson County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota, during the month of August, purchased an issue of \$12,400 5% school bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 1946, optional, July 1 1928.

WOODLEAF SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX DISTRICT (P. O. Salisbury), Rowan County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Max Barker, Register of Deeds, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 1 for \$32,500 not exceeding 6% coupon school bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1952 incl.; \$2,000, 1953 to 1955 incl., and \$1,500, 1956. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in New York. Int. rate to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of New York. A certified check, payable to the order of the county, for 2% of the bonds bid for, required.

WYANDOTTE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward C. Bryan, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 26 for \$18,000 5% lateral sewer construction special assessment district No. 17 bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 and 1928 and \$4,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; optional on any int. paying date. A certified check for 5% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

WYANDOT COUNTY (P. O. Upper Sandusky), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Anthony K. Kraus, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 11:30 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Oct. 23 (to-day) for \$7,253.61 5% Eden Twp. road impt. No. 137 bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$725 except one for \$728.61. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$728.61, 1928, and \$725, 1929 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

YPSILANTI, Washtenaw County, Mich.—MATURITY.—The \$15,000 4 1/2% sewer bonds purchased by Paine, Webber & Co. of Boston at 100.34—V. 123, p. 2028—a basis of about 4.43%, mature as follows: \$1,000 1927 and 1928, \$2,000 1929 to 1933, incl., and \$3,000 in 1934.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—On Oct. 15 the First National Bank of Boston purchased the following two issues of notes, aggregating \$800,000, as follows: \$300,000 notes on a 3.91% discount basis. Due May 12 1927. 500,000 notes on a 3.88% discount basis. Due June 14 1927. Date Oct. 18 1926.

YORK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. St. Clairsville), Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati purchased on Sept. 29 an issue of \$3,000 6% school bonds at a premium of \$122, equal to 104.06.

ZAVALLA COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Batesville), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,000 5% coupon school bonds registered on Sept. 6 (V. 123, p. 1792) were awarded to the State Board of Education at par. Dated July 10 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially. Int. payable April 10 each year.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

COBALT, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5% 30-installment school bonds offered on Oct. 11—V. 123, p. 2028—were awarded to the Canadian Bank of Commerce of Toronto at 99.03, a basis of about 5.10%. Due in 30 annual installments.

COOKSHIRE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—A. W. Pratt, Sec.-Treas., will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 3 for \$25,000 5% impt. bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due serially, 1927 to 1951 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Bank of Montreal, Sherbrooke and Montreal. A certified check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, is required.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Sandwich), Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% 10 annual installment coupon bonds offered on Oct. 19 (V. 123, p.

2028) were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto at 99.80, a basis of about 5.03%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and annual int. (Nov.) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

HULL, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 5% school bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 123, p. 2028—were awarded to Mead & Co. of Montreal and the Bell, Gouinlock Co. of Toronto, jointly. Date March 1 1926. Due serially March 1 1927 to 1956, inclusive.

LANARK COUNTY (P. O. Perth), Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$76,700 improvement bonds was purchased by Tom Farmer on Oct. 15 at 99.93, a basis of about 5.01%. Due in 20 annual installments.

LONDON TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS VOTED.—The Council passed a \$17,600 debenture by-law.

MONTREAL, Que.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Montreal Metropolitan Commission has authorized a loan of \$3,350,000.

OTTAWA, Ont.—BONDS PROPOSED.—The School Board has asked for permission to issue \$275,000 bonds.

PORT MOODY, B. C.—BOND OFFERING.—J. J. Lye, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until Oct. 27 for \$100,000 5½% improvement bonds. Date Feb. 2 1926. Due in 10 years. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and London.

REGINA, Sask.—BOND ELECTION.—The ratepayers will be asked to vote on a \$200,000 hospital by-law in December.

RIVIERE DU LOUP, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph Lebel, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until Oct. 25 for \$130,000 5% improvement bonds. Due in 30 years.

ST. FOY, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Morin, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. Nov. 2 for \$13,000 5% improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$500 and \$100. Due serially in 20 years.

SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP (P. O. Birchcliff), Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—J. T. Stewart, Township Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 1 for \$50,288 07 5% township bonds. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% 30-year serial improvement bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 123, p. 2028—were awarded to the Canadian Bank of Commerce of Toronto at 98.56, a basis of about 5.12%. Due serially in 30 years.

SMITH FALLS, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The following 5% bonds aggregating \$30,612 50, offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 2028—were awarded to R. A. Daly & Co. of Toronto at 98.79, a basis of about 5.20%: \$16,612 50 impt. bonds. Due in 20 annual installments. \$14,000 00 impt. bonds. Due in 10 annual installments.

TECK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS VOTED.—The ratepayers approved the \$15,000 debenture by-laws.

WALKERVILLE, Ont.—BONDS VOTED.—The Council passed several sewer by-laws totaling \$37,974.

WESTBOURNE (P. O. Gladstone), Man.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 30-installment drainage bonds offered on Oct. 5—V. 123, p. 1910—were awarded to the Bond & Debenture Corp. of Canada as 6s at 104.76, a basis of about 5.52%. Due in 30 years.

WINDSOR, Ont.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the following 3 issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$772,228 83, offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 2028—were rejected: \$375,000 00 public school bonds. Due in 30 years. \$97,228 83 highway bonds. Due in 10 years. \$300,000 00 hydro-extension bonds. Due in 20 years.

YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS VOTED.—The Council passed a \$316,000 school debenture by-law.

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NOTICE OF BOND ISSUE AND
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The Village of Melrose
Curry County, New Mexico

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 (5½%) 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 Keuntze 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.

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