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The Financial Situation.

The stock market this week has been endeavoring to get its bearings. On Monday it was extremely dull, with the tone uncertain, pending the outcome of next day's Senatorial and Congressional elections. On Wednesday it acted at first in a dazed kind of way, because, though complete returns were still lacking, all the newspaper accounts showed that the dominant party had suffered serious reverses. The defeat of two men of the calibre of Senator Wadsworth of New York and Senator Butler of Massachusetts, at least the first of which was unexpected, was like a stunning blow in the face, and recognized by all as being not a matter to be lightly regarded. Then it appeared that the Republicans had actually or virtually lost control of the United States Senate. In addition, the majority in the lower branch of Congress has been considerably reduced.

Some reaction from the great party success of 1924 had been looked for, but the market was wholly unprepared for such serious reverses all along the line. Accordingly, prices on Wednesday at first weakened and the highly speculative shares showed substantial losses, some of them of two or three points. Later in the day, however, sentiment underwent a complete change. It was reasoned that the Republicans retained full control of the House of Representatives, and hence the worst that could happen in any event was a sort of legislative deadlock, which, after all, might not be such a bad thing, since it would prevent legislation of any kind, in which circumstances the situation would remain just as it is and free from harm. In this frame of mind an active buying movement started—whether by design or

in a natural way is immaterial—and this quickly scared the outstanding short interest, which by its frantic efforts to cover its outstanding short contracts gave a further impulse to the upward movement. The same set of influences carried prices still higher on Thursday and further upward on Friday.

Whether the rise is of enduring character, or whether it is merely a natural upward reaction after the big decline of the previous month and in the nature of a drive against the shorts, remains for the future to determine. A favorable feature is that the bond market has been showing independent strength. It did not weaken last month when stocks so heavily declined, and it has been strong the present month at slowly rising prices. On the other hand, there are signs in a number of directions of some slight waning in business activity. The automobile industry is working on a reduced scale, and this has led to a diminution of activity in the steel trade. The iron trade is disturbed as a result of the great rise in coal prices following the large export demand for coal on account of the strike at the British coal mines. As far as the agricultural classes are concerned, there is not only the big decline in cotton to contend with, but this week there has also been a further drop in corn prices, to very low figures, which means so much to the Western farmer.

The purchasing power of important sections of the country is thus being curtailed. And as bearing on that point Montgomery Ward & Co. report sales for October the present year 8.24% below those for the corresponding month last year, and Sears, Roebuck & Co. show a decrease from the month in 1925 of 11.6%. It should not escape attention, either, that bank clearings for the country as a whole are now registering small decreases from the figures of a year ago. For the month of October the decrease is 5.0% and for the first week of November the indications point to a loss of 8@9%. As it happens, too, mercantile failures for October were larger than for October last year, though this follows largely from the fact that insolvencies in the month in 1925 were exceptionally small.

At this juncture a bit of encouraging news should not be overlooked. Associated Press dispatches last night said that President Coolidge believed, as a result of studies he had made in the last few days, that conditions were developing in the country which might warrant some reduction of taxes by the incoming session of Congress. Nothing would be so surely calculated to insure a revival of business prosperity as a reduction of the burdensome taxes under which business is now laboring—that is re-

duction of the right kind, purely and surely in the interest of the country's industries, and not to promote political ends.

Insolvencies in the United States during October this year naturally show some increase over the preceding month, both as to number and the indebtedness involved. There is also quite an increase over the figures for October 1925, but failures in that month last year were considerably reduced, both in number and in liabilities, as compared with October of the four preceding years, so that the increase the present year follows in part from the fact that comparison is with smaller figures. The report for the current year, as compiled from the records of R. G. Dun & Co., shows 1,763 commercial insolvencies in the United States last month, with liabilities of \$33,230,720. These figures compare with 1,581 similar defaults a year ago, for \$29,543,870, and 1,696 for October 1924, involving \$36,098,804. The number last month exceeds October 1924—in fact is higher than for any preceding October back to 1920, excepting alone October 1925. Making allowance for the increase in the number of business firms from year to year, however, October insolvencies this year compare favorably with recent preceding years. Proportioned to the number of firms in business, the record shows for October 1926 98.3 failures to each 10,000 business firms, the same ratio covering the five-year average for October, 1921-1925, inclusive, being 103.8. For October 1925 the ratio was down to 89.2. For the ten months of the present year there were 17,874 commercial failures in the United States with liabilities of \$330,928,707, as against 17,664 during the first ten months of 1925, involving \$372,293,192, an increase this year in the number of 210, but a decrease in the indebtedness of \$40,364,985. There are only two or three years prior to 1925 in which the number of commercial insolvencies for ten months are larger than they were in that year, and two of these years were 1922 and 1915.

Contrasting the detailed statement of insolvencies for October this year with a year ago, the increase in number of defaults this year is 11.5%, and in liabilities 12.2%. There were, in all, last month 450 failures of manufacturing concerns, with \$11,649,671 of indebtedness; 1,205 trading defaults, involving \$15,874,320, and 108 failures of agents and brokers for \$5,706,729. These figures compare with 408 insolvencies of manufacturing concerns in October 1925 owing \$11,264,337; 1,111 trading failures owing \$13,529,784, and 62 defaults of agents and brokers for \$4,749,749. The increase this year, as is apparent, is mainly in the trading division. Failures last month were again more numerous in the class embracing grocers, and a larger number of defaults also appears among dealers in furniture, in hardware and in drugs. As to dealers in furniture, there is a large increase reported in the liabilities shown this year. On the other hand, there were fewer insolvencies last month among dealers in jewelry, also among general stores and hotels, than there were a year ago, and the indebtedness reported for general stores is considerably less for October this year than last year. There was a small increase in manufacturing defaults last month both in number of failures and in the indebtedness shown. The increase was mainly in the classifications embracing lumber manufacturing lines, and among

bakers, with quite an addition to the liabilities reported for each. Some increase in the indebtedness shown for the classes covering machinery, also clothing, appears for October this year. On the other hand, the number of defaults for the divisions embracing machinery, clothing and printing is smaller for October this year than it was a year ago. Insolvencies among agents last month were more numerous than in October 1925, but the liabilities were not materially changed in amount.

For the sixth time within four years a determined attempt has been made by an assassin on the life of Benito Mussolini, Premier and Dictator of Italy. The most recent occurred at Bologna on Oct. 31. The shot was fired by a boy only 16 years of age, "later identified as Anteo Zambroni, son of a Bologna printer." It seems that "the Fascist Premier was leaving a meeting at the stadium and was at the moment being acclaimed by the great assemblage. The youth stepped forward and, with a quick motion, fired point blank. The bullet cut the sash of the Grand Cordon of the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus which adorned the Premier's uniform, ripped away pieces of cloth from the breast of his coat and grazed the sleeve of the Mayor of Bologna, who accompanied the Premier." The incident was further described in part as follows by the Associated Press correspondent at Bologna: "There were startled exclamations, a tremulous silence; then fury swept through the multitude. The Duce's assailant was seized and before the police could throw a protecting cordon around him he was killed by the mob. Mussolini remained calm and composed. His automobile halted for a few moments and then proceeded to the railway station. Before entraining for Forli, his home town, he reviewed a battalion of sailors and addressed the officers." He also stated that "immediately after the attempt, Signor Turati, Secretary-General of the Fascist Party, issued a proclamation to the Black Shirts saying: 'The first gesture of justice has been accomplished. Now the accomplices must be punished.'"

In a statement issued the next day (Nov. 1) at his home in Forli, Mussolini reiterated his belief that he would be protected until his work was finished. He was quoted as saying that "nothing can happen to me before my task is done." Discussing the strength of Fascism and the incident of the day before, he said: "There was never, I believe, in the history of Italy more perfect adhesion between the regime and the people. There was never a more formidable gathering of a people in arms. It can be said without exaggeration that there was a forest of guns, and I received the respiration of an infinite multitude. The criminal episode at the last minute could not obscure the glory of that marvelous day. I am sending you the cordon of St. Maurice (which he wore across his breast), pierced by the projectile. You will conserve it among the souvenirs of Bologna Fascism."

The attitude of Mussolini's followers and of the people was clearly outlined in an Associated Press dispatch from Rome later the same evening (Nov. 1). The correspondent said in part: "Death to every enemy of Mussolini was the cry that swept through Italy to-night. It was shouted by hundreds of thousands of Black Shirts parading in every city and town throughout the Kingdom, thundered in huge

black type on the front pages of the newspapers and received the official sanction of the Fascist Party through the clear voice of Secretary-General Turati, who spoke to 50,000 of his cohorts massed in close ranks in Colonna Square under Mussolini's window here. Mussolini himself was not there, as he had gone to Forli with his family immediately after the attempt against his life at Bologna yesterday. 'Nothing short of death will satisfy us,' Turati shouted, and the huge throng answered: 'Yes, death! Hang all of them.' 'The Duce,' continued Turati, 'must be protected despite himself, if he refuses to heed the sentiment of the Italian people. Not only those who lift their hands against our Duce, but also every single person who indirectly or directly acts as instigator or accomplice must meet a similar fate—not only those who dare endanger Italy again, but those who have already done so.'

According to a special Rome dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune," also on the evening of Nov. 1, "outbreaks to-day in reprisal against anti-Fascists followed the attempt yesterday to kill Premier Mussolini, despite Il Duce's plea that there should be no revenge. Mobs in Rome, as well as in other cities of Italy, attacked the headquarters of those who had opposed the dictator, regardless of their pleas of innocence. Anti-Fascist newspaper offices were raided and scores of persons were arrested for suspicion of complicity in the attempted assassination."

As for the effect of the shooting incident upon the people, the "Herald Tribune" correspondent said: "The effect of the attempted slaying only has enhanced Mussolini's popularity. The dictator had inaugurated the scientific congress in the ancient Archiginnasio of Bologna and had merged into Neptune Square to receive one of the greatest ovations he has ever obtained. The report of the attempted assassination spread like wildfire, so that the rest of Mussolini's mile-long drive to the station was a triumphal march. Women threw flowers at him and blew kisses to him, and cried 'God bless you.'" It was added in an Associated Press cablegram from Rome the next evening that "Fascist Italy, always stirred to delirious enthusiasm by the utterances of its leader, Benito Mussolini, is now seeking with deadly determination to suppress all opposition to Fascism; also, the most stringent measures are being prepared to discourage any further attack against the life of the Duce or criticisms against his policy. The intense feeling engendered throughout Italy by the attempt of the boy Zamboni to kill Mussolini at Bologna, has been accentuated by the latest word from that city confirming the suspicion that it involved a far-reaching plot, instead of being merely an isolated gesture by a deranged youth."

Mussolini is back in Rome from a brief stay at his home in Forli. He returned on Nov. 3 and was accorded a hearty welcome. The correspondent at that centre of the New York "Times" cabled that "Premier Mussolini received a rousing welcome on his return to Rome this evening. All the Roman Fascisti and scores upon scores of thousands of citizens who lined the route between the station and the Premier's residence expressed with tremendous cheering their joy at seeing him back again safe and sound. The scenes of enthusiasm began when the Duce appeared before a huge multitude packing the

square outside the station." The incident was further narrated as follows: "Mussolini was heavily guarded. All the streets along which he passed were lined with a double row of troops or Fascist militia with fixed bayonets, standing with their backs toward the centre of the street and facing the crowd. Mussolini drove alone in a closed motor car, at each side of which rode two plain clothes policemen on bicycles. Behind him came another motor car filled with policemen, followed in its turn by other cars containing the Premier's retinue. The Duce's car, which moved slowly, was brilliantly lighted internally and he could therefore be quite clearly seen smiling and returning the crowd's greeting by raising his right arm in the Fascist salute. He drove straight to his residence in the villa Torlonia, from which he will not issue till to-morrow morning, when he will again take up his duties at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs."

The fearless leader of the Italian people appeared in public the very next day (Nov. 4). The Rome correspondent of "The Sun" said in a wireless dispatch that "Armistice Day was celebrated to-day with impressive simplicity in Rome. Instead of the military parade of previous years the public ceremonies consisted merely of a visit by Premier Mussolini and his Cabinet to the Church of Santa Maria degli Angeli, where mass was said for the souls of the fallen soldiers. Thereafter a brief service was held at the grave of the Unknown Soldier." The United Press representative added that "Premier Mussolini to-day addressed a cheering crowd in the Piazza Colonna. 'First, I want to thank you,' said the Premier, 'for this magnificent demonstration which I feel comes from the bottom of your hearts. Secondly, I do not wish to say much, as this is not the hour for speeches. Thirdly, to-morrow you will have what you desire.' The Premier's last remark was interpreted to refer to to-morrow's Cabinet meeting, at which will be drafted a measure imposing the death penalty for attempts to assassinate him"

Mussolini made good his promise to the people to enact measures calculated to give still greater protection to his life and a greater degree of order in the country generally. Through an Associated Press dispatch from Rome last evening it became known that "sweeping measures to protect the Fascist regime from the activities of its enemies were approved to-day by the Cabinet under the presidency of Mussolini. The measures were introduced by the Premier himself." The dispatch added: "The Ministers adopted a provision making plots against the life, liberty and integrity of the Premier and members of the royal family and plots against the Government punishable by death. They also approved penalizing by imprisonment, varying from five to more than thirty years, any effort by an Italian or foreigner to injure Italy in fact or by propaganda. The retroactive death penalty, which was demanded by the Fascist Party for those responsible for previous attempts on Mussolini's life, was not adopted, it is understood, because of the insistence of Minister of Justice Rocco such action would be at variance with all the nation's legal traditions. Membership in any organization against Fascism also will be punishable by heavy imprisonment. Nearly a dozen specific acts relating to direct or indirect activities against the regime will make the offenders liable to jail and perpetual interdiction from public office."

Still another sensational feature developed in the Italian situation toward the end of the week. Word came from Paris on the evening of Nov. 4 that "Col. Ricciotti Garibaldi, grandson of the famous Italian patriot and himself the idol of the anti-Fascist movement, when arrested in Nice to-day, confessed to French Secret Service agents that he had accepted large sums of money from high officials of the Italian Government for fomenting plots against Mussolini and then denouncing the plotters to the Italian police. According to a long dispatch to 'Le Matin,' from Nice, to-night, the Italian Republican leader, who is a distinguished member of the Legion of Honor and a leading figure among the 1,000,000 Italians who reside in France, admitted receiving 100,000 francs in Nice on Oct. 24 from Commander Lapolla, Inspector-General of the Italian police. Lapolla had entered France in the guise of a rich merchant from Florence, but secret agents soon discovered that he was a high official of the Italian secret police and arrested him. Garibaldi came to the attention of the secret service men when he visited Lapolla a few minutes before Lapolla left for Italy by order of the French police. He is being rushed to Paris under guard to-night for fear that the anti-Fascists, whom he admits having long betrayed, will avenge themselves by killing their false leader."

There appears to be virtually a mania throughout the so-called civilized world for overthrowing existing Governments and their respective heads. The latest movement of this kind has been directed against the Spanish dynasty. It was announced in a special Paris cable dispatch to the New York "Times" on Nov. 2 that "French Secret Service agents have frustrated what is believed to be an important movement for the overthrow of the Spanish dynasty and the establishment of an autonomous Catalonian State through the arrest of 48 conspirators at Perpignan and other points." It was claimed also that, "with the exception of a few Italians all are young Spaniards who have been living in Paris and obeying the commands of Colonel Macia, who has been conducting the Separatist cause from his base at Perpignan. All the young men appeared to be of good families. According to reports there are 400 more of these conspirators now in and near Perpignan in the guise of foreign tourists. Trains entering Spain are being subjected to rigid inspection and all the frontier authorities are keenly watching every route from France into Spanish territory. The conspirators seized carried equipment including portable telephones, which obviously were intended for military uses. Several bombs were also discovered in their possession. Their chief, Jose Carillo, had secret instructions from Macia to be opened at the Spanish frontier." According to a special dispatch from Perpignan, France, on Nov. 3, "Gendarmes with fixed bayonets to-day guarded the 45 Italian and Spanish revolutionists jailed on charges of plotting to overthrow the Spanish Government of Primo de Rivera."

Stalin, the new Soviet leader in Russia, is said to have won a complete victory over two opposing political groups. One was led by Leon Trotzky, while the other was known as the "Workers' Opposition," or "Baku Opposition." As for the latter, the Moscow representative of the New York "Times" said in a

dispatch on Oct. 31 that "the Administration has won another victory over the Opposition. Last night it announced at the Communist Party convention that Medvedyeff and Shliapnikoff, leaders of the 'Workers' Opposition,' or 'Baku Opposition,' had made peace with the Administration and issued a 'recantation' of their heresies. The Workers' Opposition first came into prominence in 1921, representing in reality a protest against Lenin's New Economic Policy. Although he and the subsequent Administration always maintained the contrary, a non-partisan can hardly fail to regard each successive wave of opposition in the same light—that is, as a protest against modifications of the pure Communist doctrine. After being more or less out in the cold for four years the Workers' Opposition recently joined the already desperate Opposition bloc of the Trotzky, Zinovieff and Kameneff ring, but declined to subscribe to the somewhat reserved confession of error issued by the latter on Oct. 16. Now, however, they have recanted so completely as to appear well-nigh abject."

Developments at the Communist Party Convention, which has been in session in Moscow during recent days, have been important and significant, according to special dispatches from that centre to the New York "Times." In one such message on Nov. 1 it was asserted that "Trotzky, Kameneff and other Opposition leaders did, after all, speak to-day at the Communist Party Convention after Stalin had delivered a long oration about the recent controversy." The correspondent claimed that "this event is of the highest political importance in view of the extreme lengths to which the controversy at one time threatened to go here and the still more sensational reports current about it abroad, because to-day's speeches on the whole were markedly conciliatory in tone." Continuing his account, the "Times" correspondent said in part: "Kameneff, speaking first, set the note for his associates who followed. He declared that the Opposition had never intended to fight the Central Committee of the Communist Party on questions of principle or set themselves up as arbiters of a hardy doctrine, but only wished to contribute elucidation of the most pressing problems. In point of fact, the Opposition would feel quite satisfied if the Administration would take the Opposition theories seriously, give them careful consideration and draw therefrom whatever might be useful for the party and the country as a whole."

Seemingly, the closing session on Nov. 3 was the most important of all. In a special wireless message to the New York "Times" on Nov. 3 announcement was made on Nov. 3 that "the Communist Party Convention ended to-day with the voting of a resolution which marked the complete failure of the Opposition. The terms of the resolution have not yet been published, but it is understood to be less severe than many people expected, although making party condemnation of the Opposition's tactics quite unmistakable. The fact that the convention was prolonged two days beyond the scheduled closure to allow the Opposition leaders, Trotzky, Kameneff and Zinovieff, to explain themselves is the best proof yet forthcoming that the danger of an open breach between the two parties has been averted. Trotzky did his utmost to show by quotations from Lenin's and his own speeches and writings that he was not guilty of Menshevist heresy. The assembly gave him a re-

spectful hearing and showed some sympathy on one or two occasions, but it is the general impression that he failed to carry his point. Stalin's closing speech to-day, preceding the final resolution, was not so much directed against the Opposition personally as toward justification of the Administration's attitude on the economic problems of the country. He did, however, insist on the necessity of party discipline and warned the Opposition that any recrudescence of factional activities would put them entirely beyond the pale."

London representatives of American newspapers have complained in their dispatches because of the secrecy maintained relative to the proceedings of the Imperial Conference that has been in session in London. It has been admitted, however, that, according to the comparatively meagre information obtainable, progress has been made. In a special London dispatch to the New York "Times" on Nov. 2 it was stated that, "although the unimaginative publicity policy is vouchsafing nothing but arid details of its meetings, the Imperial Conference has been making real progress behind the scenes toward a new conception of empire. It promises, in fact, to achieve more than any one expected of it." The correspondent added that "as a result of confidential discussions by the Prime Ministers' Committee on Imperial Relations, there is every likelihood that the status of dominion Governors-General will be redefined as that of Viceroy's pure and simple. This will meet the objection raised primarily by the Irish Free State but supported to a certain extent by Canadian opinion. Governors-General will in the future represent only the King and not the British Government. Communication between Canada and Britain, for instance, will be direct instead of passing through the Governor-General's office. This may also have the effect of elevating the status of the Canadian High Commissioner in London to that of Minister."

Not only was the status of Governors-General discussed but inter-imperial relations also have been given special consideration. The Associated Press correspondent in the British capital cabled on Nov. 1 that "the Committee of Premiers, investigating inter-imperial relations at the Imperial Conference, to-day discussed equality of status within the Empire and inter-imperial communications with which is linked the question of foreign relations. Under the first head, equality of status within the Empire, the committee's difficulty apparently lies in reaching definitions. Premier Hertzog of South Africa, who raised the issue at the opening of the conference, it is understood, has emphasized that he does not desire the separation of South Africa from the Empire. He wants a more exact definition than now exists of the Dominion's quality of status within the Empire. The present position of the Dominions in the Empire is admittedly somewhat vague, but it is feared in some quarters that effort to make more exact definitions might raise new complications."

That Ireland intends to maintain an attitude of genuine independence in political affairs was shown by certain documents which she filed with the League of Nations on Nov. 1. Announcement was made in a special Geneva dispatch to the New York "Times" on that date that, "in the middle of Britain's

efforts at the Imperial Conference in London to restrict the dominions' growing tendency toward independence, Ireland, by filing with the League of Nations three conventions and agreements with other members of the Empire, reasserted her intention to consider herself and all other British dominions free and independent nations." It was added that "it has always been admitted by Britain that the dominions are free to administer their foreign affairs and conclude and register treaties with sovereign Governments. But when, in December 1924, Ireland deposited with the League of Nations for registration the Anglo-Irish convention, the British Government made a formal protest to the League. The protest said that Britain did not admit the League's right to enter into the affairs between members of the British Empire. A British note was sent to Dublin, who replied that she did not agree with Britain's point of view. There the matter rested. To-day's action by Ireland caused frank surprise. League officials can do nothing except file the conventions and leave Britain and Ireland to settle the affair between themselves. Despite the opinion expressed by League officials, however, there appears a possibility that Britain may make a formal protest to the Council in December."

The Dominion Premiers who have been attending the British Imperial Conference, have had an opportunity to see at first hand something of the strength of the naval power of Great Britain. According to an Associated Press dispatch from Portland, Eng., on Oct. 30, "a dramatic exhibition of Great Britain's naval power was given off Portland to-day for the edification of the Dominion Premiers and other delegates to the Imperial Conference. Although the delegates did not see as many ships in action as did those to the last conference, three years ago, they were treated to a demonstration such as is rarely seen by landsmen."

The strike of British coal miners appeared early in the week to be dragging along without important change in the situation. It would seem that Prime Minister Baldwin and his associates in the Cabinet felt that they have done all they can to bring about a settlement. The Prime Minister addressed a letter "to a Conservative candidate for Howden, Yorkshire," in which he was reported to have said that "the coal industry, like other industries, must stand on its own feet, hope of further Government intervention merely tends to prolong the dispute." Continuing, he said: "Unfortunately, throughout the dispute the notion has prevailed in the minds of many people—particularly, I think, among the miners—that at the eleventh hour the Government would step in and make possible such terms of settlement which the economic condition of the industry alone could not provide. There could be no greater mistake. We should only be paving the way for further misunderstanding were we to pretend that we had it in our power either to compel a settlement or, in the present temper of the industry to secure an agreement."

Although it was reported in London cable dispatches under date of Oct. 29, to which reference was made in last week's issue of the "Chronicle," that conferences would be continued over the week-end between representatives of the Trade Union Congress

and Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announcement of definite results did not appear in London cable dispatches early in the week. It was claimed in those advices, however, that the coal miners' strike had resulted in heavy Labor gains in municipal elections in over 300 English towns and cities on Nov. 2.

It seems that the Labor representatives met on Nov. 3 to discuss certain features of the situation, particularly that of raising additional funds for the strikers. The New York "Times" correspondent in London cabled that evening that "a conference of the trade union executives, held in London to-day, declined to accede to the request of the coal miners for a compulsory trade union levy, but decided to call a voluntary levy of one penny per working day from the members of all unions represented, in support of the miners." The situation was further sketched as follows: "The Treasurer of the Miners' Federation told the conference the miners had almost \$500,000 in hand, and wanted the British trade unionists to provide them with at least \$200,000 a week. The national delegate conference of the Miners' Federation will be held to-morrow to consider the position. The miners have been heartened by the granting of even a voluntary levy, and A. J. Cook, their Secretary, made a statement to-day which did not promise well for any progress toward a settlement of the stoppage on the lines which have been considered by the General Council of the Trade Union Congress."

The outlook for an early settlement appeared brighter on Nov. 4, according to a special London dispatch to the New York "Evening Post." The correspondent reported the situation in part as follows: "To-day may be 'Armistice Day' in the English coal war. Everything points that way, and unless the miners' delegates who are meeting to-day, spring an unlooked for surprise, peace in the industry is near. The armistice, which is proposed, will have as its basis a compromise embodied in the 'Gentlemen's Agreement' between the Government and the leaders of the Trades Union Council, who have acted as mediators. It is a compromise which, to all except the leaders, intent on saving their faces, looks like an unconditional surrender. The stand against wage reductions and an increase in hours had virtually gone by the board when the last negotiations were broken off. Now the last remaining principle—that of a national settlement—appears to have been sacrificed as well, and the men are to go back under district agreements. The Government is said to have made assurances that, if necessary, it will enact the district principles into law. There is reason to believe other influences have been at work to persuade the Cabinet to adopt this attitude." This dispatch was substantiated by one sent out from London by the Associated Press, which stated that, "leaving a secret conference of miners' officials this afternoon, a prominent delegate said there had been a complete change in the situation and that there were hopes of peace. Prospects that the miners' delegate conference to-morrow would vote to seek peace are voiced by the London newspapers."

Cable advices from London later the same evening indicated that the wish had been father to the thought, and that not as much toward a settlement as had been predicted actually had been accom-

plished. According to a special London dispatch to the New York "Times" on Nov. 4, "the delegates' conference of the Miners' Federation met to-day in London and sanctioned a definite move for settlement of the coal strike through the mediation of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress. The conference did not formally commit itself to any particular form of settlement, but authorized the executive to explore the nature and scope of national safeguards that can be secured if there is acceptance by the miners of district agreements." It was explained that "when the delegates separated to-day some of them optimistically said they would know to-morrow and perhaps before midday whether the signal would be given for the termination of the struggle. The move which the miners are at last contemplating does not, however, necessarily bring them to an end of the dispute. A settlement by consent, which is the idea of the General Council, requires the consent of the colliery owners as well as the miners. There is no present indication that the owners are prepared to agree to a statement of national principles. The evidence, in fact, points all the other way. The miners' executive, however, intends to learn through the mediation committee whether the Government will assist in laying down national principles to be observed in all districts and obtaining their application. Meanwhile 300,000 miners have now returned to work and the output of coal is nearly 1,500,000 tons a week."

According to an Associated Press dispatch from London early last evening, the situation looked brighter again as a result of developments during the day. It was stated that "optimism over a possible early end of the British coal strike was increased to-day after a meeting between representatives of the Government and the negotiation committee of the Trade Union Congress. Their talk cleared up the situation sufficiently to induce Premier Baldwin to receive the miners' representatives in Downing Street this afternoon." Cable advices received from the British capital up to the time of going to press did not contain definite statements as to the results of the meeting with Premier Baldwin.

Official discounts 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 and Madrid; 4½% in Sweden and Norway, and 3½% in Holland and Switzerland. In London the open market discount rates were firmer and finished at 4 11-16@4 13-16% for short bills and 4 13-16% for three months' bills, in comparison with 4 11-16@4¾% for short bills and 4 13-16% for three months' bills a week ago. Money on call at the British centre was strong early in the week and rose to 4⅜%, but closed at 3⅝%, the same as at the close last week. At Paris the open market discount rate remains at 7½% and at Switzerland at 2 11-16%.

Another, though much smaller, loss in gold (£7,858) was shown by the Bank of England in its statement for the week ending Nov. 3, but note circulation increased £468,000, so that the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department was reduced £476,000, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities declined to 27.01%, against 27.32% last week and 27.98% for the week of Oct. 13. In the

corresponding week of 1925 the ratio stood at 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ % and a year earlier at 19 $\frac{3}{8}$ %. Sharp contraction was noted in all the deposit items. Public deposits fell £1,402,000 and "other" deposits £1,781,000. The Bank's temporary loans to the Government declined £1,280,000, but loans on other securities increased £1,372,000. Gold holdings aggregate £152,807,082, which compares with £149,046,856 a year ago and £128,494,564 in 1924 (before the transfer to the Bank of England of the £27,000,000 formerly held by the Redemption Account of the Currency Note Issue). Reserve stands at £33,020,000, in comparison with £27,354,026 in 1925 and £24,397,459 a year earlier. Note circulation stands at £139,537,000. This compares with £141,442,830 last year and £123,847,105 in 1924. Loans stand at £71,467,000, against £75,148,114 and £78,592,064 one and two years ago, respectively. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £877,041,000, which compares with £744,398,000 last week and £852,792,000 a year ago. No change has been made in the Bank's official discount rate from 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. Nov. 3. £	1925. Nov. 4. £	1924. Nov. 5. £	1923. Nov. 7. £	1922. Nov. 8. £
Circulation.....	139,537,000	141,442,830	123,847,105	124,861,955	122,519,305
Public deposits.....	19,158,000	14,212,839	16,406,074	18,349,997	16,192,217
Other deposits.....	103,069,000	105,800,826	109,352,057	101,050,772	106,425,347
Govt. securities.....	35,435,000	35,209,941	40,458,443	42,888,506	49,191,290
Other securities.....	71,467,000	75,148,114	78,592,064	71,649,873	67,882,955
Reserve notes & coin	33,020,000	27,354,026	24,397,459	25,562,809	23,368,406
Coin and bullion.....	152,807,082	149,046,856	128,494,564	127,674,764	127,437,711
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	27.01%	22 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	19 $\frac{3}{8}$ %	18.78%	19.05%
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 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.

Following the decreases the three previous weeks, the Bank of France in its weekly statement as of Nov. 3 reported an increase of 1,072,588,000 francs in note circulation. Total notes in circulation now aggregate 55,650,775,120 francs as compared with 48,011,479,885 francs for the corresponding period last year and 40,705,279,820 francs the year previous. Total advances to the State also again increased, the Government having borrowed 800,000,000 francs during the week and the total indebtedness to the Bank now stands at 36,550,000,000 francs. In comparison, total advances for the same time last year amounted to 31,900,000,000 francs and in 1924 only 23,100,000,000 francs. Gold gained 3,650 francs and the stock of gold now amounts to 5,548,793,500 francs. Gold holdings last year at this date were 5,547,593,980 francs and the year before 5,544,542,860 francs. Silver gained 7,000 francs and bills discounted were increased by 654,162,000 francs. On the other hand, trade advances decreased 33,209,000 francs, treasury deposits 20,718,000 francs, and general deposits 544,496,000 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.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of—		
		Nov. 3 1926. Francs.	Nov. 5 1925. Francs.	Nov. 6 1924. Francs.
In France.....	Inc. 3,650	3,684,472,593	3,683,273,072	3,680,221,950
Abroad.....	Unchanged	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Total.....	Inc. 3,650	5,548,793,500	5,547,593,980	5,544,542,860
Silver.....	Inc. 7,000	339,055,191	311,090,731	303,483,033
Bills discounted.....	Inc. 654,162,000	5,988,579,068	4,467,749,596	5,831,517,335
Trade advances.....	Dec. 33,209,000	2,127,100,707	2,577,702,287	2,726,022,021
Note circulation.....	Inc. 1,072,588,000	55,650,775,120	48,011,479,885	40,705,279,820
Treasury deposits.....	Dec. 20,718,000	15,763,245	15,712,482	16,728,254
General deposits.....	Dec. 544,496,000	3,400,015,151	2,368,417,289	1,921,835,122
Advances to State.....	Inc. 800,000,000	36,550,000,000	31,900,000,000	23,100,000,000

The German Reichsbank in its statement, as of Oct. 30, indicated important changes, due to preparation for meeting the month-end disbursements. Note circulation recorded an expansion of no less than 501,305,000 marks, although this was partially offset by shrinkage in other maturing obligations of 339,493,000 marks and of 53,112,000 marks in other liabilities. Increases, however, occurred in several of the Bank's assets. Holdings of bills of exchange and checks increased 141,912,000 marks and advances 31,567,000 marks. Deposits held abroad gained 698,000 marks and reserve in foreign currencies was 1,311,000 marks larger. There were reductions of 6,632,000 marks in silver and other coins, 13,849,000 marks in notes on other banks, 24,000 marks in investments and 81,399,000 marks in other assets. Gold and bullion holdings were augmented 36,814,000 marks, thus bringing the Bank's gold stock to 1,716,055,000 marks, as against 1,206,866,000 marks last year and 694,224,000 marks in 1924. Note circulation now outstanding totals 3,325,834,000 marks. A year ago the total was 2,802,884,000 marks.

Further expansion in rediscounting and open market trading constituted the most noteworthy features of the weekly statements of Federal Reserve banks, issued on Thursday afternoon. The banks again lost gold, the report of the System showing a decline in holdings of the precious metal of \$16,100,000. There was an increase in rediscounting of paper secured by Government obligations of \$30,800,000, and in "other" bills of \$13,100,000. Total bills discounted now aggregate \$675,898,000, an increase for the week of \$43,900,000, and comparing with \$636,338,000 last year. Holdings of bills bought in the open market expanded \$24,500,000. Total bills and securities (earning assets) expanded \$70,700,000, but deposits were smaller, declining \$4,700,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation expanded \$24,900,000. At New York a loss in gold of \$41,700,000 was recorded, while rediscounting of all classes of bills increased approximately \$40,000,000. Total bills discounted, however, are still below last year, \$172,403,000, against \$191,273,000. Open market purchases increased \$23,000,000, and here the total now is \$71,290,666, against only \$32,391,000 a year ago. In total bills and securities, the increase for the week is \$63,100,000 at the same time that deposits were reduced \$13,700,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation expanded \$12,200,000. Member bank reserve accounts decreased both locally and nationally—\$16,800,000 and \$9,500,000, respectively. As to the reserve ratios, shrinkage in gold reserves brought about a lowering. At New York there was a drop to 80.1%, off 3.4%; for the combined System the ratio declined 0.8%, to 72.8%.

Striking changes were revealed in last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies. Notwithstanding heavy expansion in deposits, a gain of more than \$41,000,000 in surplus reserve was reported. Loans increased \$69,886,000. Net demand deposits expanded \$50,902,000, to \$4,384,710,000, which is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$32,727,000. Time deposits were augmented \$18,140,000, to \$607,838,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve

Bank increased \$441,000, to \$47,264,000, but this does not count as reserve. State bank and trust company reserves in own vaults registered an advance of \$362,000, but reserves kept by these institutions in other depositories decreased \$558,000. The most important change, however, was that member banks added to their reserves in the Federal institution the sum of \$49,059,000. This it was that converted the previous week's deficit in reserve of \$23,979,460 into a surplus of \$17,666,240. The surplus is calculated on the basis of a required legal reserve of 13% against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve, but not including \$47,264,000 cash in vault held by these members on Saturday last.

Following a more favorable statement of the New York Clearing House banks last Saturday than for the week before, and a decrease in brokers' loans of \$52,922,000 for the week ended Oct. 27, the local money market has continued easy. Again call loans have ruled at 4½% and time money has been dull and essentially unchanged at 4¾@4⅞%. Because of these conditions in the open money market, the possibility of both the Boston and New York Federal Reserve rediscount rates being reduced from the 4% level that has prevailed for some time, was mentioned, but not regarded generally in banking circles as a strong probability. As a matter of fact, no change was made in either instance. That the combined collateral loan account of banks in New York City embraced in Federal Reserve System is stronger is shown by the fact that since Sept. 29 brokers' loans have been reduced by over \$210,000,000. On Oct. 27 the total outstanding was \$2,602,196,000, against \$2,812,971,000 Sept. 29. These figures were in contrast with the peak amount of \$3,141,125,000 for the week ended Jan. 6 1926. Brokers' loans as of Oct. 30, according to figures made public by the New York Stock Exchange yesterday afternoon, totaled \$3,191,336,925, against \$3,218,937,010 on Sept. 30, a decrease of only \$27,600,085 for the month. The ease of the money market has been reflected in considerable increased activity and strength in the bond market, with various foreign issues listed on the New York Stock Exchange in especial demand. Further offerings of new European securities have been made in the American market and more are likely to follow. Definite reports near the close of the week of the possibility of an early settlement of the British coal miners' strike, and likewise the persistent strength of French exchange, quite likely helped sentiment with regard to the European situation materially. Advices regarding trade conditions in the United States disclose no important changes. Several important automobile manufacturers, however, have reduced their production schedules considerably, while a few appear to be holding up very well. Steel production has fallen back a little further still. The output of crude oil is increasing materially and quite steadily. As a consequence, further reductions in prices have been announced within the last few days. There is nothing to indicate a substantial increase in the demands for funds from any source in the near future.

Referring to money rates in detail, loans on call repeated last week's performance; that is, ruled all week at a flat rate of 4½%. Monday this was the

only rate named. Tuesday was a legal holiday (Election Day), while on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday call funds still loaned and renewed at 4½%.

In time money the situation remains without essential alteration. Trading was dull with quotations unchanged from 4¾% for sixty and ninety days and 4⅞% for four, five and six months maturities. Offerings were adequate but the demand was light.

Mercantile paper continues to be quoted at 4½% for four to six months names of choice character the same as a week ago, with names not so well known still at 4¾%. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names continue to pass at 4½%. A good demand was reported on the part of country banks. Supplies, however, were not large.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances remain at the levels previously current with trading inactive except that the rate for 120-day bills has been reduced to the level of ninety day bills and that the rate for 150 days has been lowered to the former 120 day rate. Large buyers have been out of the market for the most part, so that the aggregate turnover attained only moderate proportions. The undertone was steady. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council remains at 4%. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3¾% bid and 3⅝% asked for bills running 30 days; 3⅞% bid and 3¾% asked for 60 days; 4% bid and 3⅞% asked for 90 days and also for 120 days; 4⅞% bid and 4% asked for 150 days, and 4¼% bid and 4⅞% asked for 180 days. Open market quotations follow:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	4@3¾	3¾@3¾	3¾@3¾
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Prime eligible bills.....			3¾ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....			3¾ 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 NOVEMBER 5 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'm'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	5
Philadelphia.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cleveland.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Richmond.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Atlanta.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Chicago.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
St. Louis.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Minneapolis.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Kansas City.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Dallas.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
San Francisco.....	4	4	4	4	4	4

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

The sterling exchange market was again under pressure and as a result of continued offering of commercial bills, prices were forced down another ¼c., bringing demand bills to 4 84, a new low point for the year and less than ⅜c. above the gold import point. Trading was still dull and spiritless, with noticeable lack of buying support. The outcome was a market that sagged perceptibly, although fluctuations were confined to fractions. It may, therefore, be said that sterling is giving way, as it

were, by slow degrees. On the other hand, London bankers are showing signs of uneasiness over the growing likelihood that gold will have to be shipped to this country. It is felt that an outflow at this time, coupled with the constantly increasing demands for British gold from Continental sources, might lead to a serious drain upon Great Britain's gold reserves, especially when British trade and industry are partially paralyzed by reason of the prolongation of the coal strike. Rumors that the dispute between coal miners and operators was in a fair way of being settled were too indefinite to exercise any influence upon values. Other elements in the market remain essentially the same, but are subservient to this outstanding factor. That is to say, the opinion is that no real progress is possible until Britain's labor situation has been clarified. According to some authorities usually well informed, cotton bills are not appearing in their usual volume for this season. The explanation is said to lie in the fact that high ocean freight rates are retarding shipments of the staple. In some respects this has been an off week, regular business being interrupted, first by observance of the All-Saints holiday abroad and secondly, by the Elections in New York. An added factor in the weakness was said to have been considerable selling of Sterling by French interests. At the extreme close rates stiffened slightly on fresh rumors that a settlement of the coal miners' strike was imminent.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was easier, with demand fractionally lower at $4\ 84\frac{1}{4}$ (one rate) and cable transfers at $4\ 84\frac{3}{4}$; trading was very quiet. Monday's market was of pre-holiday variety; the volume of business passing was exceptionally small and rates again receded, to $4\ 84\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 84\ 3-16$ for demand and $4\ 84\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 84\ 11-16$ for cable transfers. Tuesday was a holiday (Election Day). On Wednesday trading was still inactive and prices unchanged; the range for demand was again $4\ 84\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 84\ 3-16$ and for cable transfers $4\ 84\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 84\ 11-16$. Increased weakness developed on Thursday and demand bills sold off to a new low of $4\ 84$ @ $4\ 84\frac{1}{8}$ and cable transfers to $4\ 84\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 84\frac{5}{8}$. On Friday the undertone was a trifle steadier, some of the earlier losses being regained; the day's range was $4\ 84\ 1-16$ @ $4\ 84\frac{1}{4}$ for demand and $4\ 84\ 9-16$ @ $4\ 84\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations were $4\ 84\frac{1}{4}$ for demand and $4\ 84\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4\ 84\frac{1}{8}$, sixty days at $4\ 80\frac{1}{8}$, ninety days at $4\ 78\frac{1}{4}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4\ 80\frac{3}{8}$ and seven-day grain bills at $4\ 83\frac{1}{2}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $4\ 84\frac{1}{8}$.

No further gold engagements were reported, either for import or export. The Bank of England acquired £750,000 in gold bars from South Africa and sold bullion bars to the amount of about £375,000 and exported sovereigns in small amounts to Arabia and India.

Trading in Continental Exchange was likewise hampered by holiday celebrations and the volume of business transacted was relatively light. The undertone of the market, however, was buoyant and further good gains were made by a number of the leading European currencies. With the resumption of regular trading on Wednesday, French francs advanced sharply from 3.17 to $3.26\frac{3}{4}$, which compares with a quotation of $3.13\frac{1}{2}$ at the opening of the week. The firmness was explained as due to the

recalling of balances that had been sent abroad during the spectacular crash in values that occurred earlier in the year, also to a return of confidence in the franc on the part of French business concerns. Bankers are now predicting that the franc is to be held at around 4 cents. Later in the week, franc quotations shot up to 3.39, which is about 143 points above the low record price named around the middle of July last, mainly in response to cables stating that the Bank of France had not only succeeded in re-establishing the bulk of the \$100,000,000 Morgan loan, but in addition accumulated a foreign currency reserve equalling about \$45,000,000, for the purpose of protecting French exchange against speculative pressure and also to aid in meeting foreign obligations. Good buying developed, much of it emanating from Paris. Nevertheless, local traders remain somewhat dubious over the future of the franc. It is claimed that current levels are too high, although there is no apparent reason for believing that reaction is immediately in sight, although in the final trading there was a decline to 3.27. A favorable indication is the rise in French dollar bonds that has taken place simultaneously with the advance in exchange. German and Dutch interests were said to be buyers of francs. At the same time it must not be overlooked that the French Parliament is to reconvene on Nov. 9 and that possible friction or disagreement in the Cabinet might easily bring about some setback. As to Belgian francs, foreign exchange bankers still object to the use of the belga, though some quotations continue to be made in the new unit. In all probability some little time will be required before traders become accustomed to the new terms, especially as the Belgian authorities continue to utilize the old franc for all but foreign trade purposes. News that the National Bank of Belgium had bought \$25,000,000 in gold for the protection of its currency created a good impression.

Italian lire continued to attract attention, being easily the most active feature of the list. Wide variations in quoted rates were again noted. At the opening there was a drop of 8 points to 4.21; later on an advance of 13 points carried the lire up to $4.33\frac{1}{2}$, with the close at $4.28\frac{3}{4}$. The explanation most generally accepted for the vagaries in lire in recent weeks is that they have been due to Government operations. In some quarters, however, the claim is now made that private interests have in reality been mainly responsible. Expectation that Premier Mussolini's deflation program would be followed by lower prices and higher exchange values led to the establishment of many new long accounts. Foreign balances were reduced, while Italian importers availed themselves of low dollar rates to cover future commitments (always an important factor in the fall of the year). All this constituted a combination that speedily sent prices up; whereupon realizing or profit-taking almost as promptly caused reaction. Whether or not this be true, there is little doubt that the Italian Government has the exchange situation well in hand and will not permit lire to go any further up or down than seems expedient or advisable. German and Austrian currencies remain inactive and without essential change. Greek drachmae were steady at about 1.21, then closed at $2\frac{1}{2}$ points, while the minor Central European currencies were practically unchanged.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 146.80, against 154.15 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at $3.29\frac{3}{4}$, against $3.15\frac{1}{2}$.

cable transfers at 3.30³/₄, against 3.16¹/₂, and commercial sight bills at 3.28³/₄, against 3.14¹/₂ a week earlier. Quotations on the newly created Antwerp belga finished at 13.90³/₄ for checks and at 13.91 for cable transfers, unchanged from last week. Final quotations on Berlin marks were 23.75¹/₄ for checks and 23.77¹/₄ for cable remittances, which compares with 23.77³/₄ and 23.79³/₄ the previous week. Austrian schillings continue to be quoted nominally at 14¹/₈. Lire finished the week at 4.28³/₄ for bankers' sight bills and at 4.29³/₄ for cable transfers. Last week the close was 4.32 and 4.33. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.96³/₈ (unchanged); on Bucharest at 0.53³/₄, against 0.56¹/₂; on Poland at 11.50 (unchanged), and on Finland at 2.52¹/₄ (unchanged). Greek exchange finished at 1.23¹/₂ for checks and at 1.24 for cable transfers, as contrasted with 1.21 and 1.21¹/₂ the week preceding.

Irregular movements featured trading in the former neutral exchanges, although price changes were not particularly important, and transactions were moderate in volume. Dutch guilders were heavy and sagged off to 39.95¹/₂ on continued selling and no takers. Swiss francs were fairly steady at around 19.28. In the Scandinavian group, the only fluctuation of moment was a rise of 20 points in Norwegian currency, to 25.08 early in the week, on speculative buying; subsequently, however, the quotation reacted and closed appreciably lower. Danish kronen continue to be quoted a point or two above or below 26.55, while Swedish krona shaded off slightly, touching 26.66¹/₂, on lack of buying support. Spanish pesetas were irregular, veering around from 15.13 to 15.19¹/₂, then down again as low as 15.07. Realizing sales were held responsible for the weakness in this as well as in Norwegian exchange, which before the close turned weak and lost about 17 points.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 39.96, against 39.98; cable transfers at 39.99, against 40.00, and commercial sight bills at 39.92, against 39.94 last week. Swiss francs closed at 19.27 for bankers' sight bills and 19.28 for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.27¹/₂ and 19.29¹/₂ a week ago. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.55 and cable transfers at 26.59, against 26.54 and 26.58. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.66¹/₂, and for cable transfers at 26.70¹/₂, against 26.67¹/₂ and 26.71¹/₂, while checks on Norway finished at 24.91 and cable transfers at 24.95. Closing rates on Spanish pesetas were 15.07 for checks and 15.09 for cable transfers; this compares with 15.11 and 15.13 the previous week.

With regard to South American exchange, quotations were steady on a quiet market. Argentine pesos moved up 7 points to 40.82, then receded and finished at 40.63 for checks and 40.68 for cable transfers, as against 40.75 and 40.80 last week. Brazilian milreis failed to reflect reports that actual stabilization had finally arrived and the quotation moved down to 13.65 for checks and 13.70 for cable transfers, then rallied and closed at 13.75 and 13.80, the same as a week earlier. Chilean exchange was easier and closed at 12.07, against 12.10, while Peru sold off to 3 59, against 3 61 the week preceding.

The Far Eastern exchanges displayed a firmer tendency and rates were fairly steady for the Chinese currencies which have suffered such sharp losses in recent weeks. Japanese yen were very strong and the quotation touched another new high of 49.50 on expectations of the placing of a large Japanese loan

shortly concurrently with the re-establishment of Japan's currency on a gold basis. Hong Kong closed at 47 3-16@47⁵/₈, against 47 5-16@47³/₈; Shanghai at 58³/₈@59¹/₂, against 58⁵/₈@59¹/₄; Yokohama at 49.15 @49.50, against 49@49¹/₈; Manila at 49⁷/₈@50 (unchanged); Singapore at 56¹/₄@56⁵/₈, against 56¹/₄@56³/₈; Bombay at 36¹/₄@36³/₈ (unchanged), and Calcutta at 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. 30 1926 TO NOV. 5 1926, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Oct. 30.	Nov. 1.	Nov. 2.	Nov. 3.	Nov. 4.	Nov. 5.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling	.14092	.14068	.14076	.14082	.14076	.14076
Belgium, belga*	.1390	.1390	.1390	.1390	.1390	.1390
Bulgaria, lev	.007267	.007242	.007303	.007264	.007275	.007275
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029618	.029617	.029622	.029621	.029620	.029620
Denmark, krone	.2658	.2658	.2658	.2658	.2658	.2658
England, pound sterling	4.8471	4.8465	4.8467	4.8453	4.8464	4.8464
Finland, marka	.025209	.025205	.025208	.025208	.025207	.025207
France, franc	.0316	.0318	.0326	.0337	.0332	.0332
Germany, reichsmark	.2379	.2379	.2379	.2378	.2377	.2377
Greece, drachma	.012132	.012130	.012135	.012243	.012332	.012332
Holland, guilder	.3999	.3999	.3999	.3998	.3997	.3997
Hungary, pengo	.1759	.1756	.1756	.1756	.1756	.1756
Italy, lira	.0425	.0432	.0430	.0432	.0431	.0431
Norway, krone	.2491	.2500	.2504	.2503	.2502	.2502
Poland, zloty	.1115	.1108	.1103	.1124	.1120	.1120
Portugal, escudo	.0511	.0510	.0509	.0511	.0511	.0511
Rumania, leu	.005635	.005634	.005567	.005413	.005375	.005375
Spain, peseta	.1514	.1520	.1515	.1515	.1511	.1511
Sweden, krona	.2671	.2671	Holiday	.2670	.2670	.2670
Switzerland, franc	.1928	.1928	.1928	.1928	.1928	.1928
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017668	.017650	.017664	.017666	.017669	.017669
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael	.6125	.6167	.6096	.6125	.6117	.6117
Hankow, tael	.6028	.6044	.5992	.6022	.6034	.6034
Shanghai, tael	.5870	.5857	.5796	.5825	.5813	.5813
Tientsin, tael	.6154	.6188	.6133	.6154	.6154	.6154
Hong Kong, dollar	.4691	.4687	.4663	.4650	.4652	.4652
Mexican dollar	.4333	.4330	.4305	.4338	.4310	.4310
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar	.4221	.4225	.4196	.4213	.4346	.4346
Yuan, dollar	.4163	.4188	.4158	.4175	.4308	.4308
India, rupee	.3604	.3608	.3606	.3603	.3605	.3605
Japan, yen	.4894	.4895	.4902	.4904	.4908	.4908
Singapore (S.S.), dollar	.5604	.5596	.5606	.5606	.5613	.5613
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	1.001067	1.001064	1.001099	1.001123	1.001128	1.001128
Cuba, peso	.999414	.999719	.999781	.999656	.999492	.999492
Mexico, peso	.477000	.477750	.479083	.478000	.477667	.477667
Newfoundland, dollar	.998781	.998594	.998875	.998813	.998594	.998594
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.9257	.9249	.9244	.9220	.9222	.9222
Brazil, milreis	.1364	.1364	.1364	.1368	.1369	.1369
Chile, peso	.1207	.1205	.1209	.1205	.1205	.1205
Uruguay, peso	.9968	.9972	.9922	.9920	.9935	.9935

* On Oct. 26 1926 the Belgian Government adopted the "belga" as their unit of currency. A belga is equal to five francs.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$5,748,915 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Nov. 4. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$6,939,015, while the shipments have reached \$1,190,100, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended November 4.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement	\$6,939,015	\$1,190,100	Gain \$5,748,915

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. 30.	Monday, Nov. 1.	Tuesday, Nov. 2.	Wednesday, Nov. 3.	Thursday, Nov. 4.	Friday, Nov. 5.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 90,000,000	\$ 94,000,000	\$ Holiday	\$ 150,000,000	\$ 98,000,000	\$ 115,000,000	Cr. 547,000,000

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	Nov. 4 1926.			Nov. 5 1925.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 152,807,082	---	152,807,082	£ 149,046,856	---	149,046,856
France a	147,378,904	13,560,000	160,938,904	147,330,923	12,440,000	159,770,923
Germany b	76,805,000	26,589,000	103,394,000	51,553,250	994,600	52,547,850
Spain	102,262,000	4,153,000	106,415,000	25,915,000	127,382,000	153,297,000
Italy	45,487,000	2,262,000	47,749,000	3,358,000	39,003,000	42,361,000
Netherl'ds	34,900,000	2,262,000	37,162,000	36,322,000	1,927,000	38,249,000
Nat. Belg.	10,955,000	3,369,000	14,324,000	10,918,000	3,572,000	14,490,000
Switzerl'd	17,697,000	2,887,000	20,584,000	18,821,000	3,542,000	22,363,000
Sweden	12,562,000	---	12,562,000	12,829,000	---	12,829,000
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	£20,649,986	54,735,600	75,385,586	583,745,029	53,066,600	636,811,629
Prev. week	£27,595,698	54,384,600	81,980,298	582,192,772	52,945,600	635,138,372

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 £8,995,000 held abroad. c As of Oct. 7 1924.

The Republican Reverse.

There was undoubtedly a general expectation that the Republicans would fail to hold their own in the next Congress as a result of the elections on Tuesday, the only uncertainty at that point being the length to which the expected Democratic gains might go. The most optimistic Republican leaders apparently did not venture to hope for any better outcome than a bare numerical majority in the new Senate, and a working but diminished majority in the House of Representatives. The voting on Tuesday fully confirmed the Republican fears. Save for the casting vote of the Vice-President, the Administration Party appears to have lost control of the Senate. With a Democratic gain of seven seats now held by Republicans, and the probability that Maine, which holds a special election on Nov. 29 to fill a vacancy, will choose a Republican, the Republicans will be able to muster 48 members, or exactly one-half of the total membership of the Senate, the other half being composed of 47 Democrats and one Farmer-Laborite. This compares with a Republican majority of 16 at the beginning of the present Congress, and a nominal majority of 12, counting as regular Republicans the insurgent Republicans, who held the balance of power, before Tuesday's election. Of the 48 seats, at least six are held by nominally Republican Senators who are quite as likely to vote with the Democrats as with the party with which they are classed. This is for the Seventieth Congress, 1927-29. For the coming short session, the last of the Sixty-ninth Congress, the late Republican majority of 12 will be further reduced by the election of two Democrats in place of two Republicans who were filling vacancies by appointment. Assuming that a Republican will be returned from Maine, and counting as Republicans the insurgent Senators, the Republican majority for the remainder of the present Congress may be less than ten.

The figures alone do not show the full extent of the Republican reverse. Senator Butler of Massachusetts, Chairman of the Republican National Committee and an intimate personal friend and political adviser of President Coolidge, has been defeated by former Senator David I. Walsh, a Democrat; and another Democrat, Judge R. F. Wagner, has displaced the Republican Senator Wadsworth in New York. As Senator Butler was serving under appointment, Mr. Walsh will, of course, take his seat at once. Former Senator Brookhart of Iowa and

Governor J. J. Blaine of Wisconsin will take their seats in the new Congress as Republicans, but only to reinforce the ranks of the insurgent La Follette group. Senator Jones of Washington, another strong supporter of the Administration, has been re-elected by an extremely narrow margin, and the seats of William S. Vare of Pennsylvania and Frank L. Smith of Illinois, both of which were won by large majorities, are in jeopardy because of threats, openly made in various quarters during the campaign, to deny the successful candidates admission to membership in the Senate in view of the lavish and questionable use of money in the primaries at which they were nominated.

Returns, as yet incomplete, of the elections of members of the House indicate that the Republican majority of 60 in the present House (or 61 after the filling of three vacancies on Tuesday) will be reduced to 36 or 37. Included in this majority are some ten or more insurgents, and a number of other Representatives who cannot be counted upon to vote always with the party. It seems to be the case, accordingly, that while the Republicans still command an absolute majority over the combined opposition, and will be able to organize the new House and elect a Speaker, the nominal majority may at any time be reduced dangerously near to the vanishing point by insurgent defection or temporary coalition with the Democrats, and that the Democrats may be able to wield a larger influence than in the present Congress in the composition of the House committees. In any event, what with a narrow Republican majority in the House and no party majority in the Senate, the outlook for constructive legislation of any kind for the next two years and more is clouded, and neither Republican nor Democratic measures can be pressed to passage without more than the usual amount of party compromise.

The natural demand for an explanation of what, on the face of the returns, appears to be a severe Republican reverse is not to be met by insisting that the reverse was expected, and that, in one way or another, the Republicans may still exercise control. The facts are the only things we have to deal with, and the facts are ominous. The Republicans have lost the Senate, unless the Vice-President regularly saves the day. They hold the House by a considerably reduced majority. Prominent Republican Senators who enjoyed the confidence of the President, one of them a candidate in whose behalf the President made his one personal intervention throughout the campaign, have been defeated by substantial adverse majorities, and the insurgent Republican strength in the Senate has been increased. Voters who in 1922 or 1924 supported Republican candidates either supported Democratic candidates this year, or, by refraining from voting, aided indirectly in their defeat. Why has the party in power been rebuffed?

Until the complete returns of the voting are available, which will not be until some weeks hence, the question cannot be fully answered. It is apparent, on the basis of the figures already reported, that the election revealed a good many curious cross-currents. Massachusetts, for example, chose a Democratic "wet" for Senator and a "bone-dry" Republican for Governor. New York, with its Republican and Democratic candidates for the Senate both opposed to prohibition, chose the Democratic candi-

date as more uncompromisingly "wet" than his Republican opponent, gave its overwhelming indorsement to a proposed State referendum on the Volstead Act, and recorded over 200,000 votes for a Prohibition candidate for Senator. One cannot affirm with confidence, on the basis of such contrarities, that Republican strength in the country at large has declined, or that prohibition contributed directly to Democratic success. Nevertheless, the fact remains that in Congress the Republicans have lost, and the successes of the party in the State elections do not offset its failure in the national field.

Two explanations, applicable alike to the Republican reverse and to the confused outcome as a whole, appear to be written prominently across the face of the campaign. Taken as a whole, the campaign was apathetic. Political observers commented upon the general lack of popular interest in the elections, the alarmingly small registration in certain large cities and among certain classes, the small attendance at political rallies, and the indifference of young voters. As one experienced correspondent put it, people preferred to attend to their own private affairs, run their automobiles, and go to the movies. In so far as such conditions obtained among any considerable number of voters, there seems to be no escape from the conclusion that they represent a growing weariness with politics, an indifference to which party is in power, and a preference in many cases for Democratic rather than Republican representatives in Congress if a choice has to be made.

Beyond this casual or indifferent attitude of many voters, the election was doubtless confused by the absence of any clear-cut national issue and the emergence of numerous local or personal controversies. The attempt of the Democrats to centre attention upon the tariff was a failure, and Republican championship of "Coolidge economy" did not save the Republican cause. President Coolidge himself was hardly an issue, save perhaps in Massachusetts, and his refusal to inject himself personally into the campaign elsewhere was to his credit. The defeat of Senator Wadsworth in New York may be ascribed in considerable measure to the personal popularity of Governor Smith, who was elected for a fourth term by an immense majority, notwithstanding the election of a Republican Legislature, and who was able to carry the Democratic candidate for the Senate with him, although by a greatly lessened majority. At the same time, however, Christman, the Prohibition candidate who, as already stated, polled over 200,000 votes, and ran avowedly to defeat Mr. Wadsworth, seems to have been mainly responsible for Mr. Wadsworth's failure of re-election. The control of Wisconsin by the La Follette machine explains the election of Governor Blaine to the Senate, and the return of former Senator Brookhart was widely demanded in Iowa as a species of "vindication" for the previous loss of his seat. If President Coolidge's attitude regarding farm relief legislation cost him support in the farming States, the fact does not appear clearly in the returns.

Nevertheless, the Republicans were defeated, and a Republican President is left without effective party support in Congress for the remainder of his term. Local conditions aside, the outcome must be indicative of a more or less widespread dissatisfaction with Republican policy. The stupendous increase in rev-

enue notwithstanding the reduction or elimination of certain Federal taxes, the actual increase in the tax upon corporations, from whose operations a large part of the income of investors is derived, the futile efforts to enforce national prohibition and the multiplying evidence of corruption inherent in the system, the attempt to rush through, years in advance, the extension of the charters of the Federal Reserve banks—these things and others have undoubtedly set a good many people thinking about politics and government, with a resulting dissatisfaction which was registered on Tuesday. The main consolation of the Republicans, in this untoward situation, appears to be the continued popular regard for Mr. Coolidge; and upon his influence in holding his party in Congress together and placating Democratic opposition, the hope for favorable legislation and the removal of real grievances in taxation seems more than ever to depend.

Causes and Duration of Our "Prosperity."

It has been said that much of our success as a people has been due to the way in which we have utilized our resources. Again, it has been asserted that mass production and the machine have been largely instrumental in bringing us high wages, high standards of living, and general prosperity. Undoubtedly these are two elements in our splendid advance. But they have not been unmixed blessings. For we have not always wisely utilized our resources; nor has our mass production by means of machinery equally distributed its prospering power among the people. Not that this desideratum of equal benefits can ever be brought about, but that a part of our success as a people has been at the expense of enormous waste and that mass production has not always been wisely applied. For example, looking to a not distant future, ought not conservation of forests have paralleled their customary utilization? Would it not have been better all around if mass production had concentrated first on the tractor rather than the automobile? We do not always bring these opposing thoughts together. We compare our progress with that of slower peoples without counting the cost.

Our bounty as a people has been a magnificent territory of almost unparalleled natural resources. Comparatively early in our history we threw transcontinental railroads across the country. These not only spread the population, but they made possible the distribution and the utilization of our resources. A genius for the invention of labor-saving machinery made mass production possible that otherwise would have been of slower growth. All these elements contributed together to our success—one called forth the other—they became inter-supporting and inter-locking. But the economic success is yet to be tested by the social, and conversely the social success is yet to be tested by the economic. If we have been prodigal in the utilization of resources it behooves us to see to it that our prosperity is put on an enduring basis. A man can cut down a tree in an hour that it will take a hundred years to grow. He can burn up natural oil in a decade that cannot perhaps ever be produced again. He can produce luxuries at the expense of necessities, that may in time prohibit the creation of the latter.

As to the social and economic benefits of mass production by machinery, we will never be able to

collect statistics that will be adequate. We may say one machine creates the need for another, brings it into existence; that mass production while conferring higher living conditions releases power to employ itself in other directions. But while it would be impossible to compute how much we have wasted of our mines, our soils, our forests, we have certainly taken the best of everything first; we know, without figures, that we have not spread our population evenly over our territory, that we have drawn all available resources into congested areas and centres, that our mass production by machinery has not been placed evenly among either our people or our industries. We have not all been living at the top all the time.

Now, there is much in all this that has a bearing on our future prosperity, though we cannot reduce it to concrete terms. We are wont to say that scarcity and high prices produce substitutes and spread the demand for labor. But these general applications do not and cannot account for the unevenness of what we term prosperity. The general law, the general prosperity cannot ignore the special deficiencies. Labor displaced by a machine in time of general prosperity must gain another foothold. The employer who introduces a new machine, or "speeds up" an old one, does not undertake to find a place for the discarded labor. The farmer who never replenishes the soil, the miner who only works the pay streak, a people that burns the oil product of all "discoveries" in a decade are not using wisely natural resources. And correspondingly mass production in articles of use, though it enhances the comforts of living cannot go on increasing beyond the needs and even the luxuries of normal living without a stop. The point is that "prosperity" so-called may reach a crux through sheer abundance of resources and machinery whence it must recede. One generation by seizing the cream of everything may impoverish another.

It would be easy to point out the unevenness of the advance. Salaries and wages are one illustration. Prices of products and goods are another. Looking at a magnificent range of mountains our eyes are arrested by the general level of the heights and we forget the depressions. Now, if we *are* exhausting the soils without replenishment, destroying the forests without growing new ones, burning oil and coal without stint, mass-producing cheap utilities for every man, mining and manufacturing at ever increasing speed, and at the same time increasing the population, *though we have general prosperity*, are we not laying the foundations for adversity? One may answer no—producing power and consuming power are but maintaining an even ratio. But suppose there is a natural limit to production, can the ratio then be maintained? Suppose, as an economist says, we are living in "a fool's paradise," would it not be wiser to live more temperately, more slowly, more simply?

You say further at this point—there are the foreign markets. True, we are more advanced in industry and commerce than other peoples. But Europe is old; though South America and Africa are new. And in these new continents of the world there are areas that may well follow in our footsteps of rapid development. Freed now, hopefully, from the recurrence of wars, States of Europe will seek freedom of experience in trade in South America and Africa.

The Orient, by reason of nearness, is naturally theirs in trade. Japan is modernizing, and to a small extent China. What have we now, a huge competition in world trade, all participating and all benefiting. Where our advantage, as against European States, has been and is, is that our resources of production are coequal, in a sense, with our national autonomy. Such is not the case with the continental States of Europe. The great rival of all is Great Britain with her dominions, some of them overlaying valley areas of rich powers and production.

Now, this valley development, rapid in time, has been the basis of the prosperity that culminates in the present. It will not so sustain and advance us in the future as in the past *if* it is true that we have used our natural resources with waste and prodigality. On the other hand in Africa and South America, allowing for differences in temperament and the genius for utilization and trade, there are possibilities for duplicating our economic history. It follows that we cannot duplicate in another quarter century the past quarter, nor in the next century the past one. We are well aware of the good fortune of our domestic trade, but we have not counted the *benefits* of rapid utilization of resources that cannot in the face of exhaustion at home and world competition abroad be duplicated. The end is not yet, of course, to our utilization, but we are near enough to see that the purse thereof is not bottomless.

Trade overleaps all hurdles, as it sweeps over all oceans. Nationalism is not an effectual bar. Yet *if* by restrictive laws we have aided in forcing a rapid development and utilization of natural resources to the culmination of present prosperity, that agency cannot continue this forcing process against the too rapid and wasteful consumption of these resources. To sell, we must buy. And the natural law of mutual exchange for good is that each people follow the lead of its own territorial powers in production. Not only for us, but for all peoples these bars must go down and a freer trade ensue, regardless of, or at least disregarding, national lines. This is the hope of the whole world for peace and prosperity. Is it not well, then, for all these reasons, that we recognize the fact, in our own country, that the "weight of subsistence is against the increase in population," and that if we would that our present prosperity, generally, continue we must give heed to these obvious truths?

Labor—Wages and the Machine.

Organized labor has lately taken the stand that wages must be increased to take the place of labor displaced by machinery. The machine has entered practically every department of labor. Mining, manufacture and agriculture, the store, the shop, the counting room, and the home, testify to its use; while it continues to transform transportation on sea and land, and but lately has entered a new field—the air. Our necessities and luxuries are now largely machine made. The present era is well called the machine age. Yet man continues to find work to do; and were it not for extraneous economic disorders, the distribution of labor would soon adjust itself to each new invention. For one thing, the mass production of the machine elevates the standard of living, lowering the cost and increasing the supply of the utilities and the pleasures of existence

for all men. Wholly hand made products are few. We are so accustomed to machine-made goods that we accept them without murmur, while at the beginning of this innovation the workers supplanted by the machine were incensed to the point of attempted destruction. How long can this revolution in industry continue? What will be its ultimate effect upon mankind? Is it possible to imagine, in some not distant future, a workless world? Can the machine ever be made to bear equally upon the necessities and luxuries of life? Does a material age forecast a spiritual? Is man now, will he be in the future, a higher type, in ethics, morals and the humane, because of the machine?

Recent utterances of leaders of organized labor indicate that the relation of wages to the machine is attracting attention. It has even been asserted that some of the increase or profit through the increasing use of the machine must somehow be distributed in wages. But the difficulties of adjustment are so great that the idea makes little headway. On the other hand, it has recently been asserted that labor must ultimately hire capital rather than that capital shall continue to hire labor. No one is rash enough to say how. As matters stand, save for the hand tools of the trades, capital owns the machine. Yet, since capital now has extensive corporate organization, and the ownership of shares by workmen is increasing, it is not exact to say that capital, in the sense of a non-working integer, owns the machine. But what we term labor, workmen, does own only a small share, comparatively, of the machinery of the world. Does capital, using the term in the popular meaning, dominate labor through the ownership of the machine, and can it thus lower the level of wages? And though organized labor, through the coercive power of "the strike," may now hold a kind of whip-hand in the naming of wage scales in industries where machinery is largely used, can it continue to do so without destroying itself?

These questions are suggestive but not very illuminating. We can envision no avoidance of capital in the future save in Socialism. And we can see no freedom or "equality" for labor in that—rather a slavery more dire to the individual than any that can be inflicted by the domination of capital by means of the machine. One truth already appears. If "labor," through organization, continues to decrease its part in production under the present wage system it will force capital to increase the part by machinery, and it is fast now doing so. For the values, the price-values, of all products, meet in open competition in the vast field of trade, which does not and cannot separate the wage cost and the machine cost. In fact, here is the only final arbiter of value. Workers, managers and capitalists here buy alike according to capacity. The machine is far more potent in manufacture than in agriculture, but in the field of exchange, though price values may therefore differ, consumption and use can make no distinction through buying power. We cannot for these reasons prognosticate, save by revolution, any change in the general trend of capital and labor.

There is but one way, known to the present, by which the laborer, workingman, can share in the profits of operated capital, and that is by the ownership of shares in stock, and this method is increasing all the time. But the power of organization and

its coercive force in the strike, together with the specious doctrine that "labor created all wealth," and therefore by right owns it, has induced "labor" to demand a share in the management of the use of "capital" and in a division of the profits. And Government has been invoked to intervene in disputes between these two (we still use these terms in their popular meaning). This doctrine has caused increased confusion in their relations. It attempts to set aside the natural evolution of the initiative thrift and ability of those who in the past, as against the thriftless and wasters, have been able to bequeath property to their heirs, under our laws and Constitution. Other influences, such as development and population has added value to value and wealth to wealth. None of these circumstances, however, gives to present "labor" a right to an unearned share in capital or its management.

By no system of legislation, under our present form of government, can we do away with "capital" and "labor," the employer and the employee, the owner and manager and the hireling and server (there is no opprobrium in the names), the "rich" and the "poor." We are striving against historic growth and natural economic relations when we attempt to do so. The very defense of the inherent right of the individual to control his own life to the end of bettering his conditions demands that we respect and continue these fundamental elements of the *status quo*. For how shall a poor man become rich save through his own efforts in the field of production and exchange? And how shall the rich continue to own and increase wealth save by the use of the workingman, as necessary to the maintenance of wealth as exercise is to health and life? And so, though the machine comes into the whole labor question as an intervention, it cannot obliterate either capital (saved-up labor) or labor, as the two elements in the resulting social civilization.

Whatever the machine does in the so-called mass production, the use of the product is alike to be bought through wages and profits. No profit can be made without the payment of wages (however the degree thereof or the price thereof may vary). Therefore, primarily, profit must come before wage, and ownership must manage, direct and control, and set the wage, by virtue of the necessary priority of profit, and no law of State or coercive power of organization can fundamentally change the relation save to disrupt, disorder, destroy, the natural harmony under the natural economic law. Owner and non-owner *must* seek each other. When one owner seeks two workmen, as the old adage has it, wages rise. And this worker over his own work and services has absolute power, subject to the "state of trade." On the other hand, the owner and employer can hire work only under the state of trade. A profitless business dies. Nor is it possible to consider the machine as independent of its user and tender—it can never destroy "capital" or "labor."

The machine can modify wages by producing tenfold more than hand work. And sometimes its automatic action is so finely adjusted that it almost seems to think. But it does not. No machine can create another machine. But man cannot only create the machine but control it, start and stop it, and nominate its speed and the thing it shall make. Man multiplies his own power, say a thousand fold, in the machine. A locomotive can pull a train of a

hundred cars. No man power or horse power could be harnessed to do this. Yet man made the locomotive after he discovered the expansive force of steam. And so every machine embodies a law of nature to which man has given interpretation and use. Scientists tell us we are on the verge of shattering the atom and utilizing its concentrated power. There will follow new machines; and the scrap-heap will receive the old. We know not what moment this revolution will begin its course. But man will forever continue master. Machinery is not a Frankenstein that will destroy its maker. Machine will never master man.

But it is for these reasons that no one will ever be able to relate profits to wages, wages to profits, or either to the machine. The modification of production by the use of machinery is constant. The change from man power to "horse power" is continual. Machinery can be speeded up and made to produce more and thus to take the place of man labor, and this is being done. New machines make men seek new employments and always will. And profits first and wages second are determined by competition in the selling price of products and articles in world marts. For an organization of trades workingmen to say we are bricklayers, puddlers, structural steel workers, carpenters, electricians, or mayhap miners of coal, and we demand in wages a share of the profits through displaced hand work is sheer folly. No man can withstand the general advance in labor saving machinery. His compensations lie in the use of cheaper products, in the development of skill as a tender of the machine, and in the freedom it gives him, in the liberation from being chained forever to one treadmill, one monotony of forever making the same thing or part of one thing. But he must take this freedom, not spurn it.

Post-War Britain.

When a Frenchman writing of England for his own people says: "Let us not forget the precious and widespread sympathy towards us that exists among them, and that every British Government will invariably respect as legitimate and just France's desire for life and peace," his attitude will be at once understood. When we learn that he is an expert of the French Foreign Office widely consulted and long a resident in Great Britain, his statement of the situation there may be accepted as accurate.

Such is the volume "*L'Angleterre d'aujourd'hui*," by Professor Andre Siegfried, translated as "*Post-War Britain*," and published by Dutton. The statistics extend only to July 1924, but the general situation has not materially changed. As his translator says: "He has not attempted to formulate any economic doctrine, but to give a perfectly fair and unbiased analysis of the underlying facts of the situation, showing both sides of the great political and economic controversies now existing; and this not to the British, but to his own countrymen."

He deals with the recent developments of Britain's economic policy; the instability of her economic position; the elements of her prosperity; the nature of her political institutions, and her present political situation. We must confine ourselves to a few of his more important statements. The controversy in Britain has been long and troubled between two schools of economic thought, that of Free Trade seeking the maximum of foreign interchange,

and the Imperialistic ideal of self-sufficiency. Recurring wars in one part of the world or another have shifted the weight of the argument from one side to the other as trade was affected. With the opening of the 20th century exports rose from £291,000,000 in 1900, to £635,000,000 in 1913. England learned that the success of other people may by reaction be a source of prosperity to a country which depends on world trade. The war created abnormal conditions as the ordinary channels of trade were destroyed and an inter-allied union of intercourse, as of interests, was essential.

The idea that for a long time after the war the world would be divided into rival camps was accepted and arbitrary hostility to German commerce appeared as natural as did preferences among the Allies. This position was definitely taken by the Inter-Allied Economic Conference in June 1916 and called for tariffs and exclusion both permanent and temporary. It was inevitable that the world would be divided into rival camps, that guard must be maintained and a new policy established. But the plan of co-operation among the Allies broke down when the war ended and each nation fell back upon looking out for itself. Britain sought to hold fast to her own goods and to get as much as possible from others. Little was heard of exports. Coal was restricted and Australian wool held back. Italy and Switzerland protested in vain. It was an overhang of the war. In 1919 preferential rates were granted to the Dominions. Free Trade was still considered the vital principle. Britain's rivals were weakened while her equipment was intact; she sought no special privileges in the reorganizing of the world's trade, but she has persistently refused to apply equality of treatment when it is a question of the Empire. Present Imperial preferential tariffs constitute undesirable discrimination.

The war had led to a constant contradiction in her policy. Her imports as of 1923 were £1,098,000,000, and her exports £886,000,000, both at approximately one-half of what they were in 1920, largely due, however, in both cases, to the fall in prices. Meanwhile her population has risen from 45,000,000 to 47,000,000. Unemployment runs at about one and a half millions, a figure far in excess of what has happened in any other country; and the situation is indisputably critical.

The basic difficulty lies in the impoverished loss of purchasing power in the world at large and the lack of adjustment of British industries. Methods of readjustment remain unsettled, as widely diverse views persist, and many elements are involved, of which Governmental relief and the creation of artificial work are only superficial. She shares bitterly in the world's confusion wrought by the war, and the re-establishment of other nations is a vital factor. She stands first and almost alone in the straight and narrow path of sound finance and her old self-confidence which she strives hard to retain in the face of the unexpectedly slow progress of the world to normal conditions.

The situation within the nation in all its details, together with the inquiry as to how far a country properly constituted, which many are not, to secure the production within its own borders of everything essential to its welfare may go, our author conducts with compact statement of fact and useful comment, limited perhaps only by so much of his personal

predilection as is unavoidable in a loyal Frenchman.

The situation of Britain as the world's financial and commercial centre he recognizes. It will be much affected by the rapid growth of America, but this he thinks not serious. Americans are as yet producers rather than traders and middlemen and have not acquired a world-outlook in its relation to themselves. Indeed, they are still novices in regard to it. Decades, not years, he believes, will be required to produce an international centre like London, where the role of international middlemen is played to perfection with the aid of incomparable institutions which have been built up on the experience of a century. This position can only be filled by a people who are very skillful and above all "inured by long tradition to the practice of a profession which cannot be improvised." London's predominance lies also in the fact that her commercial activity is not merely a supplementary adjunct to be dispensed with at will, but a vital factor in her prosperity. A free market, such as Britain provides, is the easiest place in the world to buy or sell any product whatever.

British credit is essentially commercial, where French is more strictly financial. The broad international character of her transactions put Britain, as well as London, in daily contact with all parts of the world. With a sensitiveness all their own the British react to world events. It is impossible for them to retire as into a shell and conduct their affairs independently of outsiders.

In finance New York is competing with London sufficiently to be another great economic centre and to appear to divide the world's business so that she has already the advantage, especially on the west side of South America, Canada and the Far East. All capitalistic countries seek to make to foreigners loans which shall be spent in the lending country, and as the next step the loan is expected to increase the trade and also the production of both countries. But Britain is the only nation whose people are possessed of this conception and can be counted upon to support it whatever may be the language or the position of the borrower. Britain is rapidly regaining the financial ability in this respect, which she lost in the war. Her foreign investments, though their returns were reduced one-half by the war, still give her a net revenue put by the "Economist" at £100,000,000. To this her merchant marine adds nearly an equal sum, or approximately what it was before the war; while other sources add £60,000,000 more. Thus her financial and commercial activities constitute an essential element of her economic structure. This, it may be suggested, is in part at least, the reason why her manufacturers are so unwilling to make substantial advances in wages, and the workers are set against increase in per capita production. As long as the essential features of her economic situation remain unaltered, the Government dare not sacrifice in any way either her finance or her commerce.

British agriculture has suffered an almost chronic decadence. During the past 50 years the number of people employed in agriculture has steadily diminished. Stock raising in the same period has increased one-fourth; but in large areas which formerly supported a considerable population the dwellings and buildings have been allowed to fall into ruin and the land has been turned into ranges for

sheep. Naturally, there is a general loss of confidence in the agricultural possibilities of the country, at least in what may be termed the emergency lines opened during the war. The return to earlier methods of raising live stock is progressing and may prove adequate to meet present conditions. The real difficulty seems to be in the loss of what is termed "the peasant atmosphere," which a Frenchman would especially notice, and the unwillingness of the new generation to make real sacrifice of immediate comforts. In comparison with the standards of cultivation of the soil in the better regions of Europe that of Britain is mediocre and production has declined.

It has been estimated that an English farm produced in a given area in normal times half as much food and employed one-third as much labor as a German. For this various reasons are advanced, but the fact remains. There is much conservatism to be overcome. New methods are inevitable, and the standard of living to meet the new era will have to be raised. Wild projects of guaranty and bonuses, as proposed with us, are advocated there. Large unproductive estates are being cut up. In time the existing situation will surely be adjusted, for no country responds more closely to the world's economic activity, and as the Kaiser is reported to have exclaimed in a critical hour: "England never is defeated."

Everything that happens throughout the world has its reaction upon her factories, her counting houses, her shipyards and the innumerable vessels of her merchant service. She cannot be persuaded to restrict her field of action to any limitation of her home and foreign market. She is pre-eminently a world-nation, and she will find in a more adequate international relation in which she has been easily chief, the means for developing and perfecting what she to-day finds necessary to be done at home.

Whatever may be the differences between ourselves and England with her long history and slow development, the two nations are gradually drawing nearer together and the solutions which she reaches for her problems to-day are sure to be of value to us, and we may well believe that any contribution that by our history or experience we may make to the overcoming of her difficulties will be of value by and by.

The outlook which in some aspects is so uncompromising in the eyes of a friendly Frenchman may present to our eyes features of greater promise, because, while so many of its elements are common to all, our point of view is more distant, and for various reasons our interest more closely related and more sympathetic.

Only Fourth of Kansas Banks Remit Guarantee Fee.

The following is from the Topeka "Capital":

Only 142 of the 630 state banks in the guaranty fund the first of this year now are in good standing in the fund, it was reported yesterday by Roy L. Bone, State Bank Commissioner. These 142 banks paid the September assessment against member banks, sending in checks for \$1,188 to replenish the depleted fund, reported to be anywhere from four to seven million dollars in the red at the present time.

The first assessment levied this year netted \$67,546 from 603 banks. This assessment was levied last January. Before another assessment was levied the State supreme court handed down its opinion that member banks could evade their obligations to the fund by forfeiting the bonds they had put up to guarantee the payment of their assessments.

The next assessment, levied in July, was paid by 302 banks, who paid in \$24,291. The September assessment notices were sent to these 302 banks, of whom only 142 have responded. Bone sent notices yesterday to the other 160 that if the September assessment is not paid "within a reasonable time" they will be considered in default, and their bonds forfeited.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Nov. 5 1926.

General trade opens in November less active than in March. The big decline in cotton counts for something in this. The crop is estimated at 17,800,000 to 18,200,000 bales. The estimates steadily rise. And the mail order sales in October were smaller than in October last year. This is the first decrease in many months. Sales of cotton and cotton goods fell off. Prices of general merchandise in the Middle West and in the Southern States have fallen. Moreover, the steady decline in corn prices to new low levels naturally affect the corn belt, which is carrying larger supplies of corn than had been supposed and old corn burdens the market. Wheat prices have also fallen, partly owing to the coal strike abroad, lessened export demand and rising estimates of the Canadian crop with excellent prospects in Argentina. Lower prices prevail in the big lumber and shingle industry. There has been a recent rise in coal and coke. Latterly, it is true, coal prices have dropped, as there are persistent reports that the British coal strike is on the eve of settlement. Besides, something like a buyers' strike opposes the high prices for coal in this country. Steel business has decreased. Tin plate sales, however, may soon increase. Pig iron has advanced owing to the high prices of coal. Bank clearings were smaller in October than last year. Automobile sales and production are also smaller than last year. The South and the Central West are buying only such goods as they actually need at once. Car loadings have decreased, though they are larger than a year ago. Pig iron advanced, though October's iron production was one of the largest of the year. Coke rose \$1. Some non-ferrous metals declined. There was only a fair business in woolen goods. Raw wool was rather quiet. A good business was done in leather and leather goods at higher prices. Unemployment is increasing in Detroit. Cotton is so low that a certain percentage of the crop, it is intimated, will not be picked. Some estimates of the quantity are 1,000,000 bales. The grape crop is also so large that a good deal of it, it is said, will not be gathered. Much of the corn crop is too green for cribbing.

There is an increase in the number of failures and also in the size of the liabilities. The trade in heavy clothing suffers from the fact that the weather is not so cold and stimulatory as it was a year ago. It also affects some other branches of trade. But the furniture business is more active. The British coal strike affects the export trade to some extent in the United States owing to the scarcity and dearness of ocean freight tonnage. Much of it is absorbed in coal shipments to England. There is less business in cotton and knit goods, as well as rayon and silk goods, than a year ago. On the other hand, sales are larger than those at this time last year, of hardware, building material, coal, coke and lumber. It is said that some of the department stores and chain stores are doing a larger business than in 1925. But in general, unsatisfactory prices for farm products tend to hurt trade in some sections. Wheat is down 22 cents, corn 20 cents and cotton 8½ cents, compared with prices of a year ago. Dairy products sell for less. Sugar has latterly been active at rising prices. It now appears that the damage by the recent hurricane in Cuba amounted to some 200,000 tons. The decrease in the cane and beet crops for the year is estimated at some 400,000 tons. Cuba has had a smaller market in England for its sugar because of the coal strike, but hopes for an ending of that trouble in the near future though the coal strike is offset on the whole by the effects of the recent hurricane. Coffee has advanced coincidentally with higher prices in Brazil, and apparently a better condition of the exchanges there. The tobacco business is quite as good as it was a year ago. And the same is said of the jewelry trade, as well as the business in groceries generally. There is not much speculation going on in this country. The man in the street takes the bull side of speculative markets or he lets them alone. The big crop of cotton drives out speculation and the downward trend of the grain markets has very much the same effect. Rubber has latterly advanced, partly on the announcement of an 80% restriction of exports and at times the trading

here has been very large, though in the last few days there has been some decrease. To-day the tone was firm.

The stock market after being irregular early in the week became noticeably stronger on Thursday and advanced to-day, especially on the industrial shares. Lower money rates with call loans at 4½% contributed to the more cheerful tone. Sterling exchange showed a distinct upward tendency. Rumors were revived that the British coal strike is near a settlement. Premier Baldwin has been holding conferences with opposing parties with that end in view. Francs are higher than a week ago, despite some decline to-day, and Italian lire and Japanese yen advanced. An outstanding feature of the week, merchants noted with interest, was the activity and advancing prices for bonds, which they regard as in some sense the backbone of the market. London was slow to-day, but steady, with money rates firm. Paris was firm.

Prices appeared quite stable during October, the number of products advancing and declining almost identical, says Bradstreet, and the slight downward swing shown in the level of products as a whole being explained by four groups that swung slightly downward, outweighing seven groups that advanced in lesser individual volume. The really important changes that developed, in fact, were due mainly to weaknesses caused by lower cotton and cotton goods and non-ferrous metal prices.

At Clinton, Mass., it is stated the Belle Vue Mills, Inc., men's and women's wear woolens, will suspend operations about the middle of November, when orders now on hand for winter goods have been filled. The plant may resume operations within a year if conditions warrant. At Saco, Me., operating time has been reduced at the plant of the Saco-Lowell shops to five days a week of eight hours, as against nine formerly. The number of operatives will be cut down for the time being two-thirds in the machine shop and one-third in the foundry. Charlotte, N. C., yarn situation has changed little this week. Consumers are offering lower prices than most mills will accept and are not, as a rule buying for future delivery. Spartanburg, S. C., wired Nov. 2 that the Nord Manufacturing Co. at Winterville, Mass., contemplates the removal of its plant to McCormick, S. C. At Galveston, Texas, the Galvez cotton mills are planning to open the new \$1,000,000 mill about Dec. 1. Manufacturers of corn and cane products, it is stated, will in some cases pack in cotton bags. Arkansas wholesale grocers encourage the use of cotton bags. In Paterson, N. J., mill conditions have improved. Two shifts continue to be operated in numerous plants. In many instances, owing to a shortage of skilled workers for the broadsilk looms, it has been impossible to operate at night.

Paris cabled that a proposal to adopt American standards in the length of yarn was rejected by the International Cotton Federation's committee in session at Mulhouse. Washington reports a Portuguese decree increasing the import duties on cotton yarns, cotton fabrics, knitted fabrics and knit goods from double the former rates in some cases to five times these rates. On cotton clothing the new rates into Portugal are three times the duty on the fabric instead of double the duty, as formerly.

The Japanese cotton spinning industry is in the midst of distinct depression. It has brought cotton yarns on the Osaka Exchange down to new levels, according to advices received by the Department of Commerce. The two chief factors in the depression were said to be the disturbances in the Yangtze Valley region of China, a very important Japanese market, and the decline in the price of American cotton. Raw silk prices were weak, with currency up to 49½c.

Montgomery Ward & Co.'s sales for October were \$20,154,626, a decrease of 8.24% from October 1925. Sales for the first ten months of this year were \$156,281,323, an increase of 9.66% over the corresponding period last year. Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s sales for October were \$26,830,503, a decrease of 11.6% from October 1925. Sales for the first ten months of this year were \$214,725,261, an increase of 6.3% over the corresponding period last year. F. W. Woolworth sales in October were \$24,800,954, against \$22,975,857 in October last year, an increase of 7.94%. Total 10 months,

\$189,751,115, against \$179,012,467 same period a year ago, a gain of 6%.

The weather here has been rainy at times during the week, but latterly clear and rather cool. To-day it was 47 degrees at 4 p. m. and 41 at 8 a. m. At Chicago yesterday it was 34 to 46; at Cleveland, 38 to 42; at Cincinnati, 34 to 42; at Kansas City, 38 to 46; at Milwaukee, 32 to 42; at New York, 40 to 46; at Boston, 34 to 46; at Philadelphia, 40 to 48; at St. Paul, 30 to 44. Frost to killing frost prevailed in parts of the South.

Survey of Current Business by United States Department of Commerce—Manufacturing Output in September 1% Lower than Record Output in August.

In presenting on Nov. 1 its September indexes of production, commodity stocks and unfilled orders, the United States Department of Commerce says:

Production.—Manufacturing output in September was only 1% lower than the record output shown for the month of August and was almost 10% higher than a year ago. All industry groups showed increased output over a year ago except lumber and nonferrous metals. Raw materials output and marketings were slightly less than a year ago; mineral and animal products increased while crops and forest products declined.

Stocks.—Commodity stocks at the end of September were 7% lower than a month previous, after adjustment for seasonal variations, due to the decline in a raw foodstuffs. Compared with a year ago, stocks of all groups were higher except raw materials other than foodstuffs.

Unfilled Orders.—Unfilled orders for manufactured commodities, principally iron and steel and building materials, showed no change from the end of August, iron-and-steel orders increasing while building materials declined. Compared with a year ago, unfilled orders were lower, owing to lower unfilled orders in the building-material industry.

The index numbers of the Department of Commerce are given below:

	Aug. 1926.	Sept. 1926.	Sept. 1925.
Production— (Index numbers: 1919=100)			
Raw materials: Total.....	121	148	151
Minerals.....	156	155	133
Animal products.....	111	113	105
Crops.....	114	172	191
Forestry.....	117	117	131
Manufacturing, grand total (adjusted).....	135	134	122
Total (unadjusted).....	135	134	122
Foodstuffs.....	119	109	109
Textiles.....	97	110	97
Iron and steel.....	135	133	118
Other metals.....	175	180	183
Lumber.....	147	148	158
Leather.....	90	93	89
Paper and printing.....	122	119	106
Chemicals and oils.....	176	177	173
Stone and clay products.....	172	165	151
Tobacco.....	132	133	123
Automobiles*.....	263	241	163
Miscellaneous.....	157	149	118
Commodity Stocks. (Index numbers: 1919=100) (Unadjusted)			
Total.....	146	150	139
Raw foodstuffs.....	191	188	133
Raw materials for manufacture.....	89	122	153
Manufactured foodstuffs.....	100	95	87
Manufactured commodities.....	170	172	171
(Adjusted for seasonal element)			
Total.....	184	172	148
Raw foodstuffs.....	310	256	160
Raw materials for manufacture.....	127	129	155
Manufactured foodstuffs.....	88	89	79
Manufactured commodities.....	177	182	180
Unfilled orders—			
Total (1920=100).....	49	49	52
Iron and steel.....	36	38	38
Building materials.....	99	92	109

* Included in miscellaneous group.

Continued Gradual Decline in Apartment House Rents.

In its "Monthly Review" dated Nov. 1, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York says that a continued gradual decline in rents of apartments in New York City is indicated by reports received from representative apartment house owners and managers, covering the fall renting season of this year. The bank also has the following to say:

Rents of apartments which in 1920 rented for less than \$15 monthly per room declined 2% during the past year, while rents of the higher priced apartments showed on the average decreases of 2 or 3%.

In the case of the lower priced apartments, vacancies were reported to be more numerous than in any recent year, as full employment at high wages has created a larger demand for housing of higher grade. For all classes of apartments the practice of granting concessions to prospective tenants was reported to be frequent, especially to fill newly completed properties.

Present rentals for low priced apartments are about 86% higher than in 1914, and only 3% below the peak reached in 1924. Rents of medium priced apartments, those renting in 1920 for between \$15 and \$30 per room monthly, are about 56% above the 1914 level but are 11% lower than in 1921, the year of highest rentals for this class of apartment. The accompanying diagram compares the movement of the two rent indexes with this bank's index of the cost of construction. [This we omit.—Ed.]

Demand for mortgage loans has continued active, but in recent months the demand for funds for new building enterprises has shown a tendency to diminish. The supply of mortgage money to finance smaller buildings, such as private dwellings and medium priced apartment houses, continued large but supplies of funds for large projects appear to be somewhat less readily available than a year ago. This condition was reflected in rates for mortgage money, which although unchanged from the levels of a year ago at 5 to 6%, according to locality and type of property, showed a slightly firmer tendency in that there was less money available at 5%.

Business Indexes of Federal Reserve Board.

The Division of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board issued on Nov. 1 the following statement, giving current figures of its various business indexes:

INDEX OF PRODUCTION IN BASIC INDUSTRIES.
(Adjusted for seasonal variations. Monthly averages 1918=100.)

	1926.		1925. Sept.	1926.		1925. Sept.
	Sept.	Aug.		Sept.	Aug.	
Total.....	121	116	111	119	113	114
Pig iron.....	122	121	106	116	110	1
Steel ingots.....	139	137	123	147	143	139
Cotton.....	122	102	103	133	132	121
Wool.....	89	81	95	64	65	62
Wheat flour.....	101	105	100	126	120	111
Sugar melting.....	139	111	143	212	213	204
Cattle slaughtered.....	104	97	93	209	205	208
Sheep slaughtered.....	125	119	129	98	96	95
Hogs slaughtered.....	96	94	86	208	199	183
Lumber.....	121	125	120	96	95	96
Bituminous coal.....				119	113	114
Anthracite.....				116	110	1
Copper.....				147	143	139
Zinc.....				133	132	121
Sole leather.....				64	65	62
Newsprint.....				126	120	111
Cement.....				212	213	204
Petroleum.....				209	205	208
Cigars.....				98	96	95
Cigarettes.....				208	199	183
Mfg. tobacco.....				96	95	96

INDEXES OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.
(Not adjusted for seasonal variations. Monthly average 1918=100.)

	Employment.			Payrolls.		
	1926.		1925. Sept.	1926.		1925. Sept.
	Sept.	Aug.		Sept.	Aug.	
Total.....	95.8	94.4	95.1	108.3	*107.6	103.9
Iron and steel.....	92.7	91.7	86.6	97.9	96.7	87.7
Textiles—Group.....	91.3	88.4	94.1	98.9	96.5	99.1
Fabrics.....	92.8	88.6	93.3	100.7	96.0	96.6
Products.....	89.5	88.0	95.1	96.7	97.0	102.1
Lumber.....	99.9	*103.3	102.2	113.9	*112.6	111.8
Railroad vehicles.....	85.0	84.9	83.7	88.9	93.1	84.9
Automobiles.....	124.6	125.1	129.4	148.9	152.7	155.3
Paper and printing.....	108.4	106.6	104.3	146.8	144.4	135.8
Food, &c.....	83.6	86.0	88.0	103.6	100.5	100.0
Leather, &c.....	90.9	89.5	92.1	97.4	97.6	94.8
Stone, clay, glass.....	129.3	129.7	125.3	157.0	162.3	151.6
Tobacco, &c.....	80.6	76.7	87.1	87.6	82.8	90.0
Chemicals, &c.....	77.4	75.6	75.4	102.3	101.1	94.9

INDEXES OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.

	Wholesale Trade.			Retail Trade.		
	1926.		1925. Sept.	1926.		1925. Sept.
	Sept.	Aug.		Sept.	Aug.	
Total.....	96	87	94			
Groceries.....	92	*82	92	Dept. store sales—		
Meat.....	85	81	82	Adjusted.....	144	134
Dry goods.....	114	*102	112	Unadjusted.....	130	105
Shoes.....	80	69	72	Dept. store stocks—		
Hardware.....	111	98	109	Adjusted.....	132	131
Drugs.....	123	*115	120	Unadjusted.....	141	130
				Mail order sales—		
				Adjusted.....	127	130
				Unadjusted.....	120	98

* Revised.

Index of Real Estate Activity for September Registers 164.

With building construction reported as proceeding at a rate of approximately \$5,500,000 per month for the first nine months of the present year, the total construction volume for the year will apparently be approximately that reached in the records of the past two years, the National Association of Real Estate Boards points out. Real estate activity for the country as a whole was measured for September by the index figure of 164, according to the statistics compiled monthly by the National Association of Real Estate Boards from official records of transfers and conveyances in 41 typical cities. The September figure is a recession of five points from the index of August of this year. The index for September 1925 registered 167. The association's calculations are based on the official records of the 41 cities for the years 1916-1923, taken as a norm. The September figure therefore indicates that market activity for real estate in the nation as a whole is approximately 64% above the average for that month during the period 1916-1923.

Dun's Report of Failures for October.

As recent weekly returns had foreshadowed, the statement of commercial failures in the United States during October shows an increase, the number being 1,763. A larger total than was reported to R. G. Dun & Co. for the shorter month of September is not unnatural, and defaults invariably show a rising tendency in the last quarter of a year. The increase over the 1,437 insolvencies of September, which was the smallest number for any month in two years, closely approximates 23%, while the October total is 11½% above the 1,581 failures of the corresponding period of 1925. At that time, however, the defaults were less than in any October since 1920, and allowance should be made in considering the present statistics, for the larger number of firms now in business. Last month's insolvencies exceed those for each month since last April, and the October liabilities of \$33,230,720 are the largest reported since last May. Comparing with the \$29,989,817 of September, there is an increase of not quite 11%, and last month's indebtedness is about 12½% above the \$29,543,870 of

October last year. In October of 1924 and 1923, though the number of insolvencies was less than in the present instance, the liabilities exceeded \$36,000,000 and \$79,000,000, respectively. For 10 months of the current year failures numbering 17,874 show a moderate increase over the 17,664 defaults for a similar period of last year, but this year's indebtedness of approximately \$330,900,000 is materially below the about \$371,300,000 reported for the first 10 months of 1925.

Monthly and quarterly reports of business failures, showing number and liabilities, are contrasted below for the periods mentioned:

	Number.			Liabilities.	
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.
October.....	1,763	1,581	1,696	\$33,230,720	\$29,543,870
September.....	1,437	1,465	1,306	29,989,817	30,687,319
August.....	1,593	1,513	1,520	28,129,660	37,158,861
July.....	1,605	1,685	1,615	29,680,009	34,505,191
3d quarter.....	4,635	4,663	4,441	\$87,799,486	\$102,351,371
June.....	1,708	1,745	1,607	\$29,407,523	\$36,701,496
May.....	1,984	1,859	1,817	\$30,622,547	\$34,004,731
April.....	1,730	1,767	1,816	\$3,543,318	\$7,026,552
3d quarter.....	1,957	1,939	1,707	\$8,487,321	\$7,188,622
2d quarter.....	5,395	5,451	5,130	\$101,438,162	\$110,916,670
March.....	1,884	1,859	1,817	\$30,622,547	\$34,004,731
February.....	1,801	1,793	1,730	\$4,176,348	\$40,123,017
January.....	2,296	2,317	2,108	\$3,661,444	\$4,354,032
1st quarter.....	6,081	5,969	5,655	\$108,460,339	\$128,481,780

Classification of the October insolvency statistics shows 450 failures among manufacturers, with liabilities of \$11,649,671, the number being 42 above the 408 similar defaults for the corresponding month of 1925, but the indebtedness being materially below the \$11,264,337 reported to R. G. Dun & Co. for the corresponding period of 1925. Separated according to branches of business, last month's returns disclose fewer insolvencies than a year ago in seven classifications, while in three—namely, chemicals and drugs; tobacco, &c., and glass, earthenware and brick—no change appears. The lines in which decreases are shown for this year are machinery and tools; woollens, carpets and knit goods; clothing and millinery; hats, gloves and furs; paints and oils; printing and engraving; and leather, shoes and harness. These reductions, however, are small, whereas in the miscellaneous group alone the number of failures increased by 41. As to the liabilities, eight of the fifteen classifications show decreases, these being iron, foundries and nails; woollens, carpets and knit goods; cottons, lace and hosiery; hats, gloves and furs; paints and oils; printing and engraving; tobacco, &c.; and glass, earthenware and brick. The increases in the other classifications somewhat more than offset the reductions reported, the amounts for machinery and tools; lumber, carpenters and coopers; and clothing being appreciably larger than in October 1925. Among traders, the defaults last month numbered 1,205, or 94 more than during the corresponding period of last year, and the liabilities rose to \$15,874,320, against \$13,529,784 in the earlier year. Most of the 15 trading classifications reveal increased number of insolvencies, the only reductions being in general stores; hotels and restaurants; jewelry and clocks; and hats, furs and gloves. In books and papers, no change appears. On the other hand, eight classifications show a smaller indebtedness, these being general stores; shoes, rubbers and trunks; hardware, stoves and tools; chemicals and drugs; paints and oils; jewelry and clocks; books and papers; and hats, furs and gloves. There were several large increases, however, notably in dry goods and carpets, and furniture and crockery.

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS—OCTOBER 1926.

Manufacturers.	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Iron, foundries and nails.....	3	2	3	\$190,700	\$250,000	\$109,400
Machinery and tools.....	32	39	31	1,775,356	1,134,388	1,239,387
Woollens, carpets & knit gds.....	4	8	4	122,800	984,500	130,400
Cottons, lace and hosiery.....	3	2	--	190,500	290,000	---
Lumber, carp'rs & coopers.....	55	34	29	1,544,253	555,427	1,123,591
Clothing and millinery.....	41	50	62	1,129,601	523,055	1,763,644
Hats, gloves and furs.....	5	6	21	57,120	116,800	2,999,500
Chemicals and drugs.....	7	7	2	125,872	118,730	11,000
Paints and oils.....	2	2	--	31,300	---	---
Printing and engraving.....	14	17	18	111,835	134,800	677,600
Milling and bakers.....	42	37	38	355,932	278,000	613,734
Leather, shoes and harness.....	8	9	6	198,752	40,314	154,441
Liquors and tobacco.....	10	10	9	30,838	229,900	252,439
Glass, earthenware & brick.....	10	10	11	159,300	956,484	614,300
All other.....	216	175	177	5,656,812	5,620,639	5,929,817
Total manufacturing.....	450	408	411	\$11,649,671	\$11,264,337	\$15,619,253
Traders.....						
General stores.....	86	92	104	\$926,546	\$1,032,638	\$982,897
Groceries, meat & fish.....	344	274	265	2,328,725	2,195,925	1,935,579
Hotels and restaurants.....	75	97	87	870,464	757,196	1,230,166
Liquors and tobacco.....	23	21	25	243,424	147,200	187,727
Clothing and furnishings.....	147	141	148	1,678,333	1,578,991	1,082,907
Dry goods and carpets.....	70	63	74	1,934,077	824,303	2,153,111
Shoes, rubbers and trunks.....	44	43	58	487,704	580,980	686,710
Furniture and crockery.....	44	37	54	1,551,450	503,900	827,355
Hardware, stoves and tools.....	34	24	33	336,308	620,797	523,924
Chemicals and drugs.....	55	46	45	465,167	475,827	396,226
Paints and oils.....	8	7	7	150,188	195,643	28,100
Jewelry and clocks.....	12	28	15	238,775	366,684	176,177
Books and papers.....	6	6	6	64,850	157,600	59,300
Hats, furs and gloves.....	7	8	7	90,517	195,100	160,200
All other.....	250	224	258	4,507,792	3,897,000	4,791,482
Total trading.....	1,205	1,111	1,186	\$15,874,320	\$13,529,784	\$16,121,861
Other commercial.....	108	62	99	5,706,729	4,749,749	4,357,690
Total.....	1,763	1,581	1,696	\$33,230,720	\$29,543,870	\$36,098,804

Dun's Insolvency Index.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s insolvency index makes quite an advance for October. It is now not only higher than it was at this time last year, but more closely approaches the five-year average. Some additional failures at the South are in part the cause for the advance. Proportioned to the number of firms in business, Dun's insolvency index for the

month just closed was at a ratio of 98.1, whereas it was 89.2 at the same date a year ago, while the five year average, 1921-25 inclusive, for that month was 103.8. This figure is based on the ratio of commercial defaults to each 10,000 business firms. The index for October this year, 98.1, contrasts with 82.9 for September, while for the same two months of 1925 the figures were respectively 89.2 and 86.2. Insolvencies in the East and South last month exceeded those of the previous month by approximately 30%.

In the following table a comparison is given of the Dun insolvency index for each month this year, with comparisons:

	1926.	1925.	1921-25	1926.	1925.	1921-25
			Ave.			Ave.
October.....	98.3	89.2	103.8	100.4	104.3	103.3
September.....	82.9	86.2	87.8	105.5	111.0	107.7
August.....	88.5	85.7	90.3	106.8	106.6	110.9
July.....	89.1	95.7	97.4	119.0	124.7	128.0
June.....	95.1	99.8	93.6	133.9	133.6	138.0

New York Federal Reserve Bank's Indexes of Business Activity.

Under the above head, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in its Nov. 1 "Monthly Bulletin," says:

This bank's indexes of bank debits outside New York City, which have been found to follow closely the movements of general business activity, showed an increase from August to September in the Second District, but a slight decline for the country as a whole. A high rate of activity in both domestic and foreign trade in September is indicated by this bank's indexes, which are shown below with comparable figures for recent months and a year ago.

(Computed trend of past years equals 100%.)

	1925.		1926.	
	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Primary distribution—				
Car loadings, merchandise and miscellaneous.....	106	103	101	103
Car loadings, other.....	96	110	105	107
Exports.....	95	109	106	106 ^p
Imports.....	118	122	113	121 ^r
Grain exports.....	89	101	132	112
Panama Canal traffic.....	93	89	94	---
Distribution to Consumer—				
Department store sales, Second District.....	102	100	108	109
Chain store sales.....	94	96	94	95
Mail order sales.....	116	132	135	126
Life insurance paid for.....	122	119	115	116
Real estate transfers.....	112	104	106	---
Magazine advertising.....	105	99	101	108
Newspaper advertising.....	104	104	109	107
General Business Activity.....				
Bank debits, outside of New York City.....	110	116	112	110
Bank debits, New York City.....	122	123	132	123
Exports.....	105	110	102	105
Bank debits, Second District, excl. N. Y. City.....	100	108	103	98
Velocity of bank deposits, outside of N. Y. City.....	117	123	132	127
Velocity of bank deposits, New York City.....	179	173	209	173
Shares sold on New York Stock Exchange.....	103	101	98	100
Postal receipts.....	110	113 ^r	115	---
Electric power.....	103	103	104	105 ^p
Employment in the United States.....	97	100	105	94
Business failures.....	160	128	137	133
Building permits.....	132	126	108	112
New corporations formed in New York State.....	186	185	185	186

* Seasonal variations not allowed for. ^p Supersedes New York State Employment. ^r Preliminary. ^s Revised.

Franklin Fourth Street National Bank of Philadelphia Finds Distribution and Consumption at High Level, with Indications of Reduction in Industrial Activity.

Distribution and consumption remain at a high level as November begins, but a few developments indicate a slight reduction in industrial activity, says the Franklin Fourth Street National Bank of Philadelphia in its business forecast in its November letter, "Trade Trends." Continuing its forecast, the bank says:

A small recession of demand and operation is noted in the steel trade. Building construction has dropped off a little further. Price cutting and some slowing down of output have marked the automobile trade, and the cotton belt has been swept by a drastic fall of prices of the South's great staple.

Over against these events are many strong constructive factors. In fact, this period of prosperity, though long persisting, has bred none of the customary swarm of economic evils which in the past have always preceded a severe crisis. Sober hand-to-mouth buying has averted glaring overproduction and the accumulation of swollen inventories. Credit stringency has not appeared, and there are no unhealthy symptoms of soaring prices and slumping labor efficiency. Moreover, employment continues on a high plane, and the country's purchasing power is vast.

Although some lines are a little slower because of seasonal reasons, there has been actual improvement in others. Wholesale prices are firm. Retail trade has been breaking all records. The textile industry has been making forward strides; the leather and shoe trades are markedly more active, and the soft coal industry has been stimulated to high levels of production by export demand due to the British coal strike.

The slowing down in building construction has been due largely to the overtaking of the shortage in housing. Offsetting this is an increased demand for industrial building, and public utility and other projects. A great constructive element in the situation is the unparalleled prosperity of the railroads, with their great traffic records and enhanced ability to purchase needed equipment and improvements. The threat of a car shortage this winter is the one unfavorable phase of the railroad outlook.

One of the most spectacular events of recent weeks was the violent fall of cotton prices. Actually the indicated heavy yield represents a great accretion of the country's wealth, but the low price touched in October would leave little profit to the planters. It is estimated that the cash income of the cotton belt of \$1,750,000,000 in 1925 may be reduced by

\$500,000,000 this year. That means a curtailment of purchasing power in the South. However, the country's industry in recent years has shown its ability to wax prosperous even against adverse winds from general agriculture. The government is taking measures to facilitate the financing and storing of the crop.

September Life Insurance Sales Show Increase Over Year Ago—Increase in First Nine Months of 1926 Over Same Period of 1925.

The amount of ordinary life insurance purchased in the United States in September was slightly greater than in last September, which had increased 23% over September 1924, according to figures just issued by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau of Hartford, Connecticut. The report includes the sales of new paid-for ordinary insurance as reported by eighty-one companies having in force 88% of the total life insurance outstanding in the United States legal reserve companies. The Bureau also furnishes the following information:

The largest sectional increase in sales this month over the record of September 1925 is 16% in the West South Central states. The records for individual states show the greatest gains in Texas and Maine.

The figures for the first nine months of the year are 4% higher than in the same period of last year. All sections share in the general gain, with increases ranging from 2% in the Middle Atlantic states to 6% in the South Atlantic states.

New England.—All states in this section except New Hampshire show improvement over September 1925. Maine, with a 14% increase, shows the best gain. New Hampshire leads in the year-to-date gain. The section shows a 6% gain for the twelve months ended Sept. 30 1926 over the preceding twelve months.

Middle Atlantic.—During the month sales in the Middle Atlantic section, which pays for approximately 30% of the total business in the United States, averaged 1% more than sales for last September. New York and Pennsylvania show gains of 3% and 1% respectively. New Jersey shows a decrease of 10% for the month. Sales in the first nine months in this section are 2% ahead of sales in the corresponding period of last year, New Jersey leading with a 9% gain.

East North Central.—Michigan leads this section with a gain of 10%, the average increase being 3%. The sectional increase for the year to date is 5%, all states showing a gain of at least 3%.

West North Central.—Sales in this section in September were practically identical with sales in September of last year. The greatest increase in the section is 7% in Kansas. The average gain for the nine months over the same period of 1925 is 4%. Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas show gains of 6%.

South Atlantic.—Sales in Florida show a decrease of 28% from last September. However, the sales in Florida last September were 156% ahead of those in September 1924. In view of the recent disaster in Florida, September sales of life insurance were greater than might have been expected. Over \$7,000,000 of ordinary life insurance was sold during the month.

Virginia, with a gain of 8%, leads in the increase of September 1926 over last September. The South Atlantic section shows an average gain of 6% for the first nine months of the year, and leads the nine geographical sections. Florida leads all the states in the country in the year-to-date gain, showing a 33% increase.

East South Central.—Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi comprise this section, and show a slight gain over the record of a year ago. For the first nine months of the year the section shows a 3% increase.

West South Central.—This section leads all the sections of the country in its monthly gain of 16%. The states comprising this section are: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. The greatest state gain in September was made in Texas, which has a 32% increase over September of last year. Oklahoma leads in the year-to-date gain.

Mountain.—The amount of insurance purchased during September in this section is 3% less than in September, 1925. Arizona shows a gain of 12%. In the first nine months of the year sales averaged 4% higher than sales in the corresponding period last year.

Pacific.—Washington shows a slight gain over the sales in September of last year. The gains in the section as a whole average 3% for the year to date.

September Life Insurance Sales in Canada Show Gain Over Year Ago—10% Increase for the Nine-Month Period.

Canada shows an increase of 4% over September last year with \$34,878,000 of new business paid for by companies having in force 84% of the total outstanding business in Canada, according to figures just issued by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau of Hartford, Connecticut. This is an increase of \$1,335,000 over the sales of last September. The report includes the production of new paid-for business, exclusive of revivals, increases, dividend additions, reinsurance from other companies, and group insurance. The Bureau also says:

There is a wide variation in the records of the different provinces. Improvement in business conditions over last September is most noticeable in the records of Prince Edward Island with an increase of 36%, and in New Brunswick and Quebec with gains of 27% and 17% respectively.

The records of the Canadian cities vary widely. The best increases in the cities are in Montreal with a gain of 26% and in Vancouver with a 21% increase.

Nine-Month Period.

For the first nine months of the year sales averaged 10% more than sales for the same period of last year. Every province in the Dominion shares in the general gain for the first nine months, the increases ranging from 3% in Manitoba to 28% in Saskatchewan. Montreal leads the cities in the year-to-date gain with a 15% increase.

The gain in the twelve months ended Sept. 30 1926 over the preceding twelve months is the same as the cumulative gain, or 10%. Every province shows a gain of at least 5% for the twelve-month period.

Industrial Employment Conditions in Federal Reserve District of Chicago.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago notes that while a majority of the industrial groups of the Chicago Reserve District made slight additions to their employment during September, there was little accompanying increase in activity; time schedules were in many instances reduced, with a small drop in the aggregate payrolls. The Bank's survey of industrial employment conditions, presented in its Monthly Business Conditions Report of Nov. 1, goes on to say:

Industries representing approximately 390,000 workers reported an increase of 1.2% in the number employed and a decline of 0.9% in total payrolls. The most substantial gains were reported for the food products group where meat packing, canning, and confectionery showed considerable expansion. Increased employment at furniture and musical instrument factories contributed to a general gain in the lumber products group. Chemicals and rubber products also reported moderate increases in both men and payrolls.

In the metal products group where employment gained 0.6%, payrolls declined 1.1% owing to shorter hours. The vehicles group continued to show recessions, both men and payrolls declining 1%. In textiles there was an especially heavy reduction in payrolls, due to the closing of the busy season in men's clothing, while the women's clothing industry continued active. Cement, brick, and stone products registered losses in employment as did also the paper products group.

Reports on employment not classified as industrial indicate a curtailment in the public utilities and the construction industry. These were offset, however, by increased employment at the coal mines and in the distributive industries, both wholesale and retail. The ratio of applicants to positions in Illinois was 123%, somewhat better than in August and on a par with 1925. At Indiana the ratio rose from 83% to 91, approximating that at the close of July. Employment at Detroit, as reported by the Employers' Association of that city, was 4% lower the first week of October than a month earlier, and 11.6% below the corresponding week a year ago.

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS—SEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

Industrial Group.	Number of Wage Earners.			Total Earnings.		
	Week Ended.			Week Ended.		
	Sept. 15 1926.	Aug. 15 1926.	Per Cent Change.	Sept. 15 1926.	Aug. 15 1926.	Per Cent Change.
All groups (10).....	388,231	383,655	+1.2	\$9,990,168	\$10,076,792	-0.9
Metals & metal products (other than vehicles)....	154,088	153,139	+0.6	3,736,341	3,779,098	-1.1
Vehicles.....	42,888	43,397	-1.2	1,268,480	1,280,772	-1.0
Textiles & textile products.....	25,908	26,198	-1.1	583,418	654,652	-10.9
Food & related products.....	55,170	51,975	+6.1	1,447,413	1,366,976	+5.9
Stone, clay & glass prod'ts.....	15,245	15,444	-1.3	455,394	459,567	-0.9
Lumber & its products.....	33,124	32,406	+2.2	830,071	823,788	+0.8
Chemical products.....	10,806	10,687	+1.1	284,341	282,716	+0.6
Leather products.....	17,706	16,764	+5.6	378,815	394,219	-3.9
Rubber products.....	3,206	3,200	+0.2	83,340	82,933	+0.5
Paper & printing.....	30,090	30,445	-1.2	922,555	952,071	-3.1

Industrial and Trade Activity in Kansas Federal Reserve District at High Level.

An unusually high rate of industrial and trade activity in the Tenth District (Kansas City) during September and the nine months of the current year, now passed, was reflected by the statistical reports received at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, says the latter's "Monthly Review," issued under date of Nov. 1. The bank's report continues:

The volume of trade indicated by the value of checks drawn against individual accounts and cashed at reporting banks in 30 cities during five weeks running through September to and including Oct. 6, was greater than that for the corresponding five weeks in 1925. By the same measurement, the volume of checking operations during the first 40 weeks of this year ending Oct. 6 was greater than in the first 40 weeks of 1925.

The September returns made a very favorable showing for all lines of mercantile trade. Sales at department stores and the combined sales of reporting wholesale stores representing five lines increased over August and was larger than in September a year ago. Market supplies of live stock, with the exception of hogs, were heaviest of the year, and heavier than a year ago. The wheat supply exceeded that for September 1925.

The output at meat packing plants and flour mills, and the tonnage of zinc and lead ores shipped, was very large. Production of crude oil was at a slightly smaller daily average than in the preceding month and a year ago, and daily runs of crude oil to refinery stills were reduced. Coal mining activity increased seasonally. Production of face brick and paint increased and manufacturers of machinery, oil field supplies, furniture and apparel for men and women did a very large business.

Building contracts awarded in the district, particularly in rural communities, were larger for the month than a year ago, while permits issued in reporting cities decreased in number and value. The lumber and building material trade declined slightly from the high level of earlier months.

October reports reflected no important changes from the September estimates in the size of this year's farm crops in the district, as a whole, but indicated some deterioration in the quality of unharvested crops, notably of cotton corn and late cuttings of hay. Farm work was retarded by rain and wet soil, and a large portion of the intended wheat acreage for next year's crop was still unplanted in the early part of October. A summary of the reports from the States and parts of States which form the Tenth District disclosed that of 23 leading farm crops grown this year, estimated yields of 13 were larger and of 10 smaller than in 1925. Reduced yields of corn and hay and the low price of cotton, the latter affecting the large cotton producing areas in southern parts of the district, were the more unfavorable factors.

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis on Banking Situation During Crop-Moving Period.

Under the above head, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis in its "Monthly Review," dated Oct. 29, says:

Smaller crops and a movement to market much later than usual have delayed and diminished the customary autumn return to banking liquidity

in this district. Deposits subject to reserve and available for loans and investments did not increase as much during September as they did a year ago in September. In the smaller cities and towns which are very close to agriculture, deposits at member banks decreased one million dollars this year between Aug. 25 and Sept. 22, whereas a year ago they increased eight million dollars between the corresponding dates. In the larger cities deposits increased nine million dollars this year between the above dates, as compared with an increase of thirteen million dollars a year ago.

Further evidence of the delay in the effect of the crop on country bank conditions is given in the chart below [This we omit.—Ed.], which shows the course of the two most sensitive indexes of country bank conditions now available. In this chart it is very apparent that country member banks have not been able to repay their loans to this Federal Reserve Bank as rapidly as a year ago. Last year between Aug. 26 and Oct. 14 two million dollars of borrowed money were paid back by country banks to this Federal Reserve Bank. In 1926 during the corresponding seven weeks, less than 1½ millions were repaid to this bank. A similar picture of conditions is given by the curves in the upper half of the chart, where it is clearly seen that country banks have not deposited as large sums with their correspondent banks this year as a year ago and that the flow of these funds to the city banks has been much delayed this year.

City member banks in this district have experienced a noticeable increase in the utilization of their loanable funds for commercial purposes during the crop moving period from Aug. 25 to Oct. 20. Although deposits increased 26 million dollars during this period, a large part of the increase (20 million dollars) represented checks in process of collection and balances due from banks. During the same seven-week period, loans largely for commercial purposes increased 21 million dollars, and it was necessary to increase vault cash and reserves with this Federal Reserve Bank by four million dollars. To obtain the funds necessary for increasing commercial loans and reserves, investments were sold in the amount of nine million dollars, and loans secured by stocks and bonds were reduced four millions. Borrowings from this Federal Reserve Bank remained unchanged. The portion of the funds required, which was not obtained from the above named sources, may have been obtained by borrowing from banks other than the Federal Reserve Bank. Of the increase of 26 million dollars in total deposits, 16 million dollars was in deposits "due to banks," nine millions in individual demand deposits and four millions in time deposits. State, county and municipal deposits were reduced two million dollars and United States Government deposits decreased slightly.

Interest rates charged by Minneapolis banks on prime customers' loans have risen sharply in response to the pressure for loans noted in the above paragraphs. The chart below shows the course of interest rates at Minneapolis. It will be noted that the increase of nearly one-half of 1% in the last two months was the most rapid upward movement since 1920. The Minneapolis commercial bank loan rate was approximately 5¼% on Oct. 15, which was the highest rate quoted by these banks since June 1924. This rate was 1¼% higher than the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank rate on Oct. 15. Commercial paper rates charged the borrower, have advanced ¼ of 1% since June, and now stand at 5%, which is the highest level reached since May 1924. These commercial paper rates are probably one of the most sensitive indexes of banking conditions in this district, because they reflect demand for banking funds and the supply of banking funds not needed by customers, but available for short term investment.

An analysis of commercial paper outstanding gives a further clue to the reason for the increase in rates. It is customary for the volume of commercial paper outstanding to increase about 1¼ million dollars during the month of September. This year the increase was only three-fourths of a million dollars. The volume outstanding on Sept. 30 was the smallest volume outstanding on that date in any year since 1922.

Sales of securities to bankers during September were less than one-half as large as in September last year, reflecting again the smaller amount of funds available for investment this fall.

At this Federal Reserve Bank there has been an increase during the period in total bills and securities of 6½ millions, in Federal Reserve notes in circulation of nearly five millions and in member bank reserve accounts of five millions. Analysis of the holdings of bills and securities shows that United States securities increased seven millions, purchased bills increased 1½ millions, bills discounted for member banks decreased 1½ millions, and other investments decreased ½ million.

High Level of Industrial Production in San Francisco Federal Reserve District.

The business situation in the Twelfth (San Francisco) Federal Reserve District during September, according to Isaac B. Newton, Chairman of the Board and Federal Reserve Agent, has been characterized by:

1. A sustained high level of industrial productions.
2. Active distribution of a large volume of goods at price levels slightly below those of a year ago.
3. A sound credit situation. Seasonal increases in demands for funds, attendant upon autumn crop moving, have been met without difficulty.

Further surveying conditions in the district (under date of Oct. 20), Mr. Newton says:

Agricultural yields generally have been slightly larger this year than last year, but indications thus far are that aggregate financial returns for the 1926 season's operations will not differ greatly from 1925 figures, due to the lower prices received for most agricultural products this season.

This Federal Reserve Bank's seasonally adjusted index of general business activity, which is based upon daily average bank debits in 20 principal cities of the district, declined 2 points to 104 (1919=100) during September, and is now 4 points, or 2.4% below the high point of 168 recorded in July. In Sept. 1925 it stood at 149. According to this index, business activity during the past three months has been at the highest levels reached since 1920. Figures of production in basic industries, of building construction, and of unemployment, records of distribution of goods through primary and secondary channels, and reports of a large volume of credit outstanding, all tend to substantiate the evidence presented by the index numbers.

Although the amount of building now under way is large, permit figures of recent months have forecast some decline in activity in this field. In 20 principal cities of the district the value of permits issued during Sept. 1926, was less than in any Sept. since Sept. 1922, and less than in any month since Jan. 1923. The total value of permits issued in these cities during the first 9 months of 1926 has been exceeded by the value of permits issued during the first nine months of each year since 1922. The 1926 figures were 14% smaller than those for the first three-quarters of 1925, a record year. Production, shipments and sales of lumber at mills reporting to four associations in the district were all smaller in volume during Sept. 1926, than during Aug. 1926, but were larger than during Sept. 1925. Production of reporting mills exceeded both shipment and new orders

during Sept. 1926, with a consequent increase in volume of unsold stocks. Cumulative mill figures for the first nine months of this year show that during that period production has exceeded both shipments and sales by small amounts.

Seasonal increases in flour production were reported last month but the gain in output was smaller than is usual at this season. Aggregate production of 14 principal milling companies was 15% larger than in Aug. 1926, an increase which compares with a five-year (1921-1925) average August-to-September increase of 21%. The mills produced 2% more flour during Sept. 1926, than during Sept. 1925. Millers' stocks of flour decreased during the month, but the composite figure for Oct. 1 1926 (437,455 barrels) was 6% greater than the five-year (1921-1925) average figure for Oct. 1.

Sales reported by 69 retail stores of the district were approximately 3% larger in value during September 1926 than during August 1926, whereas ordinarily there is a decline in sales of 4% from August to September. Retailers' sales during the past month were 10% larger than in September 1925, while their stocks had increased by but 1.3%, so that their annual rate of stock turnover was higher (3.2 compared with 2.9) than a year ago. Value of sales at wholesale as reported by 168 firms in 11 lines of trade, increased 4.8%, or more than the usual seasonal amount, during September 1926 as compared with August 1926. Reported sales were also 5% greater in value than during September 1925. In five of the reporting lines a comparison of sales over the year period showed decreases, but these were offset by substantial increases in the other six lines. In no case did the reported decrease in value of sales exceed the decline in the general level of wholesale prices (estimated at 6% by the United States Bureau of Labor) over the year period. Changes in the price level must be considered when comparing dollar value of sales.

Total loans of 65 reporting member banks in the principal cities of the district, after a period of relative stability during September, advanced sharply during the first half of October and at the middle of that month were nearly 5% larger than in mid-September. Investments of these banks increased slightly during the same period, and total loans and investments, at \$1,753,000,000 on Oct. 13 1926, reached the highest point on record. Reporting member banks borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank had, on Oct. 13 1926, increased 37% from their mid-September low point, but were only 7% larger than on Sept. 1 1926.

Total discounts of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco reached \$68,700,000 on Sept. 29 1926, the highest figure recorded this year. Following the month-end peak, discounts declined slightly, and on Oct. 13 1926 were approximately the same in amount as on Sept. 1 1926, but still 28% higher than on Sept. 15 1926. Total investments of the Reserve Bank declined by \$8,000,000 (11%) during the four-week period ending Oct. 13, and at \$63,513,000 were smaller in amount than at any time since March 24 1926. The resultant of the contrary movement of discounts and of investments during the period between Sept. 15 and Oct. 13 was an increase in total earning assets (total bills and securities) of \$6,000,000, or 5%.

The dollar value of foreign commerce passing through ports of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District during the first eight months of 1926 was 16% larger than during the first eight months of 1925, all customs districts participating in the increase. During the first six months of 1926 the combined value of imports through these customs districts tended to decline, but increased rapidly during July and August, and for the eight months period was greater than for any corresponding eight months period since 1918. Similarly, exports were larger in value during the first eight months of this year than in any like period since the first eight months of 1920. These dollar value comparisons assume added significance as a record of increased volume of trade when necessary allowances are made for the lower level of general prices which now prevails as compared with the years 1918-1920.

Business Conditions in Richmond Federal Reserve District—Concern Incident to Collapse of Cotton Market.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, while reporting business in the district during September as having been in large volume, says that in spite of all the favorable factors "the extent to which the indicated volume of business will develop is highly problematical because the collapse of the cotton market, as a result of what may turn out to be a record crop, has cast a shadow over prospects for fall trade. Although the Carolinas have larger crops of cotton this year than in 1925, the increase in yield will not balance the drop in prices, and the purchasing power in sections of the Carolinas is probably lower this fall than in the fall of 1925." The "Review" also states:

Business in the Fifth Reserve District during September was in large volume. Retail and wholesale trade for the fall season have begun well. Most of the leading crops are better than a year ago, and the district's tobacco crop is much more profitable than in 1925. Building construction is holding up remarkably after two record years, and workers in the building trades are therefore steadily employed. Practically all manufacturing establishments are operating full time, and some factories are expanding. Bank deposits, considerably above those of October a year ago, testify to the purchasing power of the public. The British coal strike has resulted in an increase in the demand for coal in this country and production in West Virginia has been in large volume. Debits to individual accounts figures are above those of 1925. Business failures in the Fifth District in September were fewer than for any other month in two years. Labor is fully employed for this time of the year.

We also quote what the bank has to say regarding the cotton situation:

Cotton.

Since our Sept. 30 "Review" was written, spot cotton prices have fallen approximately \$20 a bale. The average price paid growers in the Carolinas dropped from 16.01 cents per pound during the week ended Sept. 18 to 12.13 cents during the week ended Oct. 16. The drastic decline carried prices to the lowest level since the middle of August 1921, and was caused by the increased estimates of production shown by the Department of Agriculture released on Sept. 23 and Oct. 8, the latter of which predicted a larger crop than that of last year.

The Department of Agriculture's cotton report of Oct. 8, based upon the Oct. 1 condition of the crop, estimated the condition at 61.3% of a normal and gave 16,627,000 bales as the probable production figure this year. The estimate of production exceeded the Sept. 15 figures by over 800,000 bales, and was more than 500,000 bales above the unusually large crop

of 1925. Weather in September was highly favorable for cotton development throughout the belt, and the crop overcame much of its late start and the unfavorable weather of August.

The Census Bureau's ginning report to Oct. 1 showed 5,639,284 bales, compared with 2,510,818 bales ginned to Sept. 16 this year and 7,126,248 bales to Oct. 1 1925. This year 3,128,466 bales were ginned during the latter half of September compared with 2,844,182 bales ginned during the corresponding period last year.

Cotton consumption in American mills increased in September, the consumption being 571,105 bales compared with 500,652 bales used in August 1926 and 483,082 bales in September 1925. Total consumption since Aug. 1 was 1,071,757 bales, compared with 934,318 bales consumed during the same two months in 1925. Manufacturing establishments held 937,129 bales of cotton on Sept. 30, compared with 920,944 bales on Aug. 31 and 869,419 bales on Sept. 30 last year. Public compresses and warehouses held 3,293,217 bales in storage on Sept. 30, 1,715,593 bales on Aug. 31 and 3,114,992 bales on Sept. 30 1925. Exports in September totaled 794,584 bales, compared with 391,329 bales sent abroad in August 1926 and 752,324 bales in September 1925. Imports declined in September to 10,007 bales from 13,280 bales in August this year and 15,121 bales in September last year. Spindles active in September numbered 32,134,682 against 31,321,936 in August and 31,571,554 in September 1925.

The Carolinas are expected to make larger cotton crops this year than last, but the Virginia crop is smaller. South Carolina has the best crop since 1920, the State showing up well except in the northwestern counties, and a production of 1,120,000 bales is forecast in comparison with 889,000 bales in 1925. In North Carolina this year's crop estimated at 1,200,000 bales compares with 1,102,000 bales ginned last year, and in Virginia a 1926 yield of 44,000 bales compares with 53,000 bales last year. Ginnings in the three Fifth District States were less to October 1 than a year ago, indicating the lateness of this year's crop. Much of the late start of the crop has been made up, however, by favorable weather from Sept. 1 through the first half of October and, while the entire crop is not yet safe, it is so far advanced that material damage by frost seems unlikely. Farmers are having some trouble in securing labor for picking, and the grades of some cotton may be lowered by allowing it to remain in the fields too long. The farmers and business men in the sections dependent upon cotton are alarmed over the prices consequent upon the estimated size of the crop.

Report of Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago on Meat Packing Industry.

The following regarding the status of the meat packing industry is from the Nov. 1 "Monthly Business Conditions Report" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago:

The quantity of meat produced in September at slaughtering establishments in the United States was greater than in the previous month, while payrolls reported for the last week of the period showed increases of 2.4% in number of employees, 1.4% in total hours worked, and 1.8% in aggregate value over corresponding figures for August. A brisk domestic demand developed early in September for fresh and frozen pork and then slackened somewhat at the close of the period; trade was active for smoked, pickled and dry salt meats but remained fair for lard. Beef and lamb moved into consumption channels in good volume throughout the entire period; distribution, however, failed to absorb all the current offerings after mid-month. The aggregate value of sales billed during September to domestic and foreign customers by 52 packers in the United States increased 8.1% over August and 4.5% over a year ago. Chicago quotations for lamb, mutton, and most pork products averaged somewhat lower for September than for the preceding month; beef firmed slightly, and veal advanced. Pork prices eased during the early part of October; beef, mutton and smoked meat held steady; and quotations for lamb strengthened. Inventories at packing plants and cold-storage warehouses in the United States increased for beef and mutton and declined for the other products on Oct. 1 compared with a month ago; holdings of each of the items were a little larger than for the corresponding date in 1925, and the total slightly exceeded the 1921-25 average for Oct. 1.

The export business had not shown the usual pick-up expected for autumn and remained comparatively light during the greater part of September. Industrial conditions in England and heavy importations of bacon to that country from the Continent affected demand from the United Kingdom; trade on the Continent remained only fair for most packing-house products from the United States, with the possible exception of fat backs. Owing to the slow demand abroad, most of the packers forwarded approximately the same tonnage in September for export as in August. Consigned stocks in European countries were reported moderate for Oct. 1, and showed a slight increase in volume from the previous month. Prices of most items were a little under parity with those in the United States.

Cotton Manufactures Comprised Major Portion of Textile Exports During Nine Months of Year.

Cotton manufactures comprised over three-fourths of the total textile exports of the United States during the first three quarters of the present year, according to data just compiled by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York, which under date of Nov. 3 says:

On the basis of reports to the Department of Commerce, the association estimates that foreign customers have spent almost five times as much for American cotton goods during 1926 as for other American textile manufactures.

For the nine months ended with September exports of cotton manufactures were valued at \$101,966,245, or 81% of the total value of all textile manufactures exported during the same period, which aggregated \$124,645,146. The value of all exports of wool, silk and rayon manufactures for the nine months' period was \$22,678,901.

During the month of September exports of American cotton manufactures were valued at \$11,401,615, likewise amounting to 81% of the value of all exported textile manufactures during that month. September exports of silk, wool and rayon manufactures were valued at \$2,585,330.

Great Britain's Rubber Restrictions—Ruling Regarding Unused Export Coupons.

Great Britain's new rubber regulations, referred to in these columns a week ago (page 2196), became effective Nov. 1, when the percentage which may be exported from Ceylon and Malaya for the ensuing quarter was reduced

from 100 to 80% on the standard of production. This was because the average price of rubber for the current quarter was below 21d. Official announcement of a ruling by the British Secretary of State for Colonies regarding unused coupons for rubber exports, was made on Nov. 1, according to Colombo (Ceylon) Associated Press advices that date, which said:

The validity of export rights of rubber, it was said, would be limited as follows: The certificates of production, commonly known as coupons, issued on and after Feb. 1 1927, will be invalid on the expiration of three months following the month in respect of which they are issued. The validity of certificates issued prior to Feb. 1 1927 will not be interfered with.

On the same date London advices (Associated Press) stated:

Although a statement from the Colonial Office clearing up the entire question of rubber exports is still awaited in rubber circles, to-day's announcement at Colombo, Ceylon, on unused coupons for rubber exports is for the coming six months.

The announcement issued by the British Secretary of State for Colonies means that from Feb. 1 1927 all new certificates for production, commonly known as coupons, issued will have a validity of approximately four months. The validity of certificates issued prior to Feb. 1 1927 will not be interfered with.

It is considered probable that all unused coupons will be utilized during the coming semester.

From an Associated Press cablegram from London on Oct. 31, referring to the new regulations promulgated Oct. 24, we take the following:

The question of the disposal of the unused export coupons, representing from thirty to forty thousand tons, has not been decided by the Colonial Office, but announcement on this subject is expected soon. There had been apprehension that the Colonial Office might cancel these unused export coupons as a further measure of restriction.

The new basis on which standards for calculating restrictions will be fixed for the new year beginning to-morrow will also probably be announced immediately after the regulations go into effect. Singapore advices have already foreshadowed that the existing basis of 400 pounds per acre, for the highest yielding estates will be reduced to 300.

The market view of the new regulations is that they aim at maintaining the price of rubber between 21d. and 24d. and their effect on prices in the past week has been almost negligible. But should the reduction to 300 be confirmed officially, a rise in prices is expected, provided the demand from the United States remains regular.

From Washington, Oct. 31, the Associated Press reported the following:

Commerce Department officials said to-day that the cut in British rubber shipments had been generally anticipated in the American rubber trade.

More important, however, is the question as to how much the rubber is considered a 100% standard production.

When the restriction scheme was promulgated first the British fixed the figure of 294,000 tons as the normal standard annual output from their plantation. By various changes in plantation ratings the standard has been raised until the American observers consider that it is somewhere between 310,000 tons and 325,000 tons. A revision of these figures is now under way and will take effect after Nov. 1, and it is from this new total that the effect of the new 20% restriction will be calculated.

Rubber went to \$1 per pound when the control first got into action, but following a campaign in the rubber trade of the United States, led by Secretary Hoover and aimed at economies in rubber utilization, the price fell rapidly.

Further Increase in Newsprint Production in September.

The September production of paper in the United States as reported by identical mills to the American Paper and Pulp Association and co-operating organizations, showed an increase of 0.8% as compared with August's production (following a 5% increase in August over July, according to the Association's Monthly Statistical Summary of Pulp and Paper Industry," made public Oct. 28. All grades showed an increase in production as compared with August, with four exceptions. The summary is prepared by the American Paper and Pulp Association as the central organization of the paper industry, in co-operation with the Binders Board Manufacturers Association, Converting Paper Mills Association, Cover Paper Association, Newsprint Service Bureau, Wrapping Paper Manufacturers Service Bureau, Writing Paper Manufacturers Association and Paperboard Industries Association. The figures for September for same mills as reported in August are:

Grade—	Number of Mills.	Production Net Tons.	Shipments Net Tons.	Stocks on Hand End of Month—Net Tons.
Newsprint.....	71	136,167	135,300	18,741
Book.....	61	91,112	91,641	47,263
Paperboard.....	112	200,588	199,765	55,965
Wrapping.....	76	49,881	49,409	35,639
Bag.....	22	11,577	12,220	8,515
Fine.....	87	29,401	29,149	43,074
Tissue.....	47	14,022	14,578	15,992
Hanging.....	7	6,408	6,180	4,898
Felts.....	14	11,830	12,128	2,365
Other grades.....	65	21,002	20,903	16,715
Total—All grades.....		571,988	571,273	249,167

During the same period, domestic wood pulp production increased 3%, this increase being distributed over all grades, with three exceptions. The September totals (mills identical with those reporting in August) as reported by the American Paper and Pulp Association, are as follows:

	Number of Mills.	Production, Net Tons.	Used, Net Tons.	Shipments, Net Tons.	Stocks on Hand End of Month—Net Tons.
Groundwood pulp-----	97	86,231	89,597	4,309	120,936
Sulphite news grade-----	38	40,187	36,113	4,590	10,596
Sulphite bleached-----	21	22,169	19,101	2,970	3,581
Sulphite easy bleached-----	6	3,756	3,024	643	948
Sulphite Mitscherlich-----	6	6,035	5,494	771	178
Sulphate pulp-----	9	14,292	13,163	1,096	1,638
Soda pulp-----	11	18,130	13,494	4,664	4,135
Other than wood pulp-----	2	19	21	-----	19
Total—All grades-----		190,819	180,007	19,043	142,031

National City Bank on Damage to Cuban Sugar Crop Suffered Through Recent Hurricane.

Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank, on Oct. 25 received a cablegram from Joseph H. Durrell, Vice-President in charge of the bank's Cuban offices, giving a complete resume of the damage resulting from the hurricane of Oct. 20 with special reference to the damage to the sugar crop. The cablegram said:

Given the usual season, our estimated shortage over last year's production due to damaged cane at all mills in storm zone totals 270,000 long tons resulting in a monetary loss of, say, \$18,000,000. A rough estimate of value of property damage and loss of live stock at Centrals, \$5,000,000. Impossible to estimate value of damage to property and goods in cities and towns in storm's path, but think added to loss of sugar properties and cane an estimate of \$50,000,000 would be conservative.

The message also had the following to say:

Although some wires are still out of commission and communication has not yet been re-established with parts of the district affected by the storm, we now know its approximate area and can form a comprehensive idea of the extent it has damaged actual sugars, sugar factories and growing cane. Its area, roughly 10,000 square miles extends from Palacios in Pinar Del Rio Province to Cienfuegos on the south coast of Santa Clara Province and Cardenas on the north coast of Matanzas Province and in this area are approximately 6 centrals that can be considered more or less affected. Actual sugars were warehoused in only four cities in the storm zone and the loss from that source is negligible, probably not exceeding 5,000 tons.

The damage to the factories consists principally of damaged roofs and walls and demolished chimneys, warehouses and living quarters. The greatest damage to any single mill thus far reported will approximate \$150,000 and at no mill is the damage so great that it cannot be repaired in time to grind in January. The irreparable loss is to growing cane, all of which in the storm area was damaged in proportion to the force of the wind. Our Cardenas manager checked the Cardenas zone and reports an average loss of from 15 to 20%. Our Havana manager examined the fields between Havana and Matanzas and believes the loss will average from 30 to 40%. I, personally, covered the territory south of Habana to Guines and west to Guanajay and consider the loss there will average 35%.

These estimates are based on opinions of large and small cane growers, country store keepers and mill owners in the storm districts, and on our acquaintance with damage wrought by other cyclones we have experienced in Cuba. Extraordinarily wet or unusually dry weather during the two coming months will serve to decrease or increase the shortage, as the case may be.

The known deaths, including those on the Isle of Pines now total 600.

Measures taken by the administration immediately following the storm to bring order out of chaos proved most effective. Orders to shoot looters prevented pilfering. Government notices were posted everywhere instructing the public to denounce profiteers and some 200 of the latter are now in jail some of whom face deportation. The force of the storm was not entirely spent when the Government had commandeered all trucks and assumed control of building materials and were at work cleaning up the city and opening the country roads. Four days after the storm, finds the streets of Havana clean, the broken aqueduct repaired, hundreds of blown-down trees reset, light, street railway and telephone service approaching normalcy and the country roads throughout the storm area passable. The Government has done its full share and the public in both cities and country are following its lead, and there will be little effect of the storm visible when the tourists arrive in December.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

One hundred and nine mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended Oct. 23 manufactured 116,866,756 ft., sold 112,443,176 ft., and shipped 103,061,002 ft. New business was 4,423,580 ft. less than production and shipments 13,804,755 ft. less than production.

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

Week Ended—	Oct. 23.	Oct. 16.	Oct. 9.	Oct. 2.
No. of mills reporting-----	109	108	106	106
Production (feet)-----	116,466,756	114,162,113	113,720,893	111,855,833
New business (feet)-----	112,443,176	110,786,078	97,146,283	102,691,719
Shipments (feet)-----	103,062,001	94,009,607	107,156,441	120,294,634
Unshipped balances:				
Rail (feet)-----	111,630,441	115,626,298	112,718,826	122,202,546
Domestic cargo (ft.)-----	151,773,395	145,537,481	132,819,202	137,912,822
Export (feet)-----	132,664,499	122,807,828	109,689,698	110,043,450
Total (feet)-----	396,068,335	383,971,607	355,127,596	370,158,818
First 43 Weeks-----	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Average no. of mills-----	106	115	123	132
Production (feet)-----	4,487,532,274	4,299,625,951	4,012,352,230	4,338,796,916
New business (feet)-----	4,608,219,737	4,411,703,331	4,014,304,236	4,391,325,752
Shipments (feet)-----	4,573,003,902	4,475,325,663	4,152,112,136	4,521,368,837

Little Change in Lumber Industry.

Allowing for the discrepancy in the number of softwood mills reporting for last week and the week before, says the National Lumber Manufacturers Association on Nov. 4, there was probably a slight seasonal decline in lumber orders last week. On the other hand, production and shipments seem to have held up. As compared with the same period last year, the industry is evidently more active in all three factors, inasmuch as 21 fewer mills reporting for the week

ended Oct. 30 gave almost the same production, shipments and orders as 362 mills did a year ago.

The hardwood industry seems to be about on a par with the softwood; allowing for fewer mills reporting this week, it seems that production, shipments and orders are about the same as they were last week, according to the Association's weekly review, extracts of which follow:

Unfilled Orders.

The unfilled orders of 229 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 588,762,724 ft., as against 626,608,175 ft. for 232 mills the previous week. The 123 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 230,539,840 ft. last week, as against 230,539,840 ft. for the week before. For the 106 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 358,222,884 ft., as against 396,068,335 ft. for 109 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 341 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 96%, and orders 89%, of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 98 and 98; and for the West Coast mills 89 and 80.

Of the reporting mills, the 313 with an established normal production for the week of 215,873,359 ft., gave actual production 103%, shipments 99% and orders 91% thereof.

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

Mills-----	Past Week.	Corresponding Week 1925.	Preceding Week 1926 (Revised).
-----	341	362	366
Production-----	234,255,184	238,670,281	242,007,086
Shipments-----	225,959,976	228,396,138	235,359,277
Orders (new business)-----	208,120,963	213,260,339	232,458,180

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

	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1926-----	10,288,910,554	10,490,673,393	10,463,595,874
1925-----	10,436,596,336	10,326,633,843	10,124,459,664

The mills of the California White and Sugar Pine Association make weekly reports, but they have been found not truly comparable in respect to orders with those of other mills. Consequently, the former are not now represented in any of the foregoing figures. Fourteen of these mills, representing 46% of the cut of the California pine region, gave their production for the week as 19,911,000 ft., shipments 17,916,000 and new business 14,299,000. Last week's report from 13 mills, representing 41% of the cut was: Production, 17,866,000 ft., shipments, 13,874,000 and new business, 17,272,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle that new business for the 106 mills reporting for the week ended Oct. 30, was 20% below production, and shipments were 11% below production. Of all new business taken during the week 43% was for future water delivery, amounting to 38,918,732 ft., of which 22,603,649 ft. was for domestic cargo delivery, and 16,315,083 ft. export. New business by rail amounted to 45,566,591 ft., or 50% of the week's new business. Forty two per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 42,536,969 ft., of which 25,233,544 ft. moved coastwise and Intercoastal, and 17,303,425 ft. export. Rail shipments totaled 52,653,862 ft., or 52% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 6,325,659 ft. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 139,520,328 ft., foreign 116,260,272 ft. and rail trade 102,442,284 ft.

Labor.

Seasonal decreases in employment are beginning to be reported in the Pacific Northwest, according to the Four L Employment Service. Conditions, however, are favorable when compared with October of last year. Pine logging is getting into the winter stride, with the number of men already at work equal to last season's total. Logging in the Douglas fir districts is about 10% less active than it was a year ago and shows a tendency toward reduced output rather than increased production. Sawmills in the pine districts that usually stop cutting lumber during the winter months, are closing down; planing and shipping departments continue active. In the Douglas fir producing districts of Oregon and Washington, sawmills are slightly less active than last year at this time.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 123 mills reporting, shipments were 2.03% below production and orders 2.03% below production and identical with shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 65,824,100 ft., shipments 65,824,100 ft. and production 67,190,558 ft. The normal production of these mills is 75,484,834 ft. Of the 119 mills reporting running time, 83 operated full time, 17 of the latter overtime. Two mills were shut down, and the rest operated from one to five and one-half days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Oregon, with two fewer mills reporting, shows slight decreases in production and shipments while new business fell off to some extent.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, California reports a nominal increase in production, a marked increase in shipments and new business slightly below that reported for the previous week.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Virginia, with fourteen fewer mills reporting, shows considerable decreases in production and shipments, and a slight decrease in new business.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with one more mill reporting, shows some increase in production and shipments, and new business well in advance of that reported for the week earlier.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, (in its softwood production) with three fewer mills reporting, shows a notable decrease in production, little decrease in shipments and somewhat more in new business.

Hardwood Reports.

The hardwood mills of the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association reported from 18 mills, production as 1,651,000 ft., shipments 4,119,000 and orders 2,267,000.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tennessee, reported from 100 units, production as 16,537,060 ft., shipments 18,092,211 and orders 18,830,672. The normal production of these units is 17,408,000 ft. The two hardwood groups totals for the week as compared with the preceding week were:

	Mills.	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
Week ended Oct. 30-----	118	18,188,060	22,211,211	21,097,672
Week ended Oct. 23-----	137	20,645,752	24,973,564	22,960,772

For the past forty-three weeks all hardwood mills reporting to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association gave production 1,264,253,131 ft., shipments, 1,260,923,954, and orders, 1,293,737,831.

New Automobile Models and Price Changes.

The Oakland Motor Car Co. on Oct. 30 introduced two additions to their Pontiac Six line—the De Luxe coupe and the De Luxe sedan. The most distinguishing features of these de luxe types is the same Duco finish on fenders and headlights as well as body and hood, a modified Peter Pan blue, with striping of gold bronze and Faire red, while the upper decks are finished in Robin Hood blue, as is the instrument panel. On the same date the Buick Motor Car Co. added another model to its already extensive line of 1927 cars with the introduction of an open coupe on the series 128 chassis, priced at \$1,925.

The Rickenbacker Motor Car Co. will offer for its 1927 models one six-cylinder line, the "6-70" on 119-inch wheelbase, and two eight-cylinder lines, the "8-80" on 120-inch wheelbase and the "European 8-90" on 136-inch wheelbase. The first two replace the former six and eight-cylinder lines, while the latter is additional. The new prices place Rickenbacker among the lowest-priced eight-cylinder cars on the market. The 8-80 lists \$1,795 for the 5-passenger sedan and \$1,895 for the 5-passenger Victoria; the European 8-90 lists \$2,595 each for the 5-passenger sedan and Victoria and \$2,695 for the 7-passenger sedan; the six-cylinder line lists \$1,595 for the 5-passenger sedan and \$1,695 for the 5-passenger Victoria. Open car prices will not be determined until they get into production, about the first of the year.

On Nov. 1 the H. H. Franklin Mfg. Co. at Syracuse, N. Y., announced a reduction of \$155, to \$2,490 f.o.b. Syracuse, on the Franklin 3-passenger straight-seat coupe. The coupe with rumble seat has been reduced \$195 to \$2,565; Franklin Victoria \$50, to \$2,740; Oxford sedan \$50, to \$2,815; limousine \$50, to \$2,940, as shown by the following revised price list:

Sedan	\$2,790	Victoria	\$2,740
Oxford sedan	2,815	Touring	2,635
Sedan with auxiliary seats	2,840	Sport runabout	2,690
Sport sedan	2,910	Enclosed-drive limousine	2,940
Coupe with rumble seat	2,565	Cabriolet	4,400
(Fully equipped f.o.b. Syracuse, N. Y.)			

Prices include balloon tires, Watson Stabilators, front and rear bumpers, spare tire, tube, cover and lock, crank-case ventilator, windshield wiper, rear-view mirror, combination stop and tail light, oil gauge on dash and transmission lock.

The Ford Motor Co. is offering the Fordor sedan at \$545 with black wire wheels as standard equipment. Formerly these were \$30 extra. This is the only model with wire wheels as standard equipment, the extra charge for wire wheels on other models being \$40. The change becomes effective as of Nov. 1.

The Gardner Motor Car Co. has announced that it has been obliged to curtail production during its preparations for the introduction of two new models. The new lines comprise a large straight-eight-cylinder car and a smaller straight-eight model, the latter to replace the company's six-cylinder line.

Reports late on Friday night stated that the Hudson Motor Car Co. has added a four-door sedan to its Essex line priced at \$795.

Crude Oil Prices Reduced in Several Sections—Gasoline Prices also Decline.

Further reductions in crude oil prices were announced by several of the larger companies during the week just closed. Gasoline prices also showed some declines in Southern States. The lead in the crude reductions was taken Nov. 1 by the Humble Oil & Refining Co. when it reduced all grades of north Texas crude except Panhandle, ranging from 15c. a barrel for 28 gravity to 87c. a barrel on 52 gravity and above. In making its announcement of reduced prices on light oils in Texas pools where it is a buyer, Humble Oil & Refining Co. said:

The effect of increased crude oil production and the number and extent of important new producing areas in Texas and other parts of the United States has resulted in lower prices in the world's markets for various petroleum products.

This fact, coupled with the necessity on the part of this company and the entire industry for storing some additional crude oil in the face of the present more than ample stocks, not only warrants but dictates a reduction in the price of crude. This is emphasized by the fact that this situation comes on us at a time when the consumption of gasoline, our principal product, is starting its usual winter decline.

Refinery experience, supported by numerous laboratory tests on crude of different gravities over a long period, indicates to us that a 5c. differential per degree of gravity much more nearly reflects the relative value of light crude on to-day's markets for petroleum products than does the 8c. differential previously in effect.

The Carter Oil Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, posted a price schedule reducing crude oil in Oklahoma and Kansas from 15 to 87c. a barrel. Base price is \$1 50 a barrel for crude of 28 to 28.9 gravity, with 5c. increase in price for each degree of gravity. The highest price is for oil of 52 gravity and above at \$2 70 a barrel. The Magnolia Petroleum Co. met this new price schedule.

Special dispatches from Shreveport, La., on Nov. 5 stated that the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana on that date reduced crude oil in Louisiana and Arkansas to prices which meet the new schedule posted by the Humble Oil & Refining Co. on Nov. 1 in north and central Texas, when it reduced crude oil there. Louisiana's new schedule starts at \$1 40 a barrel for below 28 gravity, a cut of 15c., and top grade of 52 and above is \$2 70. Previously it had not posted any price for that grade. No change was made by Louisiana in Bellevue, Cotton Valley, Houston, Pine Island and Smackover pools. The Texas Co. posted new crude oil schedules which met the reduction in prices made in Oklahoma and Kansas by the Carter Oil Co., in north, north central and central Texas districts by the Humble Oil and in north Louisiana by the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana. Other companies mentioned as having announced price revisions meeting the above schedules are the Atlantic Oil Producing Co., Crystal Oil Refining Corp. and Louisiana Oil Refining Corp. The new schedule affected all fields except Smackover, Bellevue and Cotton Valley. Later reports on Nov. 5 announced that the Gulf Refining Co. and Texas Co. also met the cut in crude oil made by the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana. In addition, the Texas Co. also extended the schedule into north, north central and central Texas, meeting the Humble Oil & Refining cut of Nov. 1.

Gasoline prices were reduced in certain Southern States on Nov. 5, when the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky reduced gasoline generally 2 cents a gallon in Georgia and Florida, meeting competitors' reduction. The change is effective as of Oct. 30. The Humble Oil & Refining Co. on Nov. 5 reduced gasoline 1 cent a gallon at all points in Texas where the company operates. The cut was met by the Gulf Refining Co.

Crude Oil Output Shows Substantial Increase.

An increase amounting to 45,000 barrels per day was reported in the output of crude oil during the week ended Oct. 30, according to the figures compiled by the American Petroleum Institute, which estimated that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for that period was 2,331,250 barrels, as compared with 2,286,250 barrels for the preceding week. The daily average production east of California was 1,702,950 barrels, as compared with 1,667,350 barrels, an increase of 35,600 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks given:

(In Barrels.)	Oct. 30 '26.	Oct. 23 '26.	Oct. 16 '26.	Oct. 31 '25.
Oklahoma	539,300	514,700	486,150	474,700
Kansas	114,750	114,600	114,300	108,800
North Texas	252,600	252,450	244,350	78,950
East Central Texas	55,500	55,300	55,900	78,100
West Central Texas	108,700	100,800	99,150	71,100
Southwest Texas	42,550	42,800	43,650	42,200
North Louisiana	59,450	58,450	57,000	47,700
Arkansas	148,050	149,850	149,900	209,400
Gulf Coast	171,100	172,000	166,750	93,550
Eastern	110,000	109,000	109,000	103,000
Wyoming	67,050	64,650	65,250	81,350
Montana	20,750	20,750	20,800	14,350
Colorado	7,550	7,500	7,900	4,600
New Mexico	4,600	4,500	5,750	5,050
California	628,300	618,900	608,300	651,000
Total	2,331,250	2,286,250	2,234,150	2,063,850

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. 30 was 1,321,900 bbls., as compared with 1,288,950 bbls. for the preceding week, an increase of 32,950 bbls. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Ark., heavy oil, was 1,205,250 bbls., as compared with 1,170,600 bbls., an increase of 34,650 bbls.

In Oklahoma, production of North Braman is reported at 22,800 bbls. against 23,550 bbls.; South Braman, 6,300 bbls. against 6,450 bbls.; Tonkawa, 35,100 bbls. against 35,250 bbls.; Garber, 23,750 bbls. against 24,650 bbls.; Burbank, 48,650 bbls. against 49,100 bbls.; Bristow-Slick, 27,050 bbls. against 27,100 bbls.; Cromwell, 14,850 bbls. against 15,150 bbls.; Papoose, 9,300 bbls. against 9,200 bbls.; Wewoka, 26,200 bbls., against 26,550 bbls.; Seminole, 97,850 bbls. against 69,600 bbls.

In North Texas, Hutchinson County is reported at 146,400 bbls. against 147,950 bbls., and balance Panhandle 13,200 bbls. against 14,000 bbls. In East Central Texas, Corsicana Powell, 24,400 bbls. against 24,200 bbls.; Nigger Creek, 14,600 bbls. against 11,800 bbls.; Reagan County, West Central Texas, 30,350 bbls. against 29,800 bbls.; Crane and Upton Counties, 16,100 bbls. against 11,850 bbls.; and in the Southwest Texas field, Luling, 20,300 bbls. against 20,450 bbls.; Laredo District, 16,150 bbls. against 16,250 bbls.; Lytton Springs, 3,600 bbls., no change. In North Louisiana, Haynesville is reported at 9,100, no change; Uralia, 15,500 bbls. against 15,250 bbls.; and in Arkansas, Smackover light, 13,900 bbls. against 13,800 bbls.; heavy, 116,350 bbls. against 118,350 bbls., and Lisbon, 7,050 bbls. against 7,550 bbls. In the Gulf Coast field, Hull is reported at 21,250 bbls. against 22,700 bbls.; West Columbia, 8,050 bbls., against 8,700 bbls.;

Spindletop, 86,400 bbls. against 82,900 bbls.; Orange County, 6,450 bbls. against 6,650 bbls., and South Liberty, 4,200 bbls. against 3,650 bbls.
 In Wyoming, Salt Creek is reported at 47,350 bbls. against 45,150 bbls., and Sunburst, Montana, 18,000 bbls., no change.
 In California, Santa Fe Springs is reported at 47,500 bbls., no change; Long Beach, 95,000 bbls., no change; Huntington Beach, 68,000 bbls., against 60,000 bbls.; Torrance, 27,000 bbls., no change; Dominguez, 21,500 bbls., no change; Rosecrans, 14,000 bbls., no change; Inglewood, 40,000 bbls. against 41,000 bbls.; Midway Sunset, 94,000 bbls., no change; Ventura Avenue, 52,300 bbls. against 49,900 bbls.

Steel Market Quiet—Pig Iron Active, Due to Coal Situation.

Pig iron and steel markets are at variance, the former being very active at advancing prices, due to the flurry in coal, while in finished steel there has been another week of quietness, observes the "Iron Age" on Nov. 4. Steel production has not been affected as yet to the same extent as order books, but it is evident that November ingot output will show more decline in comparison with October than was seen last month in comparison with September, reports the "Age" in its weekly summary of events occurring in the market, from which we quote further details as follows:

In the Pittsburgh and adjoining district steel production is slightly above 75% of capacity, as against 80% last week and an average of 85% for August and September.

The Steel Corporation's rate is still close to 83%, but is expected to fall off somewhat as the month advances. New business is exceeded by shipments, but, owing to very considerable bookings of rails last month, the statement of unfilled orders as of Oct. 31 is likely to show some increase.

Pig iron sales reached the largest total in many weeks, consumers being driven into the market by the rapid advance in fuel prices. Sales in the New York district, mostly for the first quarter, were 25,000 tons, and the Eastern Pennsylvania and Boston markets have been likewise active. Northern Ohio furnaces likewise had many inquiries, but because of fuel uncertainties have limited their sales. Prices have advanced 50 cents a ton in Eastern markets and some furnaces quote \$1 a ton higher than a week ago.

At Pittsburgh the excitement in the coal market has abated, owing to the difficulty of getting export permits and the refusal of railroads to take coal subject to reconignment. The higher wage scale paid in Western Pennsylvania and adjacent fields means 75c. to \$1 a ton increase in coke cost and merchant pig iron producers who buy their coke are putting up pig iron in proportion.

Chicago reports C. & O. and Missouri Pacific rail contracts this week, together making 90,000 tons. Leaving out rail orders, new buying in the Chicago district tapered off rather sharply last month.

Pittsburgh mills find the automobile curtailment the chief factor in the lessened demand; it is not the sole one. Pipe makers are catching up with their obligations. In structural steel the falling off is progressive, and the agricultural situation has not yet cleared enough to decide the steel requirements of the implement companies.

Announcement of tin plate prices for the first half of 1927 will probably be made by another week.

A New London company will build two submarines for Chile, requiring 600 tons of plates and sheets.

Bookings of fabricated steel reported for the week, totaling about 15,000 tons, were the lowest since April. Buying for near-at-hand needs has featured lately even the structural field. Prices of the plain material continue firm, despite the holding off of projects requiring large tonnages.

Exports of machinery during September were valued at \$36,901,003, an increase of \$4,500,000 over August. Chief gains were in mining and quarrying and oil well machinery. Almost \$36,000,000 gain is shown for the first nine months over the corresponding period of 1925.

Monthly shipping records for Lake Superior iron ore were broken in October with a water movement of 9,337,000 tons, bringing the season's total to 54,568,000 tons on Nov. 1. This month's shipments will put 1926 well in advance of 1925, as last year's total was but 54,081,000 tons, of which 4,257,000 tons was moved in November.

The British need of steel is indicated by an inquiry for 1,000 tons of blooms. It is estimated that merchants in England have lately sought to cover in the United States for fully 100,000 base boxes of tin plate.

Further improvement in Germany caused the steel syndicate to order an 80% operation for November, following three months at 70%. Exports of pig iron, wire and machinery are increasing. Bounties to exporting manufacturers are now \$4 per ton lower on blooms and \$5.45 per ton on bars, with proportional reductions on other forms of steel. Domestic prices remain unchanged.

The "Iron Age" pig iron composite price advanced to \$2004 per gross ton from \$1971, the level for the preceding three weeks. The finished steel composite remains for the fourth week at 2.453c. per pound, as seen in the following composite price table:

Finished Steel		Pig Iron	
Nov. 1 1926, 2.453c. per Pound.		Nov. 1 1926, \$20.04 Per Gross Ton.	
One week ago	2.453c.	One week ago	\$19.71
One month ago	2.439c.	One month ago	19.63
One year ago	2.424c.	One year ago	20.79
10-year pre-war average	1.689c.	10-year pre-war average	15.72

Based on prices of steel bars, beams, tank plates, plain wire, open-heart rails, black pipe and black sheets, constituting 87% of the United States output.

High.		Low.	
1926-2.453c.	Jan. 5; 2.403c.	May 18	1926-2.2154
1925-2.560c.	Jan. 6; 2.396c.	Aug. 18	1925-22.50
1924-2.789c.	Jan. 15; 2.460c.	Oct. 14	1924-22.88
1923-2.824c.	Apr. 24; 2.446c.	Jan. 2	1923-30.86
			Mar. 20; 20.77
			Nov. 20

Fuel, sensitive to the expanding export demand, is the chief influence to-day in iron and steel, declares the Nov. 4 market summary issued by the "Iron Trade Review." Blast furnace coke has risen 50% in a month to a minimum of \$5 to \$6 and by reason of wage clauses in many contracts this rise is largely being passed on to consumers. Pig iron naturally has reacted first and advances of 50 cents to \$1 at Pittsburgh and \$1 in southern Ohio silvery irons have been recorded during the past week, adds the "Review," giving further details concerning the state of trade, as follows:

Some producers have become reluctant to commit themselves as some consumers are to protect themselves. Finished steel has not yet vibrated but an undertone of strength has been imparted. Well informed opinion in the iron and steel industry is that the British coal strike, underlying the flurry in American fuel, is nearing its end but that peace necessarily will be followed by some weeks of adjustment. In the meantime the wage situation in Pennsylvania and adjacent coal and coke regions has been disturbed and practically all workers now are on the basis of the Jacksonville wage scale or even better. With the Jacksonville agreement expiring April 1, the coal wage situation has been given an entirely new face.

The October production of pig iron at 3,321,177 tons, was the largest for any October since 1918 and the third largest for any October on record. It compares with 3,163,269 tons in September and 3,017,889 tons in October 1925. The October daily rate was 107,134 tons. This compares with 105,442 tons in September and only 97,351 tons in October. Pig iron production is practically a month ahead of last year. With only 83% of the year gone, the output is 90% of the 1925 total.

Finished steel presents a satisfactory market in spite of the cautious spirit which consumers exhibit in buying. October bookings were probably 5 to 8% below those of September but tonnage shipped during the month approximated the September total.

The Great Lakes iron ore movement this year promises to pass the 60,000,000-ton. This was exceeded only in the war years—1916, 1917, 1918 and equaled by 1920 and 1923.

The "Iron Trade Review's" composite price on 14 leading iron and steel products this week is \$38.30. This compares with \$38.18 last week and \$38.14 the previous week.

Gain in October Pig Iron Output.

Data collected by wire by the "Iron Age" on Nov. 1 show that a moderate gain was made in the pig iron output for October. With the last two days estimated in most cases by the producing companies, the total was 3,313,623 gross tons, or 106,891 tons per day for the thirty-one days of October. This is a gain of 2,348 tons per day, or 2.25% over September, when the daily rate was 104,543 tons. The October rate is the largest since June and approximates the January rate of 106,974 tons per day, reports the "Age," adding:

There were 8 furnaces blown in and 6 blown out or banked, making a net gain of 2 furnaces for the month. This compares with a net gain of 3 furnaces in September. There were 218 furnaces active on Nov. 1 as compared with 216 on Sept. 1.

During the month two new furnaces were put in blast, the new stock of the St. Louis Coke & Chemical Co. at Granite City, Ill., and the new unit of the Central Alloy Steel Co. at Massillon, Ohio.

Furnaces Blown In and Out.

Among the furnaces blown in during October were the No. 2 furnace of the New Jersey Zinc Co. in the Lehigh Valley; the Marietta furnace of E. J. Lavino & Co. in the Lower Susquehanna Valley; No. 5 Carrie furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Pittsburgh district; No. 2 Ohio furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Mahoning Valley; the new furnace of the Central Alloy Steel Co. in central Ohio; the Belfont furnace in southern Ohio; the new furnace of the St. Louis Coke & Chemical Co. in Illinois; and No. 1 Bessemer furnace of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co. in Alabama.

Among the furnaces blown out or banked during October were the Sheridan furnace in the Lebanon Valley; No. 3 and No. 4 Carrie furnaces of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Pittsburgh district; J furnace at the Cambria plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in western Pennsylvania; No. 5 Ohio furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Mahoning Valley, and one furnace of the Woodward Iron Co. in Alabama.

The complete returns, giving the actual output for all furnaces for the month of October, will be published next week.

Demand for Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Greatly Augmented—Prices Advance Sharply.

The runaway market in bituminous coal gained additional momentum last week and extended its zone of influence as far west as the Mississippi River and as far south as the Gulf of Mexico, says the market review issued by "Coal Age" on Nov. 4. Panicky buying in tidewater markets, particularly in New England, and greater pressure for prompt deliveries in Central Freight Association territory carried spot quotations to still higher levels. Dwindling car supply, congestion between the mines and the seaboard, and shifting labor augmented the tenseness of the situation, declares the "Age" in publishing its observations of conditions affecting the state of trade in the industry. It then adds:

Quotations on navy standard coal at Hampton Roads touched \$10 per gross ton f.o.b. pier—the highest level reached since the feverish days of 1920. The high-volatile districts of West Virginia and Kentucky also registered further advances. Pennsylvania quotations were on the upgrade. The Birmingham district, heretofore unswayed by developments in the North, was on a firmer price basis. Ohio prices advanced. In Illinois and Indiana operators, encouraged by the course of the Eastern markets, announced advances on some coals—forerunners probably of a general increase.

The "Coal Age" index of spot bituminous prices on Nov. 1 stood at 285 and the corresponding weighted average price was \$3.45. Compared with Oct. 25 this was an increase of 36 points and 43c. In two weeks the index number has shown an advance of 83 points and the weighted average price \$1. The present levels are the highest recorded since Feb. 26 1923, when the index number was 288 and the weighted average price was \$3.49. At that time, it will be recalled, the country was recovering from the effects of the prolonged strike of 1922.

Barring an immediate collapse of buying for overseas shipments, further increases in prices are in prospect. Whether transportation or labor will contribute more to such a development is one of the big questions which the next few weeks will settle. The permissive-embargo system

in effect at the tidewater piers is employed in an effort to minimize congestion, but it does not increase the buyer's feeling of security. New England interests already have applied to Washington for priority relief. Complaint of car shortage is becoming more general.

The labor situation, too, is complicated. Competition between union and non-union fields for the surplus labor that trekked from the Northern mining regions when production was low is active. This competition has caused Ohio to abandon all thought of wage reductions and has forced advances in western and central Pennsylvania and at some operations in the Fair ont district. Under such circumstances it is extremely unlikely that the Southern fields will be able to hold to the 1917 scale and still maintain production; in fact, Kanawha has already advanced wages.

The anthracite division of the industry continues on an active basis. Unhindered by labor or transportation difficulties, the anthracite producers have been in a position to concentrate their efforts upon distribution. When allowance is made for the production losses due to the strike the early part of the year, cumulative totals to date show how well the producers have employed their time in regaining their position in Eastern markets.

Domestic demand at the present time is so strong in New York territory that independent quotations on egg, stove and nut have been advanced. Philadelphia quotations are stationary. Egg, however, moves less readily than nut or stove and nut is entering a period of stronger demand. Pea is much less active than it was at the beginning of the season. Conditions in the steam trade still are somewhat uneven, but every week that bituminous prices increase the outlook for the smaller sizes of hard coal is improved.

In the Connellsville coke region, production has been falling and prices increasing. The most significant development in that section, however, has been the general adoption of the Frick scale of Aug. 23 1922 as the basis of wages. The coke business in other sections of the country is moving at a satisfactory rate.

A sharp and generally well-sustained advance in prices has occurred all along the line, and any recessions that have taken place must still be regarded as incidental, declares the "Coal and Coal Trade Journal" on Nov. 4 in its review of the market. These are the predominating features of the coal industry at this time. The increase in quoted value has been of an excited nature, and at certain places there has appeared an element of wildness; but so far it has been co-ordinate with the increase in demand, the continued exports, and the limitations of production. The market has not gotten out of hand. The response is to actual conditions, observes the "Journal," giving further details of conditions affecting the market, from which we quote the following:

The prevailing belief is that the conditions that have sent prices upward are likely to continue with intensity for a while at least. Interruptions in this procedure are to be expected, but they are not to be considered as other than interruptions.

The matter of the British strike settlement again has appeared upon the horizon. There is no doubt that such a settlement would have some real effects, but probably they are ones that would be readily absorbed as far as the actual value of American coal is concerned. Altogether the real settling of this strike is apt to mean more stable, world-wide conditions which is something that, in the end, is to be desired.

It is generally declared that the American industrials, both great and small, are buying in increasing quantities. Some correspondents of "Coal and Coal Trade Journal" report that this class of purchasing is so strong at this time that it overshadows the export situation. Many appear to believe that the home market would give us a good rising market even if foreign demand were eliminated.

It is known also that the railroads are securing coal for their own use in increasing quantities. The hint is given that these roads are not going to see their cars taking coal to tidewater or elsewhere while they have a shortage. It is not reasonable to believe that they would.

It is to be noted that the complexion of the whole market seems to have changed at such points as Baltimore and Pittsburgh. The first is supplying its own normal demand to a point where foreign demand is not the entire consideration, and the latter is feeling the urgent press of the industrials.

The evenness of anthracite is one of the features of the situation. New York dealers look to the continuance of the present profitable time and even for a better one.

New England, it is now realized, has been a large purchaser of both anthracite and bituminous which have gone to the northern points both by rail and water. It has been supplying an actual demand, and the sellers of coal there, as elsewhere, are in command of the situation.

Chicago declares the condition of its market to be hectic with certain anxiety as to what will happen next. Then the purchasing of the usual supply for all purposes is said to be decidedly difficult.

Cleveland is looking for a sharp decrease in prices as prevailing contracts between the retailers and producers expire.

Meanwhile, mines are opening up in such large numbers that strikes are not even reported. The difference that once existed in union and non-union wage scales seems to be no longer apparent.

The Great Lake carriage has eased off but still is high. It will undoubtedly remain so as long as these water highways for coal can be used at all.

There is no doubt now that the coal industry is looking ahead and finding causes for anxiety. The labor situation is a constant problem, and periods of acuteness punctuate it with cert in regularities. One of these is felt to be, not in sight, but nearly in sight. It is being approached with mines opening and something like a scarcity of skilled men at various points. This is not a tranquillizing element. It is in the minds of many, but they refrain from speaking of it. In a little while it will be something more than a subject of conversation. Even now it is a psychological factor of prime importance in the market situation.

The general steadiness of the whole coal market, to which there are exceptions, is a matter for congratulation in the face of events that might easily cause trouble. A break in the conditions is not likely to occur, but it is a possibility that should be clearly kept in mind.

Bituminous Coal Output Shows Substantial Increase—Anthracite Gains Somewhat as Coke Declines.

During the week ended Oct. 23 the output of bituminous coal in the United States made the substantial gain of 226,000 net tons over the production in the preceding week. At the

same time the output of anthracite showed a small increase, amounting to about 4,000 net tons over the record for the previous week. This, however, compares with the output of 13,000 tons during the corresponding period of 1925, while the coal strike was progressing. Further details we quote from the U. S. Bureau of Mines's records as follows:

Another substantial increase in bituminous coal production is recorded for the week ended Oct. 23. Total output, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 12,612,000 net tons, a gain of 226,000 tons, or 1.8% over the output in the preceding week.

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

	1926		1925	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date. b
Oct. 9	12,363,000	422,314,000	11,681,000	380,909,000
Daily average	2,060,000	1,769,000	1,947,000	1,596,000
Oct. 16 c	12,386,000	434,699,000	11,770,000	392,679,000
Daily average	2,064,000	1,777,000	1,962,000	1,605,000
Oct. 23 d	12,612,000	447,312,000	12,088,000	440,767,000
Daily average	2,102,000	1,784,000	2,015,000	1,615,000

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. 23 (approximately 251 working days) amounts to 447,312,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in the past six years show that that record has been exceeded but once in that time—in the year 1920, the second highest year in bituminous history.

1920	447,982,000 net tons	1923	464,058,000 net tons
1921	336,113,000 net tons	1924	380,117,000 net tons
1922	316,568,000 net tons	1925	404,670,000 net tons

ANTHRACITE.

Production of Pennsylvania anthracite during the week ended Oct. 23 is estimated at 2,097,000 net tons, as against 2,093,000 tons in the preceding week.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

	1926		1925	
	Week Ended—	Week. Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date. a
Oct. 9	2,069,000	64,066,000	13,000	61,282,000
Oct. 16	2,093,000	66,159,000	17,000	61,299,000
Oct. 23	2,097,000	68,256,000	13,000	61,012,000

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

Total production of anthracite during the calendar year 1926 to Oct. 23 amounts to 68,256,000 tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1922	35,643,000 net tons	1924	71,933,000 net tons
1923	76,158,000 net tons	1925	61,312,000 net tons

BEEHIVE COKE.

According to the U. S. Bureau's reports, the output of coke declined 1,000 tons during the week, as shown in the following table:

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week Ended			1926		1925	
	Oct. 23 1926. b	Oct. 16 1926. c	Oct. 24 1925.	Date.	Date. a		
Pennsylvania and Ohio	163,000	162,000	177,000	7,859,000	6,023,000		
West Virginia	16,000	15,000	13,000	626,000	497,000		
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.	6,000	10,000	17,000	522,000	730,000		
Virginia	6,000	6,000	8,000	291,000	287,000		
Colorado & New Mexico	5,000	5,000	5,000	212,000	195,000		
Washington and Utah	4,000	3,000	4,000	140,000	158,000		
United States total	200,000	201,000	224,000	9,650,000	7,890,000		
Daily average	33,000	34,000	37,000	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.

Production of Coke During Month of September.

The production of by-product coke during September amounted to 3,641,000 net tons, a decrease of 107,000 tons, or 2.9% when compared with the August output of 3,749,000 tons. September was a 30-day month, however, and the daily rate increased from 120,930 tons to 121,379 tons, or 0.4%, reports the U. S. Bureau of Mines. There were 75 active plants, the same number as in July and August, and these plants produced a little more than 90% of their total capacity, according to the Bureau's statistics, from which the following details are quoted.

According to the "Iron Age," the production of coke pig iron for the 30 days of September was 3,136,293 gross tons, or 104,543 tons per day, as compared with 3,200,479 tons, or 103,241 tons per day for the 31 days of August. The September daily rate exceeds that of both July and August, and is the largest September output since 1918 when the rate was 113,942 tons per day. A year ago the rate in September was only 90,873 tons per day.

The output of beehive coke during September showed a gain of 558,000 tons, or 74.2% when compared with the preceding month, and was the highest monthly total recorded since February.

Output of by-product and beehive coke combined amounted to 4,951,000 tons, the by-product plants contributing 74%, and the beehive plants 26%. MONTHLY OUTPUT OF BY-PRODUCT AND BEEHIVE COKE IN THE UNITED STATES (NET TONS).a

	By-Product Coke.	Beehive Coke.	Total.
1923 monthly average	3,133,000	1,615,000	4,748,000
1924 monthly average	2,833,000	806,000	3,639,000
1925 monthly average	4,759,000	946,000	4,272,000
June 1926	3,610,000	811,000	4,421,000
July 1926	3,756,000	963,000	4,719,000
Aug. 1926	3,749,000	752,000	4,501,000
Sept. 1926	3,641,000	1,310,000	4,951,000

a Excludes screenings and breeze.

The total amount of coal consumed at coke plants during September was about 7,298,000 tons, of which 5,232,000 tons were consumed in by-product ovens and 2,066,000 tons in beehive ovens.

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

	Consumed in By-Product Ovens.	Consumed in Beehive Ovens.	Total Coal Consumed
1923 monthly average.....	4,523,000	2,507,000	7,030,000
1924 monthly average.....	4,060,000	1,272,000	5,332,000
1925 monthly average.....	4,759,000	1,452,000	6,211,000
June 1926.....	5,186,000	1,279,000	6,465,000
July 1926.....	5,396,000	1,519,000	6,915,000
Aug. 1926.....	5,386,000	1,188,000	6,574,000
Sept. 1926.....	5,232,000	2,066,000	7,298,000

a Revised since last report.

Of the total output of by-product coke in September 3,024,000 tons, or 83%, was made in plants associated with iron furnaces and 617,000 tons, or 17%, was made at merchant or other plants.

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

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

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington Oct. 30 issued its analysis of the foreign trade of the United States for the month of September and the nine months ending with September. This statement enables one to see how much of the merchandise imports and exports for 1926 and 1925 consisted of crude materials, and how much of manufactures, and in what state, and how much of foodstuffs and whether crude or partly or wholly manufactured. The following is the report in full:

(Value in 1,000 Dollars.)

Group.	Month of September.				Nine Months Ended September.			
	1925.		1926.		1925.		1926.	
	Value.	Per Cent	Value	Per Cent	Value	Per Cent	Value	Per Cent
Domestic Exports—								
Crude materials.....	132,329	33.1	120,607	27.4	884,705	25.7	766,599	23.0
Crude foodstuffs and food animals.....	34,632	8.4	46,484	10.5	257,910	7.5	234,745	7.0
Manufactured foodstuffs.....	52,206	12.6	47,839	10.8	422,634	12.3	362,786	10.9
Semi-manufactures.....	50,143	12.2	55,450	12.6	505,256	14.7	478,721	14.3
Finished manufactures.....	143,418	34.7	170,485	38.7	1,366,515	39.8	1,492,520	44.3
Total domestic exports	412,728	100.0	440,865	100.0	3,437,020	100.0	3,335,371	100.0
Foreign exports.....	7,640		7,859		66,151		74,117	
Total	420,368		448,724		3,503,171		3,409,488	
Imports—								
Crude materials.....	148,243	42.4	135,131	39.3	1,247,033	40.5	1,379,370	41.5
Crude foodstuffs and food animals.....	45,167	12.9	39,108	11.4	355,946	11.6	390,387	11.8
Manufactured foodstuffs.....	35,278	9.5	32,588	9.5	342,123	11.1	305,572	9.2
Semi-manufactures.....	58,129	16.0	62,779	18.3	559,916	18.2	607,573	18.3
Finished manufactures.....	65,137	18.6	73,873	21.5	574,426	18.6	639,190	19.2
Total	349,954	100.0	43,4793	100.0	3,079,444	100.0	3,322,092	100.0

Country's Foreign Trade in September—Imports and Exports.

The Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce at Washington on Oct. 15 issued its statement on the foreign trade of the United States for September and the nine months ending with September. The value of merchandise exported in September 1926 was \$450,000,000, as compared with \$420,368,140 in September 1925. The imports of merchandise are provisionally computed at \$345,000,000 in September 1926, as against \$349,953,680 in September the previous year, leaving a trade balance in favor of the United States on the merchandise movement for the month of September 1926 of \$105,000,000. Last year in September there was a favorable trade balance on the merchandise movement of \$70,414,460. Imports for the nine months of 1926 have been \$3,323,624,518, as against \$3,079,444,250 for the corresponding nine months of 1925. The merchandise exports for the nine months of 1926 have been \$3,410,834,472, against \$3,503,171,171, giving a favorable trade balance of \$87,209,954 in 1926, against a favorable trade balance of \$423,726,921 in 1925. Gold imports totaled \$15,932,988 in September 1926, against \$4,128,052 the corresponding

month the previous year, and for the nine months they were \$170,851,495, as against \$59,860,404. Gold exports in September 1926 were \$23,080,553, against \$6,784,201 in September 1925. For the nine months of 1926 the exports of the metal foot up \$99,628,266, against \$204,272,802 in the nine months of 1925. Silver imports for the nine months of 1926 have been \$56,127,768, as against \$49,197,576 in 1925, and silver exports \$72,568,744, as against \$74,636,646. Some comments on the figures will be found in our issue of Oct. 16 in the article on "The Financial Situation." Following is the complete official report.

TOTAL VALUES OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF THE UNITED STATES. (Preliminary figures for 1926, corrected to October 14 1926.) MERCHANDISE.

	September.		9 Months Ending September.		Increase (+) Decrease (-).
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Exports.....	\$ 450,000,000	\$ 420,368,140	\$ 3,410,834,472	\$ 3,503,171,171	-92,336,699
Imports.....	345,000,000	349,953,680	3,323,624,518	3,079,444,250	+244,180,268
Excess of expts.	105,000,000	70,414,460	87,209,954	423,726,921	-----
Excess of impts.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE, BY MONTHS.

Exports—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	396,836,319	446,443,088	395,172,187	335,416,506	278,848,469
February	352,905,092	370,676,434	365,781,772	306,957,419	250,619,841
March	374,406,259	453,652,842	339,755,230	341,376,664	329,979,817
April	387,973,690	398,254,668	346,935,702	325,492,175	318,469,578
May	356,609,124	370,945,110	335,088,701	316,359,470	307,568,828
June	338,034,171	323,347,775	306,989,006	319,966,953	335,116,570
July	368,359,259	339,660,348	276,649,055	302,186,000	301,157,335
August	385,620,555	379,822,746	330,659,566	310,965,891	301,774,517
September	450,000,000	420,368,140	427,459,531	381,433,570	313,196,557
October	-----	490,566,814	527,171,781	399,199,014	370,718,595
November	-----	447,803,577	493,572,921	401,483,872	379,999,622
December	-----	468,305,949	445,748,393	426,665,519	344,327,560
9 mos. end.	3,410,834,472	3,503,171,171	3,124,490,750	2,940,144,675	2,736,731,692
12 mos. end.	-----	4,900,847,511	4,590,983,845	4,167,493,080	3,831,777,469
Imports	416,752,290	346,165,289	295,506,212	329,253,664	217,185,396
February	388,336,072	333,387,369	332,323,121	303,406,933	215,743,282
March	442,698,669	385,378,617	320,482,113	397,928,382	256,177,796
April	397,911,768	346,090,956	324,290,966	364,252,541	217,693,142
May	320,919,458	327,518,721	302,987,791	372,544,578	252,817,254
June	336,250,756	325,215,735	274,000,688	320,233,799	260,460,898
July	338,963,783	325,648,257	278,593,546	287,433,769	251,771,881
August	336,591,722	340,085,626	254,542,143	275,437,995	281,376,403
September	345,000,000	349,953,680	287,144,334	253,645,380	298,493,403
October	-----	374,073,914	310,751,603	308,290,809	276,103,979
November	-----	376,431,290	296,147,998	291,333,345	291,804,826
December	-----	396,639,809	333,192,059	288,304,766	293,788,573
9 mos. end.	3,323,624,518	3,079,444,250	2,669,870,914	2,904,137,042	2,251,049,455
12 mos. end.	-----	4,226,589,263	3,609,962,579	3,792,065,963	3,112,746,833

GOLD AND SILVER.

	September.		9 Months Ending September.		Increase (+) Decrease (-).
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Gold—					
Exports.....	\$ 23,080,553	\$ 6,784,201	\$ 99,628,266	\$ 204,272,802	-104,644,536
Imports.....	15,932,988	4,128,052	170,851,495	59,860,404	+110,991,091
Excess of expts.	7,147,555	2,656,149	-----	144,412,398	-----
Excess of impts.	-----	-----	71,223,229	-----	-----
Silver—					
Exports.....	7,237,633	7,487,317	72,568,744	74,636,646	-2,067,902
Imports.....	7,203,633	4,604,024	56,127,768	49,197,576	+6,930,192
Excess of expts.	34,000	2,883,293	16,440,976	25,439,070	-----
Excess of impts.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GOLD AND SILVER, BY MONTHS.

Exports	Gold.			Silver.		
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Jan	\$ 3,086,870	\$ 73,525,943	\$ 280,723	\$ 9,762,969	\$ 11,384,799	\$ 8,208,644
Feb	3,851,374	50,599,708	505,135	7,752,350	6,832,647	8,876,713
March	4,224,564	25,104,416	817,374	8,333,081	7,916,717	8,355,278
April	17,883,865	21,603,945	1,390,537	7,612,045	9,322,618	7,801,689
May	9,342,927	13,389,967	593,290	7,930,510	6,535,761	6,848,499
June	3,345,528	6,712,480	268,015	7,977,926	8,522,492	8,949,362
July	5,069,472	4,416,452	327,178	7,921,418	8,349,304	9,190,366
Aug	29,743,113	2,135,690	2,397,457	8,045,512	8,284,001	8,829,067
Sept.	23,080,553	6,784,201	4,579,501	7,237,633	7,487,317	7,345,205
Oct	-----	28,039,190	4,125,268	-----	8,783,376	9,465,023
Nov	-----	24,360,071	6,689,182	-----	8,118,093	9,401,406
Dec	-----	5,967,727	39,674,653	-----	7,589,470	11,279,630
9 mos. end.	99,628,266	204,272,802	11,159,210	72,568,744	74,636,646	79,744,974
12 mos. end.	-----	262,639,790	61,648,313	-----	99,127,585	109,891,033
Imports	19,351,202	5,037,800	45,135,760	5,762,760	7,338,559	5,979,758
Feb	25,415,655	3,602,527	35,111,269	8,863,131	4,928,917	7,900,409
March	43,412,576	7,337,322	34,322,375	5,639,071	6,660,750	6,220,934
April	13,115,633	8,869,883	45,418,115	6,322,429	4,944,807	3,907,745
May	2,934,665					

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on November 3, made public by the Federal Reserve Board and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows an increase for the week of \$70,700,000 in bill and security holdings and of \$24,900,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, and declines of \$19,400,000 in cash reserves and \$5,900,000 in non-reserve cash. Holdings of discounted bills increased \$44,000,000, of acceptances purchased in open market \$24,600,000, and of Government securities \$2,200,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Increases of \$40,100,000 and \$24,600,000 in discount holdings of the New York and Chicago Reserve Banks were partly offset by the following reductions: Boston, \$8,400,000; Richmond, \$6,500,000; Cleveland, \$4,900,000 and Atlanta, \$2,900,000. Open-market acceptance holdings increased \$23,100,000 at the New York bank and declined \$3,000,000 at Boston. The System's holdings of Treasury certificates increased \$1,100,000, of United States bonds, \$600,000, and of Treasury notes, \$500,000.

All of the Federal Reserve banks report a larger volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation, with the exception of Cleveland and Atlanta, which show reductions of \$4,000,000 and \$500,000, respectively. The principal increases were: New York, \$12,200,000; Philadelphia, \$4,100,000, and San Francisco and Chicago, \$3,600,000 each.

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 2363 and 2364. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Nov. 3 1926 is as follows:

	Increases (+) or Decreases (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	—\$19,400,000	+\$54,400,000
Gold reserves.....	—16,100,000	+34,700,000
Total bills and securities.....	+70,700,000	—3,200,000
Bills discounted, total.....	+44,000,000	+39,600,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+30,800,000	+16,800,000
Other bills discounted.....	+13,200,000	+22,800,000
Bills bought in open market.....	+24,600,000	—10,400,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	+2,200,000	—27,900,000
Bonds.....	+600,000	—10,400,000
Treasury notes.....	+500,000	—107,500,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	+1,100,000	+89,800,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	+24,900,000	+42,000,000
Total deposits.....	—4,700,000	—38,600,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	—9,600,000	—38,300,000
Government deposits.....	—5,600,000	+2,500,000

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 Thursday. Under this arrangement the report for the week ending Oct. 27 was given out after the close of business on Monday of the present week.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 692 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Oct. 27 shows a decline of \$62,000,000 in loans and discounts and an increase of \$15,000,000 in investments. These changes were accompanied by a decline of \$75,000,000 in net demand deposits and an increase of \$42,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported reductions of \$21,000,000 in loans and discounts and \$37,000,000 in net demand deposits, together with increases of \$5,000,000 in investments and \$16,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve bank.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including U. S. Government obligations, were \$41,000,000 below the previous week's total, decreases of \$30,000,000 in the Boston district, \$13,000,000

in the New York district and \$5,000,000 in the San Francisco district being offset in part by an increase of \$10,000,000 in the Cleveland district. All other loans and discounts declined \$21,000,000, the principal changes including reductions of \$13,000,000 in the New York district, \$12,000,000 in the Atlanta district and \$9,000,000 in the Cleveland district, and an increase of \$8,000,000 in the Boston district. Total loans to brokers and dealers, secured by stocks and bonds, made by reporting member banks in New York City were \$53,000,000 below the Oct. 20 total, loans for their own account and for out-of-town banks declining \$18,000,000 and \$59,000,000, respectively, and loans for others increasing \$24,000,000. 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 were \$9,000,000 below the previous week's figure, banks in the Chicago district reporting a reduction of \$6,000,000 and those in the Atlanta and San Francisco districts \$4,000,000 each, while banks in the Minneapolis district reported an increase of \$7,000,000. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities increased \$24,000,000 during the week, of which \$10,000,000 was in the Boston district and \$9,000,000 in the New York district.

Net demand deposits were \$75,000,000 less than on Oct. 20, the principal changes including reductions of \$48,000,000 in the New York district, \$16,000,000 in the Boston district, \$15,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$10,000,000 in the San Francisco district, and increases of \$14,000,000 and \$7,000,000 in the Philadelphia and Minneapolis districts, respectively. Time deposits increased \$17,000,000 at reporting members in the New York district and \$15,000,000 at all reporting member banks.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks were \$42,000,000 above the Oct. 20 total, the principal changes including increases of \$21,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$19,000,000 in the New York district and \$9,000,000 in the Boston district and a reduction of \$9,000,000 in the Philadelphia district.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 2364—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

	Increases (+) or Decreases (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total.....	—\$62,000,000	+\$413,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+3,000,000	—30,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	—44,000,000	+100,000,000
All other.....	—21,000,000	+343,000,000
Investments, total.....	+15,000,000	+135,000,000
U. S. securities.....	—9,000,000	—31,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	+24,000,000	+166,000,000
Reserve balances with Fed. Reserve banks.....	+6,000,000	—30,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+1,000,000	+3,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	—75,000,000	—164,000,000
Time deposits.....	+15,000,000	+42,000,000
Government deposits.....	—24,000,000	+50,000,000
Total borrowings from Fed. Reserve banks.....	+42,000,000	+34,000,000

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 (Nov. 6) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

CANADA.

With favorable weather prevailing the past week in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, the wheat harvest has been nearly completed. Generally, the crop is grading higher than was expected throughout the Prairie Provinces. There has been a slight falling off of cash wheat prices in Winnipeg which has resulted in a reduction of ten cents per barrel on spring wheat flour. From both coasts the catch of fish for September amounted to 166,170,000 pounds, an increase of 12,000,000 pounds over the same month of 1925. The Canadian National Railways show net earnings for September of \$4,915,000 as compared with \$3,940,000 for September 1925. Employment at the beginning of October showed a further improvement, September being the best of any month since 1920.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British industrial, commercial and financial positions continue in an unsettled state owing to the prolonged coal dispute. Coal production is now in excess of 1,000,000 tons weekly, but supplies are irregular and, including imports, they total only about one-half of normal requirements, while prices are about double the pre-stoppage level. The adverse trade balance of £43,000,000 greater for the first nine months of this year than it was for the same period of 1925. On the other hand, new foreign loan issues at the end of September were £31,000,000 greater, and earnings on shipping, tin and rubber investments were larger.

ITALY.

The rapid rise in the value of the lira has caused a general tone of anxiety in Italian business circles and hampered business activities. Credit restriction policy continues in full vigor. Government revenues continue to make a good showing and balances for the first three months of this fiscal year have returned a surplus of receipts over expenditures.

SPAIN.

Spanish foreign trade during the first six months of 1926 shows a marked improvement over the figures for the corresponding period of 1925. Imports this year amounted to 1,153,000,000 pesetas as against 1,137,000,000 pesetas last year, and exports totaled 858,000,000 pesetas against 800,000,000 pesetas last year. In large part this improvement is accounted for in the large increase in exports of food products which this year were 110,000,000 pesetas more than during 1925. Imports of food products increased by 16,000,000 pesetas also. Gains of 14,000,000 pesetas and 26,000,000 pesetas and 33,000,000 pesetas are noted in the imports of animal products, machinery and vehicles and cotton manufactures, respectively. Imports of raw materials and chemicals showed decreases of 10,000,000 pesetas each, and metals and manufactures were 18,000,000 pesetas under the 1925 figures. Exports of raw materials and export manufactures decreased by 20,000,000 pesetas each.

NORWAY.

Uncertainty is the dominating feature in the Norwegian business situation. The renewed fluctuation of the crown, culminating in its recent rise, and the English coal strike are largely responsible for this condition. The former development has had a serious adverse effect on Norwegian shipping and all export industries. Many shutdowns in the paper and other industries have been necessitated and the general economic depression has been intensified. Consumer demand, which has long been low, has lessened, due to the anticipated price decline following the recent appreciation of the crown. The money market has been abnormally easy of late.

DENMARK.

Extreme dullness was the keynote of Danish business during October. The coal situation is steadily becoming more serious and while the direct result is beneficial to shipping, increased difficulties in the industrial field are also in accompaniment.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

No change was noted during the month in the industrial depression of Czechoslovakia which continues with hardly any signs of positive relief in sight.

GREECE.

The exchange position of the drachma is stronger and banking circles do not expect wide fluctuations in exchange during the next few weeks. Receipts from the tobacco monopoly are steadily running higher. Purchases of new crop currants are being made sparingly, partly because of the improvement of drachma exchange, and partly because many foreign buyers overstocked with the lower-priced old crop. Olive and olive oil production for 1926 is estimated at approximately the same as that of 1925.

TURKEY.

Market conditions in general are not unfavorable. Mohair sales in September were higher than at any time since the war, and stocks now threaten to become dangerously low. Turkish coal continues to be in great demand, and because of the Government embargo on washed coal available supplies are low and that quality as well as bunker coal is being rationed to meet the demand.

EGYPT.

Stocks of colonial products in Egyptian bonded warehouses continue to follow normal trends, flour stocks increasing because of easier prices in produce centers. Coffee and rice stocks have fluctuated considerably. Although cotton goods stocks are lower than they have been for considerably over a year they are still about 50% above the September, 1924 figures which can be considered as normal. All future orders probably will be considerably limited until raw cotton prices become more stable. The total public debt of Egypt on March 31 1926 stood at LE91,976,000, showing a reduction of LE196,000 through the amortization of the guaranteed debt.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Business in South Africa remained quiet during October, but, due to general brightening of the agricultural outlook, improvement is expected. The demand for mining and general agricultural machinery is well sustained. The South African railways, anticipating a price rise owing to the European steel amalgamation, have placed an order for German rails in the amount of £250,000.

JAPAN.

The continued decline in the price of raw silk is causing considerable apprehension in Japan. On Oct. 28 grand double extra was quoted in Yokohama at 1,480 yen per bale, against 1,550 yen two weeks earlier. Producers are considering limiting production in order to prevent further declines. The Government has resumed shipments of gold to meet its maturing foreign obligations, 4,000,000 yen having been shipped to the United States on the Tenyo Maru.

CHINA.

Business conditions in North China are very dull, but the political situation in the Shanghai district is more stable. Passenger traffic between Hong Kong and Canton has become nearly normal, but cargo movement is increasing more slowly. The greater stability of the silver market is stimulating export inquiries from both Europe and America. However, the normal seasonal revival of exports from northwest China is delayed by the inability of shippers to move cargo over the Peking-Suiyuan Ry. Import business in the Peking-Tientsin district is depressed by the decline in silver exchange and continued uncertainty of rail transportation, although such lines as automobiles, canned foodstuffs and petroleum products continue to move in normal volume. The combined returns of all American consulates in China show declared exports to the United States during the first nine months of this year of U. S. \$102,800,000, compared with \$125,700,000 for the same period of 1925.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

General business has been somewhat disturbed as a result of the slump in the American cotton market. Several failures have occurred within the past ten days, mainly among Chinese firms interested in the textile trade.

AUSTRALIA.

The Commonwealth Government is commencing high court action against the Government of South Australia's imposition of the tax on petroleum sold in the State. The contention is that the Act impedes freedom of trade between Australian States and is invalid by reason of provisions of the Federal Constitution. A bill has been introduced in the New South Wales Parliament proposing a tax on the unimproved value of large estates, the object of this legislation being to divide large holdings of land and to encourage closer settlement. Wool sales in Sydney continue to show strength in continental competition. The highest price paid for greasy merino during the week was 28 pence. Wheat is quiet, old season stock selling at a nominal price—6s. 7d. per bushel. The new season's wheat is selling at 5s. 11d., the price based on January, February and March deliveries.

ARGENTINA.

The slight tendency toward improvement which was apparent in the markets of Argentina during the early part of October continued through-

out the last seven days. The outstanding feature of the week ended Oct. 31 was high freight rates for the transport of export and import commodities. Despite this handicap, wheat exports have increased. The new wool clip has placed a plentiful supply of that product on the market, thereby giving a stimulus to trade. The cattle market is inactive, although the demand for hides is greater and prices higher than in past weeks.

BRAZIL.

General business continues very slow although money is slightly easier. The milreis has been firm but with a slight downward tendency; coffee is higher. Santos entries are now 32,000 bags daily.

Coffee exports for this crop are reported in Brazil to be approximately 15% under those of the same date last year. It is reported that a bill has passed the Pernambuco Legislature exempting 30,000 tons of sugar from export duty, and preparations are being made for the first shipment. The market has been affected already by this legislation and higher prices have resulted.

PERU.

There was no change in the depressed condition of Peruvian trade during the week ended Oct. 30. However, a feeling persists among merchants that the low ebb has been reached and that improvement will follow, although it is expected to be very slow. Exchange fluctuated sharply with but few transactions reported. Quotations for the Peruvian pound closed at \$3.56 on Oct. 30, as compared with \$3.65 on Oct. 23. The revised income tax bill, providing among other changes for increased duties on mineral exports, passed the Senate on Oct. 28. There are no further developments in the emergency tariff revision. Imports into Peru during August amounted to £P 1,514,947, of which the United States furnished 43%, Great Britain supplied 17% and Germany 8%.

VENEZUELA.

General economic conditions in Venezuela remained favorable during October, although a seasonal trade dullness prevailed during the month. Lack of coffee bills has maintained dollar exchange at the high level of 5.34 bolivars. (At par the bolivar is 5.18 to the dollar.) The coffee and cocoa markets are dull with few offers from abroad. The decline in coffee prices is attributed locally to reported large releases of coffee from Brazil. At Maracaibo, 1,865 metric tons of coffee were received during October and nearly 1,300 metric tons were exported through the port which was 1,000, tons less than shipped during the previous month. The crop is reported locally as 25% less than normal in this region. Some business interests complain of over-extension of credit to small firms. Equipment for the new Governmental wireless station at Maracay is reported to be arriving.

COLUMBIA.

The Magdalena is in good condition and navigation has continued without interruption during the past week. However, little progress has been made in relieving the congestion at La Dorado, the transfer point at the head of navigation on the lower river. The congestion at Buenaventura and on the Pacific Railroad continues. The Government is again making large purchases but merchants are not buying much abroad. Local sales are fair with exchange steady. The proposed foreign loan of \$100,000,000 has been under discussion in Congress but no action is looked for in the near future. It is expected in Columbia that arrangements for the Cundiamarca loan will be concluded within a short time. The matter of the Barco Concession is being studied but no immediate action is anticipated locally. The revision of the tariff is believed in Columbia to be unlikely during the present session of Congress.

MEXICO.

Business which has been depressed for several months has shown no outstanding improvement during the week ended October 31. The paper and stationery trade which was very slow during the first fifteen days of September has shown a considerable improvement. Sales of automobiles in the country districts have shown a slight improvement, while in a few cities sales of automobile trucks have decreased. Due to the small number of sales and the difficulty of making collections on cars already sold, banks are refusing to extend credit with the result that a number of automobile dealers have been forced to close. The decrease in prices of silver has caused the cancellation of orders for mining machinery, resulting in decreased sales. Production of silver is being curtailed and a number of mining companies are said to be considering the closing of their mines.

SALVADOR.

Business conditions in Salvador have been prosperous during the first six months of the present calendar year. With a bumper coffee crop and high prices attributed to the Brazilian valorization plan, the general purchasing power of the people was increased and money was plentiful during the first half of the year. Recent local estimates of the coming season's coffee crop in Salvador place the amount of about 500,000 bags of 150 pounds each, or approximately 85% of normal. The last coffee crop was the largest in the history of the country, amounting to approximately 700,000 bags and although the next crop according to local predictions will fall far short of last season, the high prices prevailing at present indicate that the growers will enjoy another prosperous year.

PORTO RICO.

The commercial situation in Porto Rico shows very little change from the preceding weeks of October. Present business conditions are slightly behind those for the same period of last year. However, the present outlook seems better than it has appeared for some time past. With a slackening in rainfall, weather conditions remain favorable to growing crops. The prospects are that the grinding of the coming sugar crop will start early and that the output will equal last year's production of 609,823 short tons. San Juan bank clearings during October, 1926, were about \$400,000 behind those of October 1925.

JAMAICA.

Economic conditions in Jamaica during October continued to show improvement. While banana and coffee exports sustained heavy decreases compared with those of September, shipments of coconuts, pimento, logwood, cacao and sisal showed substantial increases. The arrival of merchandise for the Christmas holidays has increased by 18% the value of October exports over those for September. Bank transactions are reported to be increasing and collections are much improved. Retail trade is still sluggish but the general business situation is better. Construction activity is more pronounced. The summer tourist traffic has proven encouraging. Favorable weather conditions have created an excellent outlook for agriculture.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

The seasonal depression and general dullness in business which characterized the commercial situation in the Southern Provinces of the Dominican Republic during August, continued without change in the month of September. Importations during September 1926 slightly exceeded those of the same month of last year. Banking conditions are dull and collections in Santo Domingo City are slightly below normal, while in the country districts collections are unsatisfactory and the estimates of the banks indicate that returned bills average 50% of total collections. There has been no change in the generally unsatisfactory credit conditions.

Mexico Remits on Account of Second Half-Yearly Interest on Bonds.

Arturo M. Elias, Financial Agent of the Government of Mexico, announced on Nov. 1 that the Government of Mexico has placed at the disposal of the International Committee of Bankers the October allotment of funds on account of the second half-yearly interest on the bonds of the Mexican Government. He adds:

The first six months payment for 1926 was paid in July and the second six months interest will be paid on Jan. 1 1927, the Mexican Government already having put at the disposal of the International Committee of Bankers the first four months interest allotment of the second half of the year.

Mr. Elias also says:

In this connection I wish to call the attention of the people of the United States to the fact that the attempt to bring about financial and industrial chaos in Mexico through means of an economic boycott in order thus to bring pressure on the Mexican Government to violate the provisions of its Constitution has utterly failed. No better proof of this failure can be found than the fact that exportations from New York City alone to Mexico in the month of October show a big increase over the month of September. Had Mexico been in any way harmed by this boycott it is needless to state that exportations from this country to Mexico would have been less and not more.

Midland Bank of London Contends That Germany Is Not Yet on Gold Standard—Is Redeeming in Gold Exchange Bills.

The monthly circular of the Midland Bank of London asserts that "it is quite wrong to suppose that the unpegging of the exchange immediately and automatically reinstates the gold standard, or anything closely resembling it. Even when the pertinent section of the law becomes operative Germany will be on a gold exchange standard, as distinct from a gold standard, unless the Reichsbank clearly demonstrates over a period of time an intention of disregarding its right to redeem notes in exchange rather than gold."

The Midland Bank adds:

The abandonment of the fixed parity with the dollar means, as a first consequence, that the mark will be free to fluctuate in terms of other currencies independently of changes in the exchange value of United States currency. The question of the possible limits in the immediate future to fluctuations in German exchange cannot be answered dogmatically, first, because the policy of the Reichsbank in this regard has not yet been made clear, and secondly because conditions and costs of gold transfers are vastly different from those current just before the war.

To mention only two items, aerial transport has won for itself an important place in the determination of gold points between European currencies, while nowadays many central banks do not insist on the gold they purchase being transported to their own doors, but regard gold deposited in London or New York as equivalent to metal stored in their own vaults. Consequently, until experience has been gained from a substantial number of actual operations, it is impossible to state precisely where the gold points between Britain and Germany stand.

Purchase of \$25,000,000 in Gold by Belgian National Bank.

Brussels Associated Press cablegrams Oct. 30 said:

The Belgian National Bank, according to the newspaper *Vingtieme Siecle*, has purchased \$25,000,000 in gold. Its gold reserve is thereby increased to a sum higher than necessary to cover 30% of the notes in circulation.

With reference to the above advices, the Associated Press added:

The purchase of gold by the Belgian National Bank is apparently connected with the plan for the stabilization of the Belgian franc, announced on Monday (Oct. 25). Under this plan the franc is stabilized at 174.31 to the pound sterling, or about one-seventh of its pre-war value.

A new monetary standard, the belga, equal to five paper francs and with a definite gold value of .209211 grams, was created for purposes of foreign trade.

Participation by Federal Reserve Bank of New York in Stabilization of Belgian Currency.

The fact that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is co-operating with other banks of issue in the stabilization of the Belgian currency was noted in these columns last week, page 2204. The bank, in referring to its participation in its Nov. 1 "Monthly Review," has the following to say:

Stabilization of the Belgian Currency.

After a long period of careful preparation the stabilization plan of the Belgian Government became effective on Oct. 25. The value of the franc was fixed by decree at a gold value, amounting to about 2.781 cents. For international purposes a new unit of account was created, the belga, equivalent to five paper francs, with a fixed value of 0.209211 grams of fine gold or about 13.904 cents.

An international loan of \$100,000,000 was offered by the Belgian Government in England, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States, one-half of the total being offered in the United States. The proceeds of this loan are to be turned over by the government to the National Bank of Belgium to be applied in reducing the State's indebtedness to the bank, which will be further diminished by the application to the same end of the profits arising from the revaluation of the bank's existing reserves, hitherto carried at their pre-war value.

As a part of the plans which have been completed for the stabilization of the Belgian currency, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in association with other Federal Reserve Banks, has indicated its readiness to co-operate with the Belgian bank of issue, the Banque Nationale de Belgique, by participating with other banks of issue in credit arrangements under which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has agreed, if desired, to purchase

up to a total amount of ten million dollars of prime commercial bills from the Banque Nationale de Belgique. In these arrangements the Federal Reserve System is acting in collaboration with the Central Banks of Austria, England, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Japan, and Sweden.

In recent months the budgetary position of the Belgian Government has been materially strengthened, through increased taxation, which is expected to cover all expenditures for the current year and provide substantial sums for the current year and provide substantial sums for the sinking fund created to retire public debt. The Treasury's position was improved during the summer by the forced consolidation of the internal floating debt of which the greater part was converted into preference shares of the new railroad company. The remainder will be gradually retired through the operation of the sinking fund. Provision has also been made for the retirement of the external floating debt.

Latin Monetary Union Loses Belgium—French See Many Disadvantages in Stabilization of Kingdom's Currency.

From Paris Oct. 27 the following cablegram (copyright) was reported by the New York "Times":

Financiers here appear to consider the creation of the belga by Belgium as an indication that the francs of the two countries will never again be equal to each other.

It is recalled that more than six months ago Belgium gave the Quai d'Orsay a year's notice that she would withdraw from the Latin Monetary Union, which before the war grouped France, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland and Greece. The union prescribed the same composition, weight and value of gold and silver coins and made the currencies of all the members acceptable legal tender in every country concerned.

One hundred French francs are worth 22 belgas, and as M. Poincare is reputed to intend to stabilize French currency only after further revalorization, it may be expected that the two countries will never have interchangeable currency again. Likewise, it is believed here that the belga at its present value will eventually become the basis of new gold currency in Belgium either as a unit or as a multiple of the gold franc. This prospect is not greeted heartily by French industry, trade or finance, although every one is glad to see Belgium out of trouble. It is thought that Belgians themselves will regret the days when laborers could come to France to work and spend their earnings at home without going to exchange dealers with them.

Some sentimental resentment is felt here over the abandonment of the franc, which neighboring countries wanted to copy when France was a rich financial centre before the war. People who feel this way regard the whole proposition as a victory for the pound sterling as currency and for London as the banking centre and deplore the attraction which they allege has drawn Belgium westward instead of southward.

From the practical standpoint, the Paris market expects that tighter credits, higher living costs and salaries, increased public expenditures and economic difficulties will be the immediate result of Belgian stabilization. It is also pointed out that if France improves her currency so that she can purchase pounds for 125 francs, her industry will have a distinct advantage over that of Belgium, who must pay 35 belgas or 175 francs for the same unit of raw materials purchased abroad.

Belgian Loan's Great Success in England—Ascribed Partly to Belief that Stabilization Will Help England.

Belgium's stabilization loan promises to be the biggest "new issue" success of the year, says a London cablegram Oct. 31 to the New York "Times," which went on to say:

No official figures are available, but it is probably correct to say that the loan has been oversubscribed at least three times. The loan appealed very strongly to investors, partly because of its cheapness and partly because of its purpose. Stabilization of the Belgian currency is considered to be almost as advantageous to this country as to Belgium, because of the unfair competition which our trade suffered as a result of the depreciated Belgian currency.

While Belgium has taken the most momentous step in its financial history, it is not believed that French action in the same direction will be hastened. But the psychological effect both on France and Italy will be important. This was admittedly evidenced by the rise which occurred last week in the French franc since the Belgian plans were announced. Exactly how the Belgian plans in regard to stabilization of the gold reserve will affect the general gold situation is not entirely clear, but the arrangements appear to deal with this matter in a manner which precludes the probability of any credits granted Belgium being taken in the form of gold.

At the same time, these foreign credits will protect the gold reserve during the early and most difficult period of transition.

The response to the London offering was referred to by us a week ago, page 2204.

Belgium Raises Tariff—Makes Import Duties Conform to Higher Internal Prices.

Copyright advices Oct. 31 from Brussels to the New York "Times" stated:

Because of their increased internal prices, the Government has raised the specific duties covering a number of imported articles, effective Nov. 2. All countries except Spain are affected. The Franco-Belgian economic modus vivendi permitted Belgium to raise the specific duties in case of a 20% increase in living costs, therefore a large proportion of French goods are hit by the measure. The duties on French automobiles, for instance, have been increased from 560 francs per ton to 8,000 francs.

Other increased duties affect spare parts, tires, tools, all sorts of pianos, electric cables, locks, steam engines, pig iron, hides, paper, caustic soda, malt and other goods from all sources.

Are American Loans Abroad Safe?—Views of H. M. Robinson—Germany's Ability to Meet Reparation Payments.

In an article in "Foreign Affairs," an American quarterly review published in this city, Henry M. Robinson, President of the First National Bank of Los Angeles, presents his views on American loans abroad, and German reparation pay-

ments under the head, "Are American Loans Abroad Safe?" Mr. Robinson, it will be recalled, served with Charles G. Dawes and Owen D. Young on the Dawes Commission, which did much to settle the German reparations question. Mr. Robinson is particularly qualified to discuss this question as he was the one American who served on both committees and also served abroad during the putting of the plan into effect. In the concluding paragraph of his article Mr. Robinson says:

This discussion relates particularly to the risks, or absence of risk, in loans made by American banks and investors to the German Government, to its political subdivisions and to commercial or industrial concerns in Germany. But are the loans that we make to other continental countries more or less hazardous? The answer to that question cannot be given in general terms because the factors which make for safety or the reverse are different in each country. France and Italy, for example, have legal external obligations apart from their indebtedness to the United States. The burden of carrying these debts, moreover, has not been offset, as in Germany, by reductions in the cost of maintaining the military and naval forces. Again, the methods of collecting revenues for meeting these obligations, and for transferring them to foreign creditors, are not embodied in any definite agreement, nor is the process of transfer placed under the supervision of an international transfer committee. It is quite conceivable, although not at present probable, that the governments of some European countries, by insisting on priority for the payment of their own external obligations and the maintenance of their own credit in foreign money markets, may bring about an exchange situation in which private debtors will have difficulty in paying external creditors.

But this eventuality is not yet in sight, and the dangers which our foreign loans now face are more illusory than real. Economic necessity and the balancing forces that always make for economic stability seem at the present juncture to be strong enough to maintain a sound international credit.

Mr. Robinson is not one of those concerned in Germany's ability to meet reparation payments. "Curiously enough," he says, "all the evidence runs counter to any thought that Germany will be unable to pay." In addition to the paragraph quoted above, we give herewith the views presented by Mr. Robinson in the article (which is copyrighted).

Are our foreign loans safe? Can Germany keep up her increasing reparation payments, maintain her exchange position, and still pay her private loans? These questions become of importance when we consider the extraordinary extent of the public offerings of foreign securities in the United States, with refundings eliminated. Since Jan. 1 1921 the totals are as follows:

1921	-----	\$553,000,000
1922	-----	734,000,000
1923	-----	395,000,000
1924	-----	877,000,000
1925	-----	1,031,207,200
1926 (first half)	-----	432,658,200
		\$4,022,865,400

In the first half of 1926, exclusive of refunding operations, the totals by countries are as follows:

Germany	-----	\$159,720,500
Rest of Europe	-----	48,882,000
Canada	-----	102,715,000
Latin America	-----	114,970,000
Far East	-----	6,370,700
		\$432,658,200

Whether the scattering and oftentimes loose comments of bankers and economists to the effect that Germany cannot meet her reparation payments when they reach the standard annual figure amounting approximately to \$625,000,000 may have a definite purpose, is difficult to determine. It is also hard to determine whether these pessimistic predictions are having any result. It may be that financiers, in certain European countries, allow the wish to father the thought so far as German economic instability is concerned. But it is rather surprising that bankers and economists in the United States should be expressing opinions to the effect that there must be a revision of the Dawes Plan when the Agent-General's report gives them nothing on which to base such assertions. The present attitude of Germany's business leaders does not afford any ground for doubt concerning the country's ability to pay. Such apprehension as is being expressed on this score within the borders of Germany seems to come, very largely, from political factions which desire to make the matter a popular issue. It is part of the campaign carried on by the Nationalists against the foreign policy of the Social Democrats and other middle groups. In order to persist, even as a political issue in Germany, this alleged inability to pay must have some basis of fact, or some background of propaganda from outside—propaganda which may lead the German people to believe that an administration contending for payment would not be supported even by the expectations of Germany's creditors.

Curiously enough, all the evidence runs counter to any thought that Germany will be unable to pay. The Dawes Plan contemplates the payment, into a German bank for the credit of the Allies, of annual sums as follows:

1st year	1,000,000,000 gold marks	4th year	1,750,000,000 gold marks
2d year	1,220,000,000 gold marks	5th year	2,500,000,000 gold marks
3d year	1,200,000,000 gold marks		

and each year thereafter 2,500 million gold marks (about \$625,000,000). This is known as the "standard annual payment," to be continued at the same rate unless unusual prosperity obtains in Germany, in which case provision is made for an increase.

For the first eighteen months of operation under the Dawes Plan the Agent-General's report shows that the reparation payments have been made almost entirely through deliveries in kind and collections under the Recoveries Act, and that the service of the external loan of 1924—a relatively small item—is the only important one that has had to be met by direct transfer.

The standard annual collection for reparations may seem to constitute a heavy burden, yet a careful examination of the annual pre-war military expenditures in Germany, when all factors are considered, indicates that it is not more burdensome, and is probably less so, than was the cost of maintaining the German military and naval establishments prior to 1914. This surely implies that the reparations burden on German productiveness, even in standard payment years, will not prove excessive so far as the collection of the money and its deposit in the Reichsbank are concerned.

Certain it is, at any rate, that the task of collection and deposit has not encountered thus far any serious difficulties.

Gathering a large sum of money and transferring it out of the country are two very different things, the latter being by far the more difficult problem. Nevertheless the transferring of the payments does not threaten at present to upset the exchange position of Germany. It is to be supposed and expected that the payments can be liquidated to a considerable extent (possibly to the extent of one-half the standard annual payment), through deliveries in kind, without appreciably affecting the normal and satisfactory exchange position. The remaining half of the payments may complicate the problem, but can probably be handled for the most part through the exportation of commodities from Germany, if, as we have every right to expect, there is a continued development of new countries and if the commodities paid for by reparation credit are utilized in this development.

In this connection it should be explained that various plans for the development of projects in the newer and more backward countries of the world have been put forth and in some cases are under way. These have been designated by some as "colonial projects" and by others as "assisted schemes." They may involve economic developments in all the colonies and other outlying parts of the British Empire, and in the colonial possessions in Africa and elsewhere of France, Belgium and Italy, such as Morocco, Congo, Libia and other regions. This method of using Germany's productive power has two impelling incentives: first, it would facilitate the application of reparation credits (that might otherwise remain in the Reichsbank or be invested or loaned in Germany) to something really valuable and ultimately remunerative to the Allied creditors, and, second, it would hasten the development of the new countries by providing finances for the margin or equity which might not otherwise be easy to procure. These "assisted schemes" will supplement appreciably the normal exports from Germany, and should also be of some benefit with respect to German manufacturing costs, inasmuch as they would help carry the overhead and also tend to diminish the quantity variations in production.

In the final analysis, I believe, the "assisted schemes" method of liquidating the reparation credits may easily prove to be of great importance, especially in its effect on the producers of other countries. If the payments concerned only Germany and her immediate creditors, this would almost inevitably be so, but there is an ultimate creditor, the United States, to be considered as a factor in the whole situation. Great Britain, France and Italy are entitled to receive payments from Germany, but when France has funded her debt to us (as Great Britain and Italy already have done), all three countries will become intermediaries between Germany and the United States. On the face of the figures it may easily be that more than half of whatever is paid by Germany will be short-circuited between Germany and the United States.

Germany will be a great surplus exporter of goods and materials as a result of the liquidation of reparations credits. The United States will be facing the forced exportation of German products to the value of something more than half the standard annual payment (possibly \$350,000,000 a year). Apart from the developments in new countries in "colonial enterprises" and "assisted schemes," the way by which other countries can continue to take German goods, and to absorb their share of these large German exportations, will be for America to continue making loans to and investments in these countries. Thus American bankers will have a continuing and probably increasing incentive to handle foreign loans and investments. The question whether these loans are likely to be safe is therefore of no small interest.

More specifically there is the question as to the risk of loans made privately by banks and individuals in the United States to industrial or commercial concerns in the various European countries, or to their political subdivisions. From the standpoint of risk some differentiation should be made between loans made to Germany and those made to the other countries of continental Europe. Apart from the reparations, Germany has no large external obligations. Control over these payments is exercised to a degree by non-nationals, under a contract that is more specific than, and with the security for payment somewhat different from, the usual external obligations of a government. The Constitution of the German Reich, moreover, gives the central government what is potentially a large measure of supervisions over the finances of the political subdivisions. The exercise of this supervision may well place the Reich in the position of becoming the moral guarantor of foreign loans contracted by the German States and municipalities. In effect, furthermore, the German national government must strongly endeavor to protect the solvency and credit of German industrial and commercial concerns, for it is upon the prosperity of these that the collection of revenues for the reparations account will depend. For these various reasons, namely, the absence of large foreign obligations (other than reparations), the specific agreements and securities connected with the reparation payments, and with their transfer, and the considerable dependence of these payments upon German industrial solvency, it does not appear that private loans to Germany, or to her political subdivisions, or to German industrial and commercial concerns, are an unduly hazardous form of investment.

The chief hazard, in the minds of many, hinges on the question of priority as between reparation payments and payments connected with debts privately contracted by the industries, commercial concerns and political subdivisions of Germany. This question has been under discussion ever since the Dawes Plan was accepted. Of necessity the members of the Transfer Committee, who are tasked with the work of seeing that reparation payments do not unsettle conditions in Germany, have refused to state their position on this question with any definiteness. This Transfer Committee is composed of six members, namely, the Agent-General for Reparation Payments, as Chairman, one other American member, one French member, one English member, one Italian member and one Belgian member. Of this group, four would appear to be strongly interested in enforcing the payment and transfer of reparations as at present planned. The two American members might alone be expected to harbor a divided fealty as between reparation payments and the payment of private debts.

Yet it should be remembered that any failure in a large way to meet private loans because of the adverse position of exchange—an adverse position resulting from transfers for reparation payments—would so effect the whole German economic structure that subsequent payments on the reparations account would themselves be seriously threatened. From a theoretical standpoint it might be supposed that the Transfer Committee would not hesitate to give governmental payments a priority over private payments if the issue between the two should ever arise. But the two kinds of payments are so closely inter-related that the committee would be very reluctant to force transfers for reparations if such action would entail a default on private loans.

The only shadow cast on the matter is the possible difficulty of demonstrating that the failure to meet private obligations was the direct result of transfers for reparations. Such relation of cause and effect might exist, and yet be impossible to prove. Nevertheless, I think that the Transfer Committee, composed of men of experience, training and ability, will have a broad and detailed understanding of the effects which any transfer of

exchange approved by them may produce. It seems certain that they will not be shortsighted in their approval, and that they will not approve any transfers which entail a real danger of default on private obligations contracted in good faith for productive purposes. Evidence of the effects, in the case of improper or excessive transfers, would probably show quite promptly, so that the Transfer Committee need only wait for time to correct the situation.

This whole question of governmental and private payments has an incidental bearing upon the policy of the United States with respect to the funding conditions of the Allied indebtedness. If American banks and investors hold the larger portion of the German external private obligations (as is altogether likely to be the case), and if the continued payment of reparations by Germany should by any chance be made a condition for the payment of the Allied debts to us (as some of our debtors would like to have it), we should then be in a position where our Government desired priority for reparations while our banks and investors desired the repayment of their private loans. If, under these conditions, the payment of reparations comes to require the transfer of exchange in amounts so large as to affect adversely the payment of private obligations, we might become a house divided against itself, with our Government and our investors each urging claims to preferential treatment. In that event it would seem that any Allied country which had succeeded in predicating its indebtedness to us upon the continued payment of German reparation would be freed from any worry over this problem.

At first glance it might appear that our European debtors would gain advantage in having the payment of their indebtedness to us predicated upon payments by Germany to them. The French Government, in particular, has apparently held this conviction, and has pressed the point. But a shifting of ultimate responsibility from France to Germany could hardly result otherwise than in forcing a virtual partnership between the United States and the latter country, by which Germany would receive from us every financial assistance to the end that she might be enabled to pay both her reparations and her private obligations to us. France could hardly expect to gain an advantage through such a situation.

The possibility may be made clearer, perhaps, by an analogy drawn from private business. Partnerships in *extremis* frequently arise out of private financial relations, and they have sometimes arisen out of governmental relations as well. A wise creditor does what he can, within reason, to help a debtor into a position where the latter can liquidate his indebtedness, especially if the debtor is showing energy, ability and thrift. The United States, if an indirect relation of creditor and debtor were established with Germany through the insistence of France on such an arrangement, would be bound to assist and encourage a revival of German economic prosperity in every way. Such assistance would inevitably be at the expense of other European countries, and would militate against their *rapprochement* with Germany, which is now making headway. So it would seem on the whole that our Allied debtors would stand to lose considerably were they to make good their insistence that payment of their debts to us be conditioned upon collections from Germany.

One other factor of safety deserves mention. The stabilization of European currencies on a gold basis will make for the safety of private loans to the extent that this stability is achieved. Great Britain and the United States, working together, took a most important step in restoring the pound sterling to parity, thus making it virtually certain that other important commercial countries will be constrained to maintain gold-backed currencies. I believe that the action of our Federal Reserve System, in agreeing to work with the Bank of England in getting the English currency back to a gold-backed basis constituted one of the wisest, most courageous, and most farseeing actions ever taken by a bank of issue. It has been of immeasurable benefit in international trade; it has relieved us from the menace of devaluation of gold, and it has diminished in the United States the danger of inflation. Likewise the stabilization of the German currency on a gold basis was in considerable measure achieved through American constructive effort, inasmuch as more than half of a very considerable loan to Germany, aggregating 800,000,000 marks, was contributed directly by this country.

To-day we hold a disproportionately large share of the world's gold reserve, and in the immediate future this position is likely to be maintained. So long as it continues, and so long as we have an excess annual income, we shall loan and invest outside our own borders in close relationship to our excess income from abroad. But because credit is so liquid, one of the effects of the restoration of the gold standard in Europe will doubtless be, in time, to reduce the quantity of gold held in America. At present the central banks of issue in European countries are backing their currencies to some extent by gold coin, but in perhaps a larger degree by what they call "earning gold," that is, by obligations or securities which call for payment in gold. To a considerable extent these obligations are in such form that final payment is in gold coin of the United States; it is not unlikely that at maturity they will be so collected and the gold moved to Europe. Much depends, however, upon the extent to which this "earning gold" in the form of gold obligations can be made to serve as a workable substitute for a reserve in idle specie. At any rate, if our present holding of gold is in time reduced by transfer to Europe, this may eventually, in its turn, somewhat modify the extent of our loaning abroad; but the present outlook, all things considered, is that we shall continue this loaning in substantial amounts for some years.

Vienna Central Bank Has \$14,000,000 Deficit—Government's Loans to It and Guarantee to Depositors Threatens a Political Crisis.

The following advices from Vienna, Oct. 27 (copyright) appeared in the New York "Times" of Oct. 28:

The official statement of the Central Bank to-day, during the Parliamentary investigation of its affairs, shows its liabilities exceeded its assets by nearly \$14,000,000 on June 30, when the Ramek Cabinet went to its aid, advancing it almost \$9,000,000 and officially stating that the Government would guarantee all its depositors.

Then it was thought that the \$9,000,000 would be sufficient, but the present statement, which is calculated on the most favorable basis, states that the Government may have to sink another \$5,000,000 in this affair, if not \$7,000,000, as some experts think.

Since June 30 the bank has been under a moratorium, which is now extended for another month.

It is unknown what the bank's final fate will be, whether it will be definitely liquidated or a compromise settlement arranged.

The Central Bank affair represents more than a severe financial loss to the Government, it is also a strong blow to its political prestige. The bank is identified with the Pan-Germans—one of the Government parties—but much of its losses are due to advances made to three provincial banks controlled by leading Christian Socialists, who form the majority Government party. The Christian Socialist directors of these banks—including the Deputies and Governors of some of the States—lost heavily in the 1924

speculation against the French franc and on the stock exchange, and are alleged to have recouped their losses through the Central Bank's advances.

The Socialist opposition is naturally capitalizing this situation and the savings banks their party operates have gained greatly at the expense of those connected with the rival parties. The Government has been trying to recover its advance to the Central Bank by levying a contribution on other savings banks, but those of the Socialists, which are now the strongest, refuse to pay.

The Socialists criticize the Government both for giving the Central Bank \$9,000,000 without waiting to ask Parliament and especially for underwriting its deposits without knowing how great its debts were. They emphasize that if the Government had not given the bank so much it could easily pay the State officials the increased salaries they are demanding. It is likely that the Central affair will thus be one of the potent factors in the elections next year.

German Reparation Receipts and Payments in September.

Reparation receipts of 84,938,330 gold marks during September are reported in the statement issued under date of Oct. 12 by S. Parker Gilbert, Agent-General for Reparations. The payments for the month were 84,332,767 gold marks. The detailed statement follows.

OFFICE OF THE AGENT-GENERAL FOR REPARATION PAYMENTS. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE THIRD ANNUITY YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 30 1926.

(On Cash Basis, reduced to Gold Mark equivalents.)

	Month of September 1926 Gold Marks.
A. Receipts in Third Annuity Year—	
1. In completion of Second Annuity—	
(a) Transport tax.....	8,095,425.61
(b) Interest on Railway Reparation bonds.....	45,000,000.00
2. On Account of Third Annuity—	
(a) Budgetary contribution.....	9,166,666.66
(b) Transport tax.....	22,500,000.00
3. Interest received.....	176,237.34
B. Balance of cash at August 31 1926.....	84,938,329.61
	93,626,074.81
Total cash available.....	178,564,404.42
C. Payments in Third Annuity Year—	
1. Payments to or for the account of—	
France.....	35,456,070.34
British Empire.....	15,089,552.29
Italy.....	5,087,183.26
Belgium.....	6,618,620.32
Serb-Croat-Slovene State.....	2,842,729.91
United States of America.....	10,922,290.19
Rumania.....	611,930.83
Portugal.....	142,366.17
Greece.....	146,261.51
Total payments to Powers.....	* 76,917,004.82
2. For service of German External Loan 1924.....	6,149,141.67
3. For expenses of—	
Reparation Commission.....	283,455.57
Office for Reparation Payments.....	308,791.02
Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission.....	262,069.00
Military Inter-Allied Commission of Control.....	300,000.00
4. Costs of arbitral bodies.....	16,821.43
5. Exchange differences.....	95,483.34
Total payments.....	84,332,766.85
D. Balance of cash at September 30 1926.....	94,231,637.57
	178,564,404.42

* See Tables I and II for analysis of payments by category of expenditure and by Powers.

TABLE I.—TOTAL PAYMENTS TO POWERS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE.

	Month of September 1926 Gold Marks.
1. Occupation Costs—	
(a) Marks supplied to Armies of Occupation.....	2,707,601.70
(b) Furnishings to armies under Arts. 8-12 of Rhineland Agreement.....	3,874,000.00
	6,581,601.70
2. Deliveries in Kind—	
(a) Coal, coke and lignite.....	13,133,698.26
(b) Transport of coal, coke and lignite.....	2,750,744.79
(c) Dyestuffs and pharmaceutical products.....	1,046,556.73
(d) Chemical fertilizers and nitrogenous products.....	3,328,081.15
(e) Coal by-products.....	435,046.80
(f) Refractory earths.....	22,297.70
(g) Agricultural products.....	1,136,921.54
(h) Timber.....	2,507,829.36
(i) Sugar.....	212,962.52
(j) Miscellaneous deliveries.....	16,856,031.37
	41,528,110.22
Deliveries under agreement.....	10,031,690.19
4. Reparation Recovery Acts.....	17,293,590.40
5. Miscellaneous payments.....	154,321.20
6. Cash transfers—	
(a) Settlement of balances owing for deliveries made or services rendered by the German Government prior to Sept. 1 1924.....	437,091.11
(b) In foreign currency.....	890,600.00
	1,327,691.11
Total payments to Powers.....	76,917,004.82

TABLE II.—PAYMENTS TO EACH POWER CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE.

	Month of September 1926 Gold Marks.
Payments to or for the account of—	
1. France—	
(a) Marks supplied to Army of Occupation.....	1,504,753.52
(b) Furnishings to Army under Arts. 8-12 of Rhineland Agreement.....	2,735,000.00
(c) Reparation Recovery Act.....	4,157,758.46
(d) Deliveries of coal, coke and lignite.....	9,986,269.53
(e) Transport of coal, coke and lignite.....	1,578,743.64
(f) Deliveries of dyestuffs and pharmaceutical products.....	327,722.23
(g) Deliveries of chemical fertilizers and nitrogenous products.....	3,328,081.15
(h) Deliveries of coal by-products.....	413,517.42
(i) Deliveries of refractory earths.....	22,297.70
(j) Deliveries of agricultural products.....	1,136,921.54
(k) Deliveries of timber.....	2,307,581.83
(l) Deliveries of sugar.....	310,902.52
(m) Miscellaneous deliveries.....	7,284,936.24
(n) Miscellaneous payments.....	75,000.00
(o) Cash transfer: Settlement of balances owing for deliveries made or services rendered by the German Government prior to Sept. 1 1924.....	286,584.56
Total France.....	35,456,070.34

	Month of September 1926
2. British Empire—	
(a) Marks supplied to Army of Occupation.....	1,202,848.18
(b) Furnishings to Army under Arts. 8-12 of Rhineland Agreement.....	700,000.00
(c) Reparation Recovery Act.....	13,135,831.94
(d) Miscellaneous payments.....	15,849.41
(e) Cash transfer; Settlement of balances owing for deliveries made or services rendered by the German Government prior to Sept. 1 1924.....	35,022.76
Total British Empire.....	15,089,552.29
3. Italy—	
(a) Deliveries of coal and coke.....	2,247,571.03
(b) Transport of coal and coke.....	801,304.46
(c) Deliveries of dyestuffs and pharmaceutical products.....	541,295.59
(d) Miscellaneous deliveries.....	1,467,383.32
(e) Miscellaneous payments.....	29,628.86
Total Italy.....	5,087,183.26
4. Belgium—	
(a) Furnishings to Army under Arts. 8-12 of Rhineland Agreement.....	439,000.00
(b) Deliveries of coal, coke and lignite.....	899,857.70
(c) Transport of coal, coke and lignite.....	370,696.69
(d) Deliveries of dyestuffs and pharmaceutical products.....	163,676.15
(e) Deliveries of coal by-products.....	21,529.38
(f) Deliveries of timber.....	200,247.53
(g) Miscellaneous deliveries.....	4,397,181.22
(h) Miscellaneous payments.....	10,947.86
(i) Cash Transfer—Settlement of balances owing for deliveries made or services rendered by the German Government prior to Sept. 1 1924.....	115,483.79
Total Belgium.....	6,618,620.32
5. Serb-Croate-Slovene State—	
(a) Deliveries of pharmaceutical products.....	13,862.76
(b) Miscellaneous deliveries.....	2,809,806.94
(c) Miscellaneous payments.....	19,060.21
Total Serb-Croat-Slovene State.....	2,842,729.91
6. United States of America—	
(a) Deliveries under agreement.....	10,031,690.19
(b) Cash transfer in foreign currency.....	890,600.00
Total United States of America.....	10,922,290.19
7. Rumania—	
(a) Miscellaneous deliveries.....	608,095.97
(b) Miscellaneous payments.....	3,834.86
Total Rumania.....	611,930.83
8. Portugal—Miscellaneous deliveries.....	
	142,366.17
9. Greece—Miscellaneous deliveries.....	
	146,261.51
Grand Total.....	76,917,004.82

Note.—The balance of cash at Aug. 31 1926, as shown above, differs slightly from the figure shown in the statement of receipts and payments for the month of August 1926. This difference arises from minor adjustments required mainly in respect of interest and exchange through information received after the publication of the August statement.

Foreign Realty Loan Arranged Here—\$1,500,000 Issue for Berlin Housing Project.

The first financing in this market for building construction in Europe since the war is forecast by advices that the Foreign Trade Securities Co., Ltd., 43 Exchange Place, New York City, has purchased an issue of \$1,500,000 20-year 7% sinking fund gold dollar bonds of the Housing Realty & Improvement Co. of Germany. It is pointed out that an interesting feature of this loan is that for the first time in any European financing done in this country up to the present a group of important insurance companies in Germany will severally and jointly guarantee the principal, interest and sinking fund payments. It is also stated:

The construction program covers the building of 23 high-grade 1, 2 and 3-room apartment houses greatly needed because of the shortage of housing facilities in Berlin, which will be the first construction of this character in Berlin; 14 stores, large restaurant, large cafe with accommodations for dancing, the largest moving picture theatre in Germany based on American ideas for the U. F. A., which is controlled by American moving picture interests, a new theatre for operettas and revues, and an indoor sport centre. The estimated cost of construction is about \$2,500,000. The property is located on Kurfurstendamm, Berlin's "Broadway." The new buildings will cover a square block of land containing almost 362,000 square feet, having a frontage of 377 feet on Kurfurstendamm.

Italy's Budget Situation at End of First Quarter of Present Fiscal Year.

Romolo Angelone, Commercial Attache of the Italian Embassy, announces under date of Nov. 1 the receipt of a cablegram from Count Volpi, the Italian Minister of Finance, dealing with the Italian treasury and budget situation at the end of the first quarter of the present fiscal year. We quote the advices herewith

At the end of September 1926 the Italian budget showed an effective surplus for the first quarter period of 55 million lire, notwithstanding that during this period there was made a special charge of 125 millions, representing the quarterly quota of the 500 millions to be set aside each year for the purpose of reducing the bank's circulation issued on account of the State, and another charge of 63 millions, representing expenditure for railroad constructions, which in the past were audited separately.

On Sept. 30 1926 the total Italian internal public debt amounted to 86,418 millions, as against 89,860 millions at the end of August and 91,309 on June 30 last; in other words, the Italian public debt has been reduced by 2,842 millions since Aug. 31 and of about 5 millions of lire since June 30 last.

The paper circulation issued by the Banca d'Italia for account of commerce, which mainly corresponds to discount operations made by the bank, and which is subject to the maximum limit of 7 billion lire, reached on Sept. 30 last 6,186 millions, and showed thus a margin of 814 million to that limit. On Sept. 30 1926 Italian Treasury notes amounted to

1,900 million lire, as against 2,075 millions on Aug. 31, showing a contraction of 175 millions. The total metallic reserves (gold, silver and foreign gold currencies) of the Banca d'Italia, amounted on September last to 2,418 million gold lire, as against 1,947 millions at the end of August. Imports during the month of September reached 1,767 million lire, while exports amounted to 1,694 millions, showing a small import deficit of only 73 millions.

Finnish Currency—Gold Standard Works Satisfactorily.

The following by Frank Fox, author of the book "Finland To-day," appeared in the London "Financial News" of Oct. 11:

Courage to face facts, wisdom to take good advice, prudence to practice economy—with these the Finn has made his mark good and restored the gold standard.

The Finnish mark in 1914 had the gold value of the French franc, 25 to the pound sterling. During 1914-1919 it depreciated, partly through inflation, partly through external doubt whether Finland could survive the downfall of Russia, to the value of 300 to the pound sterling. Finland, too, was left bone-poor owing to the devastation of the country by the Reds and the total loss of its chief export market, Russia.

British and American financiers, having pre-war experience of the honesty of the Finns, were generous with credits. With their help Finland set itself to put its house in order; followed the same stern path as Great Britain by levying high taxation and—improving on our example in this—insisted on rigid public economy. The country balanced its budget and met as they fell due its foreign obligations (after Great Britain it was the first country to fund its debt to the United States). By 1925 the mark had improved from 300 to the pound sterling to 193 to the pound sterling, and it was decided to stabilize and to restore the gold standard. This was on the advice of a committee (on which were represented the Bank of Finland, the Joint Stock banks and important business interests).

Committee's Recommendation.

The committee advised that no further depreciation of the mark should be allowed, and "no appreciation attempted." This second recommendation needed courage. It formally wiped out nearly seven-eighths of the nominal value of internal debts. But undoubtedly it was wise, and, as matters turned out, met with no great opposition. (The loss to holders of marks was in part counterbalanced by the fall in commodity values between the time when the mark was 300 and when it was stabilized.)

The committee insisted on a cautious economic policy following the change; the continued maintenance of a balanced budget; no alterations in taxation that might prejudice production; existing Government deposits in the commercial banks to be withdrawn gradually; severe economy in State and municipal expenditure, not only for current administration, but also for productive enterprises where the benefit was indirect or in the future (railways, harbor extensions, &c.); banks to be cautious in granting credits, particularly for new enterprises. The committee imposed one further condition, that the necessary stability had been reached in the value of gold itself, this to be when a free gold market had been restored in England.

Return to Gold.

Since January 1926 the monetary system of Finland has been founded on gold as the sole measure of value. Gold coins are struck of 100 and 200 marks, but, as is the case in our own country, are not put into general circulation. Bank of Finland notes are legal tender and are convertible on demand by the bank, either in gold coin, gold ingots, or in checks in a foreign gold-based currency.

For Finland 1926 has been a trying year. The spring came late (and the export trade has to wait until spring clears the ports of ice); then the British coal strike hit Finland hard, not only because it uses British coal chiefly in its industries and had to turn to inferior kinds, but because Great Britain, the best buyer of Finnish products, has bought less. Nevertheless, the country has seen no reason to regret the step which gave it a sound currency.

The lesson might be useful to some other European countries. When a nation inflates its currency, it is, in effect, taking a secret forced loan from the savings of its people; and if the inflation has been allowed to go beyond recoverable bounds, the only course is to confess to the thrifty that a certain proportion of their savings has been confiscated and to start afresh on a new basis.

Spain to Float Internal Loan of 225,000,000 Pesetas.

The intention of Spain to shortly float an internal loan of 225,000,000 pesetas was made known in Associated Press advices from Madrid, Oct. 26. The greater part of the money, it is stated, is to be used in building good roads and opening new highways.

Soviet Russia Grants Moratorium of One Month to Business Interests in Armenian Earthquake Zone.

Associated Press cablegrams from Moscow (Russia), Oct. 29, said:

Under a moratorium declared by the Central Government of Soviet Russia, all merchants and State and co-operative enterprises within the earthquake zone of Armenia are relieved of all money payments for a period of one month.

The New York "Evening Post" of Oct. 28 in publishing the above, stated:

Dispatches from Leninakan, Armenia, last night said intermittent earth-shocks continued in the zone where since last Friday night the death toll has been placed as high as 600 with 1,000 others maimed or missing.

Argentina Allows Paris to Set Terms on Loan.

From Paris, Oct. 28, the New York "Evening Post" reported the following Associated Press advices:

The Argentine Government has made an offer to France to extend for as long a period as France may desire the 18,500,000 gold peso loan which falls due Jan. 1. The Government also has offered to allow the French Government itself to fix the rate of interest on the loan.

Premier Briand has expressed through Ambassador Toledo the gratitude of the French Government for Argentina's offer.

Rumania Delivers \$66,560,560 in Bonds to United States—Final Steps in Funding of Debt.

Announcement that final steps had been taken by Rumania in the funding of its debt to the United States was made as follows by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on Oct. 28:

Final steps were taken to-day in connection with the funding of the indebtedness of the Kingdom of Rumania to the United States. Mr. Radu T. Djuvara, Charge d'Affaires of the Rumanian Legation at Washington, delivered to the Treasury bonds of the Government of the Kingdom of Rumania in the principal amount of \$6,560,560 43, receiving in exchange original obligations given by his Government in connection with cash advances and surplus war material sold by the United States Liquidation Commission (War Department). The Act approving the Rumanian settlement was signed by the President on May 3 1926. The debt funding agreement has likewise been approved by the Rumanian Government.

The ratification by the United States Senate of the agreement for the settlement of the Rumanian indebtedness to this country was noted in our issue of May 1, page 2436.

Cut in Taxes as Applied to Foreign Investors Recommended by Rumanian Ministers.

Associated Press advices Oct. 25 stated:

The Ministers of Agriculture, Finance, Public Works and Commerce, after having examined into ways and means for encouraging the collaboration of foreign capital in Rumania, have adopted a recommendation of the Government to reduce fiscal taxes as applied to foreign investors.

The newspapers, in taking up the subject, suggest the repeal of the country's severe economic laws or a radical modification of them, especially those applying to the mining and oil industries.

Rumania Limits Amount of Money Leaving Nation.

The following is from the "United States Daily" of Oct. 26:

The Department of Commerce has just received a dispatch from Acting Attache Syroull Fouche at Bucharest to the effect that Rumania is to limit the amount of money to be taken from that country. A statement of the Department, based on the dispatch, follows:

A visitor leaving Rumania with more than \$25 must henceforth present to the customs officer a certificate showing that he is not taking out more than he brought in, or a special permit from the Rumanian Ministry of Finance.

On entering Rumania the foreigner will be issued a certificate showing the exact amount of foreign currency he is carrying into the country. The new regulation went into effect Oct. 1.

Denial of Reports that Rumania Seeks Loan in United States.

Reports which were current at the time of the arrival in the United States of Queen Marie of Rumania on Oct. 18 that overtures were to be made for a loan in behalf of that country have again been in circulation the present week, but have met with denials.

George Grepziano, new Rumanian Minister to the United States, who arrived in the United States early this week on the steamship France to assume his post, was reported in the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 3 as saying:

The payment of the debt was arranged last year. I have no instructions for negotiating any loan at the moment. Later Rumania may seek funds for the development of her agricultural resources and a railroad. Rumania was at a very low ebb at the close of the war, but she is now coming back.

Queen Marie is here primarily to show her appreciation for what America did for Rumania during the war. Her mission is one of gratitude.

From the New York "Times" of Nov. 2 we take the following:

A cable dispatch from Budapest saying that Rumania was arranging a loan of \$10,000,000 from American bankers found no credence in Wall St. yesterday. Neither Blair & Co., Inc., whose name has been mentioned in connection with Rumanian loan reports, nor any other Wall St. house so far as could be learned, intends to negotiate any such loan in the near future.

Bankers close to Rumanian affairs said that country might begin discussions of a loan in London, but did not intend to enter the American market. Rumanian bonds are now selling in London on a 10% yield basis. The Budapest report said that a \$10,000,000 loan to be floated here would carry 9% interest and be priced at 97. The visit of Queen Marie to this country gave rise to many reports that Rumania would seek a loan here, but none of them was substantiated.

Reference to the luncheon at the Bankers' Club, this city, tendered Queen Marie on Oct. 22 was made in these columns Oct. 23, page 2061, mention incidentally being made of the rumors then in circulation regarding a possible loan. The luncheon, attended by prominent bankers of this city, was given by Major Radu Irimescu, New York representative of the Banque Chrissoveloni, who addressed the gathering, saying, according to the New York "Times":

Does Rumania want anything from America? It wants and deserves friendship and understanding. Rumania has always looked westward for enlightenment and progressive ideas. Rumanian students have gone for years to Paris and Berlin and have studied in the great Western universities. Before the war we looked toward France, Germany and Great Britain as the great representatives of Western civilization. Since the war the centre of gravity of the world has moved to the great United States of America. It is natural, therefore, that Rumania should look to-day to America for good will and friendly co-operation.

What the American ideals are, what America represents to-day in wealth and power is more than common knowledge. Suffice it to say that in 14 years the United States has accomplished one of the most remarkable changes known in the economic history of nations. From owing an annual net interest charge abroad of about \$160,000,000 a year, America is receiving

to-day in the neighborhood of \$600,000,000 annually from foreign countries. While American investments abroad in 1913 barely exceeded \$2,500,000,000, they aggregate to-day exclusive of inter-governmental obligations more than \$12,000,000,000. The United States is absorbing to-day new securities issues at the annual rate of about \$6,000,000,000. Let me mention that the fund under the administration of the gentlemen assembled here, who represent the leading banking institutions of New York, amount to over \$7,000,000,000.

The Superintendent of Banks of this State has under his official supervision institutions with resources of about \$12,000,000,000.

Your Majesty, the entire public debt of Rumania as at present defined amounts to about \$342,000,000. The resources of one outstanding national bank of this city, the destinies of which are guided by a distinguished gentleman who is to-day among us, are four times as large as our entire public debt. The wealth and resources of America are stupendous. Her leadership and influence in the affairs of the world are paramount to-day. Her prosperity is well established and well deserved.

Let us, therefore, and I know that I am voicing Your Majesty's thoughts, express the wish for the continuous prosperity and progress of the United States of America for its own welfare and that of the entire civilized world.

United Press advices from Bucharest Oct. 27, were carried as follows in the New York "Commercial" of Oct. 28:

Hope that Rumania's rich oil resources may be used as security for a Wall Street loan to this country has been expressed by Minister of Finance Lapedatu in an exclusive interview with the United News.

The Minister's suggestion was made in the course of discussion of effects of the Standard Oil's impending purchase of shares from the Phoenix Oil Co. of Rumania. He suggested that such a loan to Rumania would help mobilize the currency of this country.

"I hope that such a transaction, if it is made, also will relieve the acute financial crisis in the Rumanian oil market," Lapedatu said, "and permit adaptation of Rumanian oil prices to a world market level. This would revive Rumania's oil exports which now are suffering a grave depression."

It is known that Premier Averesco has for some months been attempting to attract American and other capital to this country. Many people believe that the Standard Oil Co.'s influence caused the Government's recent decision to grant a special tax privilege to foreign investors here. Incidentally an American consortium has obtained a concession to build homes for State employees and this construction work will involve an investment of \$20,000,000. It is scheduled to begin next year.

It was stated in Associated Press advices from Boston on Nov. 3 that:

The American Commission on Minorities has protested to American bankers against a loan to Rumania until there has been an improvement in the treatment of religious minorities in that country, "The Christian Register" will say to-morrow.

"The American Commission on Minorities, composed of distinguished representatives of the Roman Catholics, the Jews, the Lutherans, the Presbyterians, the Reformed and the Unitarians, with a combined membership in this country of 24,000,000 souls," the article will say, "has made it known to influential American bankers that it protests against any largess in the form of a loan to Rumania until the cry of the co-churchman in that land is heard, and not only heard but heeded."

It has been charged by American religious organizations that 4,000,000 Saxons, Magyars and Jews, who compose the minorities and who were placed under the sovereignty of Rumania, have suffered severe persecutions and injustice.

Currency Reform in Palestine—Detachment from Egyptian System Well Received.

The following is from the London "Financial News" of Oct. 11:

The announcement of the establishment of a Palestine Currency Board on Sept. 1 last was the first definite step towards the creation of an independent Palestine currency. The Egyptian pound, which was introduced into the country after its occupation by the British army, served well, on the whole, as a temporary means of payment, but its use had its obvious drawbacks. It has been a general desire of the population to have it replaced by a national currency corresponding to the country's individual requirements. In 1923 a Currency Commission was appointed, which submitted its report in June 1924, recommending the introduction of a unit equal to one-tenth of the pound, to be issued by an office to be created in Jerusalem.

Only some of the recommendations have been adopted by the Colonial Office. It has been decided that the headquarters of the Currency Board should be established in London, and that it should have a representative in Palestine. As to the unit, it was considered advisable to adopt the pound; but, in order to satisfy the demand for smaller units, the Palestine pound (whose name will be "dinar") will be subdivided into ten "shekels," each of which will be in turn subdivided into 100 "prutoth."

Main Points of Regulations.

The main provisions of the regulations of the Currency Board are the following:

The Palestine 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. The members of the board are appointed by the Secretary of State for India. The board will have the power to appoint officers both in the United Kingdom and in Palestine.

The board will have authority to make arrangements for minting any special coins authorized for circulation in Palestine. It may issue and issue in Palestine currency notes, subject to the regulations and of any legislation from time to time in force in Palestine.

The board may charge a premium on transfers of funds from Palestine to London, or vice versa, not exceeding 1%. It will have the power to fix the denomination of the currency notes.

Gilt-Edged Security.

The board may invest its funds in Government securities, or in securities of any British Dominion, or in such other manner as the Secretary of State may approve. The extent to which investments may be made will be left to the discretion of the board, whose duty it will be to hold a proportion of its reserve in liquid form. It will issue half-yearly returns in the "Official Gazette" of the Government of Palestine, showing the amount of currency notes and coins in circulation, the total amount of the currency reserve fund, and the nominal value, purchase price and latest market price of the securities forming part of the reserve fund.

When the board is satisfied that its reserves are more than sufficient to ensure the convertibility of the currency, and to provide a reasonable reserve against a possible depreciation of its investments, it may pay over, with

the approval of the Secretary of State, the whole or part of the surplus in aid of the revenues of Palestine.

With the exception of the location of the headquarters of the board, and of the determination of the unit, as well as of some minor points, the reform will follow fairly closely the recommendations of the Currency Commission

Transitory Measures.

The board is authorized to raise a loan to meet its requirements in connection with the introduction of the new currency. It will probably assume the shape of a short-term credit which will be repaid as soon as the Egyptian notes are withdrawn from circulation. The transition from the existing system to the new one is expected to meet with no difficulties, although the difference of 2½% between the pound sterling and the Egyptian pound may complicate the exchange.

There is no material difference between the new currency and the old one, for the notes of the National Bank of Egypt are covered by British securities, so that they are ultimately based on sterling.

A section of the Palestine press criticizes the reform scheme on the ground that it reduces the country's status from a monetary point of view to that of a Crown Colony. In business quarters, however, the view is held that the details of the scheme matter little so long as it secures a stable currency. An article appearing in the "Palestine and Near East Economic Magazine" states that "there is every reason to believe that the high officials of the Colonial Office and the Treasury who form the Currency Board are honest, cautious and expert administrators, who know their business. And this, after all, is the first thing required from those who are to manage the currency."

Refunding of Pre-War Bonds of Free City of Danzig.

Zimmermann & Forshay have been authorized by the Senate of the Free City of Danzig, to refund the pre-war bonds of the city at the rate of 15 Danziger gulden for each 100-mark par value and the 1919 bonds at the rate of 4.40 Danziger gulden for each 100 mark par value. These prices are payable less nominal charges for postage and insurance at the office of the bankers, 170 Broadway, New York City.

Tenders Asked for Argentine Bonds Due 1960.

J. P. Morgan & Co. and the National City Bank of New York as fiscal agents have issued a notice to holders of Government of the Argentine National external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, due May 1 1960, to the effect that \$100,000 in cash is now available for the purchase for the sinking fund of such bonds of this issue as are tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. Tenders of the bonds with coupons due on and after May 1 1927 should be made at a flat price, below par, at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. or at the principal office of the National City Bank, 55 Wall Street, prior to 3 p. m., Dec. 2 1926.

Pending South American Loans—Nearly \$76,000,000 Expected to Be Offered in This Market.

According to information which has just been received by Moody's Foreign Department the Province of Buenos Aires has authorized the flotation abroad or at home of a loan up to 90,000,000 pesos (about \$36,900,000 at prevailing rates of exchange). Bonds are to bear interest at the rate of 7% per annum, if sold abroad and are to be sold at not less than 87% with a sinking fund of 2% per annum. If sold in the home market, the coupon is to be 6%, and the price to the underwriters not less than 85, with an annual sinking fund of 1%. Proceeds from the sale of bonds are to be employed towards consolidating the floating debt of the Province. Moody's (under date of Oct. 29) also says:

The Province of Mendoza is reported to be seeking a loan to the amount of about \$8,000,000.

Through the same source it is also learned that the Argentine Government is about to conclude negotiations for a loan of 30,000,000 pesos (about \$12,300,000) of a total authorized amount of 150,000,000 pesos.

Offering is expected in the near future of a loan of about \$4,000,000 in behalf of the Department of Cundinamarca, Colombia, and one of about \$3,000,000 on behalf of the City of Medellin, capital of the Department of Antioquia, Colombia.

A newcomer in the American market will be the Brazilian State of Espirito Santo, which is negotiating for a loan of 30,000,000 milreis (about \$4,000,000). Bonds are to be secured by a lien on revenues yielding about \$455,000 per annum.

Commenting upon the above financing, Dr. Max Winkler, Vice-President of Moody's Investors Service, states that the financial situation in the Province of Buenos Aires would not seem sufficiently satisfactory to justify the unqualified endorsement of Buenos Aires obligations. The debt of the Province aggregates about 500,000,000 pesos, the service thereon absorbing about 50% of the provincial revenues. The cost of the new financing will be rather heavy and the question may well be asked as to whether continuous borrowing at heavy costs is especially salutary. Moody's adds:

Proceeds from the sale of the Argentine Government loan are to be used for "productive" purposes. In view of rather frequent financing in this market in recent months by the Argentine Government, it is perhaps not entirely amiss to ask as to whether Argentina is not over-borrowing.

Mendoza is reported to have settled the controversy with French holders of the Mendoza gold 5s of 1909, which arose with reference to the question as to whether payments are to be made in gold as stipulated in the loan contract and demanded by the bondholders, or in depreciated paper francs as paid by the Province. Current payments are being made in gold and 11 arrears are reported to have also been paid off in gold. The

Mendoza 5s are quoted on the Paris Bourse and sold recently at about \$56 50 per bond, at which price the current return is about 8.56%.

Cundinamarca is one of the most important and progressive departments in Colombia. It has never borrowed abroad and its financial and economic situation appears sufficiently satisfactory to justify endorsement of credit extension to the Department. The same applies also to the City of Medellin which has outstanding in our market an 8% loan sold originally to the amount of \$3,000,000.

Espirito Santo desires funds to repay a French loan sold in 1908 and with respect to which considerable difficulties are understood to have arisen. The amount required to refund the French issue is about \$825,000. The balance is to be used for various public improvements, including the completion of the Victoria Port Works. Upon the retirement of the French issue, the Government is willing to pledge as security for the new loan the State's export taxes now hypothecated for the service of this issue, and amounting to over \$2,500,000, which would seem to afford ample security for the proposed loan of \$4,000,000.

Frederic H. Halsey on Increase in American Investments in South America.

American investments in South America have increased from a relatively small amount twelve years ago to more than \$1,500,000,000 to-day, Frederic M. Halsey of Harvey Fisk & Sons, declared in an address on Oct. 28 before the New York University International Finance Forum at the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Halsey said:

Before 1914 almost none of our dollars had gone into South American Government bonds. The United Fruit Co., the General Asphalt Co., one bank and a few export concerns were factors in the field and that was about all. The American flag was seldom seen in a South American harbor.

To-day we own seven hundred odd millions of Government, provincial and municipal bonds. Nearly \$420,000,000 represents the value of securities of our great copper productions in Chile and Peru. Nitrate, iron, tin and vanadium mines are being developed on a gigantic scale by our mining interests. The fruit, cattle lumber and other industries are progressing through Yankee dollars carefully invested. Greatest of all, perhaps, is the petroleum development now expanding by leaps and bounds. The American ship sails into every South American port. These billion and one-half or more Yankee dollars invested in South America are mutually benefiting the two great continents of the Western Hemisphere. Our southern neighbors still sorely need good roads and, when they get them, just watch their progress.

Offering of \$25,000,000 Securities to Finance the Hugo Stinnes Interests of Germany.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week two \$12,500,000 security issues of the Hugo Stinnes interests of Germany were offered in this market as provided for in the financial plan adopted recently by the Stinnes representatives and American bankers. The first issue, \$12,500,000 Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., 20-year 7% sinking fund gold debentures maturing Oct. 1 1946, was offered at 99½ and interest by a banking group headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., A. G. Becker & Co. and Newman, Saunders & Co., Inc. The issue was over-subscribed the day of offering.

The second issue, \$12,500,000 Hugo Stinnes Corporation 10-year 7% gold notes, was offered at 99½ and interest by the same syndicate of bankers. This issue was likewise over-subscribed the day of offering. In a statement announcing the offerings the bankers emphasize that the Stinnes interests will continue to control both the foregoing corporations. The statement further says:

The fact that these are American corporations, incorporated in Maryland, has been misinterpreted by some as meaning that Americans have taken over the control of the Stinnes properties. While there will be four Americans on the board of directors of each organization, they represent a minority interest, control being vested in the Stinnes family. Hugo Stinnes, Jr., who for 16 years was his father's confidant and Secretary, will be President of the companies and will have as his staff a group of experienced executive, who have been identified with the management of the Stinnes properties, some of them for 30 years. The major pre-war interests of the Stinnes family, consisting of the production and distribution of coal, coke and their by-products, including large scale generation of gas and electricity, have been combined in the industries. These properties have been segregated from the many others which the Stinnes interests control, because it is in these industries that their major activity will be centered in the future.

An unusual feature of the debentures is that they carry what might be termed a "double warrant provision." The first warrant will entitle the holder to receive during a period of 30 days beginning Oct. 1 1927, outstanding stock of the Hugo Stinnes Corp. in the ratio of 5 shares, free of cost, for each \$1,000 debenture. The second warrant entitles the holder to purchase after Oct. 1 1927 and before Jan. 1 1929 this stock in the same ratio at \$20 per share.

The notes will carry the same warrant features as the debentures. Further details regarding both issues are given in our "Investment News" Department, page 2404.

Offering of \$2,500,000 German Protestant Loan—Bonds Over-Subscribed—Books Closed.

Offering was made on Nov. 4 by Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc., Redmond & Co. and Ames, Emrich & Co. of a new issue of \$2,500,000 Protestant Church in Germany Welfare Institutions 7% 20-year secured sinking fund gold bonds dated Oct. 1 1926. The bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$5,000,000, priced at 98 and interest to yield 7.19%. This Protestant issue is a sequel to two German Catholic loans successfully floated in this market earlier in the year. The first foreign religious loan was the \$5,000,000 of 6½%

20-year sinking fund gold bonds, series A, on behalf of the General Union of the Eight Bavarian Dioceses of the Roman Catholic Church, offered at 93½ to yield over 7.10%. The next piece of foreign religious financing was the \$3,000,000 Roman Catholic Church Welfare Institution in Germany 7% 20-year sinking fund gold bonds, offered at 98½ and interest to yield over 7⅞%. Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc., headed the syndicate on each of these loans and in pioneering in this phase of foreign financing the bankers have opened up a new field. The Central Committee for Welfare Institutions of the German Protestant Church, the corporate organization representing more than 3,900 institutions and the obligor under the present loans will reloan the net proceeds of the bonds to the various Protestant welfare institutions, associations, parishes and synods throughout Germany against first mortgages on property having in each case a value of at least four times the principal amount of the reloan, or against a first lien on all taxes leviable by the sub-borrower. These taxes must be in excess of at least four times the service of the reloan. The over-subscription of the bonds and the closing of the books was announced soon after the opening of the books on Nov. 4. The bonds will be redeemable in whole or in part at 102 on or after Oct. 1 1931; at 101½ on or after Oct. 1 1932; at 101 on or after Oct. 1 1933; at 100½ on or after Oct. 1 1934; at 100 on or after Oct. 1 1935, in each case with accrued interest. A cumulative sinking fund commencing Oct. 1 1928 is provided, sufficient to retire the entire issue by maturity by redemption by lot at 100 and accrued interest or in lieu of sinking fund payments bonds may be delivered to the sinking fund at par. The bonds, coupon, are in \$1,000 and \$500 denominations, interchangeable and registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (April 1 and Oct. 1) will be payable in New York without deduction for any present or future German taxes in United States gold coin of the standard of weight and fineness existing Oct. 1 1926. The Central Union Trust Co. of New York is the American trustee, Hilfskasse Gemeinnuetziger Wohlfahrtseinrichtungen Deutschlands, G. m. b. H., German trustee.

From the official information contained in the prospectus we take the following:

Obligor.

These bonds are the direct obligation of a corporation, founded in 1849, which binds the principal Protestant welfare, educational and religious associations in Germany into a powerful unit: Central Committee for Welfare Institutions of the German Protestant Church (Central-Ausschuss fuer die Innere Mission der deutschen evangelischen Kirche).

This committee is recognized by the Protestant church and by the German Government as the official financial and administrative representative of the German Protestants in welfare matters. The Protestant welfare institutions in Germany affiliated with the Central Committee, such as hospitals, asylums, homes for the blind, crippled, old people, workmen, travelers and convalescents, total over 3,900, with over 223,000 beds, and employ over 50,000 people.

The estimated value of real property owned by these Protestant institutions is at least \$275,000,000 and the estimated annual gross revenue is \$40,000,000. The individual institutions will be liable to the extent that they receive or guarantee reloans.

Sources of Revenue.

Payments from insurance companies or tax receipts make up most of the revenues of the sub-borrowers of this loan. Each sub-borrower must be entirely self-supporting and must pay interest and sinking fund on its reloan at least quarterly in advance.

The German Government by law (dated July 19 1911) requires each worker earning under 250 marks a month to pay, jointly with his employer, premiums to an insurance company established, supervised or controlled by the Government. The insurance companies in turn pay the institutions stipulated sums per occupied bed, calculated to cover operating expenses, including depreciation on buildings and equipment and interest and sinking fund on obligations.

Taxes can be levied under German law (Art. 137 of Constitution) by each parish or diocese upon its parishioners. These taxes, which under State laws may be 10%, and if required more than 10%, of the direct local and State taxes assessed each individual, are collected for the church, largely by Governmental officials. Sub-borrowers who give as security a first lien on their tax receipts, must, according to advice of counsel, assess sufficient taxes to enable them to pay interest and sinking fund on their sub-loans.

The obligor itself has available for the service of the loan substantial revenues derived from income producing properties and from other sources, and furthermore possesses a revolving fund amounting to about \$1,300,000 (52% of the amount of the bonds of this issue) which can be used to pay interest and sinking fund on these bonds.

Administration.

Each of the re-loans must be approved by an administrative committee of five members, one of whom will be appointed by the issuing houses.

Offering of \$4,000,000 Bonds of Department of Caldas (Republic of Colombia)—Books Closed—Issue Oversubscribed.

A banking group headed by Blyth, Witter & Co. and Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc., offered yesterday (Nov. 5) at 98 and accrued interest to yield 7.70% a new issue of \$4,000,000 Department of Caldas (Republic of Colombia) 7½% 20-year external secured sinking fund gold bonds,

due Jan. 1 1946. The bonds are issued with the approval of the national Government of Colombia, this loan completing the \$10,000,000 authorized to be raised for railway and other transportation purposes of the Department. The proceeds of this loan will be used for extensions, additions and improvements to the Quindio Ry.; for the construction of aerial cableways, and for other productive purposes. The books were closed shortly after they were opened yesterday, the issue, it is announced, having been over-subscribed. The bonds are non-callable except for the sinking fund, prior to Jan. 1 1936. On and after that date they are redeemable as a whole on any interest date at 102½ and interest. A cumulative sinking fund is provided sufficient to retire all bonds by maturity at 100 and interest. The bonds will bear date Jan. 1 1926. They will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, registerable as to principal only. Principal, interest (Jan. 1 and July 1) and sinking fund will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the office of the New York Trust Co., New York, free from all taxes, present or future, of the Department of Caldas and of the Republic of Colombia, or other taxing authorities therein or thereof. Regarding the security, &c., the offering circular says:

Security.

The 7½% 20-year external secured sinking fund gold bonds are the direct external obligations of the Department of Caldas and are specifically secured by (1) a first charge and lien on 93% of the revenues derived from the tobacco tax; (2) a first charge and lien on 85% of the revenues derived from the liquor tax; (3) a first charge and lien on 50% of the revenues derived from the slaughter tax on cattle; (4) a first mortgage on the Caldas Ry.; (5) a first charge and lien on the gross revenues of the Caldas Ry.

Pledged Revenues.

Receipts from revenues specifically pledged to the payment of interest and sinking fund on these bonds have been as follows (fiscal years ended June 30): 1924, \$2,124,367; 1925, \$2,653,372; 1926 (estimated), \$3,550,000.

Receipts from revenues pledged as security for these bonds for the fiscal year ended June 30 1926 were equivalent to 4.7 times the maximum annual interest charges and over 3.6 times the annual interest and sinking fund requirements on all 7½% 20-year external secured sinking fund gold bonds to be presently outstanding. Receipts from pledged revenues for the past three fiscal years have averaged 3.7 times the maximum annual interest charges and over 2.8 times the annual interest and sinking fund requirements.

It is expected that temporary or definitive bonds will be ready for delivery about Nov. 30.

Offering of \$500,000 7% Bonds of Republic of Honduras.

H. C. Burt & Co. of New York and Chicago offered on Nov. 4 at 98½ and interest to yield about 7.75% a new issue of \$500,000 Republic of Honduras national highway external 7% gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1929. Regarding the purpose of the issue it is stated:

These bonds are issued for the construction of additional highways and the improvement of present highways. Highways costing several million dollars have already been constructed without bond issues. The extension of the present system will provide better transportation to large areas of rich lands, and add much to the revenues of the Government.

The bonds will be dated July 1 1926. They will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1st) will be payable at the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, New York City, in gold coin of the United States of America. The bonds will be callable at par and interest on any interest paying date.

The advices regarding the issue state:

Security.

The bonds are a direct obligation of the Republic of Honduras and are issued under a Special Act of the National Congress. There has been pledged the entire revenue of the Road Fund, derived from a special Tax on Imports and Exports, and other sources. The revenue for the period of the loan is estimated at more than twice the amount needed for interest and sinking fund requirements. Under the Constitution, this fund, when pledged, cannot be used for any other purpose. The Road Fund is administered by a special treasurer, known as the "Treasurer General of Roads," and all receipts and disbursements are handled separately from the other funds of the Government. This issue of bonds is payable during the term of the present officials. The proceeds of this issue will remain in the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, New York City, to be withdrawn by the "Treasurer General of Roads," on instructions of the "Minister of Improvements," as funds are needed for payment of road construction and improvements, but not more than \$50,000 shall be withdrawn each month. The road work is to be supervised by a competent American engineer.

Indebtedness.

The external debt, exclusive of this issue, is 452,000 pounds Sterling, the valuation agreed upon in recent settlement, payable over a period of thirty years, from consular invoice fees. The internal debt, consisting of loans from banks, and other general indebtedness, is about five million dollars. The total indebtedness is very small compared to the country's richness in natural resources. An official estimate shows:

Standing timber worth.....	\$75,000,000
Lands owned.....	25,000,000
Mineral resources.....	175,000,000
Total.....	\$275,000,000

Offering of \$750,000 5% Farm Loan Bonds of New York Joint Stock Land Bank.

Boyd, Evans & Devlet, Inc., New York, and Chicago, are offering at 103.95 and interest to yield 4.48% to the optional date; 5% thereafter, or 4.75% if bonds run to maturity, a new issue of \$750,000 5% farm loan bonds of the New York Joint Stock Land Bank of New York City. The issue is dated May 1 1926, will mature May 1 1956, and will be redeemable at 100 and interest on May 1 1936 or any interest date thereafter. They are coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000, fully registerable and interchangeable. Principal and semi-annual interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) will be payable at New York. The bonds are direct obligations of the bank, which is chartered under the Federal Farm Loan Act. The bank has a paid-in capital of \$470,000 and surplus, reserves and undivided profits in excess of \$272,500. The bonds are legal for all fiduciary and trust funds under jurisdiction of the Federal Government; they are acceptable at par as security for U. S. Postal Savings funds and are specified under the law as security, in the discretion of the Treasury, for Federal Government funds on deposit in national banks. The bonds of this bank outstanding Oct. 31 1926 totaled \$9,300,000 including bonds on hand. The following is the condensed statement of the New York Joint Stock Land Bank as of Oct. 30 1926:

<i>Assets.</i>	
First mortgage loans	\$9,801,650 00
Accrued interest on mortgage loans	233,612 54
Farm loan bonds on hand	625,000 00
Accrued interest on bonds on hand	15,000 00
Accounts receivable	30,866 92
Real Estate	47,785 20
Furniture and fixtures	3,487 90
Other assets	1,568 74
Cash and due from banks	178,700 26
Expense of new business	10,443 97
	\$10,948,115 53
<i>Liabilities.</i>	
Farm loan bonds issued	\$9,300,000 00
Accrued interest on farm loan bonds issued	173,333 33
Amortization payments	222,343 63
Advance payments (due Dec. 1 1926)	462 00
Coupons not presented	10,600 00
Due borrowers on loans	14,660 57
Notes payable	475,000 00
Accounts payable	9,141 66
Capital stock	\$470,000 00
Surplus	157,062 50
Other reserves and undivided profits	115,511 84
	742,574 34
Total net worth	\$10,948,115 53

The bank operates in New York and Pennsylvania.

Federal Reserve Policy on Non-Cash Items.

The efforts of the Committee on Non-Cash Items of the American Bankers Association for the discontinuance of the collection of non-cash items on the part of the Federal Reserve Banks resulted in a Federal Reserve Board ruling leaving to each Federal Reserve bank the determination of its own policy in regard to such service, it was brought out in a report submitted to the Executive Council of the Association at Los Angeles by John W. Barton, of Minneapolis, as Chairman of the Committee. He reported that a questionnaire distributed among the entire Federal Reserve membership by the committee disclosed that only 779 out of 4,502 banks that answered favored the continuation of the service. The results were communicated to the Federal Reserve Board and its decision followed. Mr. Barton quoted a communication from a member of the Board as follows:

The action of the Federal Reserve Board regarding non-cash items leaves a method of procedure, as well as the question of whether non-cash items will be handled at the Federal Reserve banks, entirely in the hands of the officers and directors of the twelve Federal Reserve banks. In consequence of this situation and because I have not had the opportunity of discussing the proposition with any of the officers of the twelve banks regarding the matter, I must frankly say I do not know just what the procedure will be in the future regarding non-cash items. I would say that the procedure now would be for your committee or those banks who are interested in the matter to take the problem direct to the Federal Reserve bank of the district. For instance, in the case of Minneapolis, I should say that the problem should be handled with the Federal Reserve bank of Minneapolis, since, so far as the Board is concerned, it has granted authority to the Reserve banks to use their judgment in these premises.

The Executive Council voted to continue the special committee so as to maintain contact between the American Bankers Association and the Federal Reserve Board until the new ruling has been digested by the several Federal Reserve banks.

Formation of Nine Cotton Finance Corporations with Capital of \$16,000,000 Undertaken, According to Eugene Meyer.

Announcement that the formation has been undertaken in cotton-producing States of nine cotton finance corporations with aggregate capital of \$16,000,000 and a borrowing capacity of \$160,000,000, was made in a statement issued on Oct. 29 by Eugene Meyer, Chairman of the President's Cotton Committee, and A. C. Williams, Federal Farm Loan

Commissioner and a member of the committee, before their departure from Memphis for Washington. The "Commercial-Appeal" of that city indicated as follows what they had to say:

We have just completed our trip through the South. We have been met everywhere with a fine spirit of co-operation on the part of the bankers, business men and representatives of the agricultural interests. Steps are now being taken to organize cotton finance corporations to serve North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri and Arkansas—a group of nine companies with an aggregate capital of \$16,000,000, having capacity to borrow from the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks a total of \$160,000,000, if necessary, for the purpose of financing the storage of approximately 4,000,000 bales of cotton of the 1926 crop, to be marketed not earlier than 18 months from now unless favorable developments make it advisable.

Energetic campaigns are being undertaken, with every prospect of effective results, by the bankers' associations in all these States in co-operation with other agencies, to bring about an adjustment of the acreage in 1927 by diverting to other crops, which promise to be more profitable under present conditions, from 25 to 35% of the acreage planted in cotton this year.

In dealing with the problem of handling the surplus of this year's cotton crop, the government's part in the matter has been chiefly to point out the ways in which advantage might be taken of the large resources of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, which the law contemplated would be available for just the sort of situation now existing; to place them at the disposal of the South; and to bring about the closer co-ordination of all agencies interested in the problem. The organization of the finance corporations to make use of the resources of the intermediate credit system has been undertaken by the people of the different cotton States. The management and administration of the corporations are matters of local responsibility. The Federal Government is co-operating through the Department of Agriculture in encouraging the farmers to adopt a sound diversification programme, but the adjustment of next year's acreage is, and naturally must be, a matter largely for local initiative and direction. In other words the principal reliance in the present situation must be the brains and resources of the South, and our trip convinces us that the people of that great section of the country will measure up to the task in every way.

Economic maladjustments due to the development of unusual conditions, such as those resulting from the bumper crop of cotton this year, should, we believe, be met and corrected so far as possible through the prompt co-ordination and organization of the resources of the communities directly involved. In the present situation the money and the machinery are being provided. Success depends upon the energy and ability with which the situation is managed in each State and upon harmony of action in all the States.

The New York "Journal of Commerce," in referring in a Washington dispatch, Nov. 2, to Mr. Meyer's return from a tour of the cotton belt where he conferred with bankers' business men and representatives of the cotton growers on plans to retire 4,000,000 bales of cotton from the market, went on to say:

Discussing the situation with newspaper men Monday, Mr. Meyer indicated that the South was far from broke, despite reports that have come to Washington that the adverse conditions affecting its cotton industry had spread to all lines of endeavor and was spreading to the East and West with the cancellation of orders for merchandise that previously had been placed by Southern merchants.

Financial Provisions.

Through the formation of private financing corporations in the cotton States the cotton farmers will have at their command something like \$100,000,000 obtainable from the Intermediate Credit banks, it was emphasized. The law provides that \$10 can be provided by the Government for every \$1 raised by corporations of the kind now in the process of formation.

In North Carolina, according to a letter from Governor McLean of that State received by Mr. Meyer, its \$1,000,000 finance corporation will begin operations on Wednesday under the direction of J. W. Simpson of Greensboro. In each of the States, Mr. Meyer said, the formation of corporations to finance the crop is well under way.

Those in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana (the latter taking care of southern Mississippi) will each have a capital of \$1,000,000, making available \$10,000,000 for each from the Intermediate Credit banks. Texas will have a corporation headed by J. A. Pondram of the City National Bank, Dallas, capitalized at \$5,000,000, bringing forward \$50,000,000 of Government money; Oklahoma, \$2,000,000 capital; a corporation formed in Memphis to take care of Tennessee, northern Mississippi, eastern Arkansas, a part of Missouri and Kentucky, covering 600,000 bales of surplus, if and as the cotton is offered, will have a capitalization of \$2,750,000, while a corporation formed in Little Rock, Ark., will take care of the western part of Arkansas.

South Equal to Task.

"There is plenty of money in the South and we did not have much difficulty in proving that the plan was a simple and effective one," declared the speaker. "I think the element of pride in the South, as well as public spirit was evident that they are both able and willing to handle their cotton problem themselves."

"All of the officers of the several co-operative associations handling cotton have made available to non-members the same facilities at cost as are provided for members," he continued. "They handled 10% of the cotton crop last year and they plan this year to carry 25% of their offerings, securing financial aid from the new financing corporations. They are equipped to handle more than the 1,500,000 bales which came to them last year and have announced that the services of their cotton classes and of their warehousing and marketing equipment will be furnished to all cotton producers."

Local Direction Planned.

Mr. Meyer stated that the management and operation of the financing corporations will be in the hands of the people of the States establishing them. He indicated that moves for a reduction of acreage must come from those directly interested, but he was outspoken in his belief that reduction must be made effective if the plan of aiding the cotton growers is to be successful as against a recurrence of this year's difficulty in 1927.

"The projected acreage reduction is a matter for the country banks that finance the farmer and who are interested in the finance companies now being formed and interested in getting for the farmer the best prices for his cotton; for the extension services, the State educational associations and the Department of Agriculture," Mr. Meyer asserted.

He stated that he did not know what would be the cost to the farmer for the money that now is to be provided, but he added that this was not a factor at this time. He explained that while these organizations are to be of a

temporary character, they may prove to be advantageous in meeting other situations and they may be left as a permanent contribution to the handling of surplus crops. There never was a surplus before such as is now anticipated in the cotton belt, and there can be no predictions as to the future.

Formation of Control Agricultural Finance Corporation in Memphis to Effect Retirement of 600,000 Bales of Cotton—Conference with Eugene Meyer.

With a view to withdrawing from the market 600,000 bales of cotton in the Memphis territory, a finance corporation was organized in Memphis on Nov. 1 under the name of the Control Agricultural Finance Corp., which will have a capital of \$2,750,000. The Associated Press advices from Memphis on that date said:

Bankers representing five States in the Memphis territory elected L. K. Salsbury, a Memphis cotton grower and banker, to head the company, which is designed to provide a big pool for lending to cotton growers in an effort to store 600,000 bales for a period of 18 to 20 months.

Having named six vice-presidents, a board of directors and an executive committee, the conference authorized legal counsel to draw up necessary papers and make application for a charter.

A committee on subscription of capital stock will proceed at once to procure pledges from bankers and financial institutions of the territory. The conference, attended by about 100 bankers and planters of western Tennessee, western Kentucky, northern Mississippi, northern Arkansas and southeastern Missouri, worked with determined enthusiasm for several hours over details of forming the relief corporation.

A meeting at which the organization of the new corporation was voted was held in Memphis on Oct. 29, at which time bankers, cotton men and business men met with Eugene Meyer, Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, and A. C. Williams, Chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board. The Memphis "Commercial Appeal" of Oct. 30, in its report of this meeting, at which the plans for organizing the corporation were brought under way, said in part:

This will be this section's effort in the South-wide campaign to stabilize the depressed cotton market, in which it links arms with every other State in the cotton belt to pool 4,000,000 bales of the present surplus.

With this capital, loans amounting to \$23,750,000 (the capital originally proposed was \$2,375,000.—Ed.) can be obtained from the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of this district, which has headquarters at Louisville, to advance to the farmers for their cotton and to pay for insurance, storage and other holding costs.

The Memphis corporation will take in west Tennessee, north Mississippi, eastern Arkansas, southeast Missouri and western Kentucky, with the 600,000 bales to be pooled representing approximately 25% of the total crop produced this year in this region.

Brinkley Snowden Chairman.

The capital stock will be subscribed by the banks, representative business men, cotton firms and farmers. To perfect the organization with election of officers and discussion of stock subscriptions, the organization committee named yesterday, to be composed of approximately 100 bankers in the five States, is called to a special meeting in Memphis Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

R. Brinkley Snowden, President of the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., Memphis, was elected Chairman of the organization.

Following the regulations laid down by similar corporations in all the other cotton-growing States, the Memphis corporation will hold its cotton for 18 months, unless the price advances to such a point prior to that time that sale of part or all of the pool is justified.

In beginning the pool, the corporation will advance an attractive pro rata of the value of each bale. In others of these corporations the advance is 9 cents a pound, middling basis, or \$45 per bale. To aid the pool, the Tennessee Cotton Growers' Association and similar bodies in the other States represented will hold a portion of its season's receipts. On the average, co-ops in other States will hold 25% of their season's receipts to put in the 18-months' pool.

As the main requisite to entering the pool, farmers and other owners of cotton who grow it will be compelled to sign an agreement to reduce the 1927 cotton acreage to not more than 75% of the 1926 acreage.

Organizations Temporary.

The corporation can borrow its funds, \$10 for every one dollar in actual paid-in capital, at 4 3/4% rate of interest from the Federal Intermediate Land Bank, and in turn will lend it on the cotton at a rate approximately 6 1/2%. Details of operation, while generally the same in all of the corporations, will be left to each individual body to work out, to conform with local conditions.

The huge pool of "tri-State" cotton will be stored in warehouses in this region, the warehouses not necessarily bonded by the Government, but regulated sufficiently well to bear Government approval. The financial corporations to handle the 4,000,000 pool are only temporary organizations, the meeting brought out, but entirely possible of perpetuity, if the occasion should demand it.

To attract cotton into the pool, every bank in the territory involved will be expected to exert its fullest influence among its farmer-clients.

"It is up to you bankers' associations to put this thing through," Mr. Meyer told the assembly, "you've got the brains and the money. It's up to you. I'm not telling you what you must do; just merely relating what others are doing."

Meyer Dispels Any Apathy.

What apathy that might have been prevalent among bankers at yesterday's meeting in view of the large amount of money already loaned on this crop of cotton was dispelled quickly when Mr. Meyer began his address to those present. About 200 men from banks, cotton firms, and other businesses crowded into the Chamber of Commerce hall to hear the discussions. Mr. Meyer was introduced by L. K. Salsbury, who was named chairman of the meeting.

"The South must lead itself out of the wilderness, which it is amply able to do," declared Mr. Meyer. "The problem of what to do with the cotton situation is being answered now in eight other States. It would seem that your first objective is to take care of the surplus from this year's crop. Second, turning 25% of this year's cotton acreage into other crops next year, is an important objective. The present crop is unprecedented in size and surprisingly so in view of the abnormal conditions early in the

season. Next year's growing and harvesting season is not likely to be as favorable and by a general reduction scheme, you can relieve the situation. Without ample reduction in next year's acreage your cotton pools now being formed will be hopeless.

"Holding 4,000,000 bales of the present crop is important, but not so important as to let the world know about it. If every bank quietly took 1,000 bales and said nothing, the 4,000,000 bales would be taken from the market but the trade would not be aware of it. The price would not be affected."

Explains Loan Procedure.

Mr. Meyer explained the lending of money to co-operative marketing associations and all other bodies organized substantially by the Federal Intermediate Land Bank.

"Up to \$200,000,000 is available at the Intermediate Credit Bank for loans to substantial agricultural bodies," he declared. "This money is loaned at 4 3/4%, and the organizations may lend it out at a higher rate. The Intermediate Credit banks have promised the cotton "co-ops" \$33,000,000 of which \$10,000,000 has been taken."

Talking directly to the bankers attending, Mr. Meyer said: "In other States, the bankers decided they could handle the acreage reduction. Have you got enough determination to bring it about in this region? Next year's crop must be much smaller, else the South faces great disaster."

The United States Shipping Board, Mr. Meyer said, is reconditioning about 25 ships this month to aid in carrying export cotton to foreign countries. In North Carolina, where Mr. Meyer had his first conference with bankers, relative to financing the cotton pool, there was doubt as to its success, he said.

"Yesterday," he added, "I received a telegram from the Governor stating that the million dollar capital has been oversubscribed."

"Lack of confidence in American ability to hold cotton off the market is a weakening factor to European demand, Mr. Meyer said. European buyers base their deductions that America never will hold its cotton on past performances, notably the one in 1921.

South Financially Able.

"The South is wealthy enough to do it, but the buyers do not attempt to visualize a holding agency," Mr. Meyer said. "They are confirmed skeptics. Actually, spinners do not want to see a depressed market, for it usually is followed by a higher market and the spinner is agitated continually over values of the manufactured product. He had rather see a stabilized market all the way across.

"The question is: Can we raise the money, and can we get the cotton and can we reduce the acreage? These questions have been answered in the affirmative in other States."

Mr. Williams, who spoke very briefly, declared that the Federal banks believe that the selling of cotton far below the cost of production will not be continued long if the surplus is removed. Acreage reduction now is easier than when prices are high, he reminded his hearers.

Following the addresses of Messrs. Meyer and Williams, the meeting became informal, in which both invited questions of all kinds from those attending the meeting. Technical questions as to rediscounting and the like occupied most of the time, but one suggestion was made that nine cents a pound as advance price on cotton was too small to be attractive. It took Lee Mallory to quiet any fears as to this matter.

Nine Cents Reasonable.

"Nine cents a pound will get plenty of cotton in my section," declared Mr. Mallory. "Our farmers realize that if this movement fails they will get considerably less than nine cents a pound for their cotton." Mr. Mallory declared that in his opinion it was physically impossible to pick a crop of 17,454,000 bales, as indicated by the Census Bureau. The South harvested last year's crop of 16,104,000 bales by pulling the bolls with it, he said.

"Our small farmers are getting 8, 8 1/2 and 9 cents a pound for their cotton at the present time—just anything they can get for it, so they'll have a little change to carry home," he said. "I have no doubt that they'll jump at the chance to get an advance of 9 cents now, with good prospects of several cents more when the cotton is sold."

There was some discussion as to permitting Arkansas to organize a corporation that would handle cotton from all over the State. It was on suggestion of R. E. Lee Wilson of Wilson, Ark., that many farmers and merchants in eastern Arkansas do business with Memphis banks, that the meeting agreed that eastern Arkansas could best be handled by the Memphis corporation.

A conference held at Memphis on Oct. 13, at which action was taken toward the withholding of 4,000,000 bales of cotton from the market as a measure of relief incident to the depressed price of cotton, was referred to in these columns Oct. 16, page 1952. On Oct. 27 the "Commercial Appeal" stated that the elimination of 3,000,000 bales of low-grade and surplus cotton without financial loss to the planter was proposed in a movement which swung into action at Memphis on Oct. 26, when a group of farmers, merchants, bankers and editors issued a general call for what might be termed a straw vote to test public opinion. It added:

The plan contemplates a cessation of cotton picking on next Dec. 1 and the beginning of winter plowing on that date. All the cotton still in the fields at that time would be plowed under to fertilize the soil for next season's farm operations.

Planters who conceived this procedure are practical cotton growers of keen business foresight, and, in conjunction with other business interests mutually concerned with the producer, have submitted their argument and plan to public opinion in a statement headed, "A Call to Arms."

This "Call to Arms" was published as follows in the "Commercial Appeal":

We believe that 17,454,000 bales of 1926 cotton will stifle business in the South for this year and perhaps two years hence.

We believe further that a surplus of this amount will cripple most Southern farmers and break many others.

We believe that two or three million bales of this enormous surplus can be permanently destroyed—relieving the situation and restoring us to a normal business basis the sooner.

We believe again that this surplus can be destroyed in an orderly way—at a great benefit to every individual farmer, merchant and banker.

We know what the result would be. Every man in the South knows that a destruction of 2,000,000 bales would put the price of middling cotton back to 15 cents.

Our plan is simple, direct and business-like. It is not anarchistic from any angle because it does not cost the individual farmer one cent of loss to follow this proposed plan. It is his gain. The success of this plan depends, first, upon its soundness, and second, on public opinion.

We propose to stop by public opinion all picking on December 1, next, and we shall depend on public opinion to stop it for us. We propose herewith to give all the South 30 days' notice that picking can be stopped next Dec. 1, encourage the speed of picking and ginning up to that date, encourage holding off the market of all cotton until after that date by showing plainly through the press in an orderly way the benefits of such a plan.

On Dec. 1 in the South there will be in the field approximately 3,000,000 bales. This low grade cotton, from present indications, will be selling at about 5 cents. It will cost you all of that amount to pick, gin, store and sell that cotton. Your profit will be nothing; in fact, less than nothing because these low grades will further depress the value of what you already have on hand. But, by abandoning the fields on Dec. 1 the market can be forced up at least 3 cents a pound on the cotton you already have before Dec. 1.

You have 30 days to prepare for the date. Upon Dec. 1 your negroes can be employed at day work, ploughing up these fields in preparation for next year's farming. You will receive the benefit of that seed turned under as a fertilizer for next year. You will also receive the great benefit of winter ploughing to your soil. You will be at least two months ahead on your next year's farming operations.

We appeal to you for your opinion on this plan. Would you join this common-sense movement if everybody else would? Don't you believe your influence among your neighbors would encourage their participation? Don't you believe that the South would be benefited by destroying this dog-tail surplus? Don't you believe that public opinion will swing this thing? Don't you believe a farmer would be a moral slacker to go back on a movement of this kind, and double-cross his neighbors?

We do believe these things, and we want an expression from you as a farmer, or merchant, or banker, so that we can publish in the "Commercial Appeal" and all other large Southern newspapers the actual weight of such opinion and the possible strength of such a movement. Then we can organize public opinion along these lines.

Fill in this coupon and mail to the Central Cotton Control Committee, 90 South Front Street, Memphis, Tenn., immediately. Time is short. The signing of this coupon binds you in absolutely no way. We only want your opinion of the possibility of putting over this drastic movement for the benefit of us all.

GROUP OF FARMERS, MERCHANTS, BANKERS AND EDITORS.

The same paper announced on Oct. 29 that provisional pledges from farmers operating 114,000 acres of land planted to cotton in the States of Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Missouri, and Arkansas were received in the first day's mail by the Central Cotton Control Committee. The pledges signify that farmers controlling 114,000 acres of cotton will, if a sufficient number of others come into the movement, plow under or abandon all cotton left in the fields on Dec. 1 1926. On Oct. 30 it was stated that the 114,000 acres of cotton pledged under the plan of the Central Cotton Control Committee on the first day were augmented on Oct. 29 by 25,000 additional acres.

On Oct. 16 Dr. Tait Butler, Chairman of the Executive Committee named at the All-South Cotton Conference held at Memphis on Oct. 13, issued a statement to "Every Good Citizen of the South," urging the necessity of every owner of cotton pooling every bale he could command. His statement, as given in the "Commercial Appeal," follows:

At the large meeting held in Memphis, Oct. 13, cotton growers, merchants, bankers and other business interests from all over the cotton belt represented in large numbers by the substantial, thinking men of the South, two distinct purposes were declared:

"To take off the present depressed market 4,000,000 bales of cotton, and to secure a reduction of 25% in the acreage planted to cotton in 1927, from that of 1926.

"To accomplish these two large undertakings, a committee of three was appointed, with authority to add to their number, and with full power to use any and all means within their discretion to carry out these two definite, expressed purposes of the convention.

A fund of only between \$7,000 and \$8,000 was subscribed to enable the committee to start the machinery required to accomplish the largest undertaking ever attempted in the history of cotton growing in the South.

With such tasks to perform and no organized machinery to accomplish the objects sought, it must be apparent to all that if any measure of success is to result every interest in the South must work together. No passive spirit of co-operation can bring success, there must be the active support of every interest in the land. Bankers must give of their time, ability and financial resources; merchants must co-operate, to give their creditor cotton owners every opportunity to place cotton in the 4,000,000-bale pool, and must lend every assistance in securing a reduction of acreage for 1927.

Growers and other owners of cotton must offer to the pool every bale of cotton which they can command on the best terms which the committee can work out. If the committee cannot secure as good terms as cotton owners think they should be able to do, owners of cotton must still offer every bale possible to the pool. The committee is actively working on arrangements for pooling 4,000,000 bales of cotton and will probably be able to announce terms and conditions within a week or ten days.

Don't Dump Spot Cotton.

In the meantime your committee asks that every owner of cotton will refrain, as far as possible, from placing any spot cotton on the present glutted and depressed market. The pool will be formed just as quickly as is humanly possible, and owners of cotton will find it to their interest to hold any cotton until this pool is opened.

The committee also makes a special appeal to every good citizen to give of his time and influence in securing a reduction in the 1927 cotton acreage. Every one has more or less influence over some cotton grower, and it is important that this influence be exerted toward the securing of the largest practicable reduction in the acreage. This work is not the work of the central committee, nor of the State committees, nor the County committees, but of every individual in the land whether he be farmer or banker, merchant or lawyer, doctor or preacher.

We call on all good citizens to respond with active, earnest effort to any and every call of their State and county committees. Every cotton grower

must have an opportunity to sign an agreement to reduce his acreage. The acreage will be reduced as surely as night follows day, but let's make it the largest reduction possible.

This appeal is made in the interest of the entire South and can well be heeded by all, without exception. It is not made to cotton growers and bankers alone, but also to every one without exception, regardless of his station or interests.

On Oct. 23 eight more members from as many States were added to their own number by the Executive Committee of the All South Cotton Conference. The "Commercial Appeal" said:

Former Senator A. F. Lever, made famous as the father of the Smith-Lever bill, whose home is in Clinton, S. C., was one of those added. The others were Conway Scott, Scott, Ark.; W. E. Glassell, Shreveport, La.; John H. Otley, Atlanta, Ga.; William H. Smith, Batesville, Ark.; Bradford Knapp, Stillwater, Okla.; Ed. Woodall, Dallas, Texas, and Dwight B. Hurd, Phoenix, Ariz.

These men, with the original committee as formed by Dr. Tait Butler, Chairman; B. W. Kilgore, Oscar Johnston, Prof. J. W. Fox, and Alf H. Stone, will join hands to promote the work of the committee which primarily will aid the state co-operative cotton marketing associations to organize the 4,000,000-bale pool and effect acreage reduction in 1927.

L. F. McKay, Secretary-Treasurer, and John T. Orr, active Vice-President, of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange, appeared before the committee, outlining the general plan. They reported considerable progress in the preliminary organization work.

On the same date a statement issued by the committee said in part:

The committee regards the matter of acreage reduction as the crux of the problem confronting the south, because acreage reduction forms the basis upon which it reiterate the idea of pooling cotton, as well as the basis of hope for the future of the industry. The committee proposes to devote every energy to waging a systematic painstaking campaign to accomplish at least a 25% reduction. Reports to the committee from the various state committees indicate that plans are well under way to start the acreage reduction campaign Monday morning, Oct. 25. This campaign will be relentlessly pressed until the middle of April 1927. Every bank in each cotton growing state will be asked to join in a written agreement to use its influence with its customers toward securing an acreage reduction, every grower of cotton will be asked to pledge himself to a reduction; from time to time honor rolls showing names of persons agreeing to reduce the acreage will be printed and published in local papers throughout the south. . . .

Cotton Essential Commodity.

It is the unanimous opinion of every member of the committee that cotton is now selling some cents below the actual cost of production. This is a condition that cannot obtain for a long period of time. Cotton is an essential commodity, which the world must have, farmers will not grow it to be sold at less than cost; consequently, it must of necessity follow that a reaction will sooner or later occur, and the price swing back to a point where it will cover cost of production. Cotton may be kept in storage for an unlimited period of time, without deterioration, the cost of carrying a bale of cotton in a first class warehouse, fully insured, is approximately \$4 per year. With the certainty that within the next one or two years the price of cotton must swing back to 18 cents or better, the members of this committee know of no safer, nor more attractive investment for surplus or investment funds than the purchase of cotton. The committee believes that at the present prices, thousands of bales will be bought by investors who will reap a reward of \$20 or \$30 per bale. Unquestionably mills are laying in a supply of raw material to last them for some time to come. The farmer is now paying the penalty of over production, he will be more than ordinarily stupid if in 1927 he repeats the blunder of 1926 by planting the same acreage to cotton.

The committee urges upon the state executive committees the importance of working out plans for accomplishing the general purposes declared by the convention of Oct. 13. Many questions arise that must be solved locally, the committee particularly directs the attention of state committees to such problems.

During the day, Gov. Frank O. Lowden, who is in the city, called at executive headquarters and sat with the committee for a while. Gov. Lowden gave the committee the benefit of his views and sage counsel. Before leaving he gave a statement, expressive of his ideas upon the subject, which statement is being given to the press.

The committee adjourned to convene again on Thursday, Nov. 12, at which time it proposes to call members of the several state executive committees to sit in conference with the members of the central committee for the purpose of canvassing returns from the southwide acreage reduction campaign, and to formulate plans for carrying on this campaign until planting time.

In stating that active work of organizing private corporations in each of the cotton-producing States, with aggregate capital of \$60,000,000 to pool 4,000,000 bales of cotton in accordance with the general plan suggested by President Coolidge's cotton committee to stabilize the weak cotton market would be started the week of Oct. 25 by the State co-operative marketing associations, according to announcement on Oct. 23 by L. F. McKay, Secretary of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange, which is the sales body for all the State co-operatives, the Memphis "Appeal" of Oct. 24 added:

The capital stock of each individual corporation will be prorated according to the season's production of cotton, and the number of bales from each State will be determined on the same basis. For instance, Texas will be asked to pool 1,200,000 bales, the largest volume, for which it will require \$18,000,000 from the "Texas Co-Operative Participating Corporation," divided as follows: \$6,000,000 from the local banks, \$6,000,000 from Eastern capital, and \$6,000,000 obtained by selling the loans on participating certificates purchased from the growers.

State Quotas Given.

The same ratio of finances will be observed in every State. For the entire belt it is estimated that \$20,000,000 must be subscribed locally that another \$20,000,000 must be subscribed by New York and other bankers, enough of whom, it is understood, already have agreed to such a subscription to insure its success, and that the third \$20,000,000 can be raised by loans on certificates to growers.

Quotas in bales from each State are suggested as follows:

Texas.....	1,200,000	Tennessee....	100,000	Georgia.....	400,000
Oklahoma....	400,000	Louisiana....	200,000	North Carolina	400,000
Arkansas....	300,000	Mississippi....	400,000	South Carolina	400,000
Arizona.....	20,000	Alabama.....	400,000	Missouri.....	10,000

The stockholders in these "participating corporations" will be protected by ample collateral in the usual channels as well as stiff co-operation from the Federal Farm Loan Board through the Federal Intermediate Credit banks, the Treasury Department, the War Finance Corporation, of which Eugene Meyer is President, and all the other Government agencies.

Acreage reduction of not less than 25% for the 1927 crop will be the main requisite for the grower in getting into the pool. Each grower who enters the pool will be required to enter his entire production this season, but not in the future unless he desires. He will not be required to sign the five-year co-operative contract unless he desires. His pledge to cut his acreage 25% next season is necessary before the pool officials will permit him to enter. Then, failure to live up to his agreement as to reduction in acreage will bring forfeiture of their share of the 75% profit due them from any increase in price that may come when the pool is formed. Twenty-five per cent of the profit that might be derived from such an increase will go to the corporation as payment as "dividends."

Grower Gets Profit.

For instance, if the price advances from 12 to 20 cents, the grower who pooled his cotton will have 75% of the eight-cent increase due him which will be six cents a pound. The other two cents per pound goes to the corporation.

The President's committee in Washington conferred with a committee of five from the American Cotton Growers' Exchange who framed the plans. These cotton officials were John T. Orr, Dallas, active Vice-President of the Exchange; Allen Northington, Montgomery; J. E. Conwell, Atlanta; Alfred Scarborough, Columbia, and C. G. Henry, Little Rock.

Plans for Formation of Corporation in Oklahoma to Finance Cotton—400,000 Bales to Be Retired.

In line with action taken in other States, the creation of a corporation has been undertaken in Oklahoma to make advances on 400,000 bales of cotton, which are to be withdrawn from the market, and stored for a period of 18 months. Oklahoma City advices, Oct. 28, to the Memphis "Commercial-Appeal" in referring to the action in Oklahoma, said:

Bankers at a conference with Eugene Meyer, Chairman of President Coolidge's cotton relief committee, and A. C. Williams, United States Farm Loan Commissioner, laid the groundwork for a \$2,000,000 corporation to finance the purchasing of cotton for storage, after an offer of Lew Wentz, Ponca City oil operator, to subscribe half of the capital stock of \$1,000,000 without interest, was accepted.

Organization and manpower of Oklahoma Bankers' Association were offered to the finance corporation by the executive committee of the association. The general plan was ratified by the committee and plans for execution started.

Through arrangement with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the finance corporation will be able, with \$2,000,000 capital, to get credit of \$20,000,000, which is considered sufficient to withhold 400,000 bales of Oklahoma cotton.

An immediate State-wide drive to obtain subscription of the remaining \$1,000,000 capital stock will start as soon as P. A. Janeway has appointed a committee of five or more members to select a committee to direct the finance corporation. Mr. Janeway is President of the Liberty National Bank, here.

On present market prices of strict middling cotton, \$45 will be advanced to farmers, with warehouse receipts as security. These in turn can be rediscounted at the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank.

As soon as the finance corporation becomes effective, the Bankers' Association will start a State-wide campaign for cotton acreage reduction of 25% for next year, the effort being to "sell" the proposal with the idea put forth that the finance corporation otherwise cannot succeed.

J. L. Flow, a director of the Oklahoma Cotton Growers' Association, suggested that the association might cast aside the rule requiring farmers to be members who market their crops through the organization, when he said he intended to confer with Sam. L. Morley, General Manager, and members of the bankers' executive committee concerning the matter.

The "Oklahoman" of Oct. 31 had the following to say regarding the movement:

To aid in clearing up the present State cotton situation all facilities of the Oklahoma Cotton Growers' Association for storing and selling this year's crop are now made available to every farmer in Oklahoma, Sam L. Morley, General Manager, said Saturday.

With ample finances to be furnished by the Intermediate Credit Bank, and a new fireproof warehouse on the ship channel in Houston, Texas, one of the largest exporting ports, any part of the Oklahoma crop can be handled in this new pool, Morley believes.

The only requirement to non-members of the association is that they sign a contract for this season. This is necessary to secure added money from the credit bank. The only cost will be the regular handling charges, Morley said.

The association is willing that a committee of business men, bankers and cotton growers of Oklahoma sit with the board of directors for the purpose of furnishing advice and assistance in the business management of this separate pool, the manager emphasized, after declaring the action was taken to secure quick action in a serious situation. The low insurance rates while the cotton is stored and the 4½% money loan rate, are given as reasons for relief to farmers.

Relief of present pressure on the cotton market, through the aid of the pool, will aid the members of the association in getting more money also for their cotton. Morley believes, in addition to being an aid to business men and cotton growers in general.

Farmers throughout Oklahoma, wishing to obtain the privileges offered, may secure copy of the one-season contract from any receiving agent of the association, in practically any town in the State, or from banks in any of the cotton towns, according to Morley.

Reduction in Production of Linters and Increased Use of Cottonseed Meal Proposed by Cottonseed Crushers' Association.

Reduced production of linters, orderly marketing of all cottonseed products and alleviation of the shortage of export ship bottoms to permit overseas shipments of cotton-

seed meal are the three major steps recommended as stabilizers of the weak market by cottonseed crushers of the South, who sent 15 official representatives with "plenary" powers from eight State crushers' associations to Memphis on Oct. 26, according to the "Commercial Appeal," which says:

This conference was the outgrowth of the original open conference here a week ago, at which time the crushers and allied interests were asked to get opinions of their State associations and report back.

To carry out the plan of reduced marketing of all other products, former Senator Christie Benet of South Carolina, who is general counsel of the Inter-State Cottonseed Crushers' Association, will go to Washington immediately, with a committee of five others to be selected by himself, to discuss the matter with Federal authorities and determine on a detailed plan of operation.

Recommendations Adopted.

The delegates at yesterday's meeting also recommended:

An aggressive campaign to promote the use of cottonseed meal as a feed and a fertilizer.

Investigation of the use of shortening made from cotton oil.

Investigation of the probable consumptive demand for linters this season as to quality and quantity.

Shipping Board officials be notified that unless shortage of ocean space is relieved, exportation of cottonseed products will be entirely halted.

Protest be entered against use of foreign fertilizer by state colleges and farm bureaus to the exclusion of cottonseed meal.

State organizations of crushers canvass the fertilizer and mixed feed manufacturers to ascertain the prospective use of cottonseed meal.

That state crushers' secretaries communicate with all grocery jobbers and packer agencies to ascertain the prospective use of shortening made from cotton oil.

That state secretaries canvass the linter dealers, mattress factories, &c., to ascertain the prospective demand and quality of linters wanted.

Reduce Linter Output.

In connection with these plans the conference adopted the following resolutions as indicative of the temperament of the cottonseed products trade at this time:

Resolved, That in view of the fact that the government is taking a great deal of interest in trying to help the cotton grower, we feel it to be the duty of the cottonseed crushers of the south to co-operate in the work in any way they can and if the oil mills continue cutting lint at the present rate, they will unquestionably produce 1,250,000 bales of linters, a large proportion of which will have to be stored in public warehouses, which, at the present time, are congested. If this production could be cut down to 750,000 bales the farmers would certainly have storage space for 500,000 more bales of cotton than they would have if the mills produce 1,250,000 bales. The ability of the government and banks to finance this year's cotton crop is going to depend on warehouse facilities.

"Under present conditions both first and second cut lint are being made, and on account of the high quality of the first cut now being produced, it is in direct competition with cotton, while a medium grade of mill run linters would not come into competition with cotton. This suggested reduction by almost half the quantity that would be normally produced from the season's seed crop, is possible only by united action of all oil mills.

"Realizing that this cannot be done without the full consent, sanction and co-operation of the United States government, we recommend that Hon. Christie Benet, general counsel of the Inter-State Cottonseed Crushers' Association, go to Washington, along with five oil mill men of his own selection, for the purpose of discussing this linter question with the government officials, as outlined above.

"We believe it to be to the interest of the cotton farmer and to the country as a whole, that attention of the farmers in particular should be drawn to the fact that cottonseed meal is the lowest priced ammoniate for fertilizer and likewise the lowest priced and best concentrate for feed in the world. Despite these proven facts, some of our southern states experiment stations are openly advocating use of nitrate of soda to the exclusion of cottonseed meal, thus sending out of the country millions of dollars and leaving cottonseed meal to suffer, notwithstanding the fact that cotton seed meal is a better and cheaper fertilizer.

"It is recommended by the meeting that the industry, where practical, use cotton bags for sacking cottonseed meal, mixed feed and fertilizers as a means for the increased consumption of cotton."

The item also said:

Protest Shortage of Ships.

Vigorous protest against the shortage of ocean vessels and the recent increases in rates which make shipment of cottonseed meal to dairying interests in Scandinavia, where consumption of this product is immense, was made by the crushers at the Memphis meeting and Senator Benet and his committee will meet with the Department of Commerce and shipping board officials in an effort to relieve the situation. Crushers say that British ships that ordinarily were in use from American ports now are utilized to carry coal from Europe to England and the resultant shortage in America has not been relieved.

The meeting yesterday was presided over by T. R. Cain of Montgomery, Secretary of the Alabama Cottonseed Crushers' Association, Louis N. Geldert, editor of the Cotton Oil Press, served as Secretary. Delegates were present from both the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana. Delegates from Oklahoma and Texas were confused as to the date of the meeting, and were planning to come today.

The conference, which was held at Hotel Peabody, was "executive," and none other than officially appointed representatives of the state crushers' associations were admitted. It developed, however, that sentiment for a general movement of more orderly marketing was unanimous among the oil millers and allied interests, but to avoid legal entanglements, detail plan will be left to government authorities in the conference to Senator Benet.

Daily Statement of New York Stock Exchange 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.
 Nov. 1—Renewal, 4½; high, 4½; low, 4½; last, 4½. A fair turnover in volume with funds in excess of requirements.
 Nov. 2—Holiday—Election Day.
 Nov. 3—Renewal, 4½; high, 4½; low, 4½; last, 4½. Owing to some calling of loans, money was steady all day at renewal rate.

Nov. 4—Renewal, 4½; high, 4½; low, 4½; last, 4½. On a reduced turnover money in supply at renewal rate at close.

Nov. 5—Renewal, 4½; high, 4½; low, 4½; last, 4½. Moderate turnover. Money in supply at close at 4½.

Statements of previous weeks have appeared weekly in our issues since July 10; last week's statement will be found on page 2209 of our issue of a week ago.

Reports to New York Stock Exchange Show Decrease of \$27,600,085 Oct. 31, as Compared with Sept. 30.

Brokers' loans outstanding on Oct. 31 of \$3,191,336,925 are shown in the statement issued yesterday (Nov. 5) by the New York Stock Exchange, these figures comparing with \$3,218,937,010 on Sept. 30, a decrease of \$27,600,085. The Oct. 31 figures are made up of demand loans of \$2,319,740,450 and time loans of \$871,596,475. The following is the statement issued by the Exchange yesterday:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business on Oct. 31 1926 aggregated \$3,191,336,925. The detailed tabulation follows:

1. Net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies.....	\$1,955,401,034	\$793,141,375
2. Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies or others in the City of New York.....	364,339,416	78,455,100
	\$2,319,740,450	\$871,596,475

Combined total of time and demand loans, \$3,191,336,925.

The scope of the above compilation, and the methods employed in preparing it, were both exactly the same as in the loan report issued by the Exchange a month ago.

The following are the figures since the beginning of the year:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.	Total Loans.
Jan. 30.....	\$2,516,950,599	\$996,213,555	\$3,513,174,154
Feb. 27.....	2,494,846,264	1,040,744,057	3,535,590,321
Mar. 31.....	2,033,483,760	966,612,407	3,000,096,167
April 30.....	1,969,869,852	865,848,657	2,835,718,509
May 28.....	1,987,136,403	780,084,111	2,767,400,514
June 30.....	2,225,453,833	700,844,512	2,926,298,345
July 31.....	2,282,976,720	714,782,807	2,997,759,527
Aug. 31.....	2,363,861,382	778,286,686	3,142,148,068
Sept. 30.....	2,419,206,724	799,730,286	3,218,937,010
Oct. 31.....	2,319,740,450	871,596,475	3,191,336,925

Opening of Montreal's New Curb Market.

The newly formed Montreal Curb Market began business on Oct. 4. Its office and exchange room are located in the C. P. R. Telegraph Building. Daily sessions are held from 10 a. m. to 12.30 p. m. and 2 p. m. to 3 p. m.; the Saturday session is held from 10 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon. According to the Montreal "Gazette," all firms, members of the Montreal Stock Exchange, have taken seats on the Curb, and in addition the following members have been elected:

T. W. Anderson, R. R. Bongard, General R. P. Clark, L. S. Colwell, W. R. DaCosta, J. W. Green, G. R. Harris, W. M. Hodgson, J. W. Hughson, Eric Kippen, W. H. Mara, W. Martin Jr., A. F. Mitchell, A. H. B. Mackenzie, P. E. Ostiguy, H. Perodeau, H. A. Plow, J. L. Savard and D. H. Watt.

The following are the officers of the Curb market:

Malcolm C. Oswald, Chairman, Oswald & Drinkwater; H. A. Ekers, Vice-Chairman, Ekers, Cushing & Co.; Angus S. Cassils, Secretary-Treasurer, Leggat, Cassils & Co.

Board of Management.—Russell Cowans, McDougall & Cowans; Woodward Marler, J. L. Marler & Co.; J. G. Garneau; F. S. Mathewson, Mathewson, McLennan & Molson; Grant Johnston of Grant Johnston & Co.; G. H. Turpin, W. J. Turpin & Co.; G. P. G. Dunlop, Assistant Secretary.

Sub-committees.—Building and Floor, F. S. Mathewson, Chairman; Russell Cowans, G. H. Turpin and J. G. Garneau; Clearing House, H. A. Ekers, Chairman; Woodward Marler and J. G. Garneau.

Listing.—Grant Johnston, Chairman; Woodward Marler and G. H. Turpin.

The following is also taken from the "Gazette" of Oct. 1:

The aims and objects of the new organization, which will fill a long-felt need locally, were outlined by its first President, Malcolm C. Oswald, of the Stock Exchange house of Oswald & Drinkwater, as follows:

"The 4th of October has been fixed as the official date for the opening of the Montreal Curb Market. The reason why it has been formed can best be explained by quoting from its constitution:

"Its objects shall be to furnish the constitution, rules, regulations, penalties and facilities for the transaction of business by its members as dealers or brokers in securities not listed in any department of the Montreal Stock Exchange; to maintain high standards of commercial honor and integrity among its members, and to promote and inculcate just and equitable principles of trade and business."

"The 77 members of the Montreal Stock Exchange were the charter members of the Montreal Curb Market, and it is hoped that the best traditions of the parent institution will be lived up to by its offspring. The total membership is limited to 100, and it is interesting and encouraging to note that there were 40 applications to purchase the 23 additional seats. These requests came unsolicited from coast to coast, although the organization sought no publicity. The constitution and trading rules have been drawn up much on the pattern of the New York Curb Market, and it is expected that the great success achieved by that body will be duplicated here.

"The idea was originally conceived by Mr. Edgar Smith, Chairman of the Montreal Stock Exchange. He, with the assistance of Mr. Luther, Mr. Ekers and Mr. Mathewson started the movement, and the present board of management has endeavored to carry on the work to the best of its ability. The board room has been arranged to facilitate trading in every way with telephone and ticker accommodation. The members have a right to appoint attorneys, and most of the Montreal Stock Exchange houses will be represented in this way. The trading will be conducted by these attorneys and the new members or their attorneys according to the custom of the Montreal Stock Exchange. The attorneys all come with the recommendation of the board of management, thus giving assurance that they will carry on the business of the market in the spirit in which it was started.

"The ambition of the Montreal Curb Market will be to retain the confidence of the public, which will be earned by a spirit of fair dealing."

Discussing the new venture, F. S. Mathewson, of Mathewson, McLennan & Molson, member of the board of management, said:

"This new market is bound to fill a long-felt need. Previously a great many stocks not listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange were traded in, chiefly by telephone, from office to office. Under this method, unless a broker called every house dealing in unlisted securities, it was impossible to always get the best market, and often resulted in a stock being sold to one house when another house was willing to pay from a fraction of a point to several points higher for it.

"Commencing next Monday, the bulk of the unlisted stock trading in Montreal will be carried out on the Curb and buyers and sellers will be assured of getting the best market prices prevailing at the time.

"In addition, the Curb Market will deal in mining stocks; there again, owing to the number of members to deal with and the extensive private wire connections to Toronto, New York, etc., and cable connections with London of a great many of its members, the public will have the best markets possible, and a market which keeps in close touch with the fluctuations on all other large Exchanges dealing in mining securities."

Six Building and Loan Associations of Philadelphia Taken Over by State Banking Department—Alleged Embezzlement of \$90,000 of Association's Funds by Deceased Treasurer.

Six building and loan associations in Philadelphia, with aggregate liabilities of approximately \$200,000, were taken over by the Pennsylvania State Banking Department on Wednesday, Oct. 20. The six concerns were:

The Tradesmen's Building & Loan Association, No. 3, with liabilities of about \$14,000.

The Tradesmen's Building & Loan Association, No. 2, with liabilities of \$12,500.

The No. 2 Republic Building & Loan Association, with liabilities of \$15,000.

The Assistance Building & Loan Association, with liabilities of \$12,000.

The Artisans' Building & Loan Association, with liabilities of \$117,000.

The State Mutual Savings Fund & Building Association, with liabilities of \$22,000.

According to the Philadelphia "Record" of Oct. 21, the State Banking Department charges that the wrecking of the institutions was due to the alleged embezzlements of Clark J. Wood, who was the Treasurer of all six associations. Mr. Wood died on Oct. 19 at his home in Wayne, Pa. In addition to being Treasurer of the building and loan concerns, he conducted for many years the Dime Savings Fund, a private banking institution, at 221 North 12th Street, Philadelphia. The following is taken from the paper mentioned:

Secretary Cameron, in announcing the Department had taken possession of business and property of the six associations, said:

"All these associations were taken in possession because of their insolvency which was caused through embezzlement on the part of Clark J. Wood, Treasurer of all six associations.

"An uncompleted audit indicates that Wood had embezzled over \$90,000 from the six associations. His embezzlements were covered by means of keeping of a separate set of records which were never shown to bank examiners nor auditors who made regular audits of the association. William R. Smith, an examiner of Philadelphia, has been appointed special deputy as agent for the Secretary of Banking and placed in charge of all six associations.

"The Dime Savings Fund is a private bank which was conducted by Clark J. Wood at 221 North 12th Street. It is rumored that he has embezzled practically all of the funds of the bank. The bank has never been under supervision of the Secretary of Banking or any other supervising agency, having been exempted from supervision under the provisions of the Private Banking Act of 1911, because the bank had been in operation more than seven years prior to the date of the approval of the Act.

"Creditors of the bank will probably apply to the court for a receiver. The Secretary of Banking, having no right of supervision over the bank, will not take possession of it."

Mr. Wood, who was 72 years old, had been ill for the past three weeks. State officials said last night they were told that the aged banker died of a stroke superinduced by worry of impending discovery of his peculations. For some days, the investigators say, Mr. Wood refused to touch food.

The family refused to give the cause of his death. Friends say they noticed his falling health several months ago and saw him grow steadily weaker. During his illness, they say, he was in a semi-conscious state most of the time, at times lapsing into total unconsciousness.

Coroner Frankfield, of Delaware County, who was called into the case by the Banking Commission to determine the actual cause of death, stated last night that there was nothing suspicious concerning the death of the banker and said he believed death was directly due to the heart stroke.

The Philadelphia "Ledger" of Oct. 22 gave the following additional information regarding the alleged peculations of Wood:

Auditors of the State Banking Department sought fruitlessly yesterday (Oct. 21) to trace the \$90,000 estimated as missing from the private bank and the building and loan associations of Clark J. Wood, one-man banker at 221 North 12th Street.

Efforts to untangle the records of the associations as well as of the Dime Savings Fund, a private institution conducted by Wood, were equally unavailing. About 50% of the depositors and clients of the bank and the associations are not listed in the records, it was stated.

Discrepancies in the accounts have continued over a period of thirteen years, according to statements of Elmer P. Moxey Jr., who is making an audit of the books. They were hidden from the directors and the bank examiners by a duplicate set of books in the possession of Wood and locked in his private safe in the bank.

Wood is described as a man who lived frugally and constantly preached thrift to the people in the neighborhood where his banking house was located. Many of his new clients came to him as a result of his epigrams, extolling the wisdom of thrift.

Both the auditors and the directors expressed the hope that when the final audit of the books is completed the discrepancy will be much less than the present estimate of \$90,000.

Cash and securities found in the vaults of the bank tallied with the records which Wood had kept for the inspection and examination of the directors and the bank examiners. A private set of cards however, showed accounts of depositors and clients which do not appear in the records and to which only Wood had access. The cards were kept under lock and key at all times.

Senator Pepper is named as executor of Wood's estate under the will left by him, it was learned yesterday. Senator Pepper said that he was not acquainted with Wood and knew of no reason why he should be named as executor of the estate.

"I was never consulted by him or any of his family," said Senator Pepper. "I am taken by surprise that he named me as executor of his will. I cannot say whether I will serve as executor until I have had opportunity to consult with his widow and the members of his family."

During the day Senator Pepper was visited by W. Stanford Hilton, a mechanical engineer in the employ of the city who was Wood's son-in-law. He lives at 2127 West Ontario Street.

"This is a shock and a surprise to me and my wife," he said after a brief talk with Senator Pepper. "We did not suspect that anything was wrong. Mr. Wood lived comfortably but not extravagantly, and we cannot think of any reason why he should take the funds entrusted to his care."

Question of the right of depositors whose names are not listed in the institution's records to participate in the division of the assets was raised by Robert T. McCracken attorney for the officials of the association.

G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., Failure—New Bondholders' Protect v Committee Formed with G. E. Roosevelt as Chairman and Elihu Root, Jr., as Counsel—Judge Mack Urges Bondholders to Consult Receiver Before Selling Holdings.

Holders of bonds issued by G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., the failed real estate investment firm of this city, were told on Oct. 29 at a meeting before Federal Judge Julian W. Mack that a general bondholders' protective committee had been organized, with George Emlen Roosevelt, of Roosevelt & Sons, bankers, at 30 Pine Street, as Chairman, and Elihu Root, Jr., of 31 Nassau Street, as counsel. The announcement was made by Lawrence Berenson, the receiver for the failed company. In reporting the matter, the New York "Times" of Oct. 30 said in part:

It was announced also that holders of interim receipts of Holbrook Hall, a property to be financed by Miller & Co. in Mount Vernon, would be paid in full with interest. This had been made possible, it was stated, by a settlement whereby the temporary bond of the building project would be canceled so that the builders could obtain other finances. A similar settlement, it was said, was being negotiated in connection with Esplanade Gardens, also in Mount Vernon.

Judge Mack explained to the hundred or more bondholders in his court room in the Federal Building that Mr. Berenson had not been placed on the bondholders' protective committee, as his interests as receiver might cause conflicts with the bondholders. Mr. Roosevelt, he said, was in a position to act as Chairman in a manner entirely impartial, as his firm never had had dealings in bonds of Miller & Co.

Other members of the bondholders' protective committee are R. H. Bigger, Vice-President of R. S. Dickson Co., bankers, at 40 Exchange Place, representing more than \$500,000 of bonds held by Southerners; E. P. Curtis, Secretary of the Order of Railway Conductors, representing more than \$1,000,000 of the Miller bonds; W. E. Robb, President of the Burlington City Loan & Trust Co. of Burlington, N. J., and President of the New Jersey Bankers' Association, representing more than \$1,000,000 of Miller bonds held in New Jersey, and Lyle T. Alverson, lawyer, of 100 Broadway, owning and representing owners of \$500,000 worth of the bonds.

The committee has power to add members as it may deem necessary. It was announced that a banker from Philadelphia would be selected to represent investors in Pennsylvania. Committee and counsel fees will be decided with the approval of Judge Mack.

The Sixth Avenue Leasing Corporation applied for payment of rent and taxes deposited in a trust fund with Miller & Co., and amounting to \$11,000. Judge Mack denied the application temporarily because of the unsettled affairs of the company and also because of many other outstanding claims.

At an informal meeting of creditors of G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., held on Friday, Oct. 22, in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals room in the Federal Building, Judge Mack told the fifty men and women present that he had heard that "sharper" were out" to buy up at bargain prices bonds of the Miller company on which there had been defaults in payment. The following is taken from a report of the meeting given in the New York "Times" of Oct. 23:

"Don't let the bonds go," he advised. "See the receiver. He will give you advice. Your bonds may be worth 50 cents on the dollar, or they may be worth more than 100 cents. I am not advising you not to sell to friends who can afford to wait for payment for a time and are willing to pay you what your securities are worth. But in cases like this, sharper are always ready to take advantage of the bondholders."

In replying to questions asked by creditors, Judge Mack said there were bondholders who had been lucky in getting interest payments. He said it was a question whether Miller & Co. had not paid the interest out of their own pockets, making it appear that the bonds held were gilt-edged securities. In making such payments, he said, they kept the coupons as liens on the properties bonded.

This phase of a complicated situation brought up the question whether those assets belonged to the bondholders of a particular piece of property or whether they belonged to the general creditors.

The receiver, Lawrence Berenson, and members of the law firm of Rosenberg & Ball counsel for the receiver, were present and explained the situation to the creditors. The advisability of forming a committee to represent the bondholders was discussed. One of those working for a settlement of the company's affairs said an effort had been made within the previous 24 hours to get August Heckscher to renew his interest in the affairs of the bondholders.

Judge Mack said it might be necessary for bondholders, where default had been made, to get together to protect their rights. He explained that the receiver could not foreclose for bondholders, for he was the receiver for G. L. Miller & Co. as a business concern and not the trustee of any bond issue. As a matter of public duty, he said, the receiver should, in

cases where G. L. Miller had acted as trustee of a building development, protect the bondholders by getting a new and better trustee.

One creditor asked when new trustees could be appointed. Judge Mack replied that that was a matter that he had had under consideration for many hours. Another inquirer asked how it was that in the schedule filed in the court on Thursday it appeared that outstanding bonds of the No. 1 Fifth Ave. Co. amounted to only \$275,175, although the amount of the mortgage was more than \$1,000,000. The receiver explained that was because of the amount of mortgage bonds that remained unsold.

According to the New York "Times" of Oct. 22, schedules filed in the U. S. District Court on the previous day (Oct. 21) by Lawrence Berenson, receiver for G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., show assets in excess of liabilities. The latter are given as \$3,040,569 and the assets as \$6,417,706. Included in the assets, it is understood, are accounts receivable, \$3,858,621, and stocks and bonds, \$1,669,811 and \$503,972, respectively. Assets listed are therefore more than double the amount of liabilities in value. Continuing in this regard, the "Times" said in part:

As to outstanding bonds amounting to \$60,000,000 and not listed in the schedules, Mr. Berenson has certified to the Court that there has been no default as to more than half of them and that there should be no uneasy feeling on the part of holders, while the receiver is working for the best interests of all concerned under the direction of the Court.

The Chemical National Bank is a creditor under a secured claim of \$412,238. Another creditor is the Internal Revenue Collector, to whom there is due \$44,908 as unpaid taxes for 1925.

Other claimants listed are: San Jacinto Hotel Co., Houston, Texas, \$738,323; J. P. I. Construction Co., Brooklyn, \$391,140; Englewood Building Corp., Englewood, N. J., \$275,175; No. 1 Fifth Avenue Corp., \$216,327; Greystone Investment Co., St. Louis, \$99,134; Hotel Newburgh Corp., Newburgh, N. Y., \$83,750; Chainin Coney Island Development Co., \$66,155; Lebanon Realty Co., Philadelphia, \$62,539; E. D. Haley Corp., Clearwater, Fla., \$67,576; Ridge County Holding Corp., Lakeland, Fla., \$119,539; Lake Cliff Apartment Corp., Dallas, Texas, \$92,741; Clark Estate Co., Kansas City, \$65,571; Roble Co., Inc., Bartow, Fla., \$60,969; Franklin Arms Inc., Bloomfield, N. J., \$33,414; Madison Building Corp., Memphis, Tenn., \$19,762; D. P. Davis Properties, Tampa, Fla., \$21,786.

According to the New York "World" of Sunday (Oct. 17), the Committee, headed by August Heckscher, to protect the interests of the bondholders of G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., and the holders of interim receipts for the numerous outstanding issues of real estate mortgage bonds distributed by that company, announced on Saturday (Oct. 16) that it had ceased its activities and would dissolve. The paper mentioned said in part as follows:

The committee stated in a letter to bondholders that opposition to its existence by the receiver was the reason for its withdrawal.

"The Bondholders' Committee," read the letter in part, "constituted under an agreement dated Oct. 4 1926, to protect the interests of holders of real estate mortgage bonds distributed by G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., announced that it declines to accept further deposits of bonds or interim receipts. It requests those who have already made deposits to surrender their certificates of deposit to the Empire Trust Co. and withdraw their bonds and interim receipts."

"This action is taken on account of the opposition of the receiver of G. L. Miller & Co., Inc. The receiver has distributed to bondholders a letter advising against any deposit of bonds by any bondholders for an indefinite period."

"The committee cannot effectively function as to any issue except as the representative of a majority of the bonds of that issue. It is evident that the receiver's letter makes it practically impossible for the committee to secure the requisite representation of bonds."

The letter is signed by Mr. Heckscher as Chairman and D. P. Kingsley Jr. as Secretary. The other members of the committee were William C. Sproul, Charles S. Whitman, Gen. Brice P. Disque and John V. W. Reynders.

No member of the committee would amplify the letter.

The banks appointed last week as sub-depositaries have been notified by wire to cease accepting interim receipts or bonds for the committee.

At a meeting of bondholders before Federal Judge Mack yesterday he told those present that they should not become frightened over any court proceedings growing out of the receivership of G. L. Miller & Co., and Lawrence Berenson, the receiver, presented an agreement to the Judge which he had made with litigants for the benefit of the company and its investors.

The agreement provides that no vital step be taken in foreclosure proceedings until within 15 days after the election of trustees in bankruptcy; also that no new foreclosure proceedings shall be instituted as to Miller & Co. securities within that period. It is understood that the trustees will be selected within 20 days.

Announcement of the formation of the Committee which subsequently was dissolved was made on Oct. 4. The following in this regard appeared in the New York "Times" of Oct. 5:

Formation of a committee to protect the interests of holders of G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., bonds and interim receipts for the numerous outstanding issues of real estate mortgage bonds distributed by that company was announced yesterday (Oct. 4).

August Heckscher is Chairman of the protective committee, according to the announcement, which was made by Clark Carr & Ellis, as its counsel. Other members of the committee are Brice P. Disque, President of Johnson, Cowdin & Ammerick; John V. W. Reynders, President of the American Institute of Mining & Metallurgical Engineers; William C. Sproul, former Governor of Pennsylvania, and Charles S. Whitman, former Governor of New York. D. P. Kingsley Jr. is Secretary of the committee.

The announcement of the committee points out that of practically all issues affected, the mortgage trustee is either G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., or an officer or employee. The announcement continues in part:

"That company, having ceased to do business, cannot function as trustee, and its former officers and employees cannot, as individual trustees, adequately represent the interests of the bondholders in the policing and enforcement of the various covenants and obligations of the mortgage companies."

"Principal and interest of the several issues of bonds involved are generally made payable at the office of G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., and that

company has been the depository of the funds for payment of interest and other funds. As the result of the receivership, no machinery now exists for paying coupons or for collecting principal and interest, or for enforcing the maintenance of adequate insurance on the mortgaged premises.

"Holders of the bonds have represented to the committee that it is essential to the common interest of all bondholders that prompt and concerted action be taken for the following purposes: 1. The substitution of responsible corporate trustees for the Miller trustees. 2. An investigation and report to the bondholders as to the status of their respective issues of bonds. 3. The enforcement of the rights of the bondholders, through reorganization, foreclosure or otherwise, as deemed necessary or advisable, in cases where a default exists or is imminent. 4. Arrangements for financing the completion of buildings in the case of issues of bonds secured by a building in process of construction. 5. Assertion of the rights of holders of interim receipts. 6. Such other action generally for the protection of bondholders as in each particular case the committee shall deem necessary and advisable.

"The Empire Trust Co., 120 Broadway, has been appointed depository of bonds and interim receipts. Sub-depositaries will be appointed in various cities. Certificates of deposit will be issued for all bonds and interim receipts deposited. The committee invites bondholders to deposit their bonds and interim receipts with the depository or any of the sub-depositaries to be named later, and to communicate their names and addresses, with information as to the issues and amounts held, to the Secretary of the committee."

On Oct. 6 the Protective Committee sent out a letter seeking to enlist the co-operation of the leading banks in the principal cities throughout the country in obtaining the prompt deposit of securities issued by the Miller company. Notice to this effect was also made and sent directly to the bondholders. We quote below, in part, from the "Times" of Oct. 7:

To achieve the prompt deposit of securities issued under the name of G. L. Miller & Co., the real estate investment house now in difficulties, the Protective Committee, recently appointed with August Heckscher at its head, has asked the active co-operation of leading banks in the principal cities in assisting the security holders and the committee to obtain speedy deposit of the securities. Notice to this effect was sent out by the committee last night to all holders of real estate mortgage bonds issued by the Miller firm, and also to the banks.

In this connection Clark, Carr & Ellis, counsel for the Protective Committee, said:

"So far as is known this is the first time a receivership of such ramifications has ever involved the active solicitation of the banks on such a scale. It has been induced in the present instance by the fact that \$63,000,000 of Miller bonds and interim receipts are involved, as well as 137 different properties located in 16 States. Up to the present time there has been no organization adequate to represent all the security holders' interests. Some defaults may be imminent, others have already occurred, some are in receivership, some of the properties are in course of construction, and still others are in the process of reorganization.

"Thus the facts make it imperative that all of the security holders be reached by the committee, rather than by so-called outside groups or interests, whose aims may be entirely selfish and designed to hamper than expedite the protection of the large amount of securities outstanding."

Lawrence Berenson, equity receiver for G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., on Oct. 7 filed a protest against the organization of a bondholders' committee at the present time, declaring it was not necessary, according to the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Oct. 8. The paper mentioned said:

Of 137 bond issues aggregating approximately \$60,000,000, about 100 issues are adequately secured by properties, Mr. Berenson's preliminary investigation revealed. These issues represent bonds totaling more than \$30,000,000, he estimates.

"While it is too early to state with finality that all of these issues are amply secured, there has been no default in such issues, and in many of them there has been substantial amortization, and I am prepared to go as far as to say that in a majority of cases there is no need for the creation of a bondholders' committee or the depositing of bonds, or the subjection of bondholders to expense or alarm," he said.

The protest was filed after an advertisement appeared in a New York newspaper calling for the formation of a bondholders' committee. Judge Mack directed Mr. Berenson to sell unneeded office furniture of the firm.

On Oct. 10 the Protective Committee announced that it had received a great many requests for information and advice on the affairs of the company and made public a letter which it had addressed to the holders of bonds and interim receipts sold by the failed firm, these holders aggregating more than 20,000 and representing 137 different issues totaling \$63,000,000. The letter, which was signed by Darwin P. Kingsley, Jr., as Secretary, was in part as follows:

There are reported to be more than 20,000 holders of Miller bonds. A synopsis and explanation of the deposit agreement is enclosed herewith and a list of the committee's depositaries is printed therein. A full copy of the agreement may be seen and read at each depository and important banks in the larger cities.

The committee cannot do more at this time than to state that after it has received deposits of the bonds of a particular issue, sufficient to justify its action, it proposes to take whatever action is necessary in the case of such issue for the best interest of the bondholders.

There are certain issues in which no action by the committee will be necessary. Bonds of such issues will be returned. There are also issues which require no more action by the committee than to substitute trustees and arrange for the payment of interest at some new agency.

The synopsis and explanation mentioned in the letter had the following to say with regard to the compensation of the committee:

If the committee determines that an insufficient number of bonds of any issue has been deposited to justify the committee in proceeding in that issue, the depositors will be notified to withdraw their bonds, and in such cases the committee will charge no compensation. In the case of issues as to which the only proceeding necessary is to effect the substitution of trustees and make a report to the bondholders, the committee will charge

its actual expenses but no compensation. In all other cases the compensation of the committee shall not exceed 1/2 of 1% of the face value of the deposited bonds, which is \$5 per \$1,000 bond. The committee is authorized to employ counsel, accountants and such other agents as are necessary. Expenses are to be kept for the several issues, so that those issues as to which there is little difficulty will not have to bear expenses incurred in respect of issues involving more difficulty.

In regard to the status of buildings upon which the Miller company sold bonds, Mr. Berenson, the receiver, according to the New York "Times" of Oct. 13, issued a list on Oct. 12 of 70 such structures which have been found not to be in default as to payments of interest and amortization. With the list Mr. Berenson sent a letter to all Miller bondholders advising them that "there is neither cause nor necessity to pay any deposit committee or committees large charges for information and for services." This letter, as printed in the "Times," read in part:

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York was requested me, as receiver, to advise bondholders seeking information as to the status of buildings on which they own bonds. I am preparing data on each of the 137 issues sold by the Miller company. The data in respect to each building will be sent to every holder of a bond on that building. There is neither cause nor necessity in the case of most of the bondholders to pay to any deposit committee or committees large charges for information and services which the receiver is about to furnish. Any such committee or committees would probably obtain most of their information from the receiver.

There are approximately \$35,000,000 of bonds sold by the Miller company upon which there has been no default and which are paying their interest, amortization and other expenses. In cases of unfinished buildings and buildings in default, small bondholders' committees, separate as to each such building and consisting of large holders of bonds on these specific properties, will act for the benefit of bondholders at a minimum cost.

Life Insurance Companies Increase Mortgage Investments 130% in Five Years.

While the admitted assets of life insurance companies in the United States have had a growth of 69% since 1919, their investments in mortgage loans have grown 130%, according to tables showing totals of such investment given by Lester E. Wurfel, Assistant Secretary of the Prudential Life Insurance Co., before the annual convention of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, which has just been concluded at Richmond, Virginia. This is learned from the National Association of Real Estate Boards, which says:

At the end of the year 1925, there was approximately \$71,178,190,000 of legal reserve life insurance in force in United States life companies, Mr. Wurfel stated, a sum which represents about one-fifth of our national wealth. Indicating the trend of the investment policy of these companies more and more toward placing their funds in real estate mortgages, Mr. Wurfel gave a table showing the percentage of mortgage loan investments of these companies for the past six years, as follows:

Year—	Admitted Assets.	% of Admitted Assets Invested in Mtge. Loans.
1919	\$6,790,582,415	30.8
1920	7,319,997,019	29.7
1921	7,936,496,844	35.2
1922	8,652,318,490	36.1
1923	9,454,620,793	38.7
1924	10,394,034,380	40.2
1925	11,485,407,000	42.0

Federal Reserve Board's Review by Months of Bank Suspensions During 1926—July's Record 138, with 97 Suspensions in Georgia and Florida.

We are giving below, by months, the record of bank suspensions during the current year, up to and including August, as reported by the Federal Reserve Board in its monthly "Bulletin". The greatest number of bank suspensions in any one month this year occurred in July, when 138 banks, with deposits of \$52,164,000 were reported to the Federal Reserve banks as having been closed. The majority of the suspensions in this month (July) were those in the Atlanta Federal Reserve District, where 97 banks (not including about 22 branches which were operated by three of the banks) were closed, only one of them, it is noted, having been a member bank. During August 51 banks in the various Reserve districts were closed, more than half of them being located in the Minneapolis District. The details for August, as given in the Reserve "Bulletin" follow:

During August 51 banks, with deposits of \$11,902,000, were reported to the Federal Reserve banks as having been closed on account of financial difficulties. These totals are considerably smaller than those reported for July, when 138 banks, with deposits of \$52,164,000, were closed, but compare with 14 banks, having deposits of \$1,837,000, reported closed in August 1925.

More than one-half of the suspensions during August were in the Minneapolis District, where there were 28 banks closed during the month, as against 15 the month before; in the Atlanta District, where there were 97 suspensions in July, only five banks were reported closed in August. Twenty banks which had previously been closed were reported to have resumed operations during the month—1 in the Philadelphia District, 11 in the Atlanta District, 1 in the Chicago District and 7 in the Minneapolis District. The number and deposits of banks closed during August 1926 are shown in the following table, by class of bank; the figures for closed banks represent, so far as can be determined, banks which have been closed to the public by order of supervisory authorities or by the directors of the

bank, on account of financial difficulties, and it is not known how many of the institutions thus reported may ultimately prove to be solvent.

BANKS SUSPENDED DURING AUGUST 1926.

Federal Reserve District.	All Banks.		Member. ^a		Non-Member.	
	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.b	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.b	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.b
All districts.....	51	\$11,902,000	9	\$2,303,000	42	\$9,599,000
Boston.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
New York.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Philadelphia.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cleveland.....	1	140,000	1	140,000	---	---
Richmond.....	1	53,000	---	---	1	53,000
Atlanta.....	5	937,000	---	---	5	937,000
Chicago.....	6	938,000	2	569,000	4	369,000
St. Louis.....	1	311,000	---	---	1	311,000
Minneapolis.....	28	8,191,000	4	1,141,000	24	7,050,000
Kansas City.....	9	1,332,000	2	453,000	7	879,000
Dallas.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
San Francisco.....	---	---	---	---	---	---

^a National banks; no suspensions of State member banks in August.
^b Figures represent deposits for the latest available date prior to the suspensions, and are subject to revision when information for the date of suspension becomes available.

During the first three weeks of September, 5 national banks and 21 non-member State banks—a total of 26 banks with deposits of \$7,458,000—were reported as having been closed during the period; 15 banks which had previously been closed were reopened—6 each in Georgia and Florida and 3 in South Dakota.

Regarding the July bank suspensions, the Reserve Board in its September "Bulletin" said:

During July 138 banks, with deposits of \$52,164,000, were reported to the Federal Reserve banks as having been closed on account of financial difficulties. This is the largest number of suspensions for any month since January 1924, and compares with a total of 77 banks, with deposits of \$41,737,000, closed in June and 29 banks, with deposits of \$5,882,000, closed last year in July. The increase for July this year is accounted for by the increase in the number of suspending non-member banks. Of the total number of suspensions, only 5, with deposits of \$1,978,000, were member banks—four of them national banks and one a member State bank—while 133, with deposits of \$50,186,000, were non-member banks. More than two-thirds of the total number of suspensions during the month were non-member banks in the States of Georgia and Florida—banks in most cases associated in a chain system the head of which became insolvent.

The largest number of suspensions was in the Atlanta District, where 97 banks (not including about 22 branches which were operated by three of the banks) were closed, only one of them a member bank. The number of suspensions in July was larger than in June in the Richmond, Atlanta and San Francisco districts and smaller in the Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Kansas City districts. Seventeen banks which had previously been closed were reported to have resumed operations during the month—1 in the Atlanta District, 1 in the St. Louis District, 13 in the Minneapolis District, and 2 in the Kansas City District. The number and deposits of banks closed during July 1926 are shown in the following table, by class of bank; the figures for closed banks represent, so far as can be determined, banks which have been closed to the public by order of supervisory authorities or by the directors of the bank, on account of financial difficulties, and it is not known how many of the institutions thus reported may ultimately prove to be solvent.

BANK SUSPENSIONS DURING JULY 1926.

Federal Reserve District.	All Banks.		Member. ^a		Non-Member.	
	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.b	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.b	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.b
All districts.....	138	\$52,164,000	5	\$1,978,000	133	\$50,186,000
Boston.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
New York.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Philadelphia.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cleveland.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Richmond.....	7	2,072,000	1	587,000	6	1,485,000
Atlanta.....	97	37,751,000	1	300,000	96	37,451,000
Chicago.....	7	1,751,000	1	414,000	6	1,337,000
St. Louis.....	5	1,070,000	1	371,000	4	699,000
Minneapolis.....	15	6,662,000	1	306,000	14	6,356,000
Kansas City.....	5	816,000	---	---	5	816,000
Dallas.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
San Francisco.....	2	2,042,000	---	---	2	2,042,000

^a Comprises four national banks with deposits of \$1,678,000 and one State member bank with deposits of \$300,000.

^b Figures represent deposits for the latest available date prior to the suspensions, and are subject to revision when information for the date of suspension becomes available.

During the first three weeks of August 5 member banks and 36 non-members—a total of 41 banks having deposits of \$9,641,000—were reported as having been closed during the month; the largest number in any one district was 24, reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. During the same period 17 banks which had previously been closed were reported to have resumed operations.

During the month of June 77 banks, with deposits of \$41,737,000, were reported to the Federal Reserve banks as having been closed on account of financial difficulties, said the Federal Reserve Board in its August "Bulletin," from which we take the following further report:

This is the largest number of suspensions for any single month since January 1925, when 103 banks were closed, and compares with a total of 66 banks, with deposits of \$16,344,000, closed in May and 34 banks, with deposits of \$10,368,000, closed last year in June. Of the banks suspending in June this year 61, with deposits of \$35,076,000, were non-member banks and 16, with deposits of \$6,661,000, were member banks, 13 of them national and 3 member State banks.

The increase in the number of suspensions in June as compared with the preceding month was largely in the Minneapolis and Atlanta districts. In the Minneapolis district there were 18 suspensions in May and 29 in June, the increase occurring largely in South Dakota. In the Atlanta district there were 2 suspensions in May and 11 in June, the suspensions in the latter month occurring largely in Florida. There was a decrease from 20 to 11 banks in the Chicago district owing to a decrease in the number of suspensions in Iowa. One bank in the St. Louis district, 4 in the Minneapolis district, and 1 in the Kansas City district, which had previously been closed, were reported to have resumed operations during the month. The number and deposits of banks closed during June 1926 are shown in the following table, by class of bank; the figures for closed banks represent so far as can be determined banks which have been closed

to the public by order of supervisory authorities, or by the directors of the bank, on account of financial difficulties, and it is not known how many of the institutions thus reported may ultimately prove to be solvent:

BANK SUSPENSIONS DURING JUNE 1926.

Federal Reserve District.	All Banks.		Member.(a)		Non-Member.	
	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.(b)	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.(b)	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.(b)
All districts.....	c77	\$41,737,000	16	\$6,661,000	c61	\$35,076,000
Boston.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
New York.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Philadelphia.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cleveland.....	c2	618,000	1	618,000	c1	---
Richmond.....	3	5,928,000	---	---	---	---
Atlanta.....	11	21,494,000	1	1,063,000	10	20,431,000
Chicago.....	11	2,636,000	4	1,485,000	7	1,151,000
St. Louis.....	8	1,781,000	2	1,023,000	6	758,000
Minneapolis.....	29	6,470,000	5	1,419,000	24	5,051,000
Kansas City.....	13	2,810,000	3	1,053,000	10	1,757,000
Dallas.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
San Francisco.....	---	---	---	---	---	---

^a Comprise 13 national banks with deposits of \$5,481,000 and 3 State member banks with deposits of \$1,180,000.

^b Figures represent deposits for the latest available date prior to the suspensions, and are subject to revision when information for the date of suspension becomes available.

^c Includes 1 private bank for which no data are available.

July Suspensions.

During the first three weeks of July 121 banks, with deposits of \$49,441,000, were reported to Federal Reserve banks as having been closed during the period. Preliminary figures show that 88 of these banks, only 1 a member of the Federal Reserve System, were in the States of Georgia and Florida (this number is exclusive of about 22 branches). In Georgia the suspended banks were in most cases associated in a chain system, the head of which became insolvent.

During May, as indicated above, 66 banks, with total deposits of \$16,344,000 were reported to the Federal Reserve banks as having been closed on account of financial difficulties. The Federal Reserve Board in its July "Bulletin," in making public these figures, went on to say:

These totals were larger than in April, when 54 banks with deposits of \$13,868,000 suspended operations, and were larger also than in May 1925, when there were 54 suspensions involving deposits of \$15,930,000. Of the banks closed in May this year, 9, with deposits of \$3,505,000, were national banks, and 1, with deposits of \$896,000, was a member State bank—a total of 10 member banks, with deposits of \$4,401,000, as against 6 member banks, with deposits of \$3,642,000, that suspended in April, and 14, with deposits of \$8,316,000, that suspended in May 1925.

The suspensions in May this year were largely in the Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City districts, in which there were 50 closed banks out of the total of 66 for the country as a whole. The increase in the number of suspensions in May as compared with the preceding month was largest in the Chicago district, where most of the suspensions were in the State of Iowa. One bank in the Richmond district, 2 in the Chicago district, 7 in the Minneapolis district and 1 in the Kansas City district, which had previously been closed, were reported to have resumed operations during the month. The number and deposits of banks closed during May 1926 are shown in the following table, by class of bank; the figures for closed banks represent so far as can be determined banks which have been closed to the public by order of supervisory authorities, or by the directors of the bank, on account of financial difficulties, and it is not known how many of the institutions thus reported may ultimately prove to be solvent:

BANK SUSPENSIONS DURING MAY 1926.

Federal Reserve District.	All Banks.		Member.(a)		Non-Member.	
	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.(b)	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.(b)	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.(b)
All districts.....	c66	\$16,344,000	10	\$4,401,000	c56	\$11,943,000
Boston.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
New York.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Philadelphia.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cleveland.....	1	703,000	---	---	1	703,000
Richmond.....	1	35,000	---	---	1	35,000
Atlanta.....	2	320,000	1	245,000	1	75,000
Chicago.....	c20	6,301,000	5	2,615,000	c15	3,686,000
St. Louis.....	8	1,621,000	---	---	8	1,621,000
Minneapolis.....	18	3,871,000	2	520,000	16	3,351,000
Kansas City.....	12	2,035,000	1	125,000	11	1,910,000
Dallas.....	3	1,237,000	1	896,000	2	341,000
San Francisco.....	1	221,000	---	---	1	221,000

^a Comprises 9 national banks with deposits of \$3,505,000 and 1 State member bank with deposits of \$896,000.

^b Figures represent deposits for the latest available date prior to the suspension, and are subject to revision when information for the date of suspension becomes available.

^c Includes 1 private bank for which no deposits are available.

The June "Bulletin" of the Reserve Board announced that during April 54 banks, with total deposits of \$13,868,000, were reported to the Federal Reserve banks as having been closed on account of financial difficulties and added:

These totals compare with 51 banks, with deposits of \$10,707,000, closed during March and 48 banks, with deposits of \$16,055,000, closed in April 1925. Of the banks closed in April this year, five, with deposits of \$1,430,000, were national banks, and one, with deposits of \$2,212,000, was a member State bank—a total of six member banks with deposits of \$3,642,000, as against six member banks with deposits of \$794,000 closed in March. There were 48 non-member banks, with deposits of \$10,226,000, that suspended in April, as compared with 45 banks, having deposits of \$9,913,000 that suspended the month before.

Suspensions were most numerous in the Minneapolis district, where 18 banks were closed in both in March and April, and in the Chicago district, where 11 banks were closed in April, as against five in March. In the St. Louis district the number of suspensions decreased from 12 in March to six in April. Four banks in the St. Louis district, three in the Minneapolis district, and one in the Kansas City district, which had previously been closed, were reported to have resumed operations during the month. The number and deposits of banks closed during April 1926 are shown in the following table, by class of bank; the figures for closed banks represent so far as can be determined banks which have been closed to the public by order of supervisory authorities, or by the directors of the bank, on account of financial difficulties, and it is not known how many of the institutions thus reported may ultimately prove to be solvent:

BANK SUSPENSIONS DURING APRIL 1926.

Federal Reserve District.	All Banks.		Member. ^a		Non-Member.	
	Num-ber.	Total Deposits. ^b	Num-ber.	Total Deposits. ^b	Num-ber.	Total Deposits. ^b
Cleveland.....	1	\$325,000	--	---	1	\$325,000
Richmond.....	5	1,798,000	--	---	5	1,798,000
Atlanta.....	1	65,000	--	---	1	65,000
Chicago.....	11	3,732,000	1	\$2,212,000	10	1,520,000
St. Louis.....	6	1,666,000	1	388,000	5	1,278,000
Minneapolis.....	18	4,207,000	3	731,000	15	3,476,000
Kansas City.....	9	1,793,000	1	311,000	8	1,482,000
Dallas.....	3	282,000	--	---	3	282,000
All districts.....	54	\$13,868,000	6	\$3,642,000	48	\$10,226,000

^a Comprises five national banks with deposits of \$1,430,000 and one State member bank (in the Chicago District) with deposits of \$2,212,000. ^b Figures represent deposits for latest available date prior to the suspension, and are subject to revision when information for the date of suspension becomes available.

In its account in its May "Bulletin" of bank suspensions during March, the Federal Reserve Board said:

During March 51 banks with total deposits of \$10,707,000, were reported to the Federal Reserve banks as having been closed on account of financial difficulties. Both totals were lower than in the shorter month preceding, when 52 banks, with deposits of \$13,808,000 were reported closed, but were somewhat higher than in March 1925, during which 43 banks, with deposits of \$10,142,000 were closed. Of the banks closed in March this year, five, with deposits of \$607,000, were national banks and one, with deposits of \$187,000, was a member State bank—a total of six member banks, with deposits of \$794,000, as against ten, with deposits of \$3,629,000, closed in February. There were 45 non-member banks, with deposits of \$9,913,000, that suspended in March, compared with 42 banks, having deposits of \$10,179,000 suspending the month before.

The number of reported suspensions was larger in March than in February only in the Richmond district, where six banks closed in March as against two in February, and in the St. Louis district, where there were twelve suspensions in March (ten of them in the State of Missouri), compared with three in the preceding month. Suspensions were most numerous in the Minneapolis and St. Louis districts, and, within these districts, the largest numbers were in the States of Missouri, South Dakota and Minnesota. Four banks in the Minneapolis district and one bank each in the Richmond, Chicago and St. Louis districts, which had previously been closed, were reported to have resumed operations during the month. The number and deposits of banks closed during March 1926 are shown in the following table, by class of bank; the figures for closed banks represent so far as can be determined banks which have been closed to the public by order of supervisory authorities, or by the directors of the bank, on account of financial difficulties, and it is not known how many of the institutions thus reported may ultimately prove to be solvent:

BANKS CLOSED DURING MARCH 1926.

Federal Reserve District.	All Banks.		Member. ^(a)		Non-Member.	
	Num-ber.	Total Deposits. ^b	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.	Num-ber.	Total Deposits.
All districts.....	51	\$10,707,000	6	\$794,000	45	\$9,913,000
Boston.....	--	---	--	---	--	---
New York.....	--	---	--	---	--	---
Philadelphia.....	--	---	--	---	--	---
Cleveland.....	--	---	--	---	--	---
Richmond.....	6	632,000	--	---	6	632,000
Atlanta.....	1	100,000	--	---	1	100,000
Chicago.....	5	757,000	3	375,000	2	382,000
St. Louis.....	12	3,113,000	--	---	12	3,113,000
Minneapolis.....	18	4,908,000	1	200,000	17	4,708,000
Kansas City.....	7	1,066,000	2	219,000	5	847,000
Dallas.....	2	131,000	--	---	2	131,000
San Francisco.....	--	---	--	---	--	---

^a Comprises 5 national banks with deposits of \$607,000 and 1 State member bank with deposits of \$187,000.

^b Figures represent deposits for the latest available date prior to the suspension, and are subject to revision when information for the date of suspension becomes available.

In stating in its April "Bulletin" that 52 banks with total deposits of \$13,808,000 were reported to the Federal Reserve banks as having been closed during February on account of financial difficulties, the Board had the following to say:

These totals are lower than for the preceding month, when there were 63 closed banks, with deposits of \$16,653,000, and lower also than in February 1925, when 60 banks, with deposits of \$15,324,000, suspended operations. Of the banks reported as closed in February this year, 8 with deposits of \$2,997,000 were national banks and 2 with deposits of \$632,000 were member State banks—a total of 10 member banks with deposits of \$3,629,000, as compared with 11 member banks with deposits of \$5,373,000 in January. There were 42 non-member banks with deposits of \$10,179,000 that suspended in February, as against 52 with deposits of \$11,280,000 the month before. Suspensions were most numerous in the Minneapolis and Chicago districts, and, within these districts, the largest numbers were in the States of Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota. Three banks in the Minneapolis district and one in the Kansas City district, which had previously been closed, were reported to have resumed operations during the month. The number and deposits of banks closed during February 1926 are shown in the following table, by class of bank; the figures for closed banks represent so far as can be determined banks which have been closed to the public by order of supervisory authorities, or by the directors of the bank on account of financial difficulties, and it is not known how many of the institutions thus reported may ultimately prove to be solvent:

BANKS CLOSED DURING FEBRUARY 1926.

Federal Reserve District.	All Banks.		Member. ^(a)		Non-Member.	
	Num-ber.	Total deposits. ^(b)	Num-ber.	Total deposits. ^(b)	Num-ber.	Total deposits. ^(b)
All districts.....	52	\$13,808,000	10	\$3,629,000	42	\$10,179,000
Richmond.....	2	105,000	--	---	2	105,000
Atlanta.....	3	694,000	1	415,000	2	279,000
Chicago.....	11	2,347,000	--	---	11	2,347,000
St. Louis.....	3	1,013,000	1	217,000	2	796,000
Minneapolis.....	20	5,910,000	4	1,263,000	16	4,647,000
Kansas City.....	8	2,193,000	2	662,000	6	1,531,000
Dallas.....	3	474,000	--	---	3	474,000
San Francisco.....	2	1,072,000	2	1,072,000	--	---

^a Comprises 8 national banks with deposits of \$2,997,000 and 2 State member banks with deposits of \$632,000.

^b Figures represent deposits for the latest available date prior to the suspension, and are subject to revision when information for the date of suspension becomes available.

We also annex the figures of bank suspensions for January as presented by the Board in its March "Bulletin":

During January 64 banks, with total deposits of \$17,084,000, were reported to the Federal Reserve banks as having been closed or declared insolvent. These totals are lower than those reported for the preceding month, when there were 70 closed banks, with deposits of \$22,284,000, and lower also than in January last year, when 103 banks with deposits of \$25,477,000 suspended operations. Of the banks closed in January this year, seven with deposits of \$3,988,000 were national banks, four with deposits of \$1,385,000 were member State banks, and 53 with deposits of \$11,711,000 were non-member banks. The Chicago and Minneapolis districts account for half of the total suspensions, and within these districts suspensions were most numerous in the States of Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota. One bank each in the Atlanta, Minneapolis and Kansas City districts, which had previously been closed, were reported to have resumed operations during the month. The figures for closed banks represent as far as can be determined banks which have been declared insolvent or have been closed to the public by order of supervisory authorities, and it is not known how many of the latter institutions may ultimately prove to be solvent. It will be noted that figures for total deposits have been used in the following table instead of figures for capital and surplus as heretofore.

BANKS CLOSED DURING JANUARY 1926.

Federal Reserve District.	All Banks.		Member. ^(a)		Non-Member.	
	Num-ber.	Total Deposits. ^b	Num-ber.	Total Deposits. ^b	Num-ber.	Total Deposits. ^b
All districts.....	64	\$17,084,000	11	\$5,373,000	53	\$11,711,000
Cleveland.....	2	1,183,000	--	---	2	1,183,000
Richmond.....	5	843,000	--	---	5	843,000
Atlanta.....	1	194,000	--	---	1	194,000
Chicago.....	12	5,755,000	7	4,292,000	5	1,463,000
St. Louis.....	5	628,000	--	---	5	628,000
Minneapolis.....	20	4,220,000	1	751,000	19	3,469,000
Kansas City.....	8	1,138,000	--	---	8	1,138,000
Dallas.....	5	656,000	2	136,000	3	520,000
San Francisco.....	2	210,000	--	---	2	210,000

^a Comprises 7 national banks with deposits of \$3,988,000, and 4 State member banks with deposits of \$1,385,000.

^b Figures represent deposits for the latest available date prior to the suspension, and are subject to revision when information for the date of suspension becomes available.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Course of Brokers' Loans From 1919 to 1925.

An item in which it comments on brokers' loans in past years, and presents charts to show the course of such loans from 1919 to 1925, appears as follows in the Nov. 1 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

During the war when it was necessary for the New York City banks to take concerted action to exercise some control over the money market in order to prevent serious shortages of funds, there was inaugurated a series of daily reports by the New York City banks to the Federal Reserve Bank, giving their loans to brokers both for their own account and for the account of correspondents. These reports were made by the mutual consent of all the banks concerned on the understanding that the data would be held confidential.

These reports proved so useful that they have been continued up to the present time, with the co-operation of the large New York City banks. At the time of the hearings before the Congressional Joint Commission of Agricultural Inquiry weekly figures from 1919 to the middle of 1921 were made available to Congress and were published in the hearings, but otherwise they have remained confidential.

Following the inauguration by the Federal Reserve Board in January of this year of a series of weekly reports on loans to brokers and dealers, it has now become possible, with the consent of the banks concerned, to publish the brokers' loan figures for previous years, and the figures are shown in the accompanying diagrams. Detailed weekly figures segregating loans for own account and loans for account of correspondents are included in the November Federal Reserve Bulletin.

It should first be noted that these back figures for brokers' loans are not directly comparable with the figures now currently reported each week. The new reports were extended to a somewhat larger group of banks, 61 (on Jan. 6) as compared with 43 which had been making confidential reports. Moreover, the current reports are a little more comprehensive as to the loans which they include. The relationship between the old confidential reports of brokers' loans and the more recent published reports may perhaps best be shown by comparing the figures in the two series for Jan. 1926. They were as follows, in millions of dollars:

	Confidential Daily Report.	Weekly Published Figures.	Difference.
January 6.....	2,908	3,141	233
January 13.....	2,899	3,133	234
January 20.....	2,888	3,131	243
January 27.....	2,870	3,098	228

Thus we see that the reports now currently published are on such a basis that they tend to run at least 200 million dollars higher than the older series.

The first diagram compares the movement of brokers' loans as confidentially reported for previous years with the movement of total loans on stocks and bonds, which have been published each week in the statement of conditions for reporting member banks. It will be noted that the published figures for loans on stocks and bonds followed much the same general course as did brokers' loans.

The second diagram compares the loans placed by New York City banks for their own account with the loans placed for account of their correspondents. For a considerable part of the period covered by the figures the two lines run fairly close together, but for the period as a whole the loans placed for correspondents have increased much more than have loans placed by New York City banks for their own account. This may be illustrated by comparing figures for the autumn of 1925 with the figures for the end of 1919. In the autumn of 1925 loans by New York City banks for their own account were only about 30% higher than in 1919, whereas loans placed for out-of-town correspondents were more than twice as large as in 1919.

Federal Reserve Board on Bank Suspensions in 1924 and 1925.

A survey of bank suspensions in 1924 and 1925 made during the past year, said the Federal Reserve Board in its April "Bulletin," shows that in 1925 612 banks, with de-

posits of \$172,900,000, suspended operations, compared with 777 banks, with deposits of \$213,444,000, in 1924. In reviewing the subject further the Board said:

Of the banks suspending in 1925, 146 with deposits of \$67,264,000, were member banks and 466, with deposits of \$105,636,000, were non-member banks. The Board's reports on bank suspensions cover all banks in the country, whether incorporated or unincorporated, which were closed to the public on account of financial difficulties, and it is not known how many of the institutions thus reported may ultimately prove to be solvent or may be restored to solvency. The record of suspensions during 1924 and 1925 is summarized, by class of banks and by geographic divisions, in the accompanying table.

The 1,389 banks, with deposits of \$386,344,000, that suspended during these two years were for the most part non-member banks. Among member banks, which constituted about one-third of the number and hold nearly two-thirds of the deposits of all banks in the country, there were 305 suspensions, involving deposits of \$141,733,000. The number of member banks which suspended was thus about 22% and their deposits about 37% of the total number and deposits of all banks which suspended during the

BANK SUSPENSIONS DURING 1924 AND 1925.
Amounts in thousands of dollars.

	Banks suspending in the period from Jan. 1 1924 to Dec. 31 1925.						Ratios (Per Cent)	
	Number.			Total deposits. (a)			No. of suspending banks to total number of banks. (b)	Deposits of suspending banks to total deposits of all bks. (c)
	1924	1925	Total	1924	1925	Total		
All banks in United States.....	777	612	1,389	213,444	172,900	386,344	4.6	0.88
Member banks.....	159	146	305	74,469	67,264	141,733	3.1	.52
National State.....	122	118	240	60,889	58,537	119,426	2.9	.71
Non-member banks.....	37	28	65	13,550	8,727	22,277	4.0	.22
Geographic Divisions—								
New England States.....	1	2	3	1,605	1,298	2,903	.3	.06
Eastern States.....	8	10	18	2,647	11,845	14,492	.5	.08
Southern States.....	141	171	312	25,335	34,395	59,730	4.4	1.35
Middle Western States.....	220	213	433	75,356	60,393	135,749	4.0	1.20
Western States.....	378	192	570	101,808	56,498	158,306	9.7	7.07
Pacific States.....	29	24	53	6,693	8,471	15,164	3.0	.44

a Deposits are for 770 banks in 1924 and 604 in 1925, figures not being available for 15 banks.
b Number of banks that suspended in 1924 and 1925 and amount of their deposits at the time of suspension, compared with the number and deposits of all banks as of June 30 1923, the latest available date prior to the period covered in the table.

period. The number of member banks that suspended during the two years constituted 3.1% of all member banks in operation at the beginning of the period, while the number of non-member banks that suspended was 5.3% of the total number of non-member banks. Total deposits of suspending member banks represented 0.50% of the deposits of all member banks, whereas the deposits of suspending non-member banks were 1.44% of the deposits of all non-member banks.

Suspensions occurred during these two years in nearly all States of the country, but the greater proportion were in Western, Middle Western and Southern States. Suspensions among member as well as non-member banks were most numerous in the Western States, which include North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma. In these Western States the banks that suspended during 1924 and 1925 were nearly 10% of all banks and had deposits which were more than 7% of the deposits of all banks; the number of member banks that suspended was more than 8% and their deposits more than 5% of the number and deposits of member banks, while suspending non-member banks were more than 10% of the number and had more than 9% of the deposits of non-member banks in these same States. More than one-half of the total number of suspensions during these two years were in the six States of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota and Oklahoma, while more than 80% of the suspensions were in these and the nine States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Wyoming and New Mexico.

The banks which suspended both in 1924 and 1925 were for the most part small institutions. This is shown in the accompanying table, in which the banks that suspended during the two years are classified for each Federal Reserve district according to the amount of their capital stock; the distribution of suspending banks among these classes was approximately the same for each year. The table shows that in the two years taken together more than 63% of the banks that suspended had capital of \$25,000 or less, and nearly 71% had capital of less than \$50,000; only about 10% of the banks had capital of \$100,000 or more.

BANK SUSPENSIONS DURING 1924 AND 1925, BY SIZE OF BANK.

Federal Reserve District.	Total number of suspensions.	Number of banks with capital stock of—				
		\$25,000 and less.	\$25,001 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 to \$199,999	\$200,000 to \$1,000,000
Boston.....	3	—	—	2	1	—
New York.....	6	6	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia.....	5	—	—	—	—	—
Cleveland.....	20	16	—	3	1	—
Richmond.....	2111	58	16	25	3	1
Atlanta.....	92	54	8	18	9	—
Chicago.....	6217	114	19	48	22	3
St. Louis.....	106	77	6	15	4	4
Minneapolis.....	463	349	26	67	16	5
Kansas City.....	210	137	13	38	16	6
Dallas.....	103	47	10	25	15	6
San Francisco.....	53	22	3	22	6	—
Total.....	a. 61,389	880	101	263	104	33
Per cent of total number.....	100	63.4	7.3	18.9	7.5	2.4
Cumulative per cent of total number.....	100	63.4	70.7	89.6	97.1	99.5

a Includes 1 bank for which figure for capital is not available.
b Includes 7 banks for which no figure for capital is available.

Although a large proportion of the suspending banks were small institutions, it should be noted that most of the banks of the country are relatively small banks and that the proportion of small banks is largest in those regions in which most of the suspensions occurred. These facts are brought out by the accompanying table, which gives average capital per bank and average deposits per bank, both for suspending banks and for all banks, in each of the geographic divisions of the country and in the six States in which suspensions were most numerous.

AVERAGE SIZE OF SUSPENDING BANKS AND ALL BANKS

	No. of suspensions 1924 and 1925.	Average amount of capital per bank. (a)		Average deposits per bank. (a)	
		Banks suspending in 1924 and 1925.	All banks (June 30 1923)	Banks suspending in 1924 and 1925.	All banks (June 30 1923)
Total United States.....	1,389	\$38,243	\$100,136	\$281,182	\$1,462,983
New England States.....	3	91,667	168,458	967,667	4,449,666
Eastern States.....	18	71,471	260,647	852,471	4,990,361
Southern States.....	312	43,048	73,160	192,677	624,150
Middle Western States.....	433	38,406	84,970	322,444	1,050,344
Minnesota.....	105	33,390	49,970	396,810	633,445
Iowa.....	167	47,909	48,267	368,826	554,308
Missouri.....	88	30,034	70,612	216,318	736,541
Western States.....	570	33,333	36,817	277,730	382,988
North Dakota.....	108	19,352	22,019	149,787	201,304
South Dakota.....	175	29,469	27,684	317,320	340,189
Oklahoma.....	70	31,814	42,983	262,557	440,366
Pacific States.....	53	47,774	144,955	286,113	1,959,283

a Figures for capital of 8 banks and for deposits of 15 banks were not available; averages are for banks for which figures were available.

The table shows that the average bank in the United States has a capital of about \$100,000 and deposits of about \$1,500,000, while the banks that suspended in 1924 and 1925 averaged less than \$40,000 capital and about \$280,000 deposits. But in the Western States, where suspensions were relatively numerous, the average bank has about \$37,000 capital and less than \$400,000 deposits and the suspended banks had, on the average, about \$33,000 capital and about \$275,000 deposits; thus, the banks that suspended in this section were somewhat more nearly comparable in size to the average bank in this particular section. In South Dakota, where suspensions were more numerous than in any other State, the average suspending bank had capital slightly larger and deposits but slightly smaller than the average bank of the State, and in North Dakota the banks that suspended did not differ appreciably in average size from the other banks in these States.

The sections of the country in which suspensions were most numerous were also the sections in which the number of banks was relatively large in proportion to the population and in which the communities served by banks are of relatively small size. There was one bank to about 7,300 people in the New England and Eastern States, compared with one bank to about 1,500 to 2,900 people for the Western and Middle Western States. In the six States in which suspensions were most numerous in 1924 and 1925—Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Oklahoma—the average number of people to each bank ranged from about 800 to 960 in North Dakota and South Dakota to 2,100 and 2,400 in Missouri and Oklahoma, and compared with an average of about 4,000 for the country as a whole. A classification of the banks that suspended during the two years according to the size of the centres in which they were located shows that 40% of these banks were in towns with a population of less than 500, 80% were in towns with a population of less than 2,500 and 96% were in towns of less than 25,000 population. In the following table bank suspensions for 1924 and 1925 are classified for the major geographic divisions of the country, by size of the centres in which the banks were located:

BANK SUSPENSIONS DURING 1924 AND 1925, BY SIZE OF TOWN OR CITY.

	Total No. of suspensions 1924 and 1925.	Number of bank suspensions in villages, towns, and cities with population of—					
		Less than 500	500 to 999	1,000 to 1,499	1,500 to 2,499	2,500 to 4,999	5,000 to 24,999 and over.
New England States.....	3	1	—	—	—	—	2
Eastern States.....	18	1	—	—	—	1	11
Southern States.....	312	103	79	33	32	31	26
Middle Western States.....	433	177	94	36	41	37	29
Western States.....	570	267	106	63	48	32	16
Pacific States.....	53	12	8	6	9	14	3
Total United States.....	1,389	561	288	138	131	115	101
Per cent of total number.....	100	40.4	20.7	9.9	9.4	8.3	7.3
Cumulative per cent of total number.....	100	40.4	61.1	71.0	80.4	88.7	96.0

Federal Land Bank Reports May Change in Form.

The Federal Farm Loan Board has just announced that a new form of general report for Federal Land banks is under consideration, says the "United States Daily" of Nov. 5; from which we also take the following:

The new report would be rendered quarterly, with a balance sheet statement issued monthly, effective as of Jan. 1 1927.

Before recommending the form to the board, N. S. Pean, Chief Examiner, has sent a memorandum to all Federal and Joint Stock Land banks requesting suggestions. The full text of the memorandum follows:

To all Federal and Joint Stock Land Banks:
The Farm Loan Board has requested the Chief Examiner to recommend a new form of General Report for Land Banks to be rendered quarterly, with a balance sheet statement issued monthly, effective as of Jan. 1 1927. Any suggestions which your organization may care to submit in this connection will be welcomed and received in the spirit in which they are offered. The examining force is also being asked for suggestions. It is hoped that a report presenting adequate information in a more condensed form may be the result.

Magnitude of Operations of Federal Land Banks and Joint Stock Land Banks as of September 30 1926.

The Sept. 30 consolidated statement of condition of the twelve Federal Land Banks shows farm loan bonds outstanding on that date of \$1,048,029,045, this comparing with \$1,029,375,635 on June 30. On Sept. 30 the Joint Stock Land banks show farm loan bonds outstanding of \$597,263,000, whereas on June 30 the amount outstanding was \$571,476,800. The June 30 figures were published in our issue of July 31, page 524. The following are the Sept. 30 figures as made public by the Federal Farm Loan Board:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE TWELVE FEDERAL LAND BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 30 1926.

(As Shown by Reports Submitted to the Farm Loan Board.)

Assets—	
Net mortgage loans.....	\$1,057,216,877 59
Interest accrued but not yet due on mortgage loans.....	19,573,334 09
U. S. Government bonds and securities.....	34,354,253 59
Interest accrued but not yet due on bonds and securities.....	395,046 14
Other interest accrued but not yet due.....	47,692 46
Cash on hand and in banks.....	10,371,788 77
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c.....	5,104,164 45
Accounts receivable.....	2,351,985 65
Installments matured (in process of collection).....	1,174,359 62
Banking houses.....	2,512,025 31
Furniture and fixtures.....	287,199 62
Sheriffs' certificates, judgments, &c. (subject to redemption).....	5,153,643 80
*Other assets.....
Total assets.....	\$1,138,542,370 99
Liabilities—	
Farm Loan bonds outstanding.....	\$1,048,029,045 00
Interest accrued but not yet due on Farm Loan bonds.....	15,774,874 96
U. S. Government deposits.....
Notes payable.....	285,648 20
Accounts payable.....	921,586 58
Other interest accrued but not yet due.....	9,013 63
Due borrowers on uncompleted loans.....	573,424 60
Amortization installments paid in advance.....	1,369,929 76
Farm Loan bond coupons outstanding (not presented).....	802,786 65
Dividends declared but unpaid.....	1,394,568 65
Other liabilities.....
Total liabilities.....	\$1,069,160,878 03
Net Worth—	
Capital stock U. S. Government.....	\$1,058,885 00
National Farm Loan associations.....	54,860,465 00
Borrowers through agents.....	594,680 00
Individual subscribers.....	115 00
Total capital stock.....	\$56,514,145 00
Reserve (legal).....	8,467,500 00
Surplus, reserves, &c.....	45,944 66
Undivided profits.....	4,353,903 30
Total liabilities and net worth.....	\$1,138,542,370 99
Memoranda—	
Total net earnings to Sept. 30 1926.....	\$41,454,909 70
*Less real estate acquired, charged off.....	10,579,930 73
Net earnings available for distribution.....	\$30,874,978 97
Distribution of Net Earnings—	
Dividends paid.....	\$16,926,732 61
Carried to suspense account.....	932,503 97
Banking house charged off.....	148,394 43
Carried to surplus, reserve, &c.....	18,007,631 01
Carried to reserve (legal).....	45,944 66
Carried to reserve (legal).....	8,467,500 00
Carried to undivided profits.....	4,353,903 30
Balance now carried.....	\$12,867,347 96
Capital stock originally subscribed by U. S. Government.....	\$8,892,130 00
Amount of Government stock retired to date.....	7,833,245 00
Capital stock held by U. S. Government.....	\$1,058,885 00

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE SEVERAL JOINT STOCK LAND BANKS AS SHOWN BY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE FARM LOAN BOARD AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 30 1926.

Assets—	
Net mortgage loans.....	\$614,639,203 62
Interest accrued but not yet due on mortgage loans.....	11,194,135 30
U. S. Government bonds and securities.....	18,206,061 03
Interest accrued but not yet due on bonds and securities.....	220,215 18
Other interest accrued but not yet due.....	35,963 29
Cash on hand and in banks.....	14,277,157 31
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c.....	1,473,933 98
Accounts receivable.....	2,331,891 61
Installments matured (in process of collection).....	1,800,222 43
Banking houses.....	1,072,637 60
Furniture and fixtures.....	194,058 99
Sheriffs' certificates, judgments, &c. (subject to redemption).....	2,467,924 75
Real estate.....	4,012,278 16
Other assets.....
Total assets.....	\$671,925,683 25
Liabilities—	
Farm Loan bonds outstanding.....	\$597,263,000 00
Interest accrued but not yet due on Farm Loan bonds.....	10,033,268 96
Notes payable.....	3,424,213 74
Accounts payable.....	1,272,917 27
Other interest accrued but not yet due.....	47,780 01
Due borrowers on uncompleted loans.....	1,223,867 15
Amortization installments paid in advance.....	1,019,985 66
Farm Loan bond coupons outstanding (not presented).....	940,430 96
Dividends declared but unpaid.....	32,187 00
Other liabilities.....
Total liabilities.....	\$615,257,650 75
Net Worth—	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$44,724,020 74
Surplus paid in.....	2,002,569 36
Surplus earned.....	1,543,087 61
Reserve (legal).....	4,646,152 45
Other net worth accounts.....	999,104 87
Undivided profits.....	2,753,097 47
Total liabilities and net worth.....	\$671,925,683 25

Stockholders of Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Adopt Resolution Endorsing McFadden Branch Banking Bill—Congressman Luce Opposed to Proposed Legislation.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston at Boston on Oct. 29, the McFadden Branch Banking bill came up by way of a resolution, the stockholders placing themselves on record as in favor of the bill, with certain restrictions on branch banking. The following is the resolution adopted:

- Resolved, That in view of the existing legislative situation the stockholders of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in their annual meeting assembled, approve and earnestly recommend to the Sixty-Ninth Congress the final enactment of the so-called McFadden National Bank Bill, H. R. 2, with the provision re-chartering the Federal Reserve banks, at the coming session with the following restrictions upon branch banking:
1. That no national bank be permitted in any State to establish a branch beyond the corporate limits of the municipality in which the bank is situated.
 2. That no national bank be permitted to establish a home-city branch in

any State which does not at the time of such establishment permit the State banks to establish branches.

3. That no State bank be permitted to enter or to retain membership in the Federal Reserve System if it has in operation any branch which may have been established, after the enactment of H. R. 2, beyond the corporate limits of the municipality in which the bank is situated.

4. That no branches, which may have been established after the enactment of H. R. 2, beyond the corporate limits of the municipality in which the parent bank is situated, be permitted to be retained when a State bank converts into or consolidates with a national bank, or when two or more national banks consolidate.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the House and each member of the Senate from the First Federal Reserve District.

The speakers at the meeting were A. Lincoln Filene, a member of the New England Council; C. S. Hamlin, a member of the Federal Reserve Board, and Robert Luce, a member of Congress from Massachusetts, who is a member of the House Committee on Banking and Currency. The Boston "Transcript" indicated as follows what Messrs. Luce and Hamlin had to say:

More than three hundred representatives of stockholder banks of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank, who are holding their fourth annual meeting to-day in the bank building on Pearl Street, were aroused when Congressman Robert Luce declared that "if I had my way I should throw them all out of the window," referring to resolutions which had just been presented to the gathering and embodying the action of the American Bankers Association convention at Los Angeles on the branch banking question.

Mr. Luce, who was the last speaker before luncheon at one o'clock, had been discussing his experiences as a member of the House Committee on Banking and Currency and had expressed the belief that the provision for extension of the Federal Reserve System charters never should have been coupled with the branch banking and other provisions of the so-called McFadden bill, which is again to come before Congress. He said that the Federal Reserve Act was "the wisest step we have ever taken in finance." He said he doubted the wisdom of Congress legislating in favor of either the branch banking system or the unit banking system, unless the public's rights were threatened, and advocated letting economic laws work out their own salvation.

Two Objections to the Bill.

Mr. Luce said that he knew little of the technical side of banking, so represented the public's side. Two proposals in the McFadden bill were opposed by him. One of these proposals, he said, had not been discussed publicly—that which would permit banks to loan more on real estate and for longer periods. This idea, he said, seriously menaces the public welfare. In view of the closing of several Boston banks and the causes for this action, he declared it surprised him that none in Boston appeared to have foreseen the danger in this proposal. In the West, also, he said, "immeasurable loss has followed the freezing of assets in some of the banks."

"I wonder," he said, "if I ought to be alone in disliking this proposed combination of investment banking and commercial banking, as sought by several sections of the country."

There was laughter when Mr. Luce referred to the proposed resolution thus: "I'm afraid the resolution that has been put before you to-day presumes knowledge of the long and intricate bill which one member of the committee informed me he had not mastered himself."

"I'm Not in Favor"—Luce.

"I'm not in favor of branch banking; I'm not in favor of unit banking," said the Congressman. "Involved in this controversy is a question deeper than has yet received adequate consideration. Should it be the function of a Congressman to decide upon two competing economic systems?"

He then said that it seemed to him it should not be a Congressman's duty to do this, and referred to the question whether there ought to be legislation to curb chain stores, as some persons would like. He said that while he disliked the spread of the "borrowing habit," and felt that the installment business is being carried so far as to create a "Tower of Babel" which may fall within a few months, bringing disaster to many families, still he does not find anything in the United States Constitution that would warrant Congress legislating against installment buying.

Mr. Luce said that he knows of no subject "that interests Congress less than banking," and told how, quickly Congressmen find an excuse to leave when a banking bill is called up. The few (he said that he is one) who often stay as a matter of duty and discuss the measure, usually find their efforts lost unless they are with the majority of the Banking and Currency Committee, because when the votes are taken members return to the room, ask which side the committee is on, and vote accordingly.

Fears for National Banks.

The speaker said he was afraid that national banks will disappear unless there is legislation to preserve them, and requested those present to consider carefully what should be done.

"What excuse is there to-day for a national bank?" he inquired. "It's time for you to consider whether it's right for you to continue a supervision the need for which no longer exists. Should we again put the State banks out of commission?"

Mr. Luce claimed that the National Bank Act was passed during the Civil War period to meet the country's financial emergency, and that it no longer is necessary for that purpose because the Federal Reserve System does all that is required.

As to his fear for the future of the national banks, he said that it was based on the fact that many of them have already changed to State banks and trust companies and that others are doing it daily in various parts of the United States.

"The Federal Reserve Board," he said, "is not making rapid progress in enticing State banks into its system. What are you doing with the McFadden bill? Are you not telling State bankers they'll be handicapped if they join you? Shall you feel like staying in, or going into, a system where you will find restrictions you can escape otherwise?"

He referred to a recent visit to California and to the excellent service he secured from branches of a San Francisco bank and remarked: "Some day that system will interest you—for you're going to see men making money, and lots of it."

"I feel reasonably sure," said Congressman Luce, "that the deadlock in the House and Senate will not be broken in the coming short session and that the matter (McFadden bill) will go over. The charter of the Federal Reserve ought to be extended, and at once. If a reaction in business is to come within two or three years it will be followed by political agitation, so I doubt the wisdom of putting the question of the extension of the charter in the McFadden bill."

Charles S. Hamlin, member of the Federal Reserve Board, told something of the creation of the Federal Reserve System and its early history. He

called attention to the fact that at first it was proposed to have a central bank but that this idea has gone by the board, as each Federal Reserve bank is in effect a central bank for its district and the New York bank is larger and the strongest "central bank" in the world. The system sustained the credit of the United States and the Allies, practically, during the war period.

Now, he said, conditions generally are good and the Board is studying commercial conditions more thoroughly than ever before and, therefore, will be in better position to fix money rates.

"You are having more demand for credit," he said, "but you must remember that the country is producing more. To-day we see more credit and more production and actually declining prices. We have the problem of helping stabilize Europe and thus helping international commerce."

Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank Asks Sole Supervision of Havana Agencies of Reserve Banks—Hearing Before Reserve Board Nov. 11.

The following is from the Atlanta "Constitution" of Oct. 31:

Representatives of the various clearing houses of the Sixth Federal Reserve District in a meeting Saturday arranged for a committee from this district to attend the hearing of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, Nov. 11, concerning consolidation of Havana agencies of the Federal Reserve banks of Boston and Atlanta, and the proposal to place under supervision of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank an agency performing all of the functions now performed by the existing agencies.

Oscar Wells, President of the First National Bank of Birmingham, and former President of the American Bankers Association, was elected at the meeting as general chairman of the committee to represent this district at the Washington hearing. Other members of the committee will be appointed within the next few days, John K. Ottley, chairman of the Atlanta Clearing House Association Committee, announced following the meeting. Mr. Ottley was appointed early last spring as a representative of the Atlanta Clearing House Association to confer with the Federal Reserve Board with reference to the Havana agency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Upon advice from Washington that the hearing would be held at the Federal Reserve Board's office on the morning of Nov. 11, representatives of the various clearing house representatives in the Sixth Federal District were called here to arrange plans for attending the hearing. Approximately twenty were at the meeting from the following cities in the district: Atlanta, Birmingham, Montgomery, Savannah, Jacksonville, Miami, Nashville and Chattanooga.

Death of John Skelton Williams, Former Comptroller of the Currency.

John Skelton Williams, of Richmond, formerly Comptroller of the Currency, died on Nov. 4 after an illness of two days. Mr. Williams, who was a native of Virginia, was in his sixty-second year, having been born on July 6 1865. He served as Comptroller of the Currency during President Wilson's Administration, having been appointed to the post by the latter in January 1914 and reappointed on Feb. 3 1919. Before becoming Comptroller, Mr. Williams had been Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, to which office he had been named on March 14 1913. His resignation as Comptroller was tendered to President Wilson on Feb. 28 1921. His withdrawal followed his acceptance of the post of Chairman of the Board of the Richmond Trust Co. Associated Press accounts from Richmond on Nov. 4 reporting his death said:

Mr. Williams, who distinguished himself as a banker, financier and publicist, was actively engaged in his business affairs when he became ill. He was President and Chairman of the Board of the Richmond Trust Co. and had just been elected Chairman of the Board of the Georgia & Florida R.R., after directing the reorganization of that property as receiver, a post he accepted in 1921 shortly after resigning as Comptroller.

Identifying himself prominently with the establishment of the banking and currency system created under the then new Federal Reserve System, Mr. Williams came into sharp conflict with various groups of bankers.

The most notable of these fights was with the Riggs National Bank of Washington, which he was accused of "persecuting" and which he, in turn, when the issue was taken before Congress, charged with "multitudinous infractions" of the law.

Criticisms he directed against certain New York banks also brought him into conflict with the American Bankers Association, and during the hearing before the Senate Banking Committee on his reappointment he was described by opponents as the "wildcat of the Treasury." The committee reported against his appointment but it was confirmed after a two months' delay, and when he resigned, two days before the Democratic Administration retired, President Wilson wrote that the committee had done him "gross injustice."

One of his most outstanding achievements before he became Comptroller of the Currency was the organization of the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

This Week's Congressional Elections—How the Senate and House Stand.

The political divisions in the Seventieth Congress are calculated by the Associated Press as follows:

Senate.

Republicans, 47; Democrats, 47; Farmer-Labor, 1, with one vacancy from Maine to be filled Nov. 29. Total, 96; necessary for a majority, 49.

In the present Senate the Republicans have 54, the Democrats 40, the Farmer-Labor, 1, and there is one vacancy.

House.

Republicans, 236; Democrats, 195; Farmer-Labor, 2; Socialists, 1; undecided, 1. Total, 435; necessary for a majority, 218.

In the present House the Republicans have 246, the Democrats 181, the Farmer-Labor 3, Socialists 2, vacancies 3.

Proclamation of President Coolidge Asking Observance of Armistice Day, Nov. 11.

In a proclamation issued on Nov. 3, President Coolidge ordered the flag of the nation to be displayed on all Govern-

ment buildings on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, and urged the people of the country "to observe the day in schools and churches or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies, expressive of our gratitude for peace and our desire for the continuance of friendly relations with other peoples."

The proclamation follows:

Whereas, the 11th of November, 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary and far-reaching war in human annals; and

Whereas, it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good-will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas, By a concurrent resolution, passed by the Senate on June 4 1926, the President was requested to issue a proclamation "calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Nov. 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches or other places, with appropriate ceremonies expressive of our gratitude for peace and our desire for the continuance of friendly relations with all other peoples";

Now, Therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America, in pursuance of the said concurrent resolution, do hereby order that the flag of the United States be displayed on all Government buildings on Nov. 11 1926, and do invite the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies, expressive of our gratitude for peace and our desire for the continuance of friendly relations with all other peoples.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the United States.

Done at the City of Washington, this third day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred fifty-first.

Governor-Smith of New York Appeals for Observance of Armistice Day.

A proclamation appealing for the observance of Armistice Day was issued at Albany, yesterday (Nov. 5) by Governor Smith. According to the "Sun" of last night, the Governor made the request "that on Thursday, the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, throughout the State of New York all traffic and all industry and activity may cease, and that our people, wherever and however occupied, will stand in brief silence for two minutes in reverend meditation of the sacrifice of our defenders living and dead and prayer for an enlightened public opinion in the cause of a permanent and enduring peace."

"Armistice Day," he said, "provides a fitting annual occasion for our citizens to honor the memory of those who loyally contributed their lives in the World War to preserve our national honor and integrity. It is an occasion which strongly appeals to the living to foster reverent desire for world justice and world peace."

Mayor Walker's Armistice Day Proclamation.

Mayor Walker of New York, in an Armistice Day proclamation, says:

Eight years ago the armistice which ended the World War was declared. The passage of time only serves to make more vivid the memories which that day inspires. Armistice Day means patriotism, heroism, sacrifice, devotion, the bitter loss to mothers and wives, the patient suffering of the maimed and the invalid, the victory of an ideal, the future hope of the world. It is fitting that the occasion be appropriately observed. I request, therefore, that all business in the City of New York be suspended, that all traffic in the city be stopped and that all citizens pause in prayer and in remembrance for two minutes at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 1926.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New York to be affixed this twenty-fifth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

JAMES J. WALKER.

Death of John C. Thomson, of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman.

John C. Thomson, senior partner in the law firm of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, died at his home in this city on Nov. 4. From Jan. 1 1910 until Oct. 16 1916 Mr. Thomson was a member of the firm of Dillon, Thomson & Clay, specializing in the examination of the validity of municipal bond issues, and after dissolution of the firm of Dillon, Thomson & Clay, and until Dec. 31 1925, he continued in the practice of such specialty individually. On Jan. 1 1926 the firm of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman was formed for the purpose of continuing in the same specialty. Mr. Thomson was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on July 22 1861, and was graduated from the University of Glasgow and thereafter admitted to the bar. He came to the United States in the year 1886 and was engaged for some years with the West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn., doing editorial work for that concern. Afterwards he came to New York City where he was associated with the law department of the Manhattan Elevated Railway Co. for a number of years, following which he engaged in the general practice of the law until he became a member of the firm of Dillon, Thomson & Clay. Mr. Thomson was the author of a volume entitled: "Thomson on Taxpayers' Actions," and also assisted the late

Judge John F. Dillon in re-writing the fifth edition of "Dillon on Municipal Corporations," which work is considered to be the authority to-day on the law of municipal corporations. He is survived by his widow and a son, Graham C. Thomson, who is a member of the present firm of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman.

Gilbert H. Montague Takes Exception to Contentions of Prof. Ripley Regarding Reports of Corporations and Federal Trade Commission's Powers.

Gilbert H. Montague of the New York Bar, has again taken occasion to answer Professor Ripley with reference to the latter's contentions regarding the publicity of the finances of corporations and his assertions as to the power of the Federal Trade Commission to require corporate publicity. Mr. Montague's earlier criticism of Professor Ripley's statements were given in these columns Sept. 4, page 1200. In again taking exception to the declarations of Professor Ripley, Mr. Montague not only says that "on the facts it seems pretty plain that Wall Street stands in no need of coercive action on this subject by the Federal Trade Commission," but that no such powers as are claimed for it by Professor Ripley are, or ever have been, possessed by the Commission. Mr. Montague's latest criticism of Professor Ripley's declarations was contained in an address before the Academy of Social and Political Science at Philadelphia on Oct. 30, delivered under the caption "More Government in Business: Does Wall Street Need It, or Main Street Want It?" We give herewith what Mr. Montague had to say:

Because some corporations are not publishing financial statements in such detail as seems to him desirable, Professor Ripley proposes that they, and all other corporations doing inter-State business, shall be compelled to do so by the Federal Trade Commission.

This means, among other things, that all industrial corporations in the country, regardless of capitalization and ownership of their securities, which do any business whatsoever across State lines, shall immediately be coerced by the Federal Trade Commission into publishing annually and as much oftener, and in such detail, as the Federal Trade Commission shall prescribe, financial statements, income accounts and reports of operation.

Does Wall Street need any such extraordinary intrusion of Government in business, or does Main Street want it?

Several corporations named by Professor Ripley have since proved that if he had more carefully studied their financial statements he would have found there the details which he claimed were being concealed.

Several others could show that if he had ever examined Moody's, or Poor's, or other standard books of reference, he would have found there the information which he claimed was being withheld.

Still others could establish that whenever requested by any responsible stockholder they have always been ready and willing to give additional information on any specific point, and to explain the reason for the form of their published financial statements.

So strong, indeed, is the trend to-day, toward the utmost responsiveness by officers and directors to requests for information from their stockholders, that Professor Ripley, in his search for contrary examples has had to go back prior to 1901.

On the facts, therefore, it seems pretty plain that Wall Street stands in no need of coercive action on this subject by the Federal Trade Commission.

Why then, in a situation so fast being improved, and which so obviously can be wholly cured merely by an appeal to educated public opinion and to the business community's sense of fairness, does Professor Ripley assume that Main Street prefers to accomplish results by means of Government paternalism and Federal bureaucracy?

"The Federal Trade Commission Law of 1914," says Professor Ripley, "contains in Section 6 a positive delegation of authority to this body which is entirely adequate to the performance of the service so greatly needed at the present time. The Federal Trade Commission, had it chosen to exercise these powers, might since 1914 have gathered and compiled information—to paraphrase the statute—concerning the organization, business and management of any large corporation engaged in commerce, except banks and common carriers."

These statements Professor Ripley makes in an article entitled "Stop, Look, Listen," but if he had ever acted upon his own advice he must certainly have discovered that each of them is absolutely contradicted by the facts.

No such powers are or ever have been, possessed by the Federal Trade Commission.

Decisions to this effect have been rendered by Federal courts throughout the United States in September 1919, April 1920, March 1922, October 1922, November 1922, January 1923 and September 1926, and by the Supreme Court of the United States in March 1924 and March 1925.

This unbroken line of decisions, each of which was by the unanimous opinion of every judge in each of these courts, has never been challenged by a single decision to the contrary.

Headless of these facts Professor Ripley chides the Federal Trade Commission for "the neglect of this section of the existing law," which he says is because "the Commissioners have been legally rather than economically minded," and "since the war, with its concomitant over-development of Federal power, a natural reaction against so-called paternalism supervened."

Each of these reasons, before Professor Ripley ever advanced them, had been officially refuted by judges whose responsiveness to economic thought, whose sympathy with reform, and whose reputation for liberalism, both before and since their appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States, have always been beyond dispute.

"The mere facts of carrying on a commerce not confined within State lines, and of being organized as a corporation, do not make men's affairs public, as those of a railroad now may be," said Mr. Justice Holmes in March 1924 in an opinion in which every Justice in the Supreme Court of the United States concurred.

"Any one who respects the spirit as well as the letter of the Fourth Amendment," continued Mr. Justice Holmes, speaking for the unanimous Supreme Court, "would be loath to believe that Congress intended to authorize one of its subordinate agencies to sweep all our traditions into the

fire. . . . We do not discuss the question whether it could do so if it tried, as nothing short of the most explicit language would induce us to attribute to Congress that intent. The interruption of business, the possible revelation of trade secrets and the expense that compliance with the Commission's wholesale demand would cause are the least considerations. . . . We cannot attribute to Congress an intent to defy the Fourth Amendment or even to come so near to doing so as to raise a serious question of constitutional law."

Behind these principles, which have been unanimously endorsed by every judge in every court wherever the question has arisen, rests the undoubted concurrence of an overwhelming majority of Americans in every walk of life.

For if these principles had not been established, 137 years ago in the Constitution, they would immediately have to be planted there to-day, in order to save the States from being swallowed up in an unmanageable, overgrown Federal Government, and to save our fundamental rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness from being obliterated under a sprawling congeries of Federal bureaus.

Banks Not Allowed in 1926 Federal Income Tax Returns to Make Deduction—Account of 4½% New York State Income Tax.

Banks will not be permitted to deduct in their 1926 Federal income tax returns any allowance for the 4½% income tax newly imposed by the State of New York, under a decision just released by the Income Tax Department, according to M. L. Seidman, tax expert of Seidman & Seidman, Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Seidman says:

The new State law is held to become effective on March 31 1927, and hence, no liability for the tax can accrue before that time, even though the levy is based on 1926 income. On Dec. 31 1926, therefore, there will be no liability for the tax, technically speaking, and accordingly, no deduction for it may be taken. However, where the bank files its income tax return on the basis of a fiscal year ending subsequent to March 31 1927, the situation is quite the reverse, and so the 4½% State tax may be accrued.

Realtors to Ask Congress for Changes in Income Tax Law—Views Sought of Member Boards.

Amendment of the Federal income tax law of 1926 or changes in the Treasury Department decisions under it so as to make provisions as to income returns in real estate sales co-ordinate equitably with usual and established business practice will be asked by the National Association of Real Estate Boards at the coming session of Congress, according to a letter which has just been sent out to the Association's member boards in 657 cities by its committee on Federal legislation and taxation. Henry G. Zander, of Chicago, is Chairman of the Committee, and will lead the study of changes to be asked. "Treasury Decision 3921, which includes the income tax regulations under the 1926 revision of the Income Tax Law and which has just been issued, is disappointing in many aspects," the Association's committee states in its communication to member boards. "It is clear to your Committee that our remedy lies in seeking an amendment to the law itself." The present wording of the law is handicapping real estate development and home ownership through unintentional penalization of firms offering the buyer homes on a long-time payment basis, the Association has already pointed out. In making known its intentions on Oct. 16, the Association says:

In order that request for changes to be made to Congress and to the Treasury Department may represent fully and directly the need of the real estate business in all parts of the country, the committee has asked every member board of the National Association for a statement of its individual position on the present form of the law. The consolidated viewpoint of the real estate interests of the country so ascertained will be presented to the Joint Committee created by Congress at the last session to study the Revenue Act and to act with the Treasury Department in its interpretation.

Subdividers are chiefly affected by the failure of present income tax requirements to take account fully of actual business practices.

An analysis of the present situation of real estate under the 1926 Act and the regulations so far announced was made in a joint brief presented to the board of directors of the National Association of Real Estate Boards at their quarterly meeting in Chicago Sept. 10 by Nathan William Mac Chesney, general counsel of the Association, and by George P. Ellis, C. P. A. and Paul W. Pinkerton, C. P. A., its consulting accountants.

The law and the regulations so far issued under it leave a situation in which, in some classes of sales, the taxpayer will be taxes on indicated profits from the sale of individual lots before he can, as a matter of fact, receive any part of such profit, and even before the return of any part of his capital investment, the brief points out.

They leave further a situation in which a subdivider can never know until the close of his taxable year how many or which one of his sales during the year will, under the provisions of the law, be considered as installment sales.

Subdividers Affected to Extent of Millions of Dollars.

Of even more serious immediate consequence is the fact that because of the retroactive provision of the Act the subdivider who has sold property on the installment plan during the past several years appears to be placed in a situation where it will be necessary to file amended returns for those years. This, the brief states, will in many cases involve a staggering amount of work in analysis and classification, and involves the question of immediate accrual to the government of millions of dollars of taxes.

The Federal Revenue Act of 1926 affirmatively and retroactively recognized the installment plan of reporting income, but it failed to include certain express provisions needed to enable the making of returns in certain types of real estate sales in accordance with the actual time and amount of gains accrued. Treasury Decision 3921, recently issued under the Act, lays down regulations for the reporting of income from installment sales for both real and personal property. The Decision continues to recognize the so-called "deferred payment plan," of real estate sales. However, under

the present language of the Act and of the Treasury Decision, so trivial a circumstance as payment of his installment by a customer one day in advance of its being due may change the whole status of the sale, and throw it out of classification as an installment sale.

Statements asked by the Association from member boards are to be in the hands of the committee not later than November 1 in order that a careful study may be made of the needs they reveal, and in order that the united Realtor program for changes in the law or in regulations issued under it may be presented to the Joint Committee of the Congress when it meets, early in December.

Income Tax on Installment Sales—Real Estate Body Finds Strong Objection to New Regulations of Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The National Association of Real Estate Boards (310 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.), in its news service under date of Sept. 14, after pointing out that the new tax ruling provides for non-installment deferred payment sales, requires sale of each lot must be treated as a separate transaction, that millions of dollars in taxes, are involved in new tax reckonings, and that the difficulties in adjustment to new law call for united realtor action, goes into a discussion of the subject as follows:

Administrative interpretation of the income tax law asked for by the National Association of Real Estate Boards to make requirements as to tax returns equitably consonant with actual business practice in certain accepted types of real estate selling, is included only in part in a ruling of the Treasury Department just issued providing new regulations in regard to reporting income received from sales of personal and real property on the installment plan.

Complete regulations of the Bureau of Internal Revenue under the Revenue Acts of 1926 are in the hands of the Government printer but have not yet been issued.

The ruling just released, known as Treasury Decision 3921, comports substantially with the recommendation of the association regarding deferred payment sales of real estate not on an installment plan, but is unsatisfactory in its language in the matter of non-marketable obligations or evidences of indebtedness which may be received in payment.

Further, the ruling does not touch on the matter of tax returns by members of syndicate trusts or other joint investment organizations engaged in subdividing and selling real estate, and by failing to make the provisions asked for by the National Association in regard to this phase of the tax law, leaves a situation in which, unless something further is done, the taxable profits of such syndicates must be computed with the syndicate itself rather than the beneficiary as the profit-earning entity. The result will be that in many cases members of syndicates will be taxed on their proportionate share of the syndicates' profits before they have received or can receive any part of such profits, or even before the return of any portion of their capital investment.

Difficulties in the provisions of the 1926 Revenue Act affecting real estate sales which may involve the immediate accrual to the Government of millions of dollars in taxes are pointed out in an analysis of the present ruling and of the whole income tax situation in respect to real estate sales which has just been submitted to the board of directors of the National Association of Real Estate Boards in a joint brief by Nathan William MacChesney, its general counsel, and by George P. Ellis, C.P.A., and Paul W. Pinkerton, C.P.A., its consulting accountants.

The Act provides that income from installment sales of real estate may be reported on the installment plan if the initial payments do not exceed one-fourth of the contract price. It defines "initial payments" as "the payments received . . . during the taxable period in which the sale or other disposition is made."

Under the law as adopted, therefore, a subdivider can never know until the close of his taxable year how many or which ones of his sales during the year will, under the provisions of the law, be considered as installment sales, since the test is the amount of the payments actually received during his taxable year.

So trivial a circumstance as the payment by a customer on Dec. 31 of an installment not due under his contract till the following day, Jan. 1, may under the present law determine whether the seller may return the sale as made on an installment basis.

Following study of the text of the new ruling the Association is preparing to take what further action may be advisable to bring about the adjustments held necessary in the Act or in the administrative regulations to accompany it.

In the syndicate form of enlisting capital for real estate development, because of the nature of the organization, it is impossible to determine whether or not there is any profit accruing to an individual member until such time as the original capital paid in shall have been returned to the participants, the National Association has pointed out.

Practice has varied in the various district offices of the Internal Revenue Bureau as to whether syndicate trusts subdividing and selling real estate should, therefore, be permitted to return no taxable gain until such time as an actual gain had been received, in other words, until such time as the invested capital should have been returned, or as to whether such trusts should be treated as partnerships or associations.

The National Association in its memorandum to the Treasury Department asked that the principles as to joint adventures suggested in Article 1507 of Regulations 65 be applied specifically to real estate syndicate trusts.

Unless this question is treated separately in the forthcoming regulations of the Treasury Department or unless something further is done, the practices of the Bureau may, however, be expected eventually to become standardized along the lines of immediate taxation of profits earned by such syndicates, the joint brief presented to the Association points out.

The Association, in resolutions passed at its annual convention held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in June, pointed out that the Federal income tax law has not adequately provided for the return for taxation of deferred payment sales of real property when such sales are not on an installment basis, though such a basis is a well recognized and sound plan and the only one by which a majority of the people may purchase homes. In a memorandum subsequently addressed to the Solicitor of Internal Revenue it asked that the fullest possible provision be inserted in the expected Treasury regulations in regard to this plan of sales.

Ruling Recognizes Deferred Payment Plan.

The effort was successful to the extent that Treasury Decision 3921 has continued to recognize the so-called "deferred payment plan." It prescribes that in such cases "the obligations of the purchaser received by the vendor are to be considered as the equivalent of cash to the amount of their

fair market value in ascertaining the profit or loss from the transaction."

The text of the new ruling on this point is further as follows:

"If the obligations received by the vendor have no fair market value, the payments in cash or other property having a fair market value shall be applied against and reduce the basis of the property sold, and if in excess of such basis, shall be taxable to the extent of the excess. Gain or loss is realized when the obligations are disposed of or satisfied, the amount being the difference between the reduced basis as provided above and the amount realized therefor."

While the provision does not limit its application in regard to obligations received by the vendor to "evidences of indebtedness of the purchaser," but is so broad as to include any obligations, it is unsatisfactory in that it continues the use of the words "fair market value" rather than the phrase "readily realizable market value," recommended by the Association, and it fails to include any definition of what shall be considered as standard of fair market value, as the Association had requested.

The Association had proposed that obligations received by a vendor should not be considered to have a fair market value unless they can be ordinarily disposed of by the taxpayer under ordinary commercial usage at a discount not in excess of 10%. The term "fair market value," lacking explicit definition, remains a vague, intangible property of certain classes of evidences of indebtedness, often totally impossible of determination, and nearly always, in the final analysis, representing no more than a haphazard opinion.

Two types of cases of deferred payment sales will fall into the class here discussed, those in which the first payment is in excess of 25% of the sales price, and those in which the "initial payments," that is the total payments received within the taxable year in which the transaction occurs, exceed 25% of the sale price.

Profit to be Measured on Individual Lot.

The new regulations further provide that in the sale of land subdivided into lots there shall be reported the measure of profit on the sale of each lot from the time sales begin.

The language incorporated into the newly-promulgated ruling is as follows:

"Where a tract of land is purchased with a view to dividing it into lots or parcels of ground to be sold as such, the cost or other basis shall be equitably apportioned to the several lots or parcels and made a matter of record on the books of the taxpayer, to the end that any gain derived from the sale of any such lots or parcels which constitutes taxable income may be returned as such income for the year in which the sale is made. This rule contemplates that there will be a measure of gain or loss on every lot or parcel sold, and not that the capital in the entire tract shall be extinguished before any taxable income shall be returned. The sale of each lot or parcel will be treated as a separate transaction, and gain or loss computed accordingly."

Entry of the National Association of Real Estate Boards into active work for modification of income tax regulations was occasioned by the crisis which appeared to be precipitated in the business of real estate sale on a time payment basis by a decision of the United States Board of Tax Appeals in the case of B. B. Todd, Inc. (1. B. T. A. 762), in a decision laid down shortly before the present law was framed, in which it was held that there was no authority in the Revenue Act of 1918 for reporting income on the installment plan. The Acts of 1921 and 1924 negatively permitted the use of such an installment plan.

Gains made in the situation in regard to subdivision and sale of real estate as affected by the 1926 income tax law and the ruling so far laid down by the Treasury Department for its administration are summarized by General MacChesney as follows:

1. The installment plan of reporting income has now been affirmatively and retroactively recognized in the statute, thus nullifying the effect of the decision of the Board of Tax Appeals in the case above mentioned.

2. The deferred payment plan in the selling of real estate not on an installment basis continues to be recognized by the Treasury regulations.

Handicaps remaining in the adjustment of tax returns to actual time and amount of receipt of gains he points out as follows:

1. The arbitrary rule in the law that all payments received in the first year following a sale are to be considered as part of the initial payment.

2. Failure to be explicit in the language of the new ruling in regard to the circumstances under which the obligations of purchasers will be considered as having no fair market value.

Arbitrary Rule Leaves Difficulties in Classification.

Difficulties and dangers found in the present wording of the 1926 Revenue Act itself are pointed out in detail in the joint brief through citations illustrating the trivial circumstances which now determine whether a given sale is entitled to be classified for purposes of tax return as an installment sale.

Examples are as follows:

A lot sold on the very common basis of 20% down and 1% monthly, if sold in July would be treated as an installment sale if no more was paid thereon prior to the close of the year than called for by the contract, since the total paid would be 25%. Should the customer, however, decide to pay two months' installments in December, the total payment within the year would be 26%, and the sale could not be reported on the installment plan.

Sales made on the same terms prior to July could not be treated as installment sales if all payments had been made as called for by the contracts. If a customer closed a contract on June 30, and made all payments when due, the total received during the year would be 26%, and not entitled to installment classification. If the same customer delayed his last payment one day, making it on Jan. 2, his action would reduce the amount received by the seller in the term of the taxable year so as to throw the sale into the installment classification.

If the plan of sale is such that monthly payments instead of being applied entirely to the reduction of principal, as in the foregoing examples, are instead applied first to the payment of interest and then to the reduction of principal, a plan which is in perhaps more general use than the one from which the examples are drawn, the further complications which arise in determining the status of individual sales are self-evident.

The Association's counsel points out that the only course open to a subdivider in order that he may be certain of coming within the provisions for reporting his income on the installment plan, is to make sales on such terms that the payments called for within the taxable year of sale do not exceed 25% of the selling price, either varying the terms according to the month in which the sale is made or making all sales on terms so low that sales made in the first month of the taxable year will fall within the limit, and then to refuse to accept payments not due. Such a course is manifestly impracticable.

Millions in Additional Taxes May Accrue.

"But of more immediate importance," the brief states, "is the fact that the provisions of the 1926 Act are retroactive to Jan. 1 1918, and that the subdivider who has sold property on the installment plan during the past several years is a helpless victim. He has no remedy so far as those years are concerned—not even an impractical one. We are not prepared to express an opinion at this time regarding the right of the Commissioner to re-open the cases of taxpayers for years which have been examined and

ostensibly closed, but any other taxpayer must file amended returns for all years affected. The payments on each contract must be analyzed to determine which contracts are to be treated as installment sales and which are not. The amount of work involved in making such an analysis and classification will in many cases be staggering, and there will immediately accrue to the Government millions of dollars of taxes.

"This liability will come about, first, because many sales which have been treated as installment sales heretofore are now put outside of that category, with a consequent immediate taxation of the entire profit, and second, because the tax rates have since 1918 been on a constantly decreasing scale, so that profits which are now to be considered as being earned in earlier years will be taxed at higher rates than if they were to be considered as realized in later years.

"As to the first of these points, the effect is only that the taxpayer will be forced to pay the tax sooner than he otherwise would—but that will be considered a sufficient objection. As to the second point, however, the effect is that the tax is to be computed at higher rates than would otherwise apply—and this means an absolute and irretrievable outlay of money by the taxpayer.

"In addition to the tax liability there will be a large interest burden."

Distributions by New York Community Trust from Funds of Westchester Welfare Foundation.

It was announced Oct. 26 that the Distribution Committee of the Community Trust, 120 Broadway, made the initial appropriation from funds of the Westchester Welfare Foundation in a meeting at noon on Oct. 26, when income accruing from the Edith Carpenter Macy Memorial of \$50,000 was given to the Westchester County Children's Association. The action had been recommended by the Community Trust's Westchester Committee, headed by V. Everit Macy. An appropriation of \$1,412 to the University of Jerusalem, brought the total of disbursements to that institution during 1926 to \$13,787. An allotment to the Henry Street Settlement makes a total of \$35,369 disbursed for visiting nurses since January of last year. Judge Morgan J. O'Brien was made a member of the Committee by appointment of Judge Charles M. Hough, Senior Judge of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. A memorial resolution has been adopted upon the death of Frank J. Parsons, first director of the Community Trust. Thomas Williams, Chairman of the Committee, presided.

Figures of Income Tax Yield for Calendar Year 1924—Seventy-five Persons Paid on Incomes of \$1,000,000 or More.

According to the statistics of income tax for the year 1924 made public by the Bureau of Internal Revenue on Nov. 1, the number of individual returns filed was 7,369,788, the aggregate net income \$25,656,153,454 and the net tax \$704,265,390. Compared with 1923, the returns for 1924 show a decrease of 328,533 in number or 4.46%, but an increase in total net income amounting to \$816,016,090, or 3.18%, and an increase of \$40,613,885, or 5.76% in the net tax. The number of corporations filing income tax returns was 417,421, of which 236,389 reported net income amounting to \$7,586,652,292, and income tax amounting to \$881,459,546. For the calendar year 1923 the number of corporation returns was 398,933, of which 233,339 reported net income totaling \$8,321,529,134 and tax aggregating \$937,106,798. The proportion of the population filing individual income tax returns, according to the population of the United States on July 1 1924, as estimated by the Bureau of the Census, was 6.56%. The per capita net income reported was \$228 33 and the per capita income tax was \$6 27. For the preceding year, based on the estimate of population as of July 1 1923, the proportion of the population filing returns was 6.94%, the per capita net income reported was \$223 79 and the per capita tax was \$5 98. The average net income per return for 1924 was \$3,481 26, the average amount of tax \$95 56 and the average tax rate 2.74. The report reveals that 75 persons in the United States had net incomes of more than \$1,000,000 in 1924. Taxpayers, however, with net incomes between \$1,000 and \$2,000 constituted the largest portion of the 7,369,788 individuals who filed returns that year, numbering 2,413,881, or 32.75% of the total. The Associated Press advices from Washington Oct. 31 note:

The brunt of the \$704,265,390 individual income tax paid that year was borne by the class of taxpayers with incomes between \$50,000 and \$100,000, who paid \$136,636,004 in taxes, or 19.40% of the total.

The 75 millionaires reported total net incomes of \$155,974,475 and paid \$47,207,203 taxes, or 6.70% of the total returns. Of these three reported net incomes of more than \$5,000,000, three between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000, four between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 and 15 between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

Investments in Tax Exempt Securities.

For the first time statistics were obtained on the amount of money invested in tax exempt securities, the report showing that it totaled \$3,729,295,974, while \$1,626,251,401 was invested in partially tax-exempt securities. The interest from the former amounted to \$165,609,720, and the latter, \$873,012,000. The greater portion of tax-exempt securities consisted of State and local bonds, in which \$2,552,645,502 was invested.

Of the taxable income reported in 1924, more was derived from personal industry, including \$13,617,000,000 received from salaries and wages, and \$8,079,000,000 from business, trade and commerce.

It was shown that \$30,637,000 were saved taxpayers during that year, as a result of the 25% credit allowed for the first time on the "earned income."

The District of Columbia and Nevada had the largest percentage of population filing returns, with 15.98% and 13.78%, respectively. California, was third, with 13.06%. Mississippi had the lowest percentage, only 1.52%.

New York individual taxpayers paid the largest proportions of the income levy with a total of \$236,774,567, or 33.62%, and Pennsylvania was second with a percentage of 11.06%. Nevada and New Mexico paid the lowest proportions of the total income tax with a percentage of 0.03 each.

American Bankers Association Mid-Continent Fiduciary Conference to Be Held at Omaha Dec. 6 and 7.

The second mid-continent fiduciary conference of the American Bankers Association will be held in Omaha, Dec. 6 and 7, it is announced here at the association headquarters in New York. The conference territory includes the 19 States of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin. There will be four sessions, which will be held at the Fontenelle Hotel, the official headquarters of the conference. The program will comprise topics of general fiduciary interest, with open discussion of the subjects presented. Walter S. McLucas, Chairman of the Board of the Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo., and Vice-President of the Trust Company Division, American Bankers Association, will preside.

The life insurance underwriters of Omaha will be the guests of the conference at a luncheon on Dec. 6 and an address on life insurance trusts will be given by a speaker of national prominence. A reception and banquet will be held the same evening. All men and women affiliated with banks or trust companies interested in administering trusts and developing that class of business, as well as attorneys, insurance officers, underwriters and representatives of religious and educational institutions, are invited to attend all sessions of the meeting. Communication with reference to the conference may be addressed to Guy C. Kiddoo, Chairman of the General Committee, care the Omaha Trust Co., Omaha, Neb.

Annual Banquet of Trust Companies of United States to be Held in New York City Feb. 17.

The sixteenth annual banquet of the trust companies of the United States under the auspices of the Trust Company Division of the American Bankers Association will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, Feb. 17. The banquet committee is as follows: Edward J. Fox, President Easton Trust Co., Easton, Pa., Chairman; J. N. Babcock, Vice-President Equitable Trust Co., New York; F. W. Blair, President Union Trust Co., Detroit; Uzal H. McCarter, President Fidelity Union Trust Co., Newark, N. J.; Edwin P. Maynard, President Brooklyn Trust Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. V. Morton, Vice-President the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, Philadelphia; James H. Perkins, President Farmers Loan & Trust Co., New York; John W. Platten, President United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York; Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Co., New York; Theodore G. Smith, Vice-President Central Union Trust Co., New York; A. A. Tilney, President Bankers Trust Co., New York; Leroy A. Mershon, 110 East 42d Street, New York, Secretary.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Archibald F. McLeish, deceased, was reported posted for transfer this week to Louis De L'Aigle Munds, the consideration being stated as \$142,000. The last previous transaction was for \$140,000.

W. A. Harriman, of W. A. Harriman & Co., and William H. Hamilton, of the Guaranty Co. of New York, sailed on Nov. 3 on the "Berengaria" for an extended trip to Europe.

John Bolinger, Vice-President of the National Shawmut Bank, and F. M. Thayer, Vice-President and Manager of the Shawmut Corporation, sailed on Nov. 3 on the "Berengaria" for an extended business trip abroad. This is one of the periodical trips made by one or more of the officers of the Shawmut Bank in connection with their increasing international business. Messrs. Bolinger and Thayer expect to return about Jan. 1.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Seaboard National Bank on Nov. 4 Franklin D'Olier, Vice-President of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, was elected a director.

At a meeting of the directors of the Chelsea Exchange Bank of New York yesterday (Nov. 5), the dividend rate which heretofore was 6% was increased to 8%. This action, it is said, was taken by the board in view of the earnings of the bank to date, which indicated that the net earnings for the year would amount to approximately \$450,000—equal to 30% on the capital stock. Dates for payment of the dividend will be announced in the near future. Deposits of the bank, due partly to the opening of new branches have increased substantially in recent months, and it is reported that the capital of the institution will be increased in the not distant future.

Rollin C. Bortle has been elected Vice-President of the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. of this city. Mr. Bortle, who was formerly a partner in the firm of Eastman, Dillon & Co., assumed his new duties on Nov. 1. For more than a decade Mr. Bortle has been a prominent figure in Wall Street bond circles. He first entered this field as a representative of N. W. Halsey & Co. and when the firm was absorbed in 1916 by the National City Co. he became associated with the latter organization. He at one time served the Bond Club of New York as its President, and he was a member of the Board of Governors for five years.

A recent addition to the women's department of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. is Miss Eleanor Goss, one of the well known women tennis players of the United States and well known through her tournament play in the United States and England. Miss Goss graduated from Vassar in 1916, and from 1919 to Oct. 1 1926 was private secretary to Mrs. Whitelaw Reid. Miss Goss will be identified with the women's departments of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., making her headquarters at the Madison Avenue-74th Street office, and dividing the rest of her time between the Broadway-73d Street and the Grand Central Palace offices.

The decision of the National City Bank of New York to establish an office in the downtown mercantile district of Manhattan was revealed in the announcement made on Oct. 30 that the bank had purchased, through Charles F. Noyes & Co., the property occupying the entire block front on the west side of Broadway, between Canal and Lispenard streets. The site, at present occupied by a two-story and basement building, is to be improved by the National City Bank with a modern banking structure, the plans for which are now being drawn. The site, having a total area of 5,800 square feet, has a frontage of 36 feet on Broadway, 128 feet on Canal Street and 126 feet on Lispenard Street, widening out at the rear to 55 feet. In determining upon this site as the location for its ninth banking office on Manhattan Island and the nineteenth in Greater New York, the National City Bank was influenced by the large and thoroughly diversified business interests of the district, which, it was believed, justified a full banking service in the immediate neighborhood. Among the more important trades prominently represented in the district are the wholesale dry goods, office furniture and supplies, including typewriters and safes; electrical supplies; warehousing and trucking; clothing; wool brushing; millinery; fur clipping, and brass and copper. The building on the site which the bank has purchased is at present occupied by the Manufacturers Trust Co., which will move its office to the next block south.

Commercial Exchange Bank of New York formally opened its doors and commenced business on Nov. 1 at 63-65 Wall Street, New York City, as successor to Lionello Perera & Co., with a capital of \$1,500,000 and a surplus of \$1,000,000. The new institution, which is affiliated with the Bancitaly Corporation, succeeds to a business that was established in 1865. Dr. A. H. Giannini, President of the Bowery & East River National Bank, is Chairman of the board of directors. The other directors are James F. Cavagnaro, Vice-President Bancitaly Corporation; Lionello Perera, President; Riccardo Bertelli, President Roman Bronze Works; Santo C. Beribelli, G. Ceribelli & Co.; Otto Grassi, L. Gandolfi & Co.; George E. Hoyer, Secretary, Bancitaly Corporation; Guido Perera and A. A. Pinto, both Vice-Presidents of the new bank; Hamilton C. Rickaby, Simpson, Thatcher & Bartlett,

and Frank A. Zunino Jr., Appleton, Butler & Rice. In addition to its quarters on Wall Street, the bank maintains a branch office at 116th Street at the corner of First Avenue.

The Irving Bank & Trust Co. of New York announced on Oct. 30 the appointment of John Appel Jr., of John Wanamaker, New York, as a member of the Advisory Board of its Eighth Street office, Broadway at Eighth Street.

The stockholders of the Lafayette National Bank of Brooklyn voted on Oct. 27 to increase the capital stock of the bank from \$200,000 to \$400,000. Following the stockholders' meeting, the directors authorized the sale of the additional stock at \$140 per share. The \$40 premium will be added to surplus. The new stock is offered to stockholders of record at the close of business Nov. 6 1926, the right expiring Dec. 2 1926. The increased capital is to be paid in at the close of business Dec. 2. Reference to the plans of the bank to increase its capital appeared in our issue of Sept. 25, page 1591. The bank began operations this year, its opening having been noted in these columns April 3, page 1872.

At a meeting of the directors of the New Jersey Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Jersey City on Oct. 26, George T. Smith resigned the presidency of the institution, an office he had held since 1912, and was immediately elected Chairman of the Board, a newly created position, according to the "Jersey Observer" of Oct. 28. Daniel E. Evarts, for many years Senior Vice-President of the company, was elected President to succeed Mr. Smith and former Judge Walter P. Gardner was promoted to Senior Vice-President in lieu of Mr. Evarts. In addition, two new Vice-Presidents were elected, namely James H. Isbills, who continues as Trust Officer, and Howard R. Cruse, who continues as Title Officer.

Within a period of two weeks a total of 6,977 new savings accounts were opened with the Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey during the campaign recently launched by the institution, according to results announced by Clarence G. Appleton, President. An unusually large number of parents opened accounts for their children, who in many instances accompanied them to the bank's headquarters. Mr. Appleton said:

The Guardian Trust Co. is vitally interested in promoting thrift, for many of our citizens are not meeting their obligations to save systematically in order to provide for old age and the future education of their children. There is increasing evidence, however, of progress in this direction, which is essential to provide the necessary capital for the development of industry and commerce and to give assurance of continued prosperity.

A charter has been granted to the Hillside Trust Co. of Hillside (Newark), N. J. The trust company will have a capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$55,000. The organization committee consists of Charles E. McCraith Jr., Chairman; Herbert C. Featherstone, Earl A. Stoveken, Charles F. Ackerman, Frank L. Smith, Charles T. Woodruff and Harry Schnabel and Frank L. Morton Jr. A new building will be erected for the trust company on Hollywood Ave. at Woodruff Ave. Pending the construction of the building temporary quarters will be rented across street from the site and opened about Jan. 1.

The newly enlarged and remodeled building of the Ironbound Trust Co. of Newark at Market and Ferry Sts. was opened for business on Monday, Oct. 4, and on the two succeeding days the building was kept open until 8 o'clock in order that the depositors and friends of the institution might visit the building and view the improved and enlarged facilities. The "Newark News" of Oct. 4 gave the following description of the building:

The refurbished home was designed to follow out the former structure in exterior aspect. An addition, fronting an extra 80 feet on Ferry St., plays a large part in increasing the floor space 200%.

The front entrance features a new clock in an Italian Renaissance stone panel. Within the vestibule an information bureau has been established. On entering one steps into the main banking room. In the rear, new officers quarters have been provided, wainscoted from floor to ceiling in walnut and trimmed with an ornamental plaster cornice.

The interior is done in Italian Renaissance style with an Italian coffered ceiling, tinted in soft tones of rose, blue and gold. The banking floor is Tennessee marble. From it a wainscote in black and gold marble rises to a height of 6 feet. The rest of the walls are in travertine stone, of volcanic composition, which was imported from Italy. The banking screen is of solid bronze, with a fresco design.

A new motto has been inscribed on the wall above the approach to the officers' space. It reads: "To all who love honesty, industry and thrift this building is dedicated."

The remodeled building provides double the banking window space of the former. On the second floor a directors' room and a bookkeeping department have been installed. A new vault, twice the size of the former one, and with a door weighing 20 tons, has been acquired.

The work was done under the direction of the architects, Gullbert & Betelle, 24 Branford Place.

Increase of the capital stock of the Washington Trust Co. of Newark, N. J., from \$300,000 to \$600,000 was recommended by the directors of the institution on Oct. 28, according to the Newark "News" of that date. The "News" also stated that the Security Guaranty Co., which owns a majority of the stock of the Washington Trust Co., would change its name to the Washington Mortgage & Title Guaranty Co., if the recommendation of the directors was approved by the stockholders. In regard to the proposed increase in the capital of the Washington Trust Co., Thomas L. R. Crooks, the President, was quoted in the "News" as saying:

This is to be accomplished by the sale of 2,000 shares of stock with the privilege of subscribing at \$100 a share and by the issuance of a stock dividend of 1,000 shares at the ratio of one share to each three to the stockholders of record as of Dec. 30 1926, both the new stock and the stock dividend to be payable Jan. 11 1927.

It is believed advisable to increase the capital stock to take care of growing business and customers' needs.

Arthur F. Connor, President of the Newfield Bank & Trust Co. of Bridgeport, Conn., has been elected a director of Bankers Capital Corporation.

That the Merchants' Trust Co. of Waterbury, Conn. would increase its capital from \$400,000 to \$500,000 by the issuance of 1,000 additional shares of stock to its shareholders at par \$100 a share, was reported in the Hartford "Courant" of Oct. 29. The proposed increase, it was stated, would go into effect Jan. 10 1927. The Merchants' Trust Co. was organized in 1910 and at present, it is understood, has combined surplus and undivided profits of \$425,000 and total deposits in excess of \$5,000,000. Henry Weyand is President.

That the Pilgrim Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, an institution capitalized at \$125,150 and with total resources of \$453,760, was to be liquidated by the newly organized North Broad Street Title & Trust Co., of Philadelphia, with a capital of \$250,000, was reported in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Oct. 29. The latter institution, it was stated, was granted a charter at Harrisburg on Oct. 28. Frank J. Lambert was Treasurer of the new bank, it was said.

The directors of the Central Trust & Savings Co. of Philadelphia have taken action toward increasing the capital from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 by the issuance of 5,000 new shares having a par value of \$50. The new issue of stock will be sold to present shareholders at \$100 per share, \$250,000 going to capital and \$250,000 to surplus. The stockholders of the company will act on the proposal at the annual meeting on Jan. 13 next.

The board of directors of the Tradesmen's National Bank, Philadelphia, has declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$3 50 per share, at the rate of 14% per annum, payable Nov. 1 to stockholders of record at the close of business Oct. 30 1926.

At a regular meeting of the board of directors of the Quaker City National Bank of Philadelphia on Oct. 15, W. P. Rech was elected a Vice-President, while at the same time retaining the office of Cashier. Earlier in the month Abraham Sickles and Joseph Bernard were elected Vice-President and director, respectively, of the institution, to fill vacancies caused by death.

The Philadelphia "Ledger" of Oct. 7 stated that at a meeting of the stockholders of the Lancaster Avenue Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, held the previous day, an increase in the capital stock of the institution from \$200,000 to \$300,000, recommended by the directors, had been approved. It is planned, it is understood, to offer the new stock to the shareholders about Jan. 1 at a price above par, which is \$50 a share. The last public sale of the bank's stock was at \$90 a share in August, the "Ledger" said.

According to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of Oct. 9, a new building for the Cleveland Trust Co.'s branch at Lorain Ohio, was formally opened on that day. The new structure, it was stated, was a combination commercial and bank building and was erected at a cost of approximately \$150,000.

Robert J. Gibson, First Vice-President since 1918 of the Citizens' National Bank of Bellevue (Allegheny County), Pa., has been elected President of the institution to succeed Thomas A. McNary, resigned, according to the Pittsburgh "Gazette" of Oct. 2. Continuing, the "Gazette" said:

Mr. Gibson has been a director of the bank since it was organized in May 1907. The new head of the bank is President of the Pittsburgh Book Sellers' Association and Superintendent of the Presbyterian Book Store, Sixth Avenue. He is a member of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Presbyterian Hospital and Secretary and Treasurer of the Ruling Elders' Association of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh. He resides at 454 Teece Avenue, Bellevue.

The resignation of Mr. McNary, who was one of the organizers of the Citizens' National Bank in 1907, took place in May last and was reported in these columns in our issue of May 22.

According to the "Ohio State Journal" of Oct. 2, a consolidation of the First National Bank and the Citizens' National Bank, Mt. Sterling, Ohio, to form the First-Citizens' National Bank, became effective on Oct. 1, and at the initial meeting of the directors on that day the following officers were chosen: E. Quimby Smith, former head of the First National Bank, President; H. J. Taylor, former Cashier of the Citizens' National Bank, Vice-President, and R. B. Rice, heretofore Cashier of the First National Bank, Cashier. The new bank has resources of more than \$1,500,000 and is one of the largest rural financial institutions in Ohio, it is stated.

Stuyvesant Peabody, President of the Peabody Coal Co., has been elected a director of the First National Bank of Chicago and a member of the Advisory Committee of its affiliated institution, the First Trust & Savings Bank, according to advices from Chicago to the "Wall Street Journal" on Oct. 27.

Absorption of the North Shore Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago by the Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank of that city, effective Nov. 1, was reported in the following item taken from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 2:

E. C. Hart, President of the Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank, announces that, effective Nov. 1, the Fidelity Trust absorbs the business of the North Shore Trust & Savings Bank. The latter organization has been in existence about five years. The rapid growth of the Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank, established six years ago, will be further augmented by an increase in deposits of \$1,000,000, bringing total deposits, according to the last call, up to \$6,434,907 55, and total assets in excess of \$7,000,000. E. C. Dose, Cashier of the North Shore Trust & Savings, will be associated with the Fidelity Trust and Rudolph Lederer, I. B. Perlman and David Saul Klaffer will be added to the board of directors of that institution.

Failure of the Toledo National Bank, Toledo, Iowa, following the suicide of its President, William H. Dexter, was reported in a special dispatch from Cedar Rapids on Oct. 26 to the New York "Times," which read:

With deposits of \$600,000 and assets of \$713,000 the Toledo National Bank was closed by its directors to-day, and Federal authorities have taken it over for investigation.

William H. Dexter, President of the bank, committed suicide at Toledo yesterday, soon after the Garwin State Bank (Garwin, Iowa), of which he was a director, had closed. It was said that worry over the closing of the bank had caused his suicide.

While the Federal Examiner has refused to issue a statement regarding the National Bank, the failure has been called one of the worst in this section of the State this year. Frozen assets are said to be responsible for the failure. The bank had a capitalization stock of \$85,000. It is the third bank in Tama County to be closed in a few months.

Louis C. Kurtz, heretofore Chairman of the board of directors of the Des Moines National Bank, Des Moines, Iowa, was elected President of the institution on Oct. 28 to succeed John H. Hogan, who (as stated in a previous item in these columns to-day) tendered his resignation as President to become a Vice-President of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, according to the Des Moines "Register" of Oct. 29. Mr. Kurtz has been a director of the Des Moines National Bank since 1915 and Chairman of the Board since 1922. Prior to 1915 he was a Vice-President of the German Savings Bank of Des Moines, which was consolidated with the Des Moines National Bank in that year. He is President of the L. H. Kurtz Hardware Co., said to be one of the oldest business firms in Des Moines. In the future, it is understood, Mr. Kurtz will devote his entire time to the bank.

A dispatch from Mason City, Iowa, on Sept. 27 to the Des Moines "Register" stated that E. F. Rorebeck, receiver for the defunct Security National Bank of that place, had announced that a second dividend, of 20%, would be paid to depositors of the institution in two weeks' time, the checks being already prepared and forwarded to Washington for signature. The dividend, the dispatch stated, would call for approximately \$160,000, and with the first dividend, paid last spring, and which amounted to 30%, would make a total of about \$400,000 paid out in dividends. The failure of the Security National Bank on Dec. 19 1925 was reported in these columns on Dec. 26.

On Oct. 28 John H. Hogan resigned the presidency of the Des Moines National Bank, Des Moines, Iowa, a position he had held since January 1924, to accept a vice-presidency in the Continental & Commercial Bank of Chicago. He will assume his new duties, it is understood, about Dec. 1. According to the Des Moines "Register" of Oct. 29, Mr. Hogan became associated with the Des Moines National Bank as Cashier and a director in 1915 upon the merger of the German Savings Bank of Des Moines with the institution. Subsequently he was elected a Vice-President and served in that capacity until his election as President nearly three years ago. He began his banking career in Des Moines in 1903 as a messenger boy for the Marquardt Savings Bank.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Colorado Title & Trust Co. of Colorado Springs, Colo., took place on Oct. 4. The officers of this company are: J. Arthur Connell, President; Eugene P. Shove, Leslie G. Carlton and Charles L. Tutt, Vice-Presidents; J. Anderson Barton, Secretary-Treasurer; Walter W. Udick, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, and John F. Gallagher, Bond Department Manager.

William Nelson, President of the Nashville Trust Co., and for 30 years a prominent citizen of Nashville, died of heart disease on Oct. 17 after a brief illness. Mr. Nelson was born in Nashville in 1866. Upon his graduation from Harvard University in the Class of 1888 he entered business in Nashville with his father. Later, however, he entered the banking field. In 1902 he was elected a Vice-President of the Nashville Trust Co. and served the institution in that capacity until 1917, when he succeeded to the presidency, the office he held at the time of his death. Mr. Nelson had been a director of the bank since 1891. Among his other interests, he was prominently connected with the Central National Bank of Nashville, the Nashville & Decatur Railroad, the Nashville Railway & Light Co., and the Alabama Fuel & Iron Co., etc., etc.

The Escondido National Bank, Escondido, Cal. (capitalized at \$50,000) is in voluntary liquidation. The institution was absorbed recently by the Southern Trust & Commerce Bank of San Diego, Cal.

The new thrift plan entitled "Your Fortune Foundation," recently established by the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, has achieved gratifying success, according to Frank C. Mortimer, Vice-President. The name was suggested by the fact that many fortunes have been founded upon systematic and persistent savings. The essential feature of the "Fortune Foundation" plan is a weekly deposit. It may be as low as \$1 or in large amounts. One of the latest developments in banking is to induce the public to set up reserves against taxes, life insurance premiums, payments on homes and mortgages, old age comfort, and other future expenses, and for this purpose the Fortune Foundation books are well suited. The weekly deposits provide for the liability and spread the expense over twelve months. Interest at regular rates will be allowed on the deposits, and at the end of the fifty-week period the accumulated funds may be transferred to a regular savings account and a new "Fortune Foundation" coupon book taken. In this way the account will justify its name and become the foundation for financial independence.

In its issue of Oct. 21 the Los Angeles "Times" stated that permission had been granted by the State Banking Department to a group of Los Angeles capitalists in that city to organize a savings bank under the title of the German-American Savings Bank of Los Angeles. Continuing, the "Times" said:

It is believed that this is the first instance in which a new charter has been granted to a German-American financial institution since the war.

The proposed bank will have a paid-in capital of \$500,000 and a surplus of \$125,000 and will be organized without promotion expense. The bank will operate strictly as a savings bank and will be the only financial institution of its kind in the city. It will have offices on Spring Street in the heart of the financial district.

The German-American Savings Bank, it was stated, will be operated on an ultra-conservative basis. Several prominent German-Americans, in addition to a number of American-born business men, are included among the organizers and will be among the members of the board of directors.

The organization committee includes C. L. Schloessman of the Schloessman Steamship Agency, H. R. Kleinbach, auditor of the Title Guaranty & Trust Co.; Emil Kirchner, formerly of the Kirchner Supply Co.; Walter Brinkop, President of the real estate firm of Walter Brinkop & Co., and A. L. Abrahams, attorney. Mr. Schloessman was prominent in the organization of the Kaspere-Cohn Commercial & Savings Bank a number of years ago, which later became the Union Bank & Trust Co.

The final details of the organization of the new bank will be completed

within the next two weeks, it was stated, and it is expected that the bank will be ready to open early next year.

Andrew H. Blackmore and Nolan Browning were elected Vice-Presidents of the Seaboard Co., an affiliated institution of the Seaboard National Bank of Los Angeles, on Oct. 20, according to the Los Angeles "Times" of Oct. 21, which went on to say:

Mr. Blackmore was made a Vice-President of the Seaboard National Bank at the time of its organization, and in addition to his duties in the bank will supervise the real estate loans of the Seaboard Co.

Mr. Browning is a graduate of Harvard University. For the past two years he has been associated with Carstens & Earles in San Francisco. He will assist in the bond and securities department of the Seaboard Co.

According to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Oct. 20 the proposed consolidation of the Mercantile Trust Co. of California of that city and the American Bank, San Francisco, will be consummated on Jan. 3 1927, the name of the new institution to be "The American Trust Co." On Oct. 19, it was stated, the stockholders of both the institutions met and officially ratified the proposed merger, which is being effected through the exchange of three shares of American Bank stock for two shares of Mercantile Trust Co. stock. The following statement with regard to the new bank's title was issued on Oct. 19 by John S. Drum, President of the Mercantile Trust Co. of California, and Russell Lowry, Executive Vice-President of the American Bank:

Consideration was given to the two names—"American-Mercantile" and "Mercantile-American"—and it was finally decided to use the name "American" alone, because it is most comprehensive; because it is short, as a name should be that must be written millions of times a year in checks and other instruments; because it is simple and easy to remember, and because it is not likely to be confused with the name of any other bank.

Reference to the proposed union of these banks was made in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 11, page 1348, and Sept. 18, pages 1466 and 1467.

C. M. Parker, New York representative of Westminster Bank, Ltd., London, Eng., has received a cable stating that John Rae, Chief General Manager of Westminster Bank, Ltd., has been elected a director of that bank.

The 93d semi-annual statement of condition of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. (head office Yokohama), covering the six months ending June 30 1926, and presented to the shareholders at their 93d half-yearly ordinary general meeting on Sept. 10, has just come to hand. Net profits for the period, the report shows, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, rebate on bills, etc., amounted to yen 14,962,168, inclusive of yen 5,805,991 brought forward from the preceding half year. Out of this sum the directors proposed to pay a dividend at the rate of 12% per annum, calling for yen 6,000,000, and to add yen 3,000,000 to the reserve fund, leaving a balance of yen 5,962,168 to be carried forward to the next half year's profit and loss account. The bank's total assets are shown in the statement as yen 1,182,530,943, of which cash in hand and at bankers amounted to yen 100,222,014, while total deposits are given at yen 553,163,832. The institution's paid-up capital is yen 100,000,000 and its reserve fund yen 89,500,000.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market the present week, though at times somewhat irregular, has the last two days tended upward, with oil stocks and local traction shares the most prominent features. Railroad issues and industrial securities also have latterly been in good demand at improving prices. The drift of the market was generally downward in the early trading on Saturday though some of the more active issues recovered part of their early losses in a brief rally in the closing hour. Oil shares were the strong stocks of the day, Pan American moving upward to the highest price touched in months and Superior Oil and Lago being also in demand at improving prices. United States Steel common sold down to 137 $\frac{3}{4}$ at its low for the day, but closed at 139, and General Motors ended the session with a fractional loss. Oil shares were again strong on Monday, the leaders of the group including Texas Company, General Asphalt, Panhandle, Producers, and Pan American. Local traction stocks also were strong, Interborough advanced 2 points and Brooklyn Manhattan gained a point or more. Railroad shares were less prominent and made little or no progress. Motor stocks were moderately active at improving prices and a few specialties, notably Industrial Alcohol, Commercial Solvents, Woolworth and Coca Cola were in good demand at improving prices. The total transactions were the smallest since July 31. On Tuesday all the financial and commodity markets in New York were closed for the election holiday.

The market was somewhat hesitant in the early trading on Wednesday, but later displayed a rising tendency and many issues moved upward from 3 to 5 points; a rally in the late afternoon stimulated trading all along the line and the market closed with an impressive display of strength. The strong stocks included Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit which moved forward 4 points and General Motors which made a net gain of 4½ points. Du Pont gained 3¾ points, Third Ave. Railway 2½ points, United States Steel, 1½ points and Ludlum, 3¼ points. The cut in crude oil prices had a depressing effect on the oil shares and most of the active issues closed somewhat lower. Railroad shares displayed strength in the late trading. Chesapeake & Ohio moving up a point or more and New York Central advancing about the same amount. American Smelting was in strong demand and closed with a gain of 3 points. The upward movement of the stock market became more pronounced as trading opened on Thursday, many issues advancing from 1 to 10 points. The gains were most conspicuous among the industrial shares, railroad issues and specialty stocks, all of which moved briskly forward to higher levels. General Motors was under pressure in the first hour, but improved after midsession and scored a net gain of nearly 3 points. Railroad stocks were in strong demand and moved briskly upward to higher levels. The strong stocks included Atlantic Coast Line which crossed 200, and Lackawanna which improved 5 points. Del. & Hudson and Reading were also in strong demand at improving prices. One of the features of the trading was the strength of the copper group, Nevada Consolidated going to a new top for the year, followed by Anaconda, Chino Copper and American Smelting with substantial gains. Baldwin Locomotive scored a net gain of 3½ points. The market moved vigorously forward in the early trading on Friday and many of the market leaders scored substantial advances. United States Steel common advanced to a new high for the present movement at 143¼.

Local traction stocks also were in active demand at advancing prices, Interborough Rapid Transit touching 50 at its high for the day, Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit also recorded a substantial advance. Other strong stocks included Pullman Company which gained 3 points, U. S. Industrial Alcohol, St. Louis-San Francisco, American Air Brake, Atlantic Coast Line, United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry and Warner Bros. Pictures. The final tone was good.

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

Week Ended Nov. 5.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c. Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	522,955	\$3,578,500	\$2,947,000	\$405,500
Monday	895,184	6,382,000	4,339,000	755,500
Tuesday		Holiday—Election Day		
Wednesday	1,162,843	7,587,000	7,362,000	353,500
Thursday	1,442,572	7,051,000	6,798,000	811,000
Friday	1,591,100	9,530,000	2,903,000	360,000
Total	5,614,654	\$34,128,500	\$24,349,000	\$2,685,500

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Nov. 5.		Jan. 1 to Nov. 5.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Stocks—No. shares	5,614,654	12,427,417	383,751,001	365,998,430
Bonds				
Government bonds	\$2,685,500	\$4,693,000	\$219,353,450	\$299,214,560
State & foreign bonds	24,349,000	11,678,000	574,757,450	604,583,500
Railroad & misc. bonds	34,128,500	36,453,000	1,672,743,700	2,582,934,775
Total bonds	\$61,163,000	\$52,824,000	\$2,466,854,600	\$3,486,732,835

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Nov. 5. 1926.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	13,655	\$27,600	9,873	\$25,000	1,486	\$1,600
Monday	14,848	9,400	12,732	40,000	1,412	26,400
Tuesday	Holiday		Holiday		Holiday	
Wednesday	16,524	37,000	29,232	52,500	2,985	48,500
Thursday	21,510	55,000	15,723	29,700	2,130	32,000
Friday	12,109	22,000	17,468	43,000	2,435	49,000
Total	78,646	\$151,000	85,028	\$190,200	10,448	\$167,500
Prev. week revised	123,531	\$166,050	150,590	\$205,200	11,153	\$126,700

Course of Bank Clearings

Bank clearings the present week will again show a 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, Nov. 6), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 9.3% smaller than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$9,616,873,454, against \$10,600,818,620 for the same week in 1925. At this centre there is a loss for the five days of 10.4%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended Nov. 6.	1926.	1925.	Per Cent.
New York	\$4,360,000,000	\$4,868,128,982	-10.4
Chicago	534,149,523	624,668,443	-14.5
Philadelphia	549,000,000	473,000,000	+16.1
Boston	409,000,000	436,000,000	-6.2
Kansas City	118,803,398	122,972,267	-3.4
St. Louis	117,300,000	134,600,000	-12.9
San Francisco	137,700,000	171,800,000	-19.9
Los Angeles	130,480,000	138,546,000	-5.8
Pittsburgh	132,725,862	139,651,139	-5.0
Cleveland	96,631,798	93,099,129	+0.5
Detroit	132,084,494	132,627,328	-0.4
Baltimore	77,773,281	103,626,738	-25.0
New Orleans	58,214,053	73,261,431	-20.5
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$6,853,862,412	\$7,511,981,457	-8.8
Other cities, 5 days	1,160,198,800	1,220,630,830	-4.9
Total all cities, 5 days	\$8,014,061,212	\$8,732,612,287	-8.2
All cities, 1 day	1,602,812,242	1,868,206,333	-14.2
Total all cities for week	\$9,616,873,454	\$10,600,818,620	-9.3

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 week previous—the week ended Oct. 30. For that week there is a decrease of 4.4%, the 1926 aggregate of clearings being \$9,394,763,568 and the 1925 aggregate \$9,822,833,608. Outside of New York City there is a decrease of 1.9%, the bank exchanges at this centre having shown a loss of 6.3%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District there is a gain of 4.4% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 0.7%, but in the New York Reserve District (in-

cluding this city) there is a loss of 6.2%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are larger by 2.4%, in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 1.5%, and in the Kansas City Reserve District by 5.5%. In the Richmond Reserve District there is a loss of 6.1%, in the Atlanta Reserve District of 23.1% (due mainly to the falling off at the Florida points, Jacksonville having a decrease of 37.7% and Miami a decrease of 77.0%) and in the Dallas Reserve District of 2.1%. The St. Louis Reserve District has a fallin off of 7.5%, the Chicago Reserve District of 1.8%, and the San Francisco Reserve District of 3.4%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended Oct. 30 1926.	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
Federal Reserve Dists.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston . . . 12 cities	540,896,236	517,946,200	+4.4	479,563,307	481,927,989
2nd New York 11 "	5,339,244,381	5,691,420,471	-6.2	5,243,897,176	4,721,044,199
3rd Philadelphia 10 "	597,344,433	593,197,464	+0.7	529,281,456	512,222,952
4th Cleveland 8 "	395,281,093	385,870,025	+2.4	341,519,251	352,657,030
5th Richmond 6 "	197,898,442	210,620,516	-6.1	196,026,514	187,350,474
6th Atlanta 13 "	206,941,137	269,022,012	-23.1	208,877,336	194,776,843
7th Chicago 20 "	888,687,977	904,792,857	-1.8	816,432,307	837,432,597
8th St. Louis 8 "	216,289,367	233,893,722	-7.5	226,325,849	216,570,888
9th Minneapolis 7 "	137,416,586	135,377,296	+1.5	176,568,679	126,693,533
10th Kansas City 12 "	268,205,011	251,300,619	+5.5	262,572,158	235,415,017
11th Dallas 5 "	94,850,975	96,866,418	-2.1	90,070,476	76,590,430
12th San Fran. 17 "	511,704,900	529,526,008	-3.4	435,296,182	472,878,658
Total . . . 129 cities	9,394,763,568	9,822,833,608	-4.4	9,008,533,701	8,415,590,638
Outside N. Y. City	4,173,503,596	4,251,779,672	-1.9	3,861,980,512	3,809,112,324
Canada . . . 29 cities	360,371,277	336,015,075	+7.2	333,194,920	443,484,660

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve districts of the clearings for the month of October. For that month there is a decrease for the whole country of 5.0%, the 1926 aggregate of the clearings being \$44,905,231,270 and the 1925 aggregate \$47,273,215,139. This is the second time since March 1924 that our monthly compilation of bank clearings has shown a decrease as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. Outside of New York City the decrease for the month is only 3.5%; the bank exchanges at this centre register a decrease of 6.3%. The Boston Reserve District has a gain of 10.4% and the Cleveland Reserve District of 1.5%, but the New York Reserve District (including this city) shows a loss of 6.1%. In the Philadelphia Reserve District the totals are smaller by 3.8%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 12.0%, and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 24.5%, the latter following mainly from the falling off at the Florida points, Miami

having a decrease of 77.4%, Tampa of 53.3%, and Jacksonville of 36.3%. The Chicago Reserve District has a loss of 6.8%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 8.5% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 10.2%. In the Kansas City Reserve District there is 2.0% increase and in the Dallas Reserve District 3.4%, but in the San Francisco Reserve District there is a small loss, namely 0.5%.

	October 1926.	October 1925.	Inc. or Dec.	October 1924.	October 1923.
Federal Reserve Dist.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston.....14 cities	2,738,930,419	2,480,042,922	+10.4	2,118,967,563	1,886,503,546
2nd New York.....14 "	25,017,735,245	26,652,522,542	-6.1	22,177,832,314	18,161,368,619
3rd Philadelphia.....14 "	2,762,093,013	2,861,324,974	-3.8	2,482,740,927	2,363,741,686
4th Cleveland.....15 "	1,913,880,688	1,886,353,209	+1.5	1,710,301,913	1,713,335,300
5th Richmond.....10 "	911,704,209	1,035,839,561	-12.0	905,546,983	872,051,909
6th Atlanta.....18 "	1,065,251,414	1,410,376,819	-24.5	1,014,106,571	924,032,222
7th Chicago.....29 "	4,294,878,995	4,573,676,996	-6.8	4,042,203,150	3,968,483,531
8th St. Louis.....10 "	1,051,446,576	1,148,533,546	-8.5	1,066,035,413	1,010,156,300
9th Minneapolis.....10 "	645,631,368	713,254,343	-10.2	686,024,284	642,059,359
10th Kansas City.....16 "	1,334,599,400	1,238,189,189	+2.0	1,340,068,406	1,178,104,171
11th Dallas.....12 "	703,995,389	681,085,746	+3.4	678,949,280	612,946,883
12th San Fran.....28 "	2,515,763,955	2,527,106,292	-0.5	2,185,100,502	2,248,869,967
Total.....193 cities	44,905,231,270	47,273,215,139	-5.0	40,617,911,826	35,470,669,387
Outside N. Y. City	20,571,944,190	21,321,068,140	-3.5	19,033,284,592	17,740,516,477
Canada.....29 cities	1,642,301,252	1,709,150,392	-3.9	1,769,466,443	2,220,453,721

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the ten months back to 1923:

	Ten Months				
	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
Federal Reserve Dist.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston.....14 cities	23,315,735,692	20,851,961,428	+11.8	19,666,085,331	18,099,309,362
2nd New York.....14 "	247,378,694,693	239,329,697,061	+3.6	207,345,159,769	180,398,696,202
3rd Philadelphia.....14 "	25,625,180,716	25,243,427,592	+1.4	23,063,719,845	22,472,089,072
4th Cleveland.....15 "	17,907,466,654	17,260,730,781	+3.7	15,751,723,850	16,330,873,310
5th Richmond.....10 "	9,038,153,843	9,003,714,386	+1.0	8,148,597,032	7,845,325,575
6th Atlanta.....18 "	10,572,719,077	10,891,387,802	-2.9	8,406,739,427	7,930,362,921
7th Chicago.....29 "	43,194,999,515	42,673,104,633	+1.2	38,141,974,113	37,385,343,321
8th St. Louis.....10 "	9,734,249,425	9,752,555,827	-0.4	9,013,662,827	9,067,533,577
9th Minneapolis.....10 "	5,549,940,488	5,833,092,752	-4.9	5,376,719,559	5,386,183,147
10th Kansas City.....16 "	12,285,488,084	11,915,496,057	+2.9	11,041,973,568	11,256,278,523
11th Dallas.....12 "	5,548,688,459	5,304,487,403	+4.6	4,632,530,373	4,232,230,794
12th San Fran.....28 "	24,028,968,393	24,150,428,246	+9.0	20,237,469,284	19,473,316,476
Total.....193 cities	435,809,857,904	421,210,082,969	+3.5	370,818,354,768	339,886,547,604
Outside N. Y. City	194,492,845,068	188,027,302,292	+3.4	169,008,847,155	163,433,980,633
Canada.....29 cities	14,177,726,522	13,176,408,944	+7.6	13,628,015,069	13,949,884,775

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1926 and 1925:

Month.	Clearings, Total All.			Clearings Outside New York.		
	1926.	1925.	%	1926.	1925.	%
Jan.	47,660,896,876	46,161,258,211	+3.2	20,559,798,610	19,440,564,225	+5.7
Feb.	38,799,487,828	37,490,819,848	+3.5	17,346,130,353	16,433,760,596	+5.5
Mar.	48,505,299,107	42,009,334,406	+15.5	20,413,426,165	18,660,323,657	+9.4
1st qu.	134,965,683,811	125,661,412,465	+7.4	58,319,355,128	54,534,648,478	+6.9
April.	45,536,492,634	41,394,612,885	+10.0	19,572,431,866	18,545,728,280	+5.5
May.	42,411,631,981	41,866,240,874	+1.2	19,025,486,348	18,038,806,544	+5.5
June.	44,163,009,912	43,232,725,823	+2.1	19,968,020,328	19,213,882,108	+3.9
2d qu.	132,111,344,527	126,493,579,552	+4.4	58,565,938,642	55,798,416,842	+4.9
3d qu.	287,076,818,338	252,154,991,047	+11.5	116,885,293,670	110,330,605,320	+5.9
July.	43,785,324,325	42,989,030,931	+1.8	19,958,111,685	19,593,330,824	+1.9
Aug.	39,946,960,139	38,036,385,824	+5.0	18,270,980,440	17,817,867,459	+2.5
Sept.	40,166,553,832	40,756,409,028	-1.5	18,806,535,083	18,981,970,549	-0.9
3d qu.	123,988,838,296	121,781,875,783	+1.7	57,035,627,208	56,393,168,832	+1.1
Oct.	44,905,231,270	47,273,215,139	-5.0	20,571,944,190	21,321,068,140	-3.5

CLEARINGS FOR OCTOBER, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 30.

Clearings at—	Month of October.			Since Jan. 1.			Week Ending October 30.				
	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston—	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Maine—Bangor.....	3,838,856	3,864,645	-26.6	32,626,252	31,752,192	+2.7	687,415	652,071	+5.4	788,842	879,151
Portland.....	17,471,709	15,304,042	+14.2	158,454,955	143,216,815	+10.6	3,287,294	3,138,915	+4.7	3,108,799	3,467,993
Mass.—Boston.....	2,455,000,000	2,190,272,215	+12.0	20,774,485,842	18,352,895,050	+13.2	485,000,000	460,000,000	+5.4	429,000,000	429,000,000
Fall River.....	9,024,758	11,623,318	-22.3	85,244,272	98,561,959	-13.5	1,997,003	2,570,361	-22.9	2,024,140	2,817,660
Holyoke.....	4,605,970	4,465,339	-1.0	40,556,514	41,056,388	-1.4	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell.....	4,971,107	5,411,620	-8.2	45,698,809	48,927,009	-6.6	1,105,086	1,319,416	-16.3	1,617,547	*1,500,000
Lynn.....	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford.....	6,498,052	9,240,658	-29.7	56,331,983	65,287,722	-13.7	1,752,092	2,816,140	-37.8	2,668,789	2,514,686
Springfield.....	25,067,287	24,356,163	+2.9	249,120,604	253,331,172	-1.7	5,500,217	6,184,880	-11.1	6,008,557	6,018,092
Worcester.....	16,846,171	17,750,014	-5.1	168,572,106	160,945,982	-1.5	3,426,779	3,342,816	+2.5	3,217,000	4,044,000
Conn.—Hartford.....	62,604,158	75,653,150	-17.3	673,144,104	623,722,374	+7.9	12,723,034	16,627,952	-23.4	11,248,137	11,960,726
New Haven.....	34,194,445	34,450,216	-0.8	311,397,466	308,561,860	+0.9	6,881,139	6,816,899	+0.9	6,513,851	7,184,549
Waterbury.....	11,204,800	11,415,200	-1.9	104,404,400	102,575,700	+1.8	17,919,000	13,820,000	+29.6	12,631,700	11,789,100
R. I.—Providence.....	84,358,500	72,257,800	+16.7	591,781,200	588,605,300	+0.5	617,177	656,750	-6.0	785,945	752,032
N. H.—Manchester.....	3,844,606	3,789,542	+1.4	34,011,175	32,521,905	+4.6	a	a	a	a	a
Total (14 cities)	2,738,530,419	2,480,042,922	+10.4	23,315,738,682	20,851,961,428	+11.8	540,896,236	517,946,200	+4.4	479,563,307	481,927,989
Second Federal Reserve District—New York—											
N. Y.—Albany.....	29,704,036	29,467,312	+0.8	280,588,391	279,711,408	+0.3	5,905,668	6,068,981	-2.7	5,337,832	5,577,673
Binghamton.....	5,312,900	5,189,900	+2.4	50,540,814	49,633,100	+1.8	949,600	858,200	+10.6	896,500	996,300
Buffalo.....	230,991,295	259,006,299	-11.1	2,267,162,802	2,288,990,677	-0.9	49,223,313	57,059,612	-13.7	46,303,693	43,443,492
Elmira.....	4,602,621	4,256,066	+8.1	44,602,314	40,945,923	+8.9	1,072,590	898,656	+19.3	774,338	826,169
Jamestown.....	6,190,349	7,083,826	-12.6	64,716,459	64,401,082	+0.5	61,177,418	1,326,954	-11.3	1,052,958	1,093,731
New York.....	24,333,287,080	25,952,146,999	-6.3	241,338,024,836	233,182,780,877	+3.5	5,221,259,972	5,571,053,936	-6.3	5,134,553,189	4,606,478,314
Niagara Falls.....	5,048,784	5,729,988	-11.9	45,927,503	45,882,555	+0.3	a	a	a	a	a
Rochester.....	59,947,812	61,707,314	-2.9	569,935,003	553,583,707	+2.9	11,162,316	12,111,494	+7.8	9,715,195	11,096,848
Syracuse.....	27,559,878	29,803,656	-7.5	265,603,516	251,923,114	+5.4	5,408,272	5,531,944	-2.2	4,746,744	4,834,861
Conn.—Stamford.....	3,193,840	3,210,313	-0.5	34,981,917	28,746,529	+20.8	c3,470,823	3,564,319	-2.6	2,891,550	2,897,255
N. J.—Montclair.....	110,137,174	100,402,567	+9.7	1,080,534,267	899,843,020	+20.0	744,360	587,108	+26.8	630,121	474,545
Newark.....	6,776,377	6,441,310	+5.2	63,411,579	66,735,232	+11.8	a	a	a	a	a
Oranges.....	177,339,435	160,575,455	+10.4	1,665,217,494	1,437,317,891	+15.8	38,870,009	32,359,268	+20.1	36,955,056	43,320,011
Total (14 cities)	25,017,735,245	26,652,522,542	-6.1	247,978,694,668	239,329,697,011	+3.1	5,339,244,381	5,691,420,471	-6.2	5,243,897,176	4,721,044,199

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of October and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

	October				Jan. 1 to Oct. 31			
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
(000,000s omitted.)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
New York.....	24,333	25,952	21,585	17,730	241,888	233,182	201,810	176,453
Chicago.....	2,806	3,108	2,788	2,655	29,197	29,508	26,183	26,003
Boston.....	2,454	2,190	1,873	1,642	20,774	18,353	17,384	15,938
Philadelphia.....	2,502	2,615	2,254	2,142	24,329	24,010	21,009	20,487
St. Louis.....	650	713	668	649	6,261	6,301	5,926	5,993
Pittsburgh.....	809	786	715	729	7,610	7,309	6,646	6,870
San Francisco.....	832	902	755	752	8,193	7,743	6,938	6,658
Cincinnati.....	335	340	450	425	3,226	3,079	4,153	4,022
Baltimore.....	480	544	296	298	5,029	4,706	2,772	2,896
Kansas City.....	657	654	648					

CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Clearings at—	Month of October.			Since Jan. 1.			Week Ended October 30.				
	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Pa.—Altoona	7,889,205	7,767,215	+1.6	69,912,467	64,777,703	+7.9	1,553,957	1,764,195	-11.9	1,352,086	1,484,449
Bethlehem	25,063,630	20,357,255	+23.1	193,901,958	183,487,865	+5.7	5,264,489	4,127,035	+27.6	4,037,509	4,170,149
Chester	7,236,791	7,346,097	-1.5	61,862,087	65,351,862	-5.4	1,701,144	1,351,658	+25.8	1,506,250	1,448,808
Harrisburg	22,859,458	22,392,623	+2.1	211,335,666	211,543,937	-0.1	---	---	---	---	---
Lebanon	10,218,178	13,544,202	-24.6	100,510,623	123,626,638	-18.7	1,914,802	2,420,501	-20.9	2,526,989	2,940,047
Lebanon	3,394,759	3,164,246	+7.3	28,638,203	27,596,047	+3.8	---	---	---	---	---
Norristown	4,450,407	5,036,759	-11.7	39,562,205	44,546,149	-11.2	---	---	---	---	---
Philadelphia	2,502,000,000	2,615,000,000	-4.3	24,329,381,000	24,009,855,000	+1.3	565,000,000	563,000,000	+0.3	499,000,000	483,000,000
Reading	20,137,998	18,450,907	+9.1	180,736,804	163,486,261	+10.5	3,681,090	3,635,138	+1.3	3,140,709	3,705,985
Scranton	31,055,853	27,769,052	+11.8	271,622,982	268,826,351	+1.0	5,954,839	5,237,622	+13.4	6,491,145	5,319,262
Wilkes-Barre	18,266,088	17,156,433	+6.5	160,421,347	169,048,210	-5.1	43,717,246	3,373,232	+10.2	3,892,238	3,390,371
N. J.—Camden	8,492,903	9,717,811	-12.6	82,059,461	84,395,872	-2.8	1,660,612	1,682,307	-1.3	1,667,482	1,650,419
Trenton	62,703,355	64,483,323	-2.8	624,630,805	562,024,958	+11.5	---	---	---	---	---
Del.—Wilmington	28,324,388	29,139,050	-2.8	270,605,108	264,860,739	+2.2	6,896,254	6,600,776	+4.5	5,670,048	5,113,462
Total (14 cities)	2,752,093,013	2,861,324,974	-3.8	26,625,180,716	26,243,427,592	+1.4	597,344,433	593,197,464	+0.7	529,284,456	512,222,952
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland											
Ohio—Akron	27,263,000	27,247,000	+0.1	267,653,000	263,505,000	+1.6	46,743,000	5,471,000	+23.2	7,122,000	6,187,000
Canton	17,053,032	18,146,167	-6.0	177,809,847	196,169,424	-9.4	3,448,899	3,026,952	+13.9	4,081,883	4,346,086
Cincinnati	335,436,155	339,843,191	-1.3	3,226,131,236	3,078,711,780	+4.8	70,851,000	72,133,000	-1.8	60,955,231	62,842,162
Cleveland	569,403,407	562,462,133	+1.2	5,138,601,368	4,993,299,325	+2.9	115,228,337	112,580,510	+2.3	100,419,650	105,605,508
Columbus	77,968,200	73,275,400	+6.4	732,165,500	664,371,600	+10.2	14,778,400	14,205,300	+3.9	12,468,800	13,310,400
Dayton	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hamilton	3,895,684	3,574,522	+9.0	41,487,308	38,678,657	+7.3	---	---	---	---	---
Lima	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lorain	2,007,706	2,110,877	-4.9	19,885,566	21,569,087	-7.9	---	---	---	---	---
Mansfield	9,738,215	9,933,447	-2.0	90,729,786	86,863,527	+4.4	1,817,199	1,905,935	-4.7	1,594,190	1,570,139
Springfield	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Toledo	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Youngstown	24,179,513	24,778,639	-2.4	233,217,767	227,769,474	+2.8	5,058,642	5,565,710	-9.1	4,598,767	3,796,899
Pa.—Beaver County	3,674,423	3,269,420	+12.4	32,830,101	32,328,448	+1.5	---	---	---	---	---
Franklin	1,513,016	1,153,569	+31.1	14,904,332	14,715,394	+1.3	---	---	---	---	---
Greensburg	7,082,552	7,416,631	-4.5	62,164,402	68,021,038	-8.6	---	---	---	---	---
Pittsburgh	809,484,608	786,270,063	+2.9	7,609,550,087	7,308,581,964	+4.1	177,378,116	170,981,618	+3.7	150,378,740	155,028,866
Ky.—Lexington	6,479,100	6,505,293	-0.4	78,290,894	81,703,014	-4.2	---	---	---	---	---
W. Va.—Wheeling	18,702,077	20,366,857	-8.2	182,045,460	185,443,049	-1.8	---	---	---	---	---
Total (15 cities)	1,913,880,688	1,886,353,209	+1.5	17,907,466,654	17,260,730,871	+3.7	395,284,093	385,870,025	+2.4	341,619,261	352,687,060
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond											
Va.—Huntington	6,633,247	6,995,318	-5.2	64,750,202	68,359,439	-5.3	1,370,162	1,314,943	+4.2	1,474,316	1,935,820
Norfolk	37,780,513	44,527,442	-15.2	353,612,755	349,600,632	+1.1	47,832,878	9,335,421	-16.1	7,669,378	8,990,667
Richmond	231,781,000	279,301,000	-17.0	2,152,867,000	2,319,920,632	-7.0	53,568,000	60,910,000	-12.1	63,688,000	57,275,000
N. C.—Asheville	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Raleigh	7,512,920	15,739,869	-52.3	111,479,263	118,772,956	-6.2	---	---	---	---	---
Wilmington	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
S. C.—Charleston	12,691,193	13,911,307	-8.8	108,213,046	111,548,933	-3.0	42,750,264	2,495,275	+10.2	3,184,205	3,994,911
Columbia	9,769,500	8,935,927	+9.3	74,982,503	80,623,021	-7.0	---	---	---	---	---
Md.—Baltimore	479,695,347	543,684,685	-11.8	5,029,223,059	4,795,851,369	+4.9	107,711,024	112,651,105	-4.4	98,836,924	95,123,076
Frederick	2,266,121	2,298,452	-1.4	21,053,566	19,883,310	+5.9	---	---	---	---	---
Hagerstown	4,041,544	3,600,890	+12.2	34,720,749	33,458,246	+3.8	---	---	---	---	---
D. C.—Washington	119,532,824	116,844,671	+2.3	1,147,251,700	1,111,696,019	+3.2	24,666,114	23,913,772	+3.1	21,173,691	20,031,000
Total (10 cities)	911,704,209	1,035,839,561	-12.0	9,098,153,843	9,003,714,387	+1.0	197,898,442	210,620,516	-6.1	196,026,514	187,350,474
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta											
Tenn.—Chattanooga	40,260,000	38,063,303	+5.8	338,722,761	306,366,524	+10.6	48,164,909	7,410,199	+10.2	6,126,839	6,019,558
Knoxville	14,041,878	13,769,613	+2.0	141,057,716	136,643,259	+3.2	2,484,891	2,374,086	+4.7	2,735,090	2,724,302
Nashville	99,760,509	102,835,492	-3.0	9,392,323	931,317,776	+1.2	20,603,955	20,724,019	-0.6	20,412,942	19,828,977
Ga.—Atlanta	260,456,528	399,948,472	-34.9	2,666,668,136	2,855,584,683	-7.6	54,461,654	79,167,719	-31.2	62,280,098	59,115,490
Augusta	11,517,158	12,548,464	-8.2	89,697,490	91,036,249	-1.5	2,219,898	2,477,505	-10.5	2,268,674	3,018,529
Columbus	4,900,749	5,231,950	-6.3	46,130,671	46,079,543	+0.1	---	---	---	---	---
Macon	10,160,069	9,886,166	+2.8	79,573,967	74,343,227	+7.0	2,467,992	1,922,089	+28.4	1,754,191	1,681,431
Savannah	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fla.—Jacksonville	100,514,711	157,678,285	-36.3	1,296,483,645	1,136,232,792	+14.1	21,532,049	34,576,452	-37.7	15,033,000	10,043,940
Miami	26,053,830	115,100,693	-77.4	560,881,927	861,271,549	-35.0	5,645,000	24,585,441	-77.0	3,888,896	---
Tampa	25,199,065	54,001,893	-53.3	359,577,330	357,309,895	+0.6	---	---	---	---	---
Ala.—Birmingham	120,294,873	180,283,289	-7.7	1,113,905,044	1,127,756,345	-1.2	25,117,86	23,685,173	+6.0	27,553,043	26,256,392
Mobile	9,241,571	9,616,134	-3.9	90,223,536	87,070,038	+3.6	1,860,887	1,854,416	+0.3	1,762,637	2,120,165
Montgomery	8,184,000	10,387,455	-21.2	71,623,615	74,458,686	-7.5	---	---	---	---	---
Miss.—Hattiesburg	9,457,571	9,359,127	+6.2	87,596,008	74,338,051	+17.8	---	---	---	---	---
Jackson	8,735,471	7,459,101	+16.6	72,591,633	62,483,696	+17.9	1,389,938	1,349,831	+3.0	1,224,613	901,603
Meridian	4,609,287	4,673,737	-1.4	39,415,836	37,525,868	+5.0	---	---	---	---	---
Vicksburg	2,222,829	2,387,923	-6.9	18,000,135	19,345,719	-7.0	487,981	496,127	-1.7	408,327	429,422
La.—New Orleans	309,154,319	327,115,720	-5.5	2,558,246,704	2,579,227,882	-0.8	60,506,977	68,398,955	-11.5	63,478,986	62,637,034
Total (18 cities)	1,065,251,414	1,410,376,819	-24.5	10,572,719,077	10,891,387,802	-2.9	206,941,137	269,022,012	-23.1	208,877,336	194,776,843
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago											
Mich.—Adrian	1,218,108	1,195,662	+1.9	10,585,075	10,836,551	-2.3	232,277	194,304	+19.5	227,764	213,945
Ann Arbor	6,173,589	5,877,639	+5.0	49,207,997	43,215,574	+13.9	969,350	867,530	+11.7	911,798	958,331
Detroit	769,195,602	796,682,892	-3.5	7,392,364,710	6,956,138,509	+6.3	171,286,511	163,911,010	+19.5	129,455,487	128,293,192
Flint	12,921,940	11,001,000	+17.4	126,105,897	105,061,128	+20.0	---	---	---	---	---
Grand Rapids	36,873,248	37,886,894	-2.7	364,838,705	340,207,837	+7.2	7,327,169	7,712,281	-5.0	6,597,871	6,521,776
Jackson	7,956,188	7,309,246	+8.8	76,244,247	74,662,325	+2.1	---	---	---	---	---
Lansing	11,647,587	12,409,614	-6.6	121,855,804	117,102,101	+4.1	---	---	---	---	---
Ind.—Fort Wayne	12,727,075	12,639,637	+0.7	125,048,554	121,629,150	+2.8	2,893,371	2,784,613	+3.9	2,372,338	2,429,981
Ind.—Gary	27,643,714	27,622,600	+8.9	271,261,892	279,852,021	-23.4	2,787,207	2,776,033	+0.4	2,	

CLEARINGS—(Concluded.)

Main table showing Clearings at— with columns for Month of October, Since Jan. 1., and Week Ended October 30. Includes sub-sections for Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth Federal Reserve Districts and Grand total (193 cities).

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR OCTOBER, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28.

Table showing Canadian Clearings for October, Since Jan. 1., and Week Ending October 28. Lists cities like Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, etc., with columns for 1926, 1925, and percentage change.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Oct. 27. d Week ended Oct. 28. e Week ended Oct. 29. * Estimated.

THE CURB MARKET.

Trading in the Curb Market this week was dull and prices moved over a narrow range. Oil stocks monopolized the attention. Galena-Signal Oil, new pref., sold up from 35 to 46 and at 44 finally. Humble Oil & Refining gained three points to 58 and closed to-day at 57½. Solar Refining advanced from 194 to 197 and sold finally at 196. Standard Oil (Indiana) rose from 63¾ to 64¾ and finished to-day at 64½. Standard Oil (Kentucky) improved from 118½ to 119¾. Vacuum Oil weakened from 98¼ to 96½, but the announcement of extra dividends caused a recovery to 98¾, the close to-day being at 98½. Gulf Oil of Pa. improved from 89¼ to 90. Industrials show some slight improvement as the week closed. Amer. Seating advanced from 37½ to 41¼ and closed to-day at 41½. Consolidated Foundries sold up from 21 to 24¼ and at 23½ finally. Durant Motors moved up from 8¾ to 10½ and finished to-day at 10. Johns-Manville rose from 140¼ to 152 and reacted to 149. Singer Mfg. gained 26 points to 386. Public utility issues were quiet. Amer. Gas & Elec. com. moved up 2½ points to 106¾ and ends the week at 106¼. Amer. Light & Tract. com. dropped from 210 to 204.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2381.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended Nov. 5.	STOCKS (No. Shares),			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind & Misc.	Oil.	Mining	Domestic.	For'n Govt.
Saturday	42,705	32,287	26,140	\$941,000	\$187,000
Monday	60,941	117,071	25,690	2,103,000	229,000
Tuesday		Holiday	Elect'n Day		
Wednesday	58,968	96,550	39,110	2,408,000	190,000
Thursday	94,151	83,810	44,700	2,447,000	354,000
Friday	103,176	125,660	66,100	2,316,000	314,000
Total	359,941	455,378	201,740	\$10215,000	\$1,274,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Oct. 20 1926:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 13th inst. amounted to £152,578,020, as compared with £153,285,935 on the previous Wednesday. India and the trade took only a small portion of the £945,000 bar gold available this week in the open market, the remainder being bought on account of the Continent. The fall in the German exchange to below parity has resulted in considerable quantities of gold being exported to that country, though naturally the margin of profit is a small one. At the moment of writing the exchange with New York is close to the export point.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced since our last letter:

	Oct. 14.	Oct. 15.	Oct. 16.	Oct. 18.	Oct. 19.	Oct. 20.
Received				£500,000		
Withdrawn	£12,000	£30,000	£149,000	23,000	£5,000	£418,000

The receipt by the Bank on the 18th was from South Africa in the form of sovereigns. The bulk of the withdrawals was again in the form of bar gold for the Continent; the destinations of the £90,000 sovereigns were as follows: India, £35,000; Holland, £31,000, and Switzerland, £24,000. The net withdrawal from the Bank of England during the week under review was £138,000, thus decreasing the net influx since Jan. 1 1926 to £8,991,000 and increasing the net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard to £2,604,000.

Advice from New York state that a shipment of \$2,000,000 gold is reported to be on the way there from Japan.

United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ending the 13th inst. were:

Imports—	Exports—
British West Africa	Germany
British South Africa	Netherlands
Other countries	France
	Switzerland
	Austria
	British India
	Other countries
£695,316	£827,229

SILVER.

During the week prices have fallen with rapidity. The weakness of the China exchanges has been very marked, and silver was sold on China account every day. The amount would have been larger had not the price dropped below limits imposed upon unexecuted selling orders. Some Indian bear operators seized the opportunity of closing contracts, but the main portion of Indian bear sales remains open in expectation of still lower quotations. Bears, therefore, falling some important fresh factors such as an unexpected coinage demand, are favorably placed. In other words, if the world's production is sold in advance by bears, producers must keep pace with the fall, or sit on their output, which, with world markets depressed by the Indian Currency Commission's report, can hardly hatch a profit. The fact that there is a premium of ¼d. on cash silver—a larger difference than has obtained for a long time—shows how the support of the market is mostly owing to the bear position.

When the "Wall Street Journal" refers to a possibility of the "release of the huge hoards stored away in India privately for centuries back and which is estimated to total at least 4,000,000,000 ounces," it is a sign that America is seriously perturbed at the silver situation, although the private holdings of the Indian people are by no means likely to be affected. A succeeding paragraph states: "The matter of placing the rupee on a gold basis in India was to come before the parliaments of both nations in the early part of next year to be decided upon, and foreign nations cared little as to what manner American mines were affected."

United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ending the 13th inst. were:

Imports—	Exports—
Mexico	Germany
Other countries	British India
	Other countries
£212,056	£61,870
4,281	160,035
	24,435
£216,337	£246,340

The Government of India has canceled five crores of securities in the paper currency reserve, which accords with the recommendation of the Indian Currency Commission.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In lacs of rupees.)	Sept. 30.	Oct. 7.	Oct. 15.
Notes in circulation	19645	19652	19168
Silver coin and bullion in India	10273	10262	10276
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)	5740	5759	5260
Securities (British Government)	1400	1399	1400

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending the 15th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 16th inst. consisted of about 70,800,000 ounces in sycee, 74,000,000 dollars, and 3,620 silver bars, as compared with about 71,300,000 ounces in sycee, 73,000,000 dollars, and 4,400 silver bars on the 9th inst.

Quotations during the week:

Oct. 14.	—Bar Silver Per Oz. Std.—		Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine.
	Cash.	2 Mos.	
Oct. 15.	25 13-16d.	25 9-16d.	84s. 11½d.
Oct. 16.	25 ½d.	25d.	84s. 11½d.
Oct. 17.	25d.	24 13-16d.	84s. 11½d.
Oct. 18.	24 3-16d.	24 1-16d.	84s. 11½d.
Oct. 19.	24 5-16d.	24 1-16d.	84s. 11½d.
Oct. 20.	24 ½d.	23 ¾d.	84s. 11½d.
Average	24.760d.	24.562d.	84s. 11.4d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are respectively 1.13-16d. and 2d. 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, Wk. end, Nov. 5.	Sat. Oct. 30.	Mon. Nov. 1.	Tues. Nov. 2.	Wed. Nov. 3.	Thurs. Nov. 4.	Fri. Nov. 5.
Silver, per oz.	24 13-16d.	24 15-16d.	24 15-16d.	24 9-16d.	24 11-16d.	24 ½d.
Gold, per fine oz	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84 11½d.
Consols, 2½%		Holiday	54 9-16	54 ½	54 ½	54 ½
British, 5%		Holiday	99 ¾	99 ¾	99 ¾	99 ¾
British, 4½%		Holiday	93 ¾	93 ¾	93 ¾	93 ¾
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.		Holiday	Holiday	50.25	50.75	50.00
French War L'n (in Paris) fr.		Holiday	Holiday	57.75	60.50	60.00

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	Foreign	53%	53%	Holiday	52%	53	52%

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Oct. 30 1926 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury of Oct. 30 1926.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

GOLD.	
Assets—	Liabilities—
Gold coin	\$ 580,345,632 17
Gold bullion	\$ 3,169,103,531 36
Total	\$ 3,749,449,163 53
Gold cts. outstanding	\$ 1,685,760,779 00
Gold fund, F. R. Board (Act of Dec. 23 1913 as amended June 21 1917)	\$ 1,726,598,813 74
Gold reserve	\$ 154,188,886 20
Gold in general fund	\$ 182,900,684 59
Total	\$ 3,749,449,163 53
Note—Reserved against Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding.	\$ 346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,346,804 of Treasury notes of 1890 also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.

SILVER DOLLARS.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Silver dollars	\$ 469,011,808 00
Silver cts. outstanding	\$ 464,497,150 00
Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding	\$ 1,346,804 00
Silver do. in gen. fund	\$ 3,167,854 00
Total	\$ 469,011,808 00

GENERAL FUND.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Gold (see above)	\$ 182,900,684 59
Silver dollars (see above)	\$ 3,167,854 00
United States notes	\$ 2,952,152 00
Federal Reserve notes	\$ 1,397,217 50
F. R. b. nk notes	\$ 84,322 00
National bank notes	\$ 16,359,010 00
Subsidiary silver coin	\$ 6,034,750 77
Minor coin	\$ 1,882,383 77
Silver bullion	\$ 8,117,386 91
Unclassified—Collections, &c.	\$ 3,390,225 59
Deposits in F. R. banks	\$ 43,153,726 77
Deposits in special depositories account of sales of Treasury bds. and certificates of ind. business	\$ 174,376,000 00
Deposits in foreign depositories:	
To credit of Treasurer United States	\$ 92,636 39
To credit of other Govern't officers	\$ 549,557 23
Deposits in F. R. banks:	
To credit of Treasurer United States	\$ 8,148,462 22
To credit of other Govern't officers	\$ 20,462,787 70
Deposits in Philippine Treasury:	
To credit of Treasurer United States	\$ 919,565 28
Total	\$ 473,988,722 72
Liabilities—	
Treasurer's checks outstanding	\$ 823,672 99
Deposits of Government officers:	
P. O. Department	\$ 10,658,536 12
Bd. of Trustees Postal Savings System—5% reserve, lawful money	\$ 6,614,600 49
Other deposits	\$ 247,009 47
Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c.	\$ 33,017,578 93
Deposits for:	
Redemption of F. R. notes (5% fd., gold)	\$ 153,905,018 87
Redemp'n of nat. bk. notes (5% fund, lawful money)	\$ 26,766,928 70
Retirement of add'l circulating notes, Act May 30 1908	\$ 3,695 00
Uncollected items, exchanges, &c.	\$ 11,391,088 12
Net balance	\$ 230,560,594 03
Total	\$ 473,988,722 72

Note—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies Oct. 30 was \$350,030,190 91. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$33,236,629 05.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913, deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve Bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made under the Acts mentioned a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations Oct. 30 was \$146,709 50. \$1,037,192 in Federal Reserve notes and \$16,300,305 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

Treasury Money Holdings.

The following compilation, made up from the daily Government statements, shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of August, September, October and November 1926:

Holdings in U. S. Treasury.	Aug. 1 1926.	Sept. 1 1926.	Oct. 1 1926.	Nov. 1 1926.
Net gold coin and bullion	314,344,471	329,381,250	346,207,780	337,089,571
Net silver coin and bullion	13,099,092	13,251,190	13,166,186	11,285,241
Net United States notes	2,539,990	2,696,128	3,116,849	2,952,152
Net national bank notes	16,644,900	17,529,885	17,719,898	16,359,010
Net Federal Reserve notes	1,199,652	1,419,760	1,547,240	1,397,218
Net Fed'l Res. bank notes	134,652	117,370	198,102	84,322
Net subsidiary silver	5,434,874	4,707,954	5,438,647	6,034,751
Minor coin, &c.	6,061,888	5,049,371	4,657,476	5,272,609
Total cash in Treasury	359,459,529	374,152,918	392,052,169	*380,474,874
Less gold reserve fund	154,188,886	154,188,886	154,188,886	154,188,886
Cash balance in Treasury	205,270,643	219,964,032	237,863,283	226,285,988
Dep. in spec'l depositories:				
Acct. Treasury bonds	177,059,000	105,981,000	833,762,000	174,376,000
Dep. in Fed'l Res. banks	46,342,005	34,510,049	53,848,811	43,153,727
Dep. in national banks:				
To credit Treas. U. S.	6,946,803	7,173,065	8,086,136	8,148,462
To credit disb. officers	18,994,073	19,270,352	19,301,252	20,462,788
Cash in Philippine Islands	1,166,102	942,853	1,053,614	919,565
Deposits in foreign depts.	348,294	342,840	614,013	642,193
Dep. in Fed'l Land banks				
Net cash Treasury and in banks	456,126,920	388,184,191	654,529,109	473,988,723
Deduct current liabilities	237,889,351	240,614,880	242,683,787	243,428,129
Available cash balance	218,237,569	147,569,311	411,845,322	230,560,594

* Includes Nov. 1. \$8,117,386 91 silver bullion and \$1,882,383 77 minor coin, &c, not included in statement "Stock of Money."

Government Revenue and Expenditures.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for October 1926 and 1925 and the four months of the fiscal years 1925-26 and 1926-27.

Receipts.	Month of October		Four Months	
	1926.	1925.	1926-27.	1925-26.
Ordinary—				
Customs	60,968,765	52,835,251	217,731,341	198,122,385
Internal revenue:				
Income tax	40,769,710	32,710,911	576,981,902	467,772,346
Misc. internal revenue	61,267,358	84,820,242	223,815,900	336,950,293
Miscellaneous receipts:				
Proceeds Government-owned securities—				
Foreign obligations—				
Principal	1,000	32,000	4,000	178,743
Interest	183,595	13,144	10,183,763	10,260,806
Railroad securities	2,542,220	2,494,409	26,223,969	11,738,822
All others	937,943	416,648	57,363,793	11,330,334
Trust fund receipts (re-appropriated for investm't)	4,935,293	4,435,373	16,585,269	13,159,372
Proceeds sale of surplus property	1,997,771	1,432,497	5,027,431	5,765,555
Panama Canal tolls, &c.	2,016,947	1,723,681	8,217,192	6,993,697
Receipts from miscellaneous sources credited direct to appropriations	891,126	1,234,397	3,010,484	7,386,056
Other miscellaneous	16,407,380	20,096,829	53,275,732	52,519,463
Total ordinary	192,919,108	202,245,382	1,198,420,775	1,122,177,872
Excess of ordinary receipts over total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts			63,464,062	8,094,357
Excess of total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts over ordinary receipts	174,675,495	121,186,524		
Expenditures.				
Ordinary—				
(Checks & Warrants paid, &c.)				
General expenditures	161,239,909	162,760,875	635,928,891	643,514,473
Interest on public debt	140,922,309	142,441,494	234,662,417	254,569,499
Refund of receipts:				
Customs	1,955,578	3,904,766	6,311,978	10,888,201
Internal revenue	5,502,972	11,895,157	48,184,241	60,965,692
Postal deficiency	7,000,000		7,015,648	27,000,000
Panama Canal	598,416	417,921	2,251,316	3,305,514
Operations in special accounts:				
Railroads	22,627	163,742	161,268	2,306,282
War Finance Corporation	6716,116	62,519,035	62,724,492	67,771,494
Shipping Board	1,058,626	261,720	7,072,658	7,292,685
Allen property funds	6619,688	408,567	6371,566	3,034,930
Adjusted service certif. fund	6128,813	68,782	6297,435	693,485
Civil service retirement fund	86,979	6738,891	6103,803	12,855,605
Investment of trust funds:				
Government life insurance	4,839,747	4,432,112	16,334,781	12,931,050
District of Columbia teachers' retirement	35,005		57,693	35,016
Foreign service retirement	63,500		130,312	134,541
General railroad contingent	60,542	3,261	192,796	193,306
Total ordinary	321,794,593	323,422,907	954,806,703	1,031,161,815
Public debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts:				
Sinking fund	45,800,000		180,135,500	82,900,000
Purchases and retirements from foreign repayments				
Received from foreign governments under debt settlements				
Received for estate taxes				
Purchases and retirements from franchise tax receipts (Federal Reserve and Fed'l Intermediate Credit banks)		9,000	14,510	21,700
Forfeitures, gifts, &c.	10			
Total	45,800,010	9,000	180,150,010	82,921,700
Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts	367,594,603	323,431,907	1,134,956,713	1,114,083,515

Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included. a The figures for the month include \$209,676 25 and for the fiscal year 1927 to date \$971,630 67 accrued discount on war savings certificates of matured series, and for the corresponding periods last year the figures include \$271,071 21 and \$1,644,555, respectively. b Excess of credits (deduct).

Preliminary Debt Statement of United States October 30 1926.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States Oct. 30 1926, as made upon the basis of the daily Treasury statements, is as follows:

Bonds—		
Consols of 1930	\$599,724,050 00	
Panama's of 1916-1936	48,954,400 00	
Panama's of 1913-1938	25,947,400 00	
Panama's of 1961	49,800,000 00	
Conversion Bonds	28,804,500 00	
Postal Savings bonds	12,881,080 00	\$766,201,210 00
First Liberty Loan of 1932-1947	\$1,939,210,800 00	
Second Liberty Loan of 1927-1942	3,104,524,300 00	
Third Liberty Loan of 1928	2,308,133,250 00	
Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938	6,324,466,150 00	13,676,334,500 00
Treasury bonds of 1947-1952	\$763,948,300 00	
Treasury bonds of 1944-1954	1,047,087,500 00	
Treasury bonds of 1946-1956	494,898,100 00	2,305,933,900 00
Total bonds		\$16,748,469,610 00
Treasury Notes—		
Series A-1927, maturing Dec. 15 1927	\$355,779,900 00	
Series B-1927, maturing March 15 1927	668,201,400 00	
Adjusted Service, Series A-1930	50,000,000 00	
Adjusted Service, Series A-1931	53,500,000 00	
Adjusted Service, Series B-1931	70,000,000 00	1,197,481,300 00
Treasury Certificates—		
Series TD-1926, maturing Dec. 15 1926	\$452,879,000 00	
Series TJ-1927, maturing June 15 1927	378,669,500 00	
Adjusted Service, Series A-1927	25,600,000 00	
Civil Service Retirement Fund Series	4,700,000 00	861,848,500 00
Treasury Savings Certificates*—		
Series 1921, issue of Dec. 15 1921	\$1,832,424 00	
Series 1922, issue of Dec. 15 1921	95,762,656 00	
Series 1922, issue of Sept. 30 1922	14,480,760 80	
Series 1923, issue of Sept. 30 1922	128,462,507 50	
Series 1923, issue of Dec. 1 1923	23,302,612 25	
Series 1924, issue of Dec. 1 1923	94,229,270 60	358,070,231 75
Total interest-bearing debt		\$19,165,869,641 75
Matured Debt on Which Interest Has Ceased—		
Old debt matured—issued prior to April 1 1917	\$2,181,990 26	
Certificates of indebtedness	432,500 00	
Treasury notes	5,258,100 00	
3 1/2 % Victory notes of 1922-23	28,700 00	
4 1/4 % Victory notes of 1922-23	4,029,250 00	11,930,540 26
Debt Bearing No Interest—		
United States notes	\$346,681,016 00	
Less gold reserve	154,188,886 20	
	\$192,492,129 80	
Deposits for retirement of national bank and Federal Reserve Bank notes	44,146,709 50	
Old demand notes and fractional currency	2,047,212 89	
Thrift and Treasury Savings stamps, unclassified sales, &c.	3,674,575 92	242,360,628 11
Total gross debt		\$19,420,160,810 12
* Net redemption value of certificates outstanding		

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Applications to Organize Received.	Capital.
Oct. 27—The First National Bank of Burlingame, Calif. Correspondent, R. L. McWilliams, 68 Post St., San Francisco, Calif.	\$100,000
Oct. 27—The Wheeler National Bank of Interlaken, N. Y. Succeeds the Banking House of O. G. & D. C. Wheeler, Interlaken, N. Y. Correspondent, James K. Wheeler, Interlaken, N. Y.	50,000
Applications to Organize Approved.	
Oct. 27—First National Bank in Greenwich, Conn. Correspondent, Henry H. Adams, Greenwich, Conn.	\$100,000
Oct. 30—The American National Bank of Glendale, Calif. Correspondent, Roy L. Kent, Glendale, Calif.	200,000
Oct. 30—The Hatfield National Bank, Hatfield, Pa. Correspondent, L. L. Cope, Hatfield, Pa.	50,000
Applications to Convert Received.	
Oct. 30—The National Deposit Bank of Paintsville, Ky. Conversion of the Paintsville Bank & Trust Co., Paintsville, Ky.	\$75,000
Oct. 30—The Discount National Bank of New York, N. Y. Conversion of the Italian Discount & Trust Co., New York, N. Y.	1,000,000
Voluntary Liquidation.	
Oct. 26—11154—The First National Bank of Towanda, Kan. Effective June 5, 1926. Liquidating committee, H. W. Wilson, M. Braley and J. L. Shriver, Towanda, Kan. Succeeded by the Towanda National Bank, Towanda, Kan., No. 12935.	\$25,000

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week:

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.
10 Niagara Co. Agricultural Assn.			10 Niagara Co. Agricultural Assn.	
Inc., par \$10		\$90 lot	Inc., par \$10	
1 Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern Pr.			2 Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern Pr.	
com., no par	31 1/4		pref., par \$25	25
100 March Gold, par 10c	10c		500 Consolidated West Dome Lake,	
1,000 Baldwin Gold Mines, par \$1.	4c.		par \$1	21c.
By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:				
10 National Shawmut Bank		242	10 Cambridge El. Lt. Co., par \$25	137 1/4
30 Saco Lowell Shops, 1st pref.		21	6 First National Stores, Inc., pref.	101 1/4
6 2-3 B. B. & R. Knight Corp.			22 Vermont Mill. Prod. Corp., com.	\$1 lot
Class C		\$5 lot	12 Vermont Mill. Prod., pref.	
25 Puget Sound Power & Light,			5 Jones, McDuffee & Stratton	
prior pref.		103 1/2 & div.	Corp., pref.	85
25 No. Bost. Lig. Prop., com.	97 1/2-97 3/4		10 Converse Rubber Shoe Co., pf.	72 1/4
10 First National Stores, Inc., pref.	101 1/4		6 units First Peoples Trust	72
109 Aeolian Importing Corp.		\$25 lot	Rights.	
20 units First Peoples Trust		72	320 Taunton Gas Light Co.	\$ per Right.
15 Eastern Mfg. Co., pref.		38		14 1/2-14 1/2
25 Amer. Founders Trust, com.		33 1/4		Per Cent.
100 New Bedford Gas & Edison			\$500 Beacon Hill 7s, 1927	60 & int.
Light, par \$25		82 1/4	\$5,000 Kendall Mills 6 1/2s, Dec.	
			1944	98 3/4 & int.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Bonds, Per Cent.

By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Bonds, Per Cent.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Bonds, Per Cent.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table of dividends announced this week, with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive.

Table of dividends announced in previous weeks but not yet paid, with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table of dividends announced in previous weeks but not yet paid, with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Public Utilities (Cont'd)				Miscellaneous (Continued)			
American Telep. & Teleg. (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan 15 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Canada Dry Ginger Ale, stock div. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan 15 '27	Holders of rec. Jan 1 '27a
Quarterly	2 1/4	pr 15 '27	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a	Canadian Converters (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Amer. Water Works & Elec., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a	Casey-Hedges Co., com. (quar.)	2 1/4	Nov 1	-----
7% first preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 1	-----
Androscoggin & Kenneb. Ry., 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Centrifugal Pipe (quar.)	25c	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 6
8% d pref	1	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 11a	Century Ribbon Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 19a
Associated Gas & Elec \$6 pref. (quar.)	7 1/2	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	Chase (A W) Co. Ltd., pref. (quar.)	2	Nov 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
\$6 1/2 preferred (quar.)	7 1/2	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	Chicago Mill & Lumber, com. (quar.)	1	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 8a
Brazilian Tr. L. & Pow., ordinary (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	Chicago Yellow Cab Co. (monthly)	33 1/3	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 19a
Brooklyn Edison Co. (quar.)	2	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 12a	Childs Co., com. (\$100 par) (quar.)	1-60c	Dec 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 26a
Brooklyn-Manhattan Tran., pf. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan 15 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common, no par value (quar.)	60c	Dec 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 26a
Preferred series A (quar.)	1 1/4	pr 15 '27	Holders of rec. Apr 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Cedar Rapids Mfg. & Power (quar.)	3 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Chili Copper Co. (quar.)	62 1/2	Dec 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Central & S. W. Util., no lien & pf. (qu.)	\$1.75	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a	Chrysler Company, com (quar.)	75c	Jan 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Chicago Rap. Tran., prior pf. (mthly)	65c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 16a	Preferred	\$2	Jan 3 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cities Service Pr. & Lt., pf. (monthly)	\$3 1/3-3c	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1	Cities Service, common (monthly)	1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Columbia Gas & Electric, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a	Common (payable in com. stock)	1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Seven per cent series A (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a	Preferred and pref. B (monthly)	1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Community Pow. & Light, 2d pref.	2	Dec 1	Nov. 21 to Dec 1	Coca-Cola International (quar.)	*\$1.75	Jan 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Connecticut Ry. & Ltz., com. & pf. (qu.)	\$1.12 1/2	Nov 15	Nov. 1 to Nov. 15	Consolidated-Nairn, Inc., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Consolidated Gas of N. Y., com. (qu.)	\$1.25	Dec 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 10a	Consolidated Cigar Corp., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Consumers Power, 6.6% pref. (monthly)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec 15	Continental Can. Inc., common (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5a
6.6% preferred (quar.)	1.65	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec 15	Cooksville Shale Brick, pref. (quar.)	1	Dec 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec 15	Cuneo Press, Inc. (quar.)	\$1	Dec 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov 15	Davis Mills (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 24	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a
6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Jan 2 '27	Holders of rec. Dec 15	Detroit Steel Products (monthly)	25c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Dec 15	Deere & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c	Jan 2 '27	Holders of rec. Dec 15	Pref. (acct. accum. dividend)	2 1/2	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Foshay (W. B.) Co., com. (monthly)	67c	Nov 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Diamond Match (quar.)	2	Dec 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
Seven per cent preferred (monthly)	58c	Nov 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Dominion Bridge (quar.)	1	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a
Preferred A stock (monthly)	67c	Nov 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Dow Chemical, com. (quar.)	\$1	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5a
Havana Electric & Utilities, first pref.	\$3	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 22a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5a
First preferred	\$5	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 22	Draper Corporation (extra)	12 1/2	Jan 15 '27	Holders of rec. Aug. 28
Illuminating & Pr. Securities, com. (qu.)	45c	Nov 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a	Eagle-Picher Lead, common (quar.)	40c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a	Electric Refrigeration, common (quar.)	50c	Nov 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 29a
Kentucky Utilities, junior pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a	Common (payable in common stock)	7 1/4	Nov 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 29a
Key System Transit, prior pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Dec 25	Holders of rec. Nov. 13a	Fairbanks-Morse & Co., com. (quar.)	75c	Dec 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Louisville G & El (Del.), com. A & B (qu.)	43 1/4c	Dec 31	Holders of rec. Dec 15	Famous Players Canadian Corp., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Manila Elec. Corp., common (quar.)	50c	Dec 1	Nov. 16 to Nov. 30	Federal Terra Cotta, pref. (quar.)	2	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
Massachusetts Gas, com. (quar.)	2	Dec 1	Nov. 16 to Nov. 30	Firestone Tire & Rubber, 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Middle West Utilities, common (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	First Nat Pictures, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Montreal L. Ht. & Pow. Consol. (qu.)	50c	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31a	Flisk Rubber, 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Montreal Light, Heat & Power (quar.)	2	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31a	2d pref. (acct. accum. div.)	*25	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Montreal Water & Power, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	Fitzsimmons & Connell Dredge & Dock (quar.)	50c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	Foot Bros Gear & Mach. Co., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan 1 '27	Holders of rec. S-pt. 20
National Power & Light, com. (quar.)	20c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	General Asphalt, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Northwest Utilities, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	General Box Corp., pref. A & B (quar.)	\$1.25	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Ohio Edison, 6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov 15	General Cigar, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 23a
6.6% preferred (quar.)	1.65	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov 15	Adventure preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov 15	General Development (quar.)	25c	Nov 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 10
7.6% preferred (monthly)	55c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov 15	General Necessities Corp. (monthly)	1	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
Ohio Fuel Corp. (one month dividend)	16 2/3	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a	Monthly	1	Dec 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Pacific Lighting Corp., com. (quar.)	4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31a	Stock dividend	*25	Dec 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31a	General Outdoor Advertising, cl. A (qu.)	\$1	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5a
Penn-Ohio Edison, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5a
Peoples Lt. & Pr. Corp., com. A (mthly)	20c	Nov 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	\$1	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Seven per cent preferred (monthly)	58c	Nov 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Extra	50c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Southern (all Edison common) (quar.)	50c	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	C. G. Spring & Bumper	72-10	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 8
Southern Canada Power (quar.)	\$1	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a	Common (in com. stk. on each 10 shs.)	72-10	Feb 15 '27	Holders of rec. Feb. 8 '27
South Colorado Pow., com. cl. A (qu.)	50c	Nov 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	Common (in com. stk. on each 10 shs.)	\$1.50	Jan 1 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Standard Gas & Electric Co.	1-200	Jan 25 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Globe-Wernicke Co., common	\$1.50	Jan 1 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Tampa Electric Co. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 3a	Golden Cycle Mining & Reduc. (quar.)	*1	Dec 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Tennessee Elec Pow 6% 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec 15	Goodrich (B. J.) Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
7% first preferred (quar.)	1.80	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
6% first preferred (monthly)	50c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov 15	Goodyear Tire & Rubber, pref.	4 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 26a
6% first preferred (monthly)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec 15	Gossard (H. W.) & Co., com. (mthly)	33 1/3	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 19
7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec 15	Common (monthly)	33 1/3	Jan 3 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec 15	Grant (W. T.) Co. preferred (quar.)	*2	Jan 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
United Gas Impt., stock dividend	25	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Great Lakes Dredge & Dock (quar.)	2	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 6
United Ry. & Elec., Balt., com. (quar.)	50c	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30a	Greenfield Tap & Die, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
U.S. & Foreign Sec., allot. cts. 1st pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Nov 11	Holders of rec. Oct. 11	8% preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Virginia Elec. & Power, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Dec 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Quincy Publishing, preferred (quar.)	2 1/4	Nov 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Washington Water Power, 6 1/2% pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 24a	Preferred (acct. accumulated div.)	2 1/4	Nov 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
West Chester Street Ry., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 21	Gulf States Steel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 2 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
West Penn Electric Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a	Hartman Corporation, class A (quar.)	50c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 17a
Wisconsin Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Class A (quar.)	50c	Mar 12 '27	Holders of rec. Feb. 15 '27a
Wisconsin River Power, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 31a	Class A (quar.)	50c	Jan 1 '27	Holders of rec. May 17a
Banks.				Class B (quar.) in class A stock			
Amer. Colonial Bank of Porto Rico (qu.)	4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 19	Class B (quar.) in class A stock	(0)	Mar 12 '27	Holders of rec. Feb. 15 '27a
Miscellaneous.				Class B (quar.) in class A stock			
Abbotts Alder-ey Dairies, 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Class B (quar.) in class A stock	(0)	Jan 1 '27	Hold. of rec. May 17 '27a
Alaska Packers Association (quar.)	2	Nov 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	Hart Schaffner & Marx Inc., com. (qu.)	10c	Nov 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 26a
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., common (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 23a	Hayes Ionla Co. (monthly)	10c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 26a
American Can, com. (quar.)	50c	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30	Monthly	10c	Jan 1 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
American Chain, class A (quar.)	50c	Dec 31	Dec. 22 to Jan. 2	Monthly	10c	Feb 1 '27	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
American Chicle, com. (quar.)	*75c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Monthly	10c	Mar 1 '27	Holders of rec. Feb. 21a
6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Hayes Wheel, common (quar.)	*75c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 26
American Hardware Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Jan 1 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 26
Amer. Home Products (monthly)	20c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Hercules Powder, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
Amer. La France Fire Eng., com. (qu.)	25c	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a	Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. (mthly)	35c	Nov 26	Holders of rec. Nov. 19
Amer. Laundry Machinery, com. (quar.)	75c	Dec 1	Nov. 23 to Dec 1	Monthly	35c	Dec 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Common (quar.)	25c	Dec 1	Nov. 23 to Dec 1	Extra	20c	Dec 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
American (quar.)	\$1	Mar 1 '27	Holders of rec. Feb. 21 '27	Hollander (A) & Son, Inc., com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 29
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 3 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 17a	Household Products (quar.)	75c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
American Mfg., common (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Hudson River Navigation, pref.	75c	Dec 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Illinois Brick (quar.)	*60c	Jan 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4
Amer. Metal, common (quar.)	\$1	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 19a	Quarterly	*60c	Jan 15 '27	Holders of rec. Jan. 4
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a	Quarterly	*60c	Apr 15 '27	Holders of rec. Apr. 4
Amer. Radiator, common (quar.)	\$1.25	Dec 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Quarterly	*60c	July 15 '27	Holders of rec. July 4
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a	Quarterly	*60c	Oct 15 '27	Holders of rec. Oct. 4
Amer. Smelt. & Refg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 5a	Independent Oil & Gas (quar.)	25c	Jan 17	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
American Soda Fountain (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1	Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 22
American Stores (quar.)	50c	Jan. 1	Dec. 17 to Jan. 1	Extra	\$1	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 22
Extra	50c	Dec 1	Nov. 16 to Dec 1	Ingersoll-Rand Co., com. (quar.)	75c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 8a
Amparo Mining (quar.)	75c	Nov 22	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a	Common (extra)	\$1	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 8a
Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a	Inland Steel, common (quar.)	62 1/2c	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Antioch Corp., pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec 17	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Armstrong Co., common (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec 17	International Agricultural Corp., pf. pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Common (payable in common stock)	5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec 17	International Harvester, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec 17	International Paper, com. (quar.)	50c	Nov 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 10a
Associated Dry Goods, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 13a	Internat. Petroleum, Ltd.	25c	Nov 15	Holders of coup. No. 121
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 13a	Interstate Iron & Steel, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Atlantic Ice & Coal preferred	3 1/4	Jan 1 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Preferred (acct. accum. dividends)	*75	Dec 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Babcock & Wilcox (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 2 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a				

Weekly Returns of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.

The following shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Oct. 30. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Table with columns: Week Ending Oct. 30 1926., New Capital Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Includes sub-sections for Members of Fed. Res. Bank, State Banks, Trust Companies, and Lawyers.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general total above were as follows: Average total Oct. 30, \$32,727,000; Actual total Oct. 30, \$32,727,000; Oct. 23, \$33,175,000; Oct. 16, \$45,974,000; Oct. 9, \$53,319,000; Oct. 2, \$55,845,000; Sept. 25, \$55,836,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, average for week Oct. 30, \$569,189,000; Oct. 23, \$560,844,000; Oct. 16, \$598,004,000; Oct. 9, \$591,824,000; Oct. 2, \$593,742,000; Sept. 25, \$597,000,000. Actual totals Oct. 30, \$608,177,000; Oct. 23, \$524,853,000; Oct. 16, \$604,130,000; Oct. 9, \$626,470,000; Oct. 2, \$560,657,000; Sept. 25, \$604,522,000.

The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES

Table with columns: Averages, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositaries, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve Banks, State banks, and Trust companies.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Oct. 30, \$15,879,240; Oct. 23, \$15,532,890; Oct. 16, \$16,618,810; Oct. 9, \$15,560,670; Oct. 2, \$15,560,610.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like Mercantile Stores, Inc., National Casket, etc.

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. § Transfer books not closed for this dividend. ¶ Correction. ** Payable in stock dividends. †† Payable in common stock. ‡‡ Payable in scrip. ††† On account of accumulated dividends. †††† Payable in preferred stock. ††††† Payable in participating pref. stock at par, cash being paid in lieu of fractional shares. †††††† At the rate of one-fourth share of class A stock for each share of class B stock. ††††††† In lieu of cash, dividends may be taken in stock at the rate of 4 7/10-10 of a share of class A stock for each share of \$6 dividend stock and 5 1/10-10 of a share of class A stock for each share of \$6 50 dividend stock. †††††††† At rate of 8% per annum for pe. ††††††††† from May 1 to Dec. 31 1925. †††††††††† Transfer books closed from Nov. 7 to Nov. 15, both inclusive.

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks	\$ 588,242,000	\$ 588,242,000	\$ 1,176,484,000	\$ 570,379,780	\$ 17,862,220
State banks	6,935,000	4,204,000	11,139,000	11,356,380	23,979,460
Trust companies*	2,677,000	6,093,000	8,770,000	8,748,600	21,400
Total Oct. 30	9,612,000	598,539,000	608,151,000	590,484,760	17,666,240
Total Oct. 23	9,250,000	550,038,000	559,288,000	583,267,460	23,979,460
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

* 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. 30, \$15,151,430; Oct. 23, \$15,613,110; Oct. 16, \$15,651,660; Oct. 9, \$13,697,680; Oct. 2, \$15,529,680.

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. 30.	Differences from Previous Week.
Loans and investments	\$1,208,742,200	Dec. \$1,707,400
Gold	4,521,300	Inc. 198,300
Currency notes	24,734,000	Inc. 315,400
Deposits with Federal Reserve Banks of New York	96,460,600	Dec. 1,440,800
Total deposits	1,244,163,500	Dec. 2,510,800
Deposits eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchange & U. S. deposits	1,180,616,900	Inc. 7,463,900
Reserve on deposits	164,362,700	Dec. 2,190,600
Percentage of reserves 20.1%.		

	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault	\$42,639,800 16.68%	\$83,687,600 14.94%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	11,866,200 4.64%	26,169,000 4.67%
Total	\$54,506,000 1.32%	\$109,856,600 19.61%

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Oct. 30 was \$96,460,600.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Week Ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
July 3	6,680,126,900	5,701,049,700	85,751,100	754,610,700
July 10	6,690,909,700	5,619,813,100	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	6,649,615,100	5,582,538,500	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	5,437,978,000	80,536,800	709,242,000
Aug. 28	6,538,084,700	5,522,021,300	82,328,600	708,699,500
Sept. 4	6,588,168,500	5,512,541,300	83,086,700	105,865,300
Sept. 11	6,593,206,900	5,569,556,300	87,287,200	719,794,700
Sept. 18	6,625,391,700	5,607,019,600	85,257,300	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	5,662,751,200	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
Oct. 23	6,559,420,600	5,542,873,000	84,662,600	722,780,700
Oct. 30	6,553,253,200	5,539,644,900	86,186,300	717,062,800

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.)

Week Ending Oct. 30 1926.	Capital.	Net Profits.	Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.
Members of Fed's Res'v Bank.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,883	13,398	50	1,100	7,143	3,920
Grace Nat Bank							
Total State Banks.	1,000	1,883	13,398	50	1,100	7,143	3,920
Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank.							
Bank of Wash. Hts.	400	1,006	9,790	827	395	6,653	2,974
Colonial Bank	1,200	3,216	33,840	3,630	1,733	28,897	5,298
Total Trust Company.	1,600	4,222	43,630	4,457	2,128	35,550	8,272
Not Member of the Federal Reserve Bank.							
Mech. Tr., Bayonne	500	610	9,077	528	32	3,615	5,872
Total	500	610	9,077	528	32	3,615	5,872
Grand aggregate	3,100	6,717	61,055	5,035	3,260	46,308	18,064
Comparison with prev. week			-259	+96	-33	-593	+35
Gr'd agr., Oct. 23	3,100	6,717	66,364	4,939	3,293	46,901	18,029
Gr'd agr., Oct. 16	3,000	6,545	65,840	5,212	3,289	46,421	18,036
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

a United States deposits deducted, \$21,000.
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances, and other liabilities, \$2,492,000.
 Excess reserve, \$162,620 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.

	Nov. 3 1926.	Changes from Previous Week.	Oct. 27 1926.	Oct. 20 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.	1,053,720,000	Dec. 6,913,000	1,060,633,000	1,068,530,000
Individual deposits	714,747,000	Inc. 4,405,000	719,152,000	715,189,000
Due to banks	138,835,000	Inc. 5,515,000	144,350,000	143,664,000
Time deposits	236,672,000	Inc. 990,000	237,642,000	235,478,000
United States deposits	17,795,000	Inc. 50,000	17,845,000	24,654,000
Exchanges for Cl'g H'se	33,292,000	Inc. 2,577,000	35,870,000	36,257,000
Due from other banks	85,737,000	Inc. 1,051,000	86,788,000	94,386,000
Res'v in legal depositories	83,857,000	Inc. 1,630,000	85,487,000	83,575,000
Cash in bank	11,290,000	Dec. 18,000	11,308,000	11,420,000
Res'v excess in F.R.Bk	\$ 811,000	Inc. 570,000	\$ 1,381,000	\$ 1,010,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Oct. 30, 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. 30 1926.			Oct. 23 1926.	Oct. 16 1926.
	Members of F.R. System	Trust Companies	1926 Total.		
Capital	49,975.0	5,000.0	54,975.0	54,975.0	54,975.0
Surplus and profits	150,260.0	17,778.0	168,044.0	168,044.0	168,044.0
Loans, disc'ts & invest'mts	946,097.0	47,810.0	993,907.0	993,036.0	100,070.0
Exchanges for Clear House	40,419.0	342.0	40,761.0	36,936.0	41,859.0
Due from banks	102,241.0	17.0	102,258.0	107,270.0	145,194.0
Bank deposits	131,814.0	861.0	132,675.0	137,607.0	164,478.0
Individual deposits	646,985.0	28,109.0	675,094.0	657,388.0	154,229.0
Time deposits	152,486.0	2,168.0	154,654.0	156,148.0	963,901.0
Total deposits	931,285.0	31,138.0	962,423.0	951,143.0	3,523.0
Res'v with legal depositories		3,923.0	3,923.0	3,029.0	6,409.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank	70,781.0		70,781.0	68,182.0	12,271.0
Cash in vault*	*10,620.0	1,426.0	12,046.0	11,900.0	85,203.0
Total reserve & cash held	81,401.0	5,349.0	86,750.0	83,111.0	73,434.0
Reserve required	70,260.0	4,399.0	74,659.0	73,184.0	11,769.0
Excess res. & cash in vault	11,141.0	950.0	12,091.0	9,927.0	

* 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 Nov. 3 1926 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Nov. 3 1926.	Oct. 27 1926.	Nov. 4 1925.
Resources—			
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	\$ 298,535,000	\$ 373,623,000	\$ 345,431,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	11,646,000	8,082,000	7,814,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	310,181,000	381,705,000	353,245,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	281,293,000	247,261,000	275,004,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	365,984,000	370,188,000	363,838,000
Total gold reserves	957,458,000	999,154,000	992,087,000
Reserves other than gold	22,783,000	24,775,000	22,996,000
Total reserves	980,241,000	1,023,929,000	1,015,083,000
Non-reserve cash	13,000,000	16,664,000	14,372,000
Bills discounted—			
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	113,546,000	89,586,000	127,955,000
Other bills discounted	58,857,000	42,761,000	63,318,000
Total bills discounted	172,403,000	132,347,000	191,273,000
Bills bought in open market	71,290,000	48,231,000	32,391,000
U. S. Government securities—			
Bonds	1,322,000	1,322,000	1,257,000
Treasury notes	23,675,000	23,675,000	58,837,000
Certificates of indebtedness	29,087,000	29,087,000	1,320,000
Total U. S. Government securities	54,084,000	54,084,000	61,414,000
Foreign loans on gold			1,026,000
Total bills and securities (See Note)	297,777,000	234,662,000	286,104,000
Due from foreign banks (See Note)	650,000	650,000	640,000
Uncollected items	170,499,000	167,541,000	148,293,000
Bank premises	16,740,000	16,740,000	17,189,000
All other resources	3,133,000	2,869,000	4,329,000
Total resources	1,482,040,000	1,463,055,000	1,486,010,000
Liabilities—			
Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	384,573,000	372,362,000	361,153,000
Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct	818,164,000	834,984,000	858,537,000
Government	3,531,000	6,933,000	4,566,000
Foreign bank (See Note)	3,605,000	3,682,000	9,994,000
Other deposits	14,476,000	7,836,000	16,297,000
Total deposits	839,776,000	853,435,000	889,394,000
Deferred availability items	156,538,000	137,115,000	140,695,000
Capital paid in	36,160,000	36,160,000	32,997,000
Surplus	59,964,000	59,964,000	58,749,000
All other liabilities	5,029,000	4,019,000	3,922,000
Total liabilities	1,482,040,000	1,463,055,000	1,486,010,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Res'v note liabilities combined	80.1%	83.5%	81.2%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	11,236,000	10,463,000	10,012,000

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," now made up of Federal Intermediate credit bank debentures, has been changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter term has been added as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and certificates acquired under the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which are the only items included here.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Nov. 4, 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 2326, 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 NOVEMBER 3 1926.

	Nov. 3 1926.	Oct. 27 1926.	Oct. 20 1926.	Oct. 13 1926.	Oct. 6 1926.	Sept. 29 1926.	Sept. 22 1926.	Sept. 15 1926.	Nov. 4 1925.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	\$ 1,337,772,000	\$ 1,411,623,000	\$ 1,409,541,000	\$ 1,329,143,000	\$ 1,383,196,000	\$ 1,359,115,000	\$ 1,384,679,000	\$ 1,429,247,000	\$ 1,332,277,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	61,931,000	54,130,000	51,568,000	57,044,000	62,930,000	65,555,000	58,339,000	61,894,000	49,994,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,399,703,000	1,465,753,000	1,461,109,000	1,386,187,000	1,446,126,000	1,424,670,000	1,443,018,000	1,491,141,000	1,382,271,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	789,574,000	727,545,000	745,626,000	817,152,000	745,469,000	762,134,000	743,656,000	696,619,000	753,252,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks	617,997,000	630,029,000	619,140,000	615,583,000	621,789,000	620,337,000	639,323,000	644,901,000	637,040,000
Total gold reserves	2,807,274,000	2,823,327,000	2,825,875,000	2,818,922,000	2,813,384,000	2,807,141,000	2,825,997,000	2,832,661,000	2,772,563,000
Reserves other than gold	127,411,000	130,750,000	128,928,000	126,305,000	128,674,000	130,113,000	131,643,000	132,404,000	107,718,000
Total reserves	2,934,685,000	2,954,077,000	2,954,803,000	2,945,227,000	2,942,058,000	2,937,254,000	2,957,640,000	2,965,065,000	2,880,281,000
Non-reserve cash	46,957,000	52,841,000	54,926,000	47,184,000	50,441,000	49,838,000	52,275,000	52,352,000	46,901,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	347,003,000	316,185,000	290,035,000	339,205,000	288,717,000	365,993,000	319,076,000	268,609,000	330,229,000
Other bills discounted	328,895,000	315,738,000	296,587,000	364,696,000	334,872,000	350,637,000	342,560,000	296,926,000	306,109,000
Total bills discounted	675,898,000	631,923,000	586,622,000	703,901,000	623,589,000	716,630,000	661,636,000	565,535,000	636,338,000
Bills bought in open market:									
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds	47,211,000	46,611,000	53,287,000	53,803,000	53,537,000	55,322,000	51,409,000	49,093,000	57,632,000
Treasury notes	136,416,000	135,901,000	136,145,000	135,516,000	135,379,000	138,305,000	146,213,000	147,435,000	243,740,000
Certificates of indebtedness	118,719,000	117,662,000	117,532,000	118,849,000	117,419,000	108,414,000	107,546,000	291,493,000	28,853,000
Total U. S. Government securities	302,346,000	300,174,000	306,964,000	308,168,000	306,335,000	302,041,000	305,168,000	488,021,000	330,225,000
Other securities (see note)	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,220,000
Foreign loans on gold	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,800,000
Total bills and securities (see note)	1,312,842,000	1,242,138,000	1,188,910,000	1,307,081,000	1,206,886,000	1,297,994,000	1,240,911,000	1,319,736,000	1,316,036,000
Due from foreign banks (see note)	650,000	650,000	650,000	718,000	717,000	648,000	648,000	648,000	640,000
Uncollected items	695,976,000	693,558,000	807,671,000	747,408,000	731,352,000	675,918,000	749,939,000	895,695,000	687,010,000
Bank premises	60,051,000	60,047,000	60,039,000	60,014,000	60,012,000	60,007,000	60,007,000	60,007,000	61,593,000
All other resources	13,961,000	13,752,000	13,561,000	13,789,000	13,409,000	13,704,000	13,901,000	13,476,000	18,282,000
Total resources	5,065,122,000	5,017,063,000	5,080,560,000	5,121,421,000	5,004,905,000	5,035,363,000	5,075,315,000	5,306,963,000	5,010,743,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,755,430,000	1,730,511,000	1,729,833,000	1,756,299,000	1,730,973,000	1,716,466,000	1,716,087,000	1,724,068,000	1,713,422,000
Deposits:									
Member banks—reserve account	2,207,325,000	2,216,896,000	2,213,488,000	2,217,091,000	2,211,909,000	2,248,876,000	2,230,591,000	2,369,136,000	2,245,629,000
Government	32,932,000	38,546,000	19,416,000	30,560,000	23,557,000	51,703,000	67,613,000	4,084,000	30,833,000
Foreign banks (see note)	12,186,000	8,258,000	6,855,000	5,894,000	6,586,000	11,829,000	14,840,000	15,641,000	11,473,000
Other deposits	23,976,000	17,431,000	17,797,000	20,681,000	17,795,000	17,978,000	18,959,000	28,485,000	27,515,000
Total deposits	2,276,419,000	2,281,131,000	2,257,556,000	2,274,226,000	2,259,847,000	2,330,386,000	2,332,003,000	2,417,346,000	2,315,000,000
Deferred availability items	665,233,000	638,465,000	727,440,000	725,275,000	649,483,000	624,068,000	663,202,000	802,314,000	631,239,000
Capital paid in	124,379,000	124,392,000	124,002,000	123,901,000	123,855,000	123,796,000	123,839,000	123,787,000	116,653,000
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	23,351,000	22,254,000	21,419,000	21,410,000	20,437,000	20,337,000	19,874,000	19,158,000	16,592,000
Total liabilities	5,065,122,000	5,017,063,000	5,080,560,000	5,121,421,000	5,004,905,000	5,035,363,000	5,075,315,000	5,306,963,000	5,010,743,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	69.6%	70.3%	70.8%	69.9%	70.4%	69.3%	69.8%	68.5%	68.8%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	72.8%	73.6%	74.1%	73.1%	73.7%	72.6%	73.1%	71.6%	71.5%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	40,344,000	40,945,000	42,853,000	43,981,000	45,385,000	45,296,000	45,124,000	44,228,000	36,811,000
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 day bills bought in open market	\$ 105,231,000	\$ 80,100,000	\$ 81,062,000	\$ 91,107,000	\$ 77,575,000	\$ 88,824,000	\$ 83,679,000	\$ 81,131,000	\$ 97,943,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	532,567,000	487,139,000	447,760,000	552,134,000	462,120,000	559,138,000	494,841,000	409,370,000	497,635,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	124,000	---	---	1,475,000	---	750,000	337,000	192,000,000	2,563,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	67,019,000	62,260,000	61,678,000	55,152,000	56,753,000	55,497,000	55,581,000	49,684,000	64,062,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	41,394,000	43,079,000	41,440,000	42,886,000	46,164,000	44,123,000	46,492,000	50,160,000	48,974,000
16-30 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
31-60 days bills bought in open market	84,738,000	84,092,000	77,042,000	76,556,000	82,448,000	73,136,000	70,409,000	63,460,000	86,618,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	61,189,000	61,099,000	57,690,000	65,550,000	67,478,000	63,744,000	69,102,000	62,940,000	62,158,000
31-60 days municipal warrants	44,084,000	44,103,000	44,138,000	---	---	---	---	---	1,870,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market	64,329,000	67,887,000	62,677,000	55,991,000	44,400,000	50,171,000	51,565,000	56,445,000	79,029,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	32,864,000	33,131,000	33,116,000	37,634,000	42,486,000	43,619,000	45,354,000	56,802,000	28,832,000
61-90 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	10,781,000	13,202,000	10,365,000	12,506,000	12,086,000	7,995,000	9,173,000	11,760,000	14,801,000
Over 90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	7,884,000	7,475,000	6,626,000	5,697,000	5,341,000	6,006,000	5,847,000	7,263,000	8,739,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	74,511,000	73,559,000	73,394,000	73,563,000	73,316,000	68,811,000	68,071,000	34,463,000	24,410,000
F. R. notes received from Comptroller	2,936,126,000	2,945,863,000	2,937,876,000	2,914,314,000	2,919,310,000	2,919,283,000	2,923,819,000	2,912,691,000	2,924,912,000
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	875,780,000	877,685,000	863,777,000	851,172,000	858,782,000	853,802,000	856,912,000	841,328,000	912,601,000
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks	2,060,346,000	2,068,178,000	2,074,099,000	2,063,142,000	2,060,528,000	2,065,401,000	2,066,907,000	2,071,363,000	2,012,311,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	307,413,000	306,429,000	306,428,000	306,428,000	306,433,000	306,633,000	306,634,000	304,134,000	303,331,000
Gold redemption fund	92,990,000	96,106,000	96,715,000	105,902,000	92,258,000	95,579,000	107,211,000	92,072,000	106,401,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	937,369,000	1,009,088,000	1,006,398,000	916,813,000	984,505,000	956,903,000	970,834,000	1,033,041,000	922,545,000
By eligible paper	958,606,000	900,057,000	837,644,000	947,286,000	859,423,000	895,368,000	895,994,000	800,852,000	929,598,000
Total	2,296,378,000	2,311,680,000	2,247,185,000	2,276,429,000	2,242,619,000	2,312,483,000	2,280,673,000	2,230,099,000	2,261,875,000

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WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 3 1926.

	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents	\$ 140,642,000	\$ 298,535,000	\$ 98,868,000	\$ 160,565,000	\$ 51,293,000	\$ 117,116,000	\$ 148,570,000	\$ 18,491,000	\$ 50,126,000	\$ 49,640,000	\$ 28,656,000	\$ 175,270,000	\$ 1,337,772,000
Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas.	7,925,000	11,646,000	12,173,000	4,355,000	2,757,000	4,538,000	4,164,000	745,000	1,567,000	6,503,000	2,200,000	3,358,000	61,931,000
Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes	148,567,000	310,181,000	111,041,000	164,920,000	54,050,000	121,654,000	152,734,000	19,236,000	51,693,000	56,143,000	30,856,000	178,628,000	1,399,703,000
Gold settle'nt fund with F. R. Board	58,406,000	281,293,000	57,041,000	60,346,000	37,229,000	25,977,000	132,238,000	23,816,000	21,609,000	36,895,000	18,911,000	35,813,000	789,574,000
Gold and gold certificates	31,753,000	365,984,000	29,631,0										

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
securities.....	\$	\$	\$ 2,000.0	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 500.0	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,500.0
Total bills and securities.....	65,187.0	297,777.0	86,827.0	134,826.0	56,772.0	86,206.0	223,692.0	71,530.0	41,873.0	62,612.0	55,346.0	130,194.0	1,312,842.0
Due from foreign banks.....	69,484.0	170,439.0	62,668.0	61,291.0	58,945.0	29,095.0	86,155.0	31,470.0	14,710.0	42,423.0	28,041.0	40,557.0	695,976.0
Uncollected items.....	4,068.0	16,740.0	1,600.0	7,409.0	2,364.0	2,958.0	7,933.0	4,111.0	4,668.0	1,793.0	3,464.0	6,051.0	60,051.0
Bank premises.....	105.0	3,133.0	337.0	1,025.0	550.0	826.0	1,399.0	584.0	2,253.0	500.0	363.0	2,883.0	13,961.0
All other resources.....	395,233.0	1,482,040.0	357,786.0	488,354.0	229,869.0	285,638.0	696,241.0	179,891.0	144,948.0	215,934.0	154,995.0	434,193.0	5,065,122.0
Total resources.....	395,233.0	1,482,040.0	357,786.0	488,354.0	229,869.0	285,638.0	696,241.0	179,891.0	144,948.0	215,934.0	154,995.0	434,193.0	5,065,122.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	151,380.0	384,573.0	120,829.0	205,309.0	81,353.0	171,666.0	216,527.0	46,273.0	66,654.0	68,209.0	51,275.0	191,382.0	1,755,430.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acc't.....	154,298.0	818,164.0	139,732.0	181,867.0	69,212.0	68,726.0	334,161.0	78,157.0	51,277.0	86,956.0	56,787.0	167,988.0	2,207,325.0
Government.....	1,983.0	3,531.0	2,231.0	2,276.0	3,054.0	4,281.0	5,294.0	3,102.0	1,545.0	2,498.0	904.0	2,233.0	32,932.0
Foreign bank.....	898.0	3,605.0	1,123.0	1,265.0	626.0	473.0	1,619.0	508.0	378.0	461.0	414.0	816.0	12,186.0
Other deposits.....	119.0	14,476.0	578.0	1,297.0	87.0	51.0	1,019.0	486.0	227.0	251.0	29.0	5,356.0	23,976.0
Total deposits.....	157,298.0	839,776.0	143,664.0	186,705.0	72,979.0	73,531.0	342,093.0	82,253.0	53,247.0	90,166.0	58,134.0	176,393.0	2,276,419.0
Deferred availability items.....	59,694.0	156,538.0	59,206.0	57,382.0	56,039.0	25,107.0	87,300.0	35,151.0	12,944.0	43,217.0	32,585.0	39,790.0	665,233.0
Capital paid in.....	8,800.0	36,160.0	12,527.0	13,554.0	6,099.0	5,032.0	16,695.0	5,334.0	3,085.0	4,183.0	4,304.0	8,606.0	124,379.0
Surplus.....	17,020.0	59,964.0	20,464.0	22,894.0	11,919.0	8,700.0	30,613.0	9,570.0	7,501.0	8,979.0	7,615.0	15,971.0	220,310.0
All other liabilities.....	1,041.0	5,029.0	1,096.0	2,010.0	1,430.0	1,602.0	3,283.0	1,340.0	1,337.0	1,180.0	1,082.0	2,051.0	23,351.0
Total liabilities.....	395,233.0	1,482,040.0	357,786.0	488,354.0	229,869.0	285,638.0	696,241.0	179,891.0	144,948.0	215,934.0	154,995.0	434,193.0	5,065,122.0
Memoranda													
Reserve ratio (per cent).....	81.4	80.1	77.6	71.5	70.3	66.5	66.1	53.7	68.8	65.5	62.3	69.0	72.8
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	3,047.0	11,236.0	3,809.0	4,290.0	2,125.0	1,604.0	5,493.0	1,724.0	1,283.0	1,564.0	1,403.0	2,766.0	40,344.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation).....	36,640.0	90,688.0	28,039.0	21,607.0	12,255.0	28,242.0	32,138.0	4,537.0	4,571.0	5,403.0	3,873.0	36,912.0	304,916.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 3 1926

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
(Two Ciphers (00) omitted.)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller.....	246,129.0	765,381.0	184,868.0	274,858.0	124,697.0	265,933.0	452,782.0	72,170.0	85,592.0	113,097.0	68,325.0	282,294.0	2,936,126.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent.....	58,100.0	290,120.0	36,000.0	47,940.0	31,039.0	66,025.0	204,117.0	21,360.0	14,367.0	39,485.0	13,177.0	54,000.0	875,780.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank.....	188,029.0	475,261.0	148,868.0	226,918.0	93,608.9	199,908.0	248,665.0	50,810.0	71,225.0	73,612.0	55,148.0	228,294.0	2,060,346.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.:													
Gold and gold certificates.....	35,300.0	168,698.0	8,091.0	11,785.0	28,805.0	15,222.0	7,894.0	7,945.0	13,507.0	19,156.0	10,000.0	10,000.0	307,413.0
Gold redemption fund.....	11,342.0	23,837.0	8,091.0	11,785.0	2,988.0	7,894.0	2,928.0	2,246.0	16,910.0	2,780.0	3,500.0	13,982.0	92,990.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board.....	94,000.0	106,000.0	90,777.0	140,000.0	19,500.0	94,000.0	35,644.0	8,300.0	35,000.0	46,860.0	6,000.0	151,288.0	937,369.0
Eligible paper.....	55,229.0	206,801.0	55,995.0	97,855.0	48,624.0	84,271.0	175,400.0	51,900.0	23,587.0	33,942.0	33,693.0	91,243.0	948,605.0
Total collateral.....	195,871.0	505,336.0	154,863.0	258,420.0	99,917.0	201,387.0	324,030.0	70,391.0	73,713.0	83,582.0	62,349.0	286,519.0	2,296,378.0

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 692 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 2326

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business OCTOBER 27 1926. (Three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks.....	38	93	50	75	68	35	99	31	24	67	47	65	692
Loans and discounts, gross:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	\$ 8,208	\$ 48,002	\$ 11,340	\$ 19,479	\$ 4,887	\$ 5,642	\$ 17,870	\$ 6,974	\$ 4,542	\$ 4,542	\$ 4,024	\$ 6,198	\$ 140,572
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	348,461	2,173,341	407,018	571,313	147,147	102,669	898,957	188,315	69,549	104,562	73,995	315,006	5,400,333
All other loans and discounts.....	664,062	2,840,842	390,142	788,623	375,181	416,649	1,271,227	333,433	176,899	3,2,649	243,163	961,031	8,773,306
Total loans and discounts.....	1,020,731	5,062,185	808,500	1,379,420	527,215	524,360	2,188,054	528,722	249,848	421,753	321,182	1,282,235	14,314,211
Investments:													
U. S. Government securities.....	151,914	987,892	89,477	286,885	71,186	42,461	307,416	62,009	65,785	101,371	54,105	245,920	2,466,421
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	250,861	1,151,164	262,867	363,523	66,624	58,990	451,992	116,412	48,386	94,663	24,869	220,951	3,111,302
Total investments.....	402,775	2,139,056	352,344	650,408	137,810	101,451	759,408	178,421	114,171	196,034	78,974	466,871	5,577,723
Total loans and investments.....	1,423,506	7,201,241	1,160,850	2,029,828	665,025	625,811	2,947,462	707,143	364,019	617,787	400,156	1,749,106	19,891,934
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank.....	100,439	729,549	81,318	128,576	40,345	39,943	247,975	46,542	3,400	4,542	27,786	109,581	1,634,790
Cash in vault.....	22,896	79,479	16,820	32,948	14,099	11,590	49,333	7,852	5,922	12,826	10,589	22,712	287,066
Net demand deposits.....	933,094	5,495,803	776,575	1,044,820	379,634	338,357	1,786,483	401,758	216,734	499,066	271,173	774,494	12,917,991
Time deposits.....	429,514	1,285,220	241,592	821,024	210,304	223,690	1,055,084	219,093	122,549	149,776	101,370	879,036	5,738,252
Government deposits.....	16,867	40,132	17,711	10,635	3,343	6,842	16,926	2,496	913	1,943	5,233	13,204	136,245
Bills pay & redts with F. R. Bk.:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	10,125	67,804	5,475	34,808	9,504	3,926	55,934	9,213	6,680	1,844	4,000	31,541	240,854
All other.....	10,849	33,965	7,221	21,785	13,983	27,256	22,211	17,042	1,945	5,017	10,228	25,599	197,012
Total borrowings from F. R. Bank.....	20,974	101,769	12,696	56,593	23,487	31,182	78,056	26,255	8,625	6,861	14,228	57,140	437,866
Bankers' balances of reporting member banks in F. R. Bank cities:													
Due to banks.....	119,588	1,017,955	160,838	47,190	30,756	17,498	342,924	77,984	50,707	96,132	31,784	101,760	2,095,116
Due from banks.....	35,087	101,451	49,299	26,209	15,045	13,812	143,591	30,137	21,264	44,955	26,032	52,721	569,633

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. 27 1926.	Oct. 20 1926.	Oct. 28 1925.	Oct. 27 1926.	Oct. 20 1926.	Oct. 28 1925.	Oct. 27 1926.	Oct. 20 1926.	Oct. 28 1925.
Number of reporting banks.....	\$ 692	\$ 692	\$ 723	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 61	\$ 46	\$ 46	\$ 46
Loans and discounts, gross:									
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	140,572,000	137,729,000	171,139,000	44,614,000	41,779,000	55,821,000	12,659,000	12,939,000	20,050,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	5,400,333,000	5,443,886,000	5,300,355,000	1,891,067,000	1,901,252,000	2,074,259,000	681,629,000	677,383,000	648,437,000
All other loans and discounts.....	8,773,306,000	8,794,199,000	8,429,917,000	2,494,249,000	2,507,952,000	2,289,141,000	703,523,000	714,780,000	683,046,000
Total loans and discounts.....	14,314,211,000	14,375,814,000	13,901,411,000	4,439,930,000	4,450,983,000	4,419,221,000	1,403,811,000	1,405,102,000	1,351,533,000
Investments:									
U. S. Government securities.....	2,466,421,000	2,474,914,000	2,497,627,000	867,943,000	869,182,000	891,272,000	160,914,000	164,978,000	172,236,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	3,111,30								

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Nov. 5 1926.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2352. 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 Nov. 5, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads (Beech Creek RR, Buff & Susquehanna, etc.), Indus. & Miscell. (Amalgam Leather, Preferred, etc.), and various other stocks.

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: Bond Name, Oct. 30, Nov. 1, Nov. 2, Nov. 3, Nov. 4, Nov. 5. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, and Treasury bonds.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 13 24 4 3/8, 100 1/2 to 100 1/2, 23 4th 4 3/8, 102 1/2 to 102 1/2, 2 31 4 3/8, 101 1/2 to 101 1/2.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange suffered a further slight recession that carried the quotation to practically the gold export point, although in the late dealings there was a partial recovery. The Continental exchanges, while not particularly active, were very firm, and francs and lire again scored good gains, with kronen also up, but pesetas off on speculative activities. Japanese yen made another new high record.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 84 1-16 @ 4 84 1/2 for cheques and 4 84 9-16 @ 4 81 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 83 15-16 @ 84 1/2, sixty days 4 79 15-16 @ 4 83 1/2, ninety days 4 78 1-16 @ 4 78 1/2, and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 80 3-16 @ 4 80 3/8; cotton for payment 4 83 15-16 @ 4 84 1/2, and grain for payment 4 83 15-16 @ 4 84 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.26 @ 3.32 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 39.92 for short. Exchange at Paris on London, 146.80 francs; week's range, 143.65 francs high and 150.55 francs low. The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling Actual—High for the week 4 81 1/2, Ch. ques. 4 84 1/2, Cables. 4 84 1/2; Low for the week 4 81 1/2, Ch. ques. 4 84 1/2, Cables. 4 84 1/2.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns: Name, Bids, Asks, and other financial details.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing realty and surety companies with columns: Name, Bids, Asks, and other financial details.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bids, Asks.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 235. A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2381.

CURRENT NOTICES.

- Pulleyn & Company, 52 Broadway, New York, announce that Robert A. Dahn, formerly of Dahn & Bouton, has been admitted to partnership in their firm.
—The current issue of "Bank Stock Topics," issued by H. D. Walbridge Co., Inc., 14 Wall St., New York, contains an analysis of Bankers Trust Co., James Talcott, Inc., of New York, has been appointed factor for the woolen department of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Co. of Rockford, Ill.
—Lewis & Co., Inc., underwriters and distributors of securities, Detroit, announce the removal of their offices to the Industrial Bank Bldg.
—Bodell & Company announces the opening of new banking offices in their own building at 32 Custom House Street, Providence.
—Smith, Brady & Co., dealers in investment securities, announce the removal of their offices to 50 Broad St., New York.
—A. E. Fitkin & Co. of New York announce that Frank H. Richmond has been admitted to partnership in their firm.
—W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., announce the removal of their New York offices from 39 Broadway to 26 Broadway.
—Schluter & Co., Inc., announce that Martin S. Lindgrove has become associated with them as Vice-President.
—McCown & Company, Philadelphia, announce the removal of their New York offices to 120 Broadway.
—Courtlandt Luck is now associated with J. A. Sisto & Co. of New York in their bond department.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Second preferred, etc.); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.

* Bid and asked prices; † Ex-dividend.

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. 30.	Monday, Nov. 1.	Tuesday, Nov. 2.	Wednesday, Nov. 3.	Thursday, Nov. 4.	Friday, Nov. 5.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest		
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares.	Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
*110 112	*110 112	*110 112	*110 112	*110 112	*110 112	43	Abraham & Straus.....No par	50 1/2 Sept 27	50 1/2 Sept 27	50 1/2 Sept 27	50 1/2 Sept 27	
*26 1/2 27	*26 1/2 27	*26 1/2 27	*26 1/2 27	*26 1/2 27	*26 1/2 27	100	Preferred.....100	104 1/2 Mar 19	111 Sept 28	104 1/2 Mar 19	111 Sept 28	
*137 137 1/2	*137 137 1/2	*137 137 1/2	*137 137 1/2	*137 137 1/2	*137 137 1/2	300	Albany Perf Wap Pap.....No par	13 1/2 Jan 6	27 1/2 June 23	13 1/2 Jan 6	27 1/2 June 23	
*122 1/2 127	*122 1/2 127	*122 1/2 127	*122 1/2 127	*122 1/2 127	*122 1/2 127	900	All America Cables.....100	155 July 24	155 July 24	119 Jan 133 1/4 Oct	155 July 24	
15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	1,600	Adams Express.....100	99 1/2 Mar 18	136 Sept 22	90 Apr 117 1/4 Oct	136 Sept 22	
48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	2,100	Advance Rumely.....100	10 Mar 19	22 Sept 24	13 Apr 20 Oct	22 Sept 24	
6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	1,000	Preferred.....100	4 1/2 Nov 4	6 1/2 Jan 4	7 1/2 Oct 62 1/4 Oct	6 1/2 Jan 4	
*128 131	*128 130 1/2	*128 130 1/2	*128 130 1/2	*128 130 1/2	*128 130 1/2	1,000	Ahumada Lead.....1	6 1/2 Oct 4	9 1/2 Jan 4	8 1/2 Jan 117 1/2 Dec	9 1/2 Jan 4	
8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	700	Air Reduction, Inc.....No par	107 1/2 May 19	145 1/2 Aug 9	86 1/2 Jan 117 1/2 Dec	145 1/2 Aug 9	
*128 131	*128 130 1/2	*128 130 1/2	*128 130 1/2	*128 130 1/2	*128 130 1/2	3,600	Ajax Rubber, Inc.....No par	7 1/2 Oct 20	16 Feb 10	8 1/2 Dec 15 1/2 Jan	7 1/2 Oct 20	
128 129 1/2	128 129 1/2	128 129 1/2	128 129 1/2	128 129 1/2	128 129 1/2	49,900	Alaska Juneau Gold Min.....10	7 1/2 Oct 22	2 Jan 4	1 Jan 2 1/2 Oct	7 1/2 Oct 22	
*120 120 1/2	*120 120 1/2	*120 120 1/2	*120 120 1/2	*120 120 1/2	*120 120 1/2	1,000	Allied Chemical & Dye.....No par	106 Mar 30	147 Sept 22	80 Mar 116 1/2 Dec	106 Mar 30	
*109 110	*109 109	*109 109	*109 109	*109 109	*109 109	2,000	Preferred.....100	118 1/2 Mar 20	122 1/2 Aug 17	117 Jan 121 1/4 Nov	118 1/2 Mar 20	
28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	100	Allis-Chalmers Mfg.....100	78 1/2 Mar 26	94 1/2 Jan 14	71 1/2 Jan 97 1/4 Dec	78 1/2 Mar 26	
10 1/2 11 1/2	10 1/2 11 1/2	10 1/2 11 1/2	10 1/2 11 1/2	10 1/2 11 1/2	10 1/2 11 1/2	2,500	Amerada Corp.....No par	105 Apr 7	110 1/2 May 24	103 1/4 Jan 109 Dec	105 Apr 7	
35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	3,500	Amer Agricultural Chem.....100	24 1/2 May 20	32 1/2 Aug 9	13 1/2 Mar 29 1/2 Oct	24 1/2 May 20	
*44 46	*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	5,500	Preferred.....100	35 1/2 Oct 14	34 1/2 Jan 14	36 1/2 Mar 36 1/2 Dec	35 1/2 Oct 14	
44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	1,600	Amer Bank Note, new.....100	34 1/2 Mar 31	46 Oct 28	39 1/2 Dec 44 1/2 Dec	34 1/2 Mar 31	
*21 21 1/2	*21 21 1/2	*21 21 1/2	*21 21 1/2	*21 21 1/2	*21 21 1/2	200	Preferred.....50	55 Jan 15	58 1/2 July 10	53 1/2 Jan 58 1/2 Sept	55 Jan 15	
*57 61	*57 61	*57 61	*57 61	*57 61	*57 61	200	American Beet Sugar.....100	20 1/2 Sept 13	33 1/2 Feb 5	29 1/2 Oct 43 Jan	20 1/2 Sept 13	
18 18	18 18	18 18	18 18	18 18	18 18	100	Preferred.....100	55 Nov 5	83 Feb 24	78 Dec 87 1/2 June	55 Nov 5	
138 140	139 144 1/2	139 144 1/2	139 144 1/2	139 144 1/2	139 144 1/2	6,000	Amer Bosch Magneto.....No par	110 May 19	150 Feb 2	26 1/2 Mar 54 1/2 Jan	110 May 19	
*115 116 1/2	*115 115 1/2	*115 115 1/2	*115 115 1/2	*115 115 1/2	*115 115 1/2	100	Am Brake Shoe & F.....No par	110 1/4 Mar 24	128 1/4 Feb 18	107 1/2 Jan 114 1/2 Dec	110 1/4 Mar 24	
37 1/2 37 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	9,500	Amer Brown Boveri EL.....No par	30 1/4 Mar 29	50 Aug 9	47 1/2 Dec 53 1/2 Oct	30 1/4 Mar 29	
*95 1/2 96	*95 1/2 96	*95 1/2 96	*95 1/2 96	*95 1/2 96	*95 1/2 96	200	Preferred.....100	86 1/2 Mar 31	97 1/2 Jan 16	60 1/2 Nov 98 Dec	86 1/2 Mar 31	
49 1/2 50 1/2	49 1/2 50 1/2	49 1/2 50 1/2	49 1/2 50 1/2	49 1/2 50 1/2	49 1/2 50 1/2	102,300	American Can w l.....25	38 1/2 Mar 30	63 1/2 Aug 4	47 1/2 Jan 121 1/2 Dec	38 1/2 Mar 30	
*125 125 1/2	*124 1/2 124 1/2	*124 1/2 124 1/2	*124 1/2 124 1/2	*124 1/2 124 1/2	*124 1/2 124 1/2	300	Preferred.....100	121 Jan 4	126 1/2 July 27	115 Jan 121 1/2 Dec	121 Jan 4	
99 99	98 98	98 98	98 98	98 98	98 98	2,300	American Car & Fdy.....No par	91 1/2 Mar 31	114 1/2 Jan 12	97 1/2 Apr 115 1/2 Sept	91 1/2 Mar 31	
*123 125	*124 1/2 124 1/2	*124 1/2 124 1/2	*124 1/2 124 1/2	*124 1/2 124 1/2	*124 1/2 124 1/2	500	Preferred.....100	120 1/2 Oct 15	129 1/4 June 23	120 1/2 Oct 128 1/2 July	120 1/2 Oct 15	
25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	500	American Chain, class A.....25	23 1/4 Mar 30	26 1/4 July 20	22 1/2 Oct 27 Feb	23 1/4 Mar 30	
*32 1/2 35	*34 34 1/2	*34 34 1/2	*34 34 1/2	*34 34 1/2	*34 34 1/2	300	Do certificates.....No par	31 Oct 11	51 Jan 4	37 Jan 62 Apr	31 Oct 11	
*32 1/2 35	*34 34 1/2	*34 34 1/2	*34 34 1/2	*34 34 1/2	*34 34 1/2	1,600	Amer Druggists Syndicate.....10	28 Oct 13	47 1/4 Jan 7	37 Jan 58 1/2 Apr	28 Oct 13	
*74 74	*74 74	*74 74	*74 74	*74 74	*74 74	11,000	Amer Express.....100	4 1/4 Jan 5	10 1/2 Aug 19	4 1/4 Dec 6 1/2 Jan	4 1/4 Jan 5	
84 1/2 84 1/2	83 1/2 83 1/2	83 1/2 83 1/2	83 1/2 83 1/2	83 1/2 83 1/2	83 1/2 83 1/2	2,000	Amer & For'n Pow new.....No par	14 1/4 Mar 3	140 Jan 2	125 Apr 166 Jan	14 1/4 Mar 3	
*36 40	*37 39	*37 39	*37 39	*37 39	*37 39	100	Preferred.....No par	79 Oct	42 1/2 Jan 2	27 1/4 Apr 51 1/2 Sept	79 Oct	
*24 1/2 25	*24 1/2 25	*24 1/2 25	*24 1/2 25	*24 1/2 25	*24 1/2 25	100	American Hilde & Leather.....100	7 May 10	17 1/2 Feb 9	87 Jan 94 Feb	7 May 10	
*123 1/2 124 1/2	*122 124 1/2	*122 124 1/2	*122 124 1/2	*122 124 1/2	*122 124 1/2	300	Preferred.....No par	33 1/2 May 7	67 1/4 Feb 9	58 1/2 Sept 75 1/2 Jan	33 1/2 May 7	
81 82 1/2	81 82 1/2	81 82 1/2	81 82 1/2	81 82 1/2	81 82 1/2	100	Amer Home Products.....No par	23 1/2 Oct 8	26 1/4 Apr 29	23 1/2 Oct 8	26 1/4 Apr 29	
36 1/2 36 1/2	36 1/2 36 1/2	36 1/2 36 1/2	36 1/2 36 1/2	36 1/2 36 1/2	36 1/2 36 1/2	109	Amer Ice.....100	109 Mar 31	136 June 8	83 Mar 139 Dec	109 Mar 31	
12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	200	Preferred.....100	81 1/2 Oct 18	86 1/4 June 1	74 1/2 Mar 86 July	81 1/2 Oct 18	
28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	14,900	Amer International Corp.....100	31 1/4 July 19	46 1/2 Feb 16	32 1/4 Mar 46 1/2 Nov	31 1/4 July 19	
73 75 1/2	73 75 1/2	73 75 1/2	73 75 1/2	73 75 1/2	73 75 1/2	1,600	Amer La France F.....100	12 1/2 Sept 2	15 1/2 Jan 2	11 1/4 Mar 20 Nov	12 1/2 Sept 2	
104 105	104 1/2 104 1/2	104 1/2 104 1/2	104 1/2 104 1/2	104 1/2 104 1/2	104 1/2 104 1/2	3,500	Amer Linseed.....100	25 1/2 Oct 20	52 1/2 Jan 4	20 1/2 May 59 1/4 Nov	25 1/2 Oct 20	
119 119	*118 1/2 120	*118 1/2 120	*118 1/2 120	*118 1/2 120	*118 1/2 120	400	Preferred.....100	67 1/2 Oct 19	87 Jan 4	53 Jan 54 1/2 Nov	67 1/2 Oct 19	
*73 74	*73 73 1/2	*73 73 1/2	*73 73 1/2	*73 73 1/2	*73 73 1/2	13,800	Amer Locom new.....No par	90 1/4 Mar 31	119 1/2 Jan 4	104 1/2 Jan 144 1/2 Mar	90 1/4 Mar 31	
*119 125	*120 125	*120 125	*120 125	*120 125	*120 125	200	Preferred.....100	116 Aug 9	120 1/4 Feb 11	115 Aug 124 Feb	116 Aug 9	
46 46	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	100	Amer Machine & Fdy.....No par	65 1/4 Oct 11	80 1/2 Aug 16	65 1/4 Oct 11	80 1/2 Aug 16	
*61 1/2 62	*61 1/2 62	*61 1/2 62	*61 1/2 62	*61 1/2 62	*61 1/2 62	2,100	Amer Metal Co Ltd.....No par	114 July 15	122 Aug 23	111 Mar 119 Nov	114 July 15	
110 110	110 110	110 110	110 110	110 110	110 110	4,500	Am Power & Light.....100	113 1/2 Apr 15	120 Feb 8	111 Mar 119 Nov	113 1/2 Apr 15	
*81 1/2 81 1/2	*81 1/2 81 1/2	*81 1/2 81 1/2	*81 1/2 81 1/2	*81 1/2 81 1/2	*81 1/2 81 1/2	1,400	Amer Radiator.....No par	50 1/4 May 19	72 1/2 Sept 8	47 1/2 Feb 77 1/2 Dec	50 1/4 May 19	
46 50	46 48 1/2	46 48 1/2	46 48 1/2	46 48 1/2	46 48 1/2	400	Amer Railway Express.....100	122 1/2 Aug 9	122 1/2 Aug 9	87 1/2 Jan 122 1/2 Nov	122 1/2 Aug 9	
59 1/2 61	59 1/2 60 1/2	59 1/2 60 1/2	59 1/2 60 1/2	59 1/2 60 1/2	59 1/2 60 1/2	1,100	Amer Republics.....No par	43 Nov 5	84 1/2 Sept 21	27 1/2 Sept 84 Jan	43 Nov 5	
7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	3,200	Amer Safety Razor.....100	42 Apr 14	74 Jan 5	48 Jan 79 1/2 Dec	42 Apr 14	
129 1/2 130 1/4	129 1/2 130 1/4	129 1/2 130 1/4	129 1/2 130 1/4	129 1/2 130 1/4	129 1/2 130 1/4	4,700	Amer Ship & Comm.....No par	5 1/2 Jan 2	11 1/2 Mar 12	3 1/2 Jan 7 1/2 Nov	5 1/2 Jan 2	
*118 119	118 118	118 118	118 118	118 118	118 118	27,200	Amer Smelting & Refining.....100	109 1/2 Apr 21	152 Aug 17	90 1/2 Mar 144 1/2 Dec	109 1/2 Apr 21	
*131 132	*131 131	*131 131	*131 131	*131 131	*131 131	500	Preferred.....100	112 1/2 Mar 31	120 1/4 Aug 17	105 1/2 Mar 154 1/2 Dec	112 1/2 Mar 31	
42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	300	Amer Snuff.....100	121 1/2 Oct 6	165 Feb 9	138 1/4 Apr 15 1/2 Nov	121 1/2 Oct 6	
*111 111 1/4	*111 111 1/4	*111 111 1/4	*111 111 1/4	*111 111 1/4	*111 111 1/4	2,300	Amer Steel Foundries.....No par	40 May 11	47 Aug 3	37 1/2 June 47 1/2 Dec	40 May 11	
74 75	74 74 1/2	74 74 1/2	74 74 1/2	74 74 1/2	74 74 1/2	100	Preferred.....100	110 1/4 Sept 21	115 Feb 23	108 Jan 113 1/2 Oct	110 1/4 Sept 21	
103 1/4 103 1/4	104 104	104 104	104 104	104 104	104 104	18,900	Amer Sugar Refining.....100	65 1/4 Apr 14	82 1/2 Feb 5	47 1/2 Jan 77 1/2 Dec	65 1/4 Apr 14	
*34 1/2 35	*34 1/2 35	*34 1/2 35	*34 1/2 35	*34 1/2 35	*34 1/2 35	700	Preferred.....100	100 June 19	107 1/2 Aug 13	91 1/4 Jan 104 1/4 Nov	100 June 19	
*29 1/2 30	*29 1/2 30	*29 1/2 30	*29 1/2 30	*29 1/2 30	*29 1/2 30	1,400	Am Sum Tob new ctf.....No par	29 1/4 Aug 13	40 Oct 2	29 1/4 Aug 13	40 Oct 2	
146 1/2 146 1/2	146 1/2 147	146 1/2 147	146 1/2 147	146 1/2 147	146 1/2 147	200	Option A ctf.....100	14 1/2 Apr 28	36 Aug 19	14 1/2 Apr 28		

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Nov. 1-5); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan 1 1926 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day * Ex-dividend a Ex-interest

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth 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 per share. Includes sub-sections for Stock, Exchange, Closed, Election, and Day.

Main table of stock prices with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925'. Lists various companies like General Electric, Ford, and others.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-dividend. Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sales for the Week); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE (Range Since Jan. 1 1926, Range for Previous Year 1925); and sub-columns for lowest and highest prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day x Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights n Ex-dividend one share o Standard Oil of California—a new

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see sixth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Saturday, Oct. 30.	Monday, Nov. 1.	Tuesday, Nov. 2.	Wednesday, Nov. 3.	Thursday, Nov. 4.	Friday, Nov. 5.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
52 5/8 53 3/8	52 1/2 53	52 1/2 53	50 1/2 52 1/8	50 3/4 52 1/8	51 3/8 51 7/8
*54 55 1/2	*53 1/2 56	53 1/2 56	55 1/2 55 1/2	56 56	56 1/2 57 1/8
*42 3/8 43 1/2	*42 1/2 43 1/2	42 3/8 43 1/2	*42 3/8 43 1/2	*41 3/4 43	*41 7/8 43 1/8
29 1/2 29 1/2	29 3/8 30	29 3/8 30	29 3/8 30 1/4	30 1/4 30 1/2	30 1/4 30 1/2
*106 107 3/8	106 106 1/8	106 106 1/8	*105 1/2 108	*105 1/2 106	106 1/4 106 1/4
17 1/8 18	17 1/8 18 1/4	17 1/8 18 1/4	18 18 3/8	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/4 18 3/8
32 32 3/8	32 1/2 32 1/2	32 1/2 32 1/2	32 3/8 32 3/8	32 1/2 32 1/2	32 1/4 32 1/4
*105 1/4 106 3/8	*105 1/4 106 3/8	105 1/4 106 3/8	*105 1/4 106 3/8	*105 1/2 106 3/8	106 3/8 106 3/8
18 1/8 18 3/8	18 1/8 18 3/8	18 1/8 18 3/8	18 1/8 18 3/8	18 1/4 18 3/8	18 1/4 18 3/8
*96 1/4 97 1/8	*92 1/2 96 1/2	92 1/2 96 1/2	*92 1/2 97 1/8	*92 1/2 96	95 1/2 95 1/2
32 1/2 32 1/2	31 3/8 32 3/4	31 3/8 32 3/4	32 1/2 32 3/8	32 3/8 32 3/8	32 1/2 32 1/2
119 122	119 122	119 122	*119 121	119 121	120 121
*113 115	*114 114	114 114	113 113	113 114 1/4	113 114
*114 117 1/4	*114 117 1/4	114 117 1/4	*114 117 1/4	*114 117 1/4	114 117 1/4
30 1/2 30 1/2	30 3/8 30 1/2	30 3/8 30 1/2	30 3/8 31	*30 3/8 31	*30 3/8 31
42 42 1/2	42 42 3/4	42 42 3/4	43 43 1/2	43 43 1/2	42 3/8 42 3/8
20 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 3/8	20 1/2 20 3/8	20 1/2 20 1/8	19 3/8 20 1/8	19 3/8 20
*111 14 1/2	*111 14 1/2	111 14 1/2	*111 14 1/2	*111 14 1/2	111 14 1/2
*75 79 1/2	*75 79 1/2	75 79 1/2	*75 79 1/2	*75 79 1/2	75 79 1/2
20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2
*102 1/2 104	*104 105	104 105	105 105	*104 107 1/2	*104 107 1/2
53 1/4 53 7/8	53 1/4 53 1/2	53 1/4 53 1/2	53 1/4 53 3/8	53 1/4 53 3/8	53 3/8 53 3/8
56 1/4 56 1/4	56 1/2 56 1/2	56 1/2 56 1/2	56 1/4 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	56 56 1/2
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42 42 1/4	42 3/8 42 3/4	42 3/8 42 3/4	42 3/8 42 3/4	42 3/8 42 3/4	42 3/8 42 3/4
116 1/2 116 1/2	117 3/8 118 1/8	117 3/8 118 1/8	116 1/2 116 1/2	116 1/2 116 1/2	116 1/2 116 3/8
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88 1/4 88 1/4	88 1/4 88 1/4	88 1/4 88 1/4	88 3/8 88 3/8	88 3/8 88 3/8	89 1/4 90
64 1/2 64 3/8	63 3/4 64 1/4	63 3/4 64 1/4	67 1/2 67 1/2	67 1/2 67 1/2	67 1/2 67 1/2
*57 1/2 58	*57 1/2 60	57 1/2 60	*57 1/2 60	*57 1/2 58 1/2	57 1/2 58 1/2
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4 1/4 4 1/2	4 1/4 5	4 1/4 5	3 3/8 4 1/4	4 1/4 5	3 3/8 4 1/2
*26 28	*26 29	26 29	*26 29	*26 29	27 28
15 15	15 15 1/8	15 15 1/8	14 1/2 14 3/8	14 1/2 14 3/8	14 1/2 14 3/8
6 6	6 6	6 6	6 6	6 6 1/2	6 6 1/2
12 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 11 3/4	11 1/2 11 3/4	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2
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11 1/8 11 5/8	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2
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14 1/2 15 1/2	15 15 3/8	15 15 3/8	14 1/2 15 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2
*800 900	*815 815	815 815	*800 850	*800 850	800 900
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46 46 3/8	46 46 3/8	46 46 3/8	46 47 1/4	47 47	47 47
*26 1/2 27 1/2	*27 27 3/8	27 27 3/8	*27 1/2 27 1/2	*27 27 3/8	27 27 3/8
78 89 1/2	77 77 3/8	77 77 3/8	77 80 1/2	77 80 1/2	77 80 1/2
77 78 1/2	77 78 3/8	77 78 3/8	77 78 1/2	77 78 1/2	77 78 1/2
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3 3 3/8	3 3 3/4	3 3 3/4	4 4 3/8	4 4 1/4	4 4 1/4
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51 51	50 3/4 51	50 3/4 51	51 51	50 3/4 51	52 52 1/2
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92 93	93 1/2 95 3/4	93 1/2 95 3/4	93 1/2 95 1/2	94 1/4 95 3/8	93 3/4 94 1/2
54 54 3/8	54 54 5/8	54 54 5/8	54 54 5/8	54 54 5/8	54 54 5/8
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92 93 1/2	93 93	93 93	92 92 1/4	92 1/2 93 1/2	94 95 1/4
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157 1/4 157 1/4	156 1/2 158	156 1/2 158	156 157 1/2	156 156 1/2	157 157 1/2
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*17 1/2 19	*17 1/2 18	17 1/2 18	*17 1/2 18	*17 1/2 18	17 1/2 18
94 3/4 96 1/2	*94 3/4 96 1/2	94 3/4 96 1/2	*94 3/4 96 1/2	*94 3/4 96 1/2	94 3/4 96 1/2
19 1/8 19 1/8	19 1/8 20 1/2	19 1/8 20 1/2	19 1/8 21	20 3/4 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 3/8
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198 202	202 202	202 202	202 205	205 205 1/2	205 206 1/2
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77 78	77 78 1/2	77 78 1/2	77 78 1/2	77 78 1/2	77 78 1/2
*105 106	*105 106	105 106	*104 1/2 106	105 1/2 106	106 109
58 1/2 58 1/2	58 1/2 58 1/2	58 1/2 58 1/2	58 1/2 59	58 59 1/2	59 60
58 1/2 59 3/8	58 1/2 59 3/8	58 1/2 59 3/8	58 1/2 59 3/8	59 60 3/8	60 3/8 61 3/8
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62 3/4 65	62 3/4 65	62 3/4 65	*62 3/4 65	*63 65	63 65
*117 120	*117 120	117 120	*118 120	*118 120	118 121
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*45 1/2 47	*46 47	46 47	46 1/2 46 1/2	46 1/2 48 1/4	46 1/2 48 1/4
9 9 3/8	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 9 3/8	9 9 3/8	9 9 3/8
33 1/2 34 1/2	33 1/2 33 1/4	33 1/2 33 1/4	33 1/2 33 1/2	33 1/2 33 3/4	33 1/2 33 3/4
*85 88	*86 86 3/4	86 86 3/4	*86 86 3/4	86 86 3/4	86 86 3/4
*47 48	*48 48	48 48	*47 48	47 48	48 48
31 31 1/2	31 31 3/8	31 31 3/8	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 3/8
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21 1/4 21 1/4	21 21 1/4	21 21 1/4	*21 21 1/4	*21 21 1/4	21 21 1/4
*15 1/4 16	*15 1/4 15 3/8	15 1/4 15 3/8	16 16	15 1/2 16	16 16
100 1/2 100 1/2	100 102 1/2	100 102 1/2	100 100	99 3/8 99 3/8	95 100
25 26	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25	25 25 1/2	25 26 3/8
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44 44 3/8	44 1/2 45 1/4	44 1/2 45 1/4	44 1/2 45 1/4	44 3/8 45 1/4	44 3/8 45 1/4
*56 1/2 57 1/4	*57 57 3/8	57 57 3/8	56 1/2 56 1/2	56 1/2 56 3/4	56 1/2 56 3/4
60 1/2 61 3/8	61 1/4 61 3/8	61 1/4 61 3/8	62 63 3/8	63 1/2 64 1/2	62 64
*144 146	*145 146 1/4	145 146 1/4	144 1/4 144 3/4	145 145	145 1/2 145 3/4
126 1/4 126 3/4	126 126	126 126	126 126 1/2	127 128	129 130
67 1/4 67 1/2	67 67 1/4	67 67 1/4	67 1/4 67 3/8	67 3/8 67 3/8	67 3/8 68 1/4
*16 16 3/4	*16 17 1/2	16 17 1/2	16 16 3/4	16 16 3/4	16 1/4 17 1/2
32 32 3/8	32 32 3/8	32 32 3/8	*32 32 3/8	*32 32 3/8	32 3/8 32 3/8
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*99 101	*97 101	97 101	98 99	99 99 1/2	99 100
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25 25 3/8	25 25 3/8	25 25 3/8	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2
56 1/4 57	56 56 3/4	56 56 3/4	55 1/2 56 1/2	56 1/2 57	56 1/2 57 3/8
*26 26 1/2	*25 1/2 26 1/2	25 1/2 26 1/2	*25 1/2 26 1/2	*25 1/2 26 1/2	25 1/2 26 1/2
3 3 3/4	3 3 3/4	3 3 3/4			

Jan. 1 1908 the Exchange method of voting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, and various international bonds. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range (Low/High), Range Sold, Change Since Jan. 1, and Range Since Jan. 1.

135--£ = Option sale

Main table containing bond listings for N.Y. Stock Exchange, including columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other market data.

Due Jan. Due Feb. Due May. Due Dec. Option sale

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS' with columns for interest period, price, week's range, and range since Jan 1.

Due Jan Due April Due Dec Due Oct Option sale

Table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Nov. 5., Interest Period, Price Friday, Nov. 5., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Nov. 5., Interest Period, Price Friday, Nov. 5., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

g Due Jan. d Due May. e Due June. h Due July. i Due Aug. p Due Nov. s Option sale.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Nov. 5.										BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Nov. 5.									
Interest Period	Price Friday, Nov. 5.	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1	Interest Period	Price Friday, Nov. 5.	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1								
		Bid	Ask					Low	High			Low	High						
M N	120 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	47	115 1/2	F A	80	80 1/2	80 1/2	2	77 1/2								
A O	51 1/2	51 3/4	52	26	44 1/2	F A	80 1/2	81 1/2	80	80	77 1/2								
J J	101 3/4	102	102	12	101 1/2	J J	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	100 1/2	95 1/2								
F A	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 3/4	43	6 5/8	J J	109 1/2	110 1/2	112	102 1/2	106 1/2								
A O	105 1/4	104 3/4	105 1/4	14	104 1/2	J D	104	105	104	102 1/2	101 1/2								
F A	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	17	101 1/2	J D	101 1/2	102 1/4	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2								
M N	103 3/4	103 3/4	104 3/4	10 1/2	102 1/2	M S	98 1/2	98 3/4	98 3/4	8	96 1/2								
J J	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	16	94 3/4	A O	100 3/4	101	101 1/2	2	100 103 1/4								
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* New share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ Per stock. / Flat price. * Last sale. † Nominal. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights. Canadian quotation. s Sale price.

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. 30.	Monday, Nov. 1.	Tuesday, Nov. 2.	Wednesday, Nov. 3.	Thursday, Nov. 4.	Friday, Nov. 5.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest		
172 173	173 173		172 173	173 173	173 173	195	Boston & Albany	159 Jan 9	175 Feb 13	156 Feb	164 3/4 Jan	
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54 1/2 54 1/2	53 1/2 54 1/4		53 53 1/2	53 1/2 54 1/2	54 54 1/4	903	Boston & Maine	35 Mar 30	58 1/2 July 26	10 Apr	49 1/2 Dec	
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*107	*102		*102	*102	---	---	Series C 1st pref.	74 Apr 15	110 Sept 29	25 Apr	79 1/2 Dec	
*150	*150		*150	*150	---	---	Series D 1st pref.	105 Jan 29	156 Sept 30	35 1/2 Apr	116 Dec	
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*114 1/4 115	115 115		114 1/4 115	114 115	115 117 1/2	1,148	Plant (Thos G), 1st pref	40 Mar 25	68 1/4 Jan 12	32 Aug	75 Oct	
70 70	*69 70 1/2		*68 70 1/2	*68 1/2 70 1/2	---	---	Reece Button Hole	15 Feb 8	17 1/4 Aug 26	15 1/4 Aug	18 Apr	
13 13	*12 1/2 13 1/2		12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	---	---	Reece Folding Machine	10 1/4 Oct 30	13 1/4 Apr 28	11 1/4 Nov	2 3/4 Jan	
49 1/4 49 3/4	49 49 3/4		49 49 3/4	48 3/4 49 1/4	49 49 1/2	1,431	Swed-Amer Inv part pref	98 May 28	110 Aug 6	99 1/4 Dec	101 Dec	
29 29	*29 29 1/2		29 29 1/2	29 29	---	---	Swift & Co	111 Apr 21	117 1/2 Nov 5	109 1/4 Apr	120 Feb	
104 105	103 1/2 106		101 105	100 105	---	---	Torrington Co	25 5/4 Mar 31	72 Sept 10	45 1/2 Apr	73 1/2 Dec	
*23 1/2 31	*23 1/2 31		*23 1/2 31	*23 1/2 31	---	---	United Twist Drill	7 Jan 5	15 1/2 Feb 11	3 Oct	7 1/2 Jan	
21 1/4 21 1/4	21 21 1/4		21 21	21 21	---	---	United Shoe Mach Corp	47 Mar 31	53 1/4 Aug 25	40 3/4 July	50 Nov	
*37 39	*37 39		37 37	*37 39	---	---	Preferred	100 May 19	135 Feb 18	98 Mar	124 1/2 Dec	
*256 58	*256 58		256 58	*256 58	---	---	U S & Foreign Sec 1st pf pd	60 May 30	90 Apr 3	24 1/2 Jan	73 Nov	
*105 1/2 110	105 1/2 105 3/4		106 106	106 110	---	---	1st pref 75% paid	17 Jan 6	2 3/4 Oct 19	14 1/2 Aug	19 3/4 Jan	
16 16	*15 1/2 16		15 3/4 15 3/4	*15 1/2 16	---	---	Walton Bros, Inc, new sh No par	29 Jan 18	40 Feb 5	5 Jan	34 Dec	
56 1/2 56 1/2	56 1/2 57		56 56 3/8	56 56 3/8	55 1/2 56 3/4	79	Walworth Company	52 Jan 23	60 July 5	17 1/4 Jan	57 Dec	
*41 1/2 42 1/2	*41 1/2 42 1/2		*41 1/2 42 1/2	*41 1/2 42 1/2	---	---	Warren Bros	101 Sept 30	110 1/2 Apr 13	65 Jan	105 Dec	
*44 44	*44 44		*44 44	*44 44	---	---	1st preferred	12 1/2 May 28	23 Jan 27	16 3/4 June	27 1/4 July	
*13 13 1/2	*13 13 1/2		*13 13 1/2	*13 13 1/2	---	---	2d preferred	44 Mar 25	57 3/4 Oct 28	37 Jan	50 1/2 July	
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Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, both inclusive:

Table of Boston Bond Record with columns for Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Chicago Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of Stocks (Continued) with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table of Baltimore Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of San Francisco Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock transactions for the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, listing various stocks with their prices and ranges since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, listing various stocks with their prices and ranges since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sale lists:

Table of stock transactions for the St. Louis Stock Exchange, listing various stocks with their prices and ranges since Jan. 1.

Table of stock transactions for the Cincinnati Stock Exchange, listing various stocks with their prices and ranges since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for the St. Louis Stock Exchange, listing various stocks with their prices and ranges since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for the St. Louis Stock Exchange, listing various stocks with their prices and ranges since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for 'Stocks (Concluded)'. 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 'Stocks (Continued)'. 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.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists. As noted in our issue of July 2 1921, the New York Curb Market Association on June 27 1921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet which forms the basis of the compilations below.

Table of stock prices for 'New York Curb Market'. 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 'New York Curb Market (Continued)'. 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 (Concluded)—par	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prtcs.		Sales for Week	Range Since Jan. 1.		Other Oil Stocks (Concluded) Par	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prtcs.		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Pick (Albert), Barth & Co. Common trust etc.	13 1/2	13	13 1/2	800	10	Apr 13 1/2	Lion Oil Refining	24 1/4	22 1/4	24 1/4	9,900	20	May 25 1/2
Pitts & L. B. RR com.	161	158	161	400	130	Mar 17 1/2	Magdalena Syndicate	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	16,500	2 1/2	Oct 2 1/2
Pond Creek Pochontas	14 1/4	14	14 1/4	400	14	Nov 14 1/4	Mexican Panuco Oil	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	7,500	2 1/2	Oct 5 1/2
Pratt & Lambert	55 1/2	52	55 1/2	1,400	31	Mar 60 1/4	Mountain Gulf Oil	28 1/2	26	35 1/2	91,000	8 1/2	Apr 39 1/2
Procter & Gamble com.	20	158 1/2	159	80	142 1/2	Jun 16 1/2	Mountain Producers	10	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,000	1 1/4	Aug 1 1/4
Prop-phy-lac-tic Brush com.	20	49	49	100	42	Feb 5 1/2	National Fuel Gas	100	167	170	3,900	23	Apr 26
Puget Sound P&L com 100	28 1/2	27	28 1/2	1,200	26	Oct 66 1/2	New Bradford Oil	5	5 1/4	5 1/4	200	5 1/4	Oct 6 1/4
7% preferred	107	102	107	20	102	Sept 107	North Cent Texas Oil	10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4	100	8 1/2	July 12 1/2
Rand-Kardex Bureau	41 1/2	41 1/4	41 3/4	800	34 1/2	Apr 48	Northwest Oil	1	6 1/2	5 1/2	9,000	3 1/2	May 7 1/2
Realty Associates com.	216	211	216	40	195	Oct 245	Ohio Fuel Corporation	25	44 1/4	44 1/4	500	42 1/4	Sept 44 1/4
Rem-Nolsel Typew com A	10	34	34	200	30 1/2	Jan 52 1/2	Certificates of deposit	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	7,800	6	Oct 9 1/2
Reo Motor Car	19 1/2	19 1/2	20	2,100	19 1/2	Oct 25 1/2	Pandem Oil Corp	8 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	9,200	11 1/2	Oct 12 1/2
Republic Motor Truck v t c.	17	3 1/2	4	400	3 1/2	Oct 16 1/4	Pan-tepec Oil of Venezuela	12	11 1/2	12 1/2	1,000	20 1/2	Oct 2 1/2
Richmond Radiator com.	17	17	17	100	15	Jan 23	Peer Oil Corp	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	300	12	Oct 22 1/2
Rickerbacker Motor	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	8,400	1 1/2	Jan 49 1/2	Red Bank Oil	25	24	24	1,000	6 1/4	Feb 38
Royal Typewriter com.	100	46	46	10	44	Sept 49 1/2	Reiter-Foster Oil Corp.	15 1/2	13 1/2	15 1/2	15,000	12	Oct 30 1/4
Safety Car Heat & Ltg. 100	129	129	129	10	123	Jan 130	Royal-Can Oil Syndicate	10	35 1/2	40	9,300	20 1/2	Apr 1 1/2
St Regis Paper Co	46 1/4	41 1/4	46 1/4	1,500	39	Sept 50 1/2	Ryan Consol Petroleum	10	7 1/2	7 1/2	600	4 1/2	Oct 4 1/2
Schulte Real Estate Co.	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	100	14	July 24 1/2	Salt Creek Consol Oil	10	29 1/2	29 1/2	2,600	26 1/2	Oct 36
Seeman Brothers com.	50	27 1/2	27 1/2	400	27	Aug 30	Salt Creek Producers	10	24	24	8,900	7 1/2	Apr 27
Serval Corp (Del) com.	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	6,000	13	Oct 22 1/2	Tidal Assoc voting stock	10	23 1/2	23 1/2	11,400	8 1/4	May 25 1/2
Sharon Steel Hoop	50	28	28	800	20	Mar 30 1/2	Tide Water Assoc Oil	100	23 1/2	23 1/2	14,900	20 1/4	Oct 27
Shredded Wheat	56	56	56	400	45 1/2	May 56	Preferred	100	97 1/2	97 1/2	1,900	97 1/2	Mar 99 1/2
Sierra Pac Elec Co com 100	386	36 1/2	38 1/2	730	29 1/2	May 40 1/2	Venezuelan Petroleum	5	7	7 1/2	16,800	4 1/2	Jan 7 1/2
Singer Manufacturing	100	6	6	200	6	Oct 16	Wacoil Oil & Gas new	5	25 1/2	26 1/2	600	22	Mar 36 1/2
Snia Viscosa ord (200 lire)	100	6 1/4	6 1/4	100	5	Oct 13 1/2	Woodley Petroleum Corp.	1	8	7 1/2	1,100	4 1/2	May 9 1/2
Dep recs Chase Nat Bk	200	24 1/2	24 1/2	400	24 1/2	Oct 33	"Y" Oil & Gas	1	25 1/2	27 1/2	21,000	5 1/2	Jan 35 1/2
Sou Calif Edison, pt B	25	29 1/2	29 1/2	200	29 1/2	Nov 29 1/2							
South Cities Util cl a v t c.	100	86 1/4	86 1/4	25	85 1/2	Oct 91 1/4							
Preferred	100	21 1/2	21 1/2	200	21 1/2	Nov 27 1/4							
Southern G & P, class A	30	28 1/2	30 1/2	10,100	21 1/2	Mar 46 1/4							
Eastern Pow & Lt, com.	30	28 1/2	28 1/2	300	26	Aug 28 1/2							
Com vot trust cert.	400	67 1/4	67 1/4	400	69	Mar 69 1/2							
Participating preferred	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	400	7	Mar 15 1/2							
Warrants to pur com stk.	100	114	114	60	99 1/4	Feb 116							
South P & L, 7% pref. 100	104	104	110	99 1/4	Feb 104 1/4	Aug 104 1/4							
Standard Mfg for Constr. 100	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1 1/2	Sept 2 1/2							
Stand Publishing Co. A	110	110	110	25	102 1/2	July 110							
Standard Screw com.	110	110	110	25	102 1/2	July 110							
Stromberg-Carlson Telep.	100	33 1/2	33 1/2	100	28	Mar 38							
Stutz Motor Car	100	19	18 1/2	100	16 1/2	Oct 37 1/4							
Swift & Co.	100	116	114	300	110	Apr 116 1/2							
Swift International	15	20 1/4	18 1/2	2,800	14 1/2	May 22 1/2							
Thompson (RE) Radio vtc	50	50 1/2	50 1/2	800	50 1/2	July 5 1/4							
Timken-Detroit Axle	10	11 1/2	11 1/2	2,100	8 1/2	Jan 13 1/2							
Tobacco Prod Exports	39 1/2	3 1/4	3 1/4	100	3 1/4	Oct 4 1/4							
Todd Shipyards Corp.	8	7 1/4	8 1/2	5,500	6 1/2	June 14							
Trans-Lux Day Pict Screen	100	1158	1166	4	113 1/2	Oct 124 1/2							
Class A common	100	10 1/4	10 1/4	600	8 1/2	Jan 13 1/2							
Travelers Insurance	100	24	25 1/2	200	22	Mar 30 1/2							
Trumbull Steel common	25 1/2	160	160 1/2	30	160	Oct 240							
Truscon Steel	10	9	9 1/2	400	7 1/2	Mar 10 1/2							
Tubize Art Silk class B	100	19	18 1/2	700	17 1/2	May 19 1/2							
Tung Sol Lamp Wks, com.	100	97	97	100	97	Nov 101							
Class A	100	28	28 1/2	400	23	Mar 44 1/2							
United Artists Theatre Co	100	109	106	109 1/2	87	Mar 88							
Allot cts for com & of st	50	87	86 1/2	900	82	Oct 88							
Class B	100	12	11 1/2	6,300	12	Feb 28							
United Elec Coal Cos v t c.	100	88	87	300	85	June 88 1/2							
United Gas Impt	50	10 1/2	10 1/2	300	9 1/2	Oct 10							
New stock	100	20	20 1/2	1,900	17 1/2	Jan 20 1/2							
United Light & Power A	100	30	30	1,500	16	Mar 33							
Preferred A	100	17 1/2	17 1/2	700	5 1/2	Mar 7 1/2							
United Power Sharing com	50	12	12	100	11 1/2	Sept 14							
Un Rys & El, Balt, com.	100	37	37 1/2	300	29 1/2	July 40							
US Light & Heat, com.	10	14 1/2	14 1/2	200	13 1/2	Aug 18							
Preferred	100	9 1/2	9 1/2	1,000	2 1/2	Oct 6							
US Rubber Reclaiming	100	17 1/2	17 1/2	100	16	Feb 18 1/2							
Universal Pictures	100	19 1/2	19 1/2	100	19 1/2	Nov 38							
Utilities Pow & Lt, cl B	100	102 1/4	99 1/2	1,200	68	Apr 108 1/2							
Utility Shares Corp, com.	100	32 1/2	32 1/2	16,400	8	June 85							
Option warrant	100	25	25	300	23 1/2	Mar 30 1/2							
Preferred	100	45	44 1/2	300	44	Aug 53							
Van Camp Packing, pref. 50	100	16	16	130	13 1/2	Jan 16 1/2							
Victor Talking Mach.	100	97 1/2	98 1/2	300	91 1/2	Mar 99							
Warner Bros Pictures	100	15	15 1/2	1,100	14	Oct 29 1/2							
Warner Quinlan Co	100	15	15	4,600	9	Mar 17 1/2							
Wesson Oil & Snow com vtc	100	120	120	120	120	Nov 121							
Preferred	100	19 1/4	19 1/4	2,600	16 1/2	May 19 1/4							
Western Dairy Prod cl A	100	18 1/2	18 1/2	300	16 1/2	Mar 18 1/4							
Class B v t c	100	65	65	60	65	Nov 75							
Western Power, pref. 100	100	44 1/2	45	300	44	Aug 53							
White Sew Mach com	100	42	42	250	42	Oct 69 1/2							
Yellow Taxi Corp, N Y	100	73	73	100	65	Jan 75 1/2							
Young (J S) Co, com. 100	100	18 1/2	18 1/2	14,800	17 1/2	Oct 25 1/2							
Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries	100	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	102	Oct 137							
Anglo-Amer Oil (vot sh) 21	100	43	43 1/2	100	43	Nov 63 1/2							
Non-voting stock	100	35	35	170	35	Oct 85							
Borne Strymer, new	25	55	55 1/2	15,600	45 1/2	Oct 97 1/2							
Buckeye Pipe Line	50	37 1/2	37 1/2	4,800	32 1/2	Mar 38 1/2							
Cheesebrough Mfg	25	12 1/2	12 1/2	700	12 1/2	Nov 29 1/2							
Continental Oil v t c	100	27 1/2	27 1/2	100	27 1/2	Oct 5 1/2							
Cumberland Pipe Line	100	64	64	50	64	Nov 80 1/2							
Eureka Pipe Line	100	58 1/2	59	1,300	55 1/2	July 67 1/2							
Galena-Signal Oil new pt 100	100	20	19	20									

Bonds (Continued)—	Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Gulf Oil of Pa 5s.....1937	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	5,000	98 1/2	Feb 101 1/4
Serial 5 1/2s.....1927	100	100	100	1,000	100	Nov 101 1/2
Serial 5 1/2s.....1928	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	1,000	100 1/4	Nov 101 1/2
Hamburg Elec Co 7s.....1935	101	100 1/2	101 1/4	25,000	94	Jan 101 1/4
Havana Elec Ry 5 1/2s.1951	89 1/4	89 1/4	90	37,000	88 1/2	Oct 92 1/2
With com stk purch war.	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	3,000	104	July 105 1/2
Hood Rubber 7s.....1936	96	96	96 1/2	652,000	96	Nov 96 1/2
Ill Central RR 4 1/2s.1909	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	94	Nov	96 1/2
Insider Steel Corp 7s.1946	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	94	Nov	96 1/2
Indep Oil & Gas 6 1/2s.1931	98	97 1/4	98	29,000	95 1/2	May 100 1/2
Indiana Limestone 6s.1941	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	33,000	97	Oct 99 1/2
Indianapolis P & L 6s.1936	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	93,000	96 1/2	July 103 1/2
Internat Gt Nor 5s B.1956	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	112,000	94 1/2	Oct 103 1/2
Interstate Nat Gas 6s.1936	116	114 1/2	116	30,000	110	Aug 122 1/2
Without warrants.....	99	98	99	6,000	97 1/2	Oct 101 1/2
Internat Paper 6s, w. l.1941	98	98	98 1/2	64,000	98	Oct 98 1/2
Kan Gas & El 6s, ser A.2033	95	95	95	3,000	91	Jan 95
Keystone Teleg 5 1/2s.1955	90 1/4	89	90 1/4	138,000	83	Apr 91
Krupp (Fried), Ltd 7s.1927	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	220,000	90 1/2	Jan 99 1/2
Laclede Gas L 5 1/2s.1935	100 1/2	101 1/4	101 1/4	35,000	98	Jan 101 1/4
Lehigh Pow Secur 6s.2026	94 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	113,000	93	Mar 96 1/2
Libby, McN & Lhb 7s.1931	103 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	15,000	103 1/2	Oct 105 1/2
Liggett Winchester 7s.1942	107 1/2	107 1/2	103	3,000	106 1/2	May 108 1/2
Leonard Tietz, Inc. 7 1/2s.46	104 1/4	101 1/4	103	157,000	93 1/2	Mar 108
With stock purch war.....	104 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	5,000	99 1/2	Mar 103 1/2
Long Isld Ltg Co 6s.1945	96	95 1/2	96 1/2	14,000	94 1/2	Apr 98
Manitoba Power 5 1/2s.1951	101 1/2	101	101 1/2	207,000	94	May 101 1/2
Mansfield Min & Smelting (Germany) 7s.....1941	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	53,000	99 1/2	Jan 103 1/2
Mass Gas Cos 5 1/2s.1940	94 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/4	112,000	91 1/2	Oct 96 1/2
Mlag Mill Mach 7s.1956	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	2,000	100	Mar 100 1/2
Missouri Pacific RR 5s.1927	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	4,000	97	July 98 1/2
Montgomery Ward 5s.1941	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	5,000	99 1/2	Oct 99 1/2
Montreal L. H & P 5s A. '51	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10,000	102	Sept 105 1/2
Morris & Co 7 1/2s.1930	97 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	10,000	95	June 99
Nat Dist Prod 6 1/2s.1945	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	40,000	98	Aug 99 1/2
Nat Pow & Light 6s A.2026	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	2,000	96	Oct 97 1/2
Nat Pub Serv 6 1/2s A.1955	93	92 1/2	93	27,000	92	Oct 95 1/2
Nevada-Calif Elec 5s.1956	106 1/2	101 1/2	106 1/2	75,000	91 1/2	June 106 1/2
Nevada Cons 6s.....1941	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	24,000	99 1/2	Oct 101 1/2
New Ori Tex & M RR 6s.56	101 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	12,000	108	Mar 131
Nor States Pow 6 1/2s.1933	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	19,000	102 1/2	Aug 104 1/2
6 1/2s gold notes.....1933	98 1/2	98	98 1/2	17,000	94	Jan 101 1/2
Ohio Power 5s ser B.1952	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	82,000	80 1/2	Aug 93 1/2
4 1/2s Series D.....1956	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	85,000	94 1/2	June 96 1/2
Ohio River Edison 5s.1951	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	23,000	93 1/2	Sept 99
Ochs Steel 5s.....1941	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	82,000	93 1/2	Oct 95 1/2
Fan Amer Petrol 6s.1940	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	8,000	98	Apr 116 1/2
Penn-Oil Edison 6s.1950	113	99 1/2	99 1/2	46,000	99	Sept 99 1/2
Penn-Dixie Cement 6s.1941	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	3,000	97 1/2	Mar 100
Penn Pow & Light 6s.1952	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	38,000	97 1/2	June 100 1/2
5s series D.....1953	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1,000	101 1/2	Oct 103 1/2
Phila Electric 5s.....1960	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	2,000	106 1/2	Jan 108 1/2
5 1/2s.....1947	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	74,000	100 1/2	Mar 103 1/2
Phila Elec Pow 5 1/2s.1972	100	100	100	12,000	97 1/2	Jan 101 1/2
Phila Rapid Tran 6s.1962	100	99 1/2	100	109,000	98	Aug 100
Pub Serv Corp N J 5 1/2s.56	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	17,000	102 1/2	Jan 104 1/2
Pure Oil Co 6 1/2s.1933	111 1/2	111 1/2	112	3,000	101 1/2	Mar 118
Rand-Kardex Bur 5 1/2s.1931	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	10,000	99	Oct 99
Richfield Oil & Calif 6s.1951	95 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	39,000	94	Mar 97
Sauda Falls Co 5s.1955	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	641,000	91 1/4	Aug 96 1/2
Saxon Public Wks 6 1/2s.1951	96 1/2	100	100 1/2	19,000	100	July 101
Schulco Co 6 1/2s.1946	94 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	30,000	92	Apr 98 1/2
Schulte R E Co 6s.1935	85 1/2	85 1/2	86	15,000	83	Apr 90
6s without com stk.1935	97	97	98 1/2	32,000	97	Nov 109
Servel Corp 6s.....1931	100	100	100	16,000	96	May 102 1/2
Shawshen Mills 7s.1931	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	31,000	96 1/2	Jan 101 1/2
Siemans & Halske 7s.1928	100 1/2	101 1/4	101 1/4	8,000	94	Jan 102 1/2
7s.....1935	99	99	99 1/2	134,000	99	Oct 99 1/2
Siemens & Halske S S	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	175,000	93 1/2	Oct 95 1/2
6 1/2s with warrants.1951	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	7,000	102	Jan 103 1/2
Slesian-American 7s.1941	103 1/2	103 1/2	104	6,000	101 1/2	Aug 104 1/2
Loss-Sheff S & T 6s.1929	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	319,000	89	Mar 95 1/2
Solvay & Cie 6s.....1934	98 1/2	97 1/2	98 1/2	73,000	97 1/2	Nov 99
Southeast P & L 6s.2026	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	7,000	96	Jan 101 1/2
Without warrants.....	100	100	100	8,000	95	Mar 100 1/2
Sou Calif Edison 5s.....1951	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	37,000	104 1/2	Oct 107 1/2
5s.....1944	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	5,000	99 1/2	Nov 99 1/2
Southern Gas Co 6 1/2s.1935	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	78,000	96 1/2	Nov 99 1/2
Stand Oil of N Y 6 1/2s.1933	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	3,000	96 1/2	Nov 120
Stines (Hugo) Corp 7% notes Oct 1 '36, with warr	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	18,000	97 1/2	Jan 100 1/2
7s 1946 with warrants.....	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	41,000	96 1/2	Jan 98 1/2
Stutz Motor 7 1/2s.....1937	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	34,000	93	Jan 102 1/2
Sun Oil 5 1/2s.....1939	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	2,000	102 1/2	Oct 105 1/2
Swift & Co 5s. Oct 15 1932	98 1/2	97 1/2	98	15,000	91	June 99
Thyssen (Aug) I & S 7s.1930	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	10,000	100 1/2	Nov 101
Tidal-Osage Oil 7s.....1931	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	34,000	30 1/2	Aug 45
Trans-Cont'l Oil 7s.....1930	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	3,000	109 1/2	Jan 112 1/2
Ulen & Co 6 1/2s.1936	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	1,000	101	July 102 1/2
United Oil Prod 8s.....1931	110	110	110	1,000	101	July 102 1/2
United Rys of Hav 7 1/2s '36	102	102	102	5,000	101	July 102 1/2
U S Rubber 6 1/2% notes '28	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	8,000	100 1/2	Aug 102 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes.....1930	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	1,000	100	Aug 102 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes.....1931	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	7,000	100 1/2	Mar 102 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes.....1932	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	5,000	100 1/2	Mar 102 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes.....1933	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	14,000	100 1/2	Mar 102 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes.....1934	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	4,000	100 1/2	Mar 102 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes.....1936	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	7,000	100	Jan 103
Serial 6 1/2% notes.....1939	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	83,000	100	Jan 103
U S Smelt & Ref 5 1/2s.1935	97 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	105,000	92 1/2	May 97 1/2
United Steel Wks Bur 6s.1951	98 1/2	98	98 1/2	731,000	95 1/2	Sept 99 1/2
Luxemburg 7s.....1951	91 1/2	91	91 1/2	157,000	91	Nov 92
U S Steel Works A 6 1/2s '51	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	25,000	96	Aug 100
With stk pur warr, Ser A	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	2,000	103 1/2	Jan 105
Without stock pur warr.....	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	197,000	94 1/2	Oct 96 1/2
Series C.....1934	105	105	105	189,000	105	Oct 122
Valvoline Oil 6s.....1937	106 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	12,000	90 1/2	May 101
Wabash Ry 5s.....1976	110 1/2	105 1/2	111	189,000	105	Oct 122
Warner Bros Pic 6 1/2s.1928	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	12,000	90 1/2	May 101
Webster Mills 6 1/2s.1933	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	372,000	100 1/2	Oct 100 1/2
Western Union Tel 6s.1951	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	372,000	100 1/2	Oct 100 1/2

Bonds (Concluded)—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Oslo (City) 5 1/2s.....1946	96	95 1/2	96	22,000	93	Mar 97 1/2
Peru 7 1/2s.....1956	100	100	100 1/2	35,000	100	Aug 100 1/2
Prussia (Free State) 6 1/2s '51	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	118,000	95 1/2	Sept 97 1/2
Roman Catholic Church of Bavaria 6 1/2s.....1946	92	92	92 1/2	40,000	91 1/2	Aug 97
Russian Govt 6 1/2s.....1919	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	4,000	13	Mar 18
6 1/2% certificates.....1919	17 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	81,000	12	June 17
5 1/2% certificates.....1921	17	17	17	44,000	12	June 17
5 1/2% certificates.....1921	16 1/2	16 1/2	17	9,000	12	June 17
Saxon State Mtge Inv 7s '45	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	52,000	92 1/2	Mar 99 1/2
Switzer'd Govt 5 1/2s.....1920	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	18,000	101 1/2	Oct 102 1/2

* No par value. k Correction. l Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. o New stock. s Option sale. t Ex-rights and bonus. r Ex-cash and stock dividends. w When issued. x Ex-dividend y Ex-rights. z Ex-stock dividend.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The St. Louis Commerce Co., an investment security affiliate of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, has opened a New York office at 14 Wall Street. In addition to engaging in a general investment security business, this office will serve as correspondent for the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis and for the Federal Commerce Trust Co., which is the investment security affiliate of the bank in that city. J. C. Walker, resident Vice-President, will be in charge of the New York office. The National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis had aggregate resources on June 30 last of \$94,970,124 and the resources of the Federal Commerce Trust Co. amounted to \$3,293,012-as of that date. The latter institution was organized early in 1924 to handle the investment division of the bank's business.

—Announcement has been made of the withdrawal of Robert A. Dahn from the firm of Dahn & Bouton. Edward L. Bouton Jr. and Allan H. Church Jr., former partners of the dissolved firm, have formed the firm of Bouton & Church, to carry on the business, acting exclusively as municipal bond brokers, at 30 Broad St., New York.

—Experiences of a number of manufacturers with the plan of paying bonuses based on group efficiency to groups of employees, are summarized with the details of the plan in a booklet entitled "The Better Wage; An Analysis of Group Bonus Labor Payment," just issued by Ernst & Ernst, accountants.

—Hornblower & Weeks announce the appointment of John C. Bettridge as manager of the investment department of their Chicago office. Bettridge was previously Chicago correspondent of the Guaranty Trust Co., and prior to that time, he was associated with Wells, Lickey & Co. Minneapolis.

—Kelley, Drayton & Converse, members of the New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges, announce the opening of a branch office at 16 East 53rd St., New York. Philip F. Chew will be resident partner and Craig Culbertson will be manager of the stock department.

—Eastman, Dillon & Co. announces the opening of a branch office in the Trenton Trust Building, Trenton, N. J., with direct private wire to New York & Philadelphia to conduct a general investment and stock exchange business under the management of Roswell G. Hawkins.

—C. H. Handerson, President of the Financial Advertisers' Association, will be the guest of honor and speaker at a luncheon of the Chicago member of the association at the Sherman Hotel Nov. 16. Mr. Handerson will speak on the subject of buying and selling in advertising.

—John Nickerson & Co. of New York and St. Louis have announced election to membership of Harvey L. Enders, Kenneth S. Gaston, Frederick W. Liebert, John A. Kerwin Jr., and Henry E. Loney, who have been associated with the organization for several years.

—J. R. Sutherland, for the past three years General Manager of R. E. Campbell & Co., Los Angeles, announces the organization of Russell Sutherland & Co., with offices in the Van Nuys Bldg., Los Angeles, to handle municipal bonds exclusively.

—The Providence office of Bodell & Co. has been established in the Bode Building, 32 Custom House Street, Providence, R. I. The firm occupies the first and second floors and basement of this building which has been completely renovated for their use.

—Henry G. Rolston and Robert K. Fagan announce the formation of the firm of Henry G. Rolston & Co., to transact a general brokerage business, specializing in unlisted and public utility securities, with offices at 30 Broad St., New York.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of October. The table covers 5 roads and shows 14.29% increase in comparison with the same week last year.

Fourth week of October.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	\$ 595,572	\$ 536,801	\$ 58,771	-----
Canadian Pacific	6,864,000	5,759,000	1,105,000	-----
Great Northern	4,528,000	4,031,754	496,246	-----
Minneapolis & St. Louis	374,677	366,709	7,968	-----
St. Louis Southwestern	780,800	804,975	-----	24,115
Total (5 roads)	13,143,049	11,499,239	1,667,985	24,115
Net increase (14.29%)			1,643,870	

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)	19,558,751	18,149,032	+1,409,719	7.82
4th week July (15 roads)	19,791,756	18,762,794	+1,028,962	5.49
1st week Aug. (15 roads)	23,509,600	22,158,613	+1,350,987	6.09
2d week Aug. (14 roads)	20,284,661	19,377,682	+906,979	4.68
3d week Aug. (15 roads)	29,857,268	28,327,016	+1,530,252	5.40
4th week Aug. (15 roads)	19,862,065	19,068,090	+793,975	2.99
1st week Sept. (15 roads)	21,117,872	21,681,685	-563,813	2.60
2d week Sept. (15 roads)	22,446,081	22,403,299	+42,782	0.01
3d week Sept. (15 roads)	31,049,598	30,220,186	+829,412	2.68
4th week Sept. (14 roads)	22,080,405	22,265,044	-184,639	0.82
2d week Oct. (14 roads)	21,459,391	21,265,115	+194,276	0.91
3d week Oct. (14 roads)	22,217,575	21,114,400	+1,103,175	5.22
4th week Oct. (5 roads)	13,143,049	11,499,239	+1,643,870	14.29

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both 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	504,460,580	+18,591,184	134,445,634	124,090,958	+10,354,676
1926.						
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	516,467,430	487,952,182	+28,515,248	128,581,566	112,904,074	+15,677,492
June	538,758,797	506,124,763	+32,634,035	149,492,478	130,920,896	+18,571,582
July	555,471,276	521,596,191	+33,875,085	161,070,613	139,644,601	+21,426,012
Aug.	577,791,746	553,933,904	+23,857,842	179,416,017	166,426,204	+12,989,813

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, 11.89% 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, 236,855 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.
American Ry Express—						
September	12,194,721	12,419,471	279,578	290,511	88,722	97,791
From Jan 1.	86,168,963	86,589,382	1,884,927	1,868,234	625,788	621,907
Atch Topeka & Santa Fe—						
September	19,906,787	17,822,601	9,145,879	6,630,672	7,141,965	5,010,475
From Jan 1.	150,771,131	140,025,384	51,855,927	38,525,734	37,567,741	27,643,204
Gulf Colo & Santa Fe—						
September	3,049,194	2,459,432	1,158,774	824,666	1,076,036	733,501
From Jan 1.	22,697,867	20,809,501	5,846,079	4,391,782	5,045,704	3,592,354
Panhandle & Santa Fe—						
September	1,561,556	1,080,128	649,149	513,202	566,753	444,523
From Jan 1.	11,149,508	7,580,444	4,609,533	2,287,566	3,985,151	1,965,332
Atlanta Birm & Atlantic—						
September	473,651	49,482	76,450	35,796	63,585	63,585
From Jan 1.	4,339,165	3,936,036	413,266	407,175	287,850	289,040
Atlanta & West Point—						
September	265,897	281,506	71,913	76,390	53,523	57,574
From Jan 1.	2,388,295	2,322,639	553,766	552,339	408,347	410,003
Baltimore & Ohio—						
B & O Chicago Terminal	333,630	311,863	84,561	77,586	29,019	34,758
From Jan 1.	2,818,745	2,687,402	598,560	429,700	135,180	56,458
Bellefonte Central—						
September	6,782	10,064	-609	925	-724	725
From Jan 1.	58,788	78,281	-5,144	5,078	-6,179	3,278
Belt Ry of Chicago—						
September	696,350	656,921	280,742	307,033	232,270	259,646
From Jan 1.	5,580,425	5,198,008	1,799,231	1,760,827	1,363,247	1,365,787
Bessemer & Lake Erie—						
September	1,974,168	1,461,847	1,091,768	617,837	946,830	527,034
From Jan 1.	12,719,772	12,047,129	5,404,036	4,472,513	4,581,679	3,865,969
Bingham & Garfield—						
September	46,324	50,782	14,279	12,325	4,033	205
From Jan 1.	421,991	460,860	124,290	123,327	35,901	26,745
Canadian National Rys—						
September	23,712,951	22,606,263	4,915,259	3,940,071	-----	-----
From Jan 1.	189,496,292	169,268,260	26,743,334	12,325,763	-----	-----
Atl & St Lawrence—						
September	207,339	170,611	27,740	-40,824	14,090	-60,329
From Jan 1.	1,980,681	1,875,106	220,223	1,395	97,778	-154,062
Chi Det & Can G T Jct—						
September	336,722	284,744	168,818	125,953	141,857	190,303
From Jan 1.	2,872,593	2,302,702	1,402,303	1,103,377	1,275,809	1,011,935
Det G H & Milwaukee—						
September	773,680	600,816	355,352	247,513	337,101	243,701
From Jan 1.	5,870,145	5,147,773	2,308,959	1,659,452	2,236,339	1,619,320

	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Canadian Pac Lines In Me—						
September	144,915	131,408	-2,700	-19,513	-18,600	-30,513
From Jan 1.	1,846,647	1,712,176	121,312	-127,537	5,212	-226,637
Central New England—						
September	707,079	540,603	218,356	53,928	195,306	32,528
From Jan 1.	5,668,832	5,678,975	1,614,326	1,600,330	1,311,270	1,376,692
Charles & West Carolina—						
September	288,313	322,227	53,535	93,283	33,342	73,092
From Jan 1.	2,959,197	3,054,214	735,173	836,192	545,555	655,434
Chicago Burl & Quincy—						
September	14,770,124	14,979,243	5,096,971	5,101,199	3,914,071	3,979,507
From Jan 1.	117,487,674	115,933,612	32,308,654	29,819,752	23,602,128	21,850,349
Chicago & East Illinois—						
September	2,519,815	2,292,411	735,392	505,171	589,574	374,096
From Jan 1.	20,617,956	19,088,875	3,752,745	2,906,320	2,595,983	1,908,961
Chicago Ind & Louisville—						
September	1,683,582	1,621,294	541,638	510,169	439,565	422,641
From Jan 1.	13,739,097	13,013,312	3,868,669	3,598,211	3,092,552	2,932,377
Chicago & North Western—						
September	14,484,267	14,440,080	4,189,607	4,156,953	3,386,776	3,354,478
From Jan 1.	115,717,982	109,300,158	26,716,050	24,148,362	19,493,450	16,921,424
Chicago River & Indiana—						
September	604,358	581,137	237,696	188,348	185,745	144,230
From Jan 1.	5,077,274	5,064,505	1,754,128	1,496,544	1,360,823	1,133,990
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific—						
September	11,584,073	11,286,746	3,593,585	3,261,515	2,953,747	2,676,012
From Jan 1.	96,467,695	91,564,003	23,296,285	19,334,358	17,906,035	14,402,939
Chicago Rock Island & Gulf—						
September	625,741	488,061	222,346	142,752	203,634	110,016
From Jan 1.	5,187,487	4,531,341	1,695,726	1,164,762	1,531,983	968,936
Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western—						
September	450,040	431,392	-2,017	67,698	-20,517	49,260
From Jan 1.	3,611,690	3,571,295	382,791	593,491	218,458	428,458
Colorado & Southern—						
September	1,273,455	1,139,519	345,459	328,135	281,918	263,103
From Jan 1.	9,181,679	8,762,046	1,826,485	1,547,444	1,253,151	969,994
Fort Worth & Denver City—						
September	1,213,166	1,033,879	565,032	469,427	466,103	423,507
From Jan 1.	9,352,735	7,921,785	3,668,127	2,649,456	3,059,029	2,161,940
Trinity & Brazos Valley—						
September	238,995	174,322	-8,413	-20,874	-15,845	-28,963
From Jan 1.	1,821,495	1,821,765	-38,351	-145,348	-107,810	-215,653
Wichita Valley—						
September	134,374	136,323	60,736	70,616	50,058	65,314
From Jan 1.	1,079,330	1,124,172	472,132	490,792	385,574	408,610
Columbus & Greensburg—						
September	180,07					

	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Lehigh & New England—						
September	568,694	397,337	262,053	63,438	225,064	54,682
From Jan 1.	4,141,657	4,327,056	1,423,476	1,222,081	1,204,157	1,050,240
Los Angeles & Salt Lake—						
September	2,252,390	2,262,390	754,751	650,644	623,110	524,062
From Jan 1.	18,411,085	17,827,925	3,890,225	3,833,148	2,695,836	2,613,677
Louisiana & Arkansas—						
September	373,460	379,679	142,892	135,522	105,332	83,862
From Jan 1.	3,148,552	3,052,552	1,059,790	1,029,549	753,482	751,768
Louisiana Ry & Nav Co—						
September	388,321	360,044	125,690	97,047	102,959	77,026
From Jan 1.	2,768,369	2,797,558	476,192	474,159	276,474	292,428
La Ry & Nav Co of Texas—						
September	128,576	136,250	32,213	55,127	28,136	51,118
From Jan 1.	970,892	949,737	111,700	124,146	75,333	88,197
Louisville & Nashville—						
September	12,343,277	12,594,939	3,038,092	3,363,680	2,268,132	2,664,113
From Jan 1.	109,742,590	104,167,442	26,501,472	23,821,665	20,652,168	18,899,983
Louisville Henderson & St. Louis—						
September	334,117	353,014	99,361	113,490	76,944	89,716
From Jan 1.	2,811,244	2,807,655	657,659	851,403	491,998	678,997
Midland Valley—						
September	369,258	383,262	154,949	168,729	134,732	151,914
From Jan 1.	3,201,074	3,298,879	1,314,400	1,191,450	1,145,004	1,039,514
Minneapolis & St. Louis—						
September	1,335,157	1,556,137	270,696	445,869	208,584	380,326
From Jan 1.	10,803,653	11,050,608	811,687	952,689	250,266	374,413
Mississippi Central—						
September	164,252	162,518	53,763	64,882	42,123	49,666
From Jan 1.	1,234,305	1,219,873	341,212	383,758	250,718	275,359
Missouri-Kansas-Texas—						
September	3,187,734	3,143,340	928,394	1,096,682	683,290	930,001
From Jan 1.	26,067,065	25,866,064	8,582,850	9,528,288	6,589,504	7,950,773
Missouri-Kansas-Texas of Texas—						
September	2,117,499	1,867,439	751,050	467,852	697,174	359,279
From Jan 1.	15,844,261	15,749,249	3,930,657	3,115,440	3,448,050	2,564,833
Missouri & North Arkansas—						
September	162,841	153,379	11,589	27,355	9,269	24,877
From Jan 1.	1,294,144	1,140,973	-18,776	122,784	-39,960	103,625
Missouri Pacific—						
September	12,237,543	11,577,707	3,174,023	2,919,319	2,715,484	2,412,347
From Jan 1.	98,751,793	96,123,780	22,583,693	20,217,558	18,450,667	16,452,680
Nevada Northern—						
September	85,157	81,959	46,372	33,207	34,114	20,768
From Jan 1.	699,333	774,589	306,216	338,194	260,217	239,166
New Orleans Texas & Mexico—						
September	270,350	267,106	-460	46,439	-27,061	30,120
From Jan 1.	2,634,019	2,544,401	603,028	744,421	367,948	566,550
Beaumont Sour Lake & Western—						
September	242,224	211,846	71,997	90,357	65,148	81,755
From Jan 1.	2,557,746	2,080,886	641,381	720,783	578,125	647,266
St. Louis Brownsville & Mexico—						
September	1,050,144	770,912	458,707	335,981	428,004	302,074
From Jan 1.	7,422,189	6,480,771	2,789,655	2,647,893	2,513,577	2,357,644
New York Central—						
September	1,022,144	983,104	333,938	400,761	280,332	344,299
From Jan 1.	8,389,593	8,140,033	2,497,729	2,609,444	2,073,348	2,236,866
New York Connecting—						
September	294,228	270,956	175,122	182,376	136,322	145,976
From Jan 1.	2,139,159	2,074,370	1,218,130	1,338,245	873,130	985,045
Northern Pacific—						
September	9,701,389	10,709,321	4,114,349	4,403,573	3,144,048	3,466,815
From Jan 1.	71,062,690	69,582,737	19,196,778	16,424,272	12,487,064	9,900,167
Northwestern Pacific—						
September	758,198	765,960	299,092	315,840	258,420	274,804
From Jan 1.	5,488,313	5,323,267	1,648,190	1,442,139	1,279,288	1,041,744
Pennsylvania System—						
Long Island—						
September	3,759,688	3,459,545	1,492,913	1,243,732	1,259,448	971,949
From Jan 1.	30,055,304	28,503,973	8,713,521	8,519,764	7,184,066	6,717,738
Toledo Peoria & West—						
September	135,019	135,474	3,175	906	-4,525	-17,095
From Jan 1.	1,071,491	1,202,826	-41,560	-73,082	-108,866	-139,140
Pere Marquette—						
September	4,363,364	3,972,098	1,540,720	1,304,732	1,317,292	1,107,086
From Jan 1.	33,957,588	30,690,893	10,285,835	7,996,307	8,440,297	6,488,123
Perkiomen—						
September	126,918	130,864	59,221	71,870	52,564	66,703
From Jan 1.	1,073,939	1,011,424	486,352	448,829	422,408	402,238
Port Reading—						
September	180,437	208,669	49,152	113,689	32,437	99,235
From Jan 1.	1,794,952	1,925,324	698,044	996,500	550,600	854,888
Pullman Co—						
September	7,645,813	7,408,988	*2,034,847	*2,227,693	1,596,724	1,775,747
From Jan 1.	62,600,900	60,647,339	*12,417,768	*14,340,734	9,024,247	10,924,109
Quincy Omaha & K C—						
September	92,176	96,980	23,204	6,055	18,454	1,414
From Jan 1.	698,077	741,960	-40,393	-64,706	-83,438	-96,421
St. Louis-San Francisco—						
September	7,978,771	8,111,961	2,820,686	2,820,725	2,366,660	2,303,783
From Jan 1.	66,673,157	65,544,063	20,627,648	19,950,344	16,963,582	16,413,360
St. L-San Fran of T—						
September	203,820	204,543	64,654	78,864	62,225	76,221
From Jan 1.	1,496,022	1,587,272	384,185	423,092	359,949	401,064
Ft Worth & Rio Grande—						
September	108,126	111,666	-16,845	-8,562	-20,994	-12,764
From Jan 1.	936,136	982,179	-63,660	-5,596	-101,204	-42,180
St. Louis S-W of T—						
September	687,289	772,066	80,845	154,189	47,366	126,948
From Jan 1.	5,342,412	5,608,891	-162,442	-24,290	-435,951	-267,627
San Ant Uvalde & Gulf—						
September	168,546	99,078	42,731	22,453	38,971	18,452
From Jan 1.	1,452,683	1,123,499	420,959	263,042	388,054	229,357
Southern Pacific Co—						
September	20,646,019	20,744,124	8,160,992	8,181,540	6,502,357	6,361,500
From Jan 1.	159,586,436	154,013,496	48,673,315	41,698,656	35,653,545	28,997,551
Galv Harris S Ant—						
September	3,204,302	2,699,208	1,158,743	728,493	1,025,425	637,306
From Jan 1.	22,069,696	21,686,301	4,031,507	3,585,445	3,149,831	2,809,016
Houston & Tex Cent—						
September	1,305,985	1,321,168	425,221	422,632	358,041	361,991
From Jan 1.	10,110,777	10,776,026	1,999,885	2,222,339	1,442,867	1,665,768
Houston E & W Texas—						
September	316,935	349,946	114,999	120,592	94,043	109,536
From Jan 1.	2,375,776	2,475,827	716,511	579,327	572,318	483,792
Louis Western—						
September	357,709	405,197	126,761	133,456	99,589	106,229
From Jan 1.	2,852,810	3,097,509	636,437	686,716	416,597	478,876
Morgans La & Texas—						
September	712,532	734,486	86,168	142,391	31,484	92,012
From Jan 1.	5,843,883	6,047,331	-142,328	408,615	-609,343	-47,451
Texas & New Orleans—						
September	892,845	989,908	208,518	265,542	174,703	232,951
From Jan 1.	7,585,095	8,224,993	1,264,496	1,743,859	950,808	1,453,444
Spokane International—						
September	103,467	112,692	31,103	34,646	25,188	29,493
From Jan 1.	947,444	922,386	340,310	300,275	291,363	253,433
Spokane Port & Seattle—						
September	926,432	868,703	447,647	342,968	357,897	266,554
From Jan 1.	6,350,696	5,889,476	2,374,050	1,917,165	1,666,603	1,236,757

	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Station Island R T—						
September	280,370	271,135	101,200	41,052	84,697	24,763
From Jan 1.	2,420,465	2,258,910	565,585	253,580	412,734	110,783
Tennessee Central—						
September	290,927	298,070	71,291	83,524	63,019	73,718
From Jan 1.	2,460,053	2,363,476	510,652	577,005	449,208	511,435
Term Ry Assn of St Louis—						
September	1,145,756	1,123,109	434,414	390,394	316,713	284,841
From Jan 1.	8,540,827	8,540,827	3,215,770	2,751,074	2,323,535	1,970,737
Texas & Pacific—						
September	3,068,315	3,278,279	965,082	1,105,447	802,955	953,125
From Jan 1.	25,468,114	24,824,364	5,961,859	5,636,029	4,534,084	4,300,149
Union Pacific—						
September	13,094,960	12,290,704	6,332,959	5,544,344	5,632,109	5,062,814
From Jan 1.	122,508,527	116,212,311	26,920,575	24,526,254	20,675,623	19,131,567
Oregon Short Line—						

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, public utilities and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Oct. 30. The next will appear in that of Nov. 27.

Packard Motor Car Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Aug. 31 1926.)

The remarks of President Alvan Macauley, together with income account and balance sheet as of Aug. 31 1926, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages. Our usual comparative income account table was given in V. 123, p. 2272.

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AUG. 31.

1926.		1925.		1926.		1925.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Property acct. x22,942,612	19,358,931			Cap. stk. (par \$10)30,042,640	23,770,200		
Rights, privileges, franchises, &c. 1				Mtgs. payable.....	196,000		
Mtgs., &c., rec'le 1,005,086	1,078,045			Accounts payable and payrolls....	4,828,757	5,852,792	
Inventories.....	11,433,736	9,070,480		Prov. for Fed. tax and misc. liabli. (not due).....	4,082,026	2,758,005	
Act. rec. (net).....	2,796,051	3,094,336		Ca h d i s. pav.....	1,822,558		
Def. install. notes & bills receivable 1,898,620	1,716,685			Misc. market seces 881,304			
U. S. securities.....	6,390,000	10,045,922		Res. for conting.....	1,437,645	2,313,893	
Cash.....	5,421,845	4,472,686		Surplus.....	16,438,304	15,170,338	
Deferred charges.....	214,815	342,840					
				Total (ea. side).....	58,631,930	50,061,228	
x Land, buildings, machinery, plant and equipment, less depreciation.—							

South Porto Rico Sugar Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Sept. 30 1926.)

Chairman William Schall wrote in brief, Jersey City, October 30:

The amount of sugar made during the crop of 1926 was 181,000 tons. It is expected that the crop of 1927 will be over 220,000 tons, including the output of the Central Santa Fe, recently acquired.

Company has purchased the entire outstanding capital stock of Ingenio Santa Fe, C. por A., the owner of Central Santa Fe, located at San Pedro de Macoris, Santo Domingo. This property was taken over during Oct. 1926. The Ingenio Santa Fe owns about 75,000 acres of land, of which about 20,000 are now in cane. Its mill, located at the port of Macoris, is in good condition; its output last year was about 40,000 tons of sugar. In order to provide a part of the funds required for this purchase the board has authorized the same at par of 11,206 new shares of common stock to the present common stockholders of the company, pro rata; warrants for these shares will be issued to stockholders within a few days. This issue of stock has been underwritten at par by a syndicate formed by the fiscal agents of this company, without commission or other compensation (see V. 123, p. 2149.).

On Oct. 1 1925, \$250,000 1st coll. mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds were delivered to the sinking fund and cancelled; and an additional \$250,000 were so delivered and cancelled on Oct. 1 1926.

By order of the Board of directors, there has been transferred from the profits of the year to "reserve for depreciation, &c." account, the sum of \$1,068,854 from which the net amount of \$393,076 has been credited to sundry property accounts leaving a balance of \$4,136,066 in this reserve. There was also transferred from profits the sum of \$47,493 to the "reserve for colonos advances and accounts receivable"; this reserve was also credited with the amount of \$121,941, accrued int. on colonos. loans making a total in this reserve \$221,112.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED SEPT. 30.

	1925-26.	1925-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Sugar made (tons).....	181,000	159,000	97,000	83,000
Total receipts.....	\$13,184,768	\$13,889,661	\$11,446,394	\$10,532,258
Manufac., &c., expenses, taxes, interest, &c.....	9,941,524	9,917,901	8,235,707	6,761,829
Net earnings.....	\$3,243,244	\$3,971,760	\$3,210,687	\$3,770,430
Bond interest.....	363,090	350,590	400,107	420,000
Disc. & exp. on coll. mtge. bond issue prorated.....	32,614	32,616	32,616	32,616
Reserve for depreciation.....	1,116,352	1,201,154	904,536	1,150,868
Reserve for income and excess profits taxes.....	150,000	300,000	400,000	400,000
Preferred divs. (8%).....	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Common divs. (cash) (6).....	672,336	(6)672,336(4½)504,252		
Balance, surplus.....	\$508,850	\$985,086	\$569,175	\$1,366,945
Total p. & sur. Sept. 30.....	\$6,280,120	\$5,771,271	\$4,786,205	\$4,217,030

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30.

1926.		1925.		1926.		1925.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Real prop. & pl-t. x20,621,310	19,426,578			Preferred stock.....	5,000,000	5,000,000	
Investments.....	2,682,377	2,584,178		Common stock.....	11,205,600	11,205,600	
Cash.....	1,005,759	1,812,419		Surplus & reserves.....	5,785,444	5,243,978	
Demand and short term loans.....	1,900,000	2,300,000		20-Year First Collateral Mortgage 7% sinking fund bonds.....	5,187,000	5,437,000	
Raw sugar and molasses on hand.....	904,838	281,566		Accounts payable.....	338,245	347,848	
U. S. Govt. seces.....	56,200	56,200		Reserve for Federal taxes.....	479,209	572,993	
Notes & accts. rec.....	297,728	434,372		Deprec'n reserve.....	4,357,178	3,451,961	
Adv. to planters.....	2,496,496	2,151,017					
Adv. to planters agst. subs. crop.....	719,533	797,202		Total (ea. side).....	32,352,676	31,259,380	
Cultivation & other crop charges.....	628,948	491,189					
Supplies & mat'ls.....	323,881	196,504					
Commissary stores.....	198,637	201,315					
Live stock.....	546,971	526,841					

x Real property, plant, construction, railroad equipment, &c.: (1) South Porto Rico Sugar Co. of Porto Rico, \$5,675,275; (2) the Central Romana, Inc., \$13,899,033; (3) Dominican Steamship Co., \$35,240—\$19,549,548. Machinery, supplies, spare parts, &c.: (a) South Porto Rico Sugar Co. of Porto Rico, \$421,646; the Central Romana, Inc., \$650,116—\$1,071,762. y Advances to planters to be repaid prior to June 10 1927. z Cultivation and other charges, crop 1926-27, \$826,255; less income, \$197,308. aAfter deducting \$494,677 unamortized discount and expenses in connection with the issue of 0-year 1st collateral mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds. b Against readily marketable securities.—V. 123, p. 2149.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Sept. 30 1926.)

Pres. W. E. Ogilvie, New York, Oct. 27, wrote in substance:

Operations.—The first mill commenced operations on Dec. 15 1925 and on May 8 1926 all mills had finished grinding. The average time of grinding was 127 days, as compared with 139 days for the previous crop.

Production.—The production of raw sugar for the crop 1925-26 was 4,273,766 bags as compared with 4,471,357 bags of the previous crop, a reduction of 197,591 bags.

The management had planned to begin grinding in all of the Eastern Cuba mills on Dec. 1 1925, and the factories were ready to start on that date. This was impossible of accomplishment, however, because of the general strike of colonos, whose object was the exaction of the payment of

higher rates for cane and other concessions which the management considered it impossible to grant them.

This strike was not settled until the Cuban Government intervened and, after procuring the corporation's consent to certain minor concessions, arranged that the colonos begin harvesting.

Consequently, the crop did not begin in the East until approximately 20 days later than originally planned and the resulting production in December was only 78,561 bags instead of a much larger number which could have readily been produced under normal conditions.

The extremely low price of sugar (below the cost of production of all but a very few producers) caused great financial distress to both colonos and certain of the plantations in Cuba and for their protection the Cuban Government took legislative measures to reduce the sugar production of the island and on May 3 1926 passed a law which resulted in limiting the amount of sugar which each plantation was permitted to make. Company was thus permitted to make only 4,273,766 bags. In order to keep within this limit, the factories were compelled to shut down much earlier than their normal finishing date which is approximately May 20.

It will be seen, therefore, that the grinding period was substantially reduced and that the production of raw sugar was 4,273,766 bags instead of 4,600,000 bags for which cane was available and which was the estimated output before the colonos' strike and the governmental crop reduction intervened.

The average percentage of sucrose in cane for the crop 1925-26, for all of the factories, was 12.84%, as compared with 12.93% for the preceding crop. This difference, entirely outside the control of the corporation, was dependent entirely upon weather conditions during the growing period.

Cost.—The entire cost of manufacturing and delivering the sugars, including all expenses in New York and Havana, was 2.154c. per pound. Of this cost, 1.080c. represented cost of cane, the balance of 1.074c. consisting of operating and all other expenses. The operating expense per pound of sugar was higher because of the enforced reduction in production described in preceding paragraphs.

At Sept. 30 1926 all of the sugars produced by the company had been sold. **Price.**—The average price obtained this year was 2.289c. f.o.b. per pound, equivalent to 2.436c. c. & f., as compared with 2.515c. f.o.b. last crop.

Results.—The comparative operating statement (V. 123, p. 2254) shows that the income from the sale of molasses this year amounted to only \$367,129, as against \$2,510,847 the previous year. This reduction of income from molasses was due to the low prices that ruled for that commodity and practically accounts for the difference in net income between this year and last.

The operating profit for the year was \$2,330,071 and after providing for all interest charges on bonds and bank loans and for taxes paid and accrued during the year less miscellaneous interest and other income received, there remained a net loss for the year of \$232,080 which has been charged to surplus.

There was set aside from surplus the usual reserve for depreciation, of \$1,750,000, which involves no cash outlay.

Net Current Assets.—The net current assets, including advances to colonos, company's investment in growing cane and prepaid expenses for the future crop, at Sept. 30 1926 amounted to \$14,888,017, as against \$19,197,943 for last year. This reduction in net current assets is the result of capital expenditures made at Perseverancia to increase its capacity to provide for additional grinding due to the closing of Maria Victoria, the improvement and replacement of equipment at other mills, the reduction of the funded debt and the transfer of certain assets to the investment account.

Depreciation.—During the year the reserve for depreciation and obsolescence was charged with \$4,765,580. This represents the retirement of equipment chiefly from non-operating mills, such as Lequeitio, Socorro and Maria Victoria.

Review of the Sugar Situation.

Estimates of world sugar production for the year 1926 (as stated in 1925 report, V. 121, p. 2268) predicted a continued increase in world output, and with respect to Cuba in particular, similar forecasts were made.

This probable greater production, together with the predicted accumulation of supplies the world over, caused fears that the amount of sugar available for 1926 would be greatly in excess of the consumption requirements of the world. Those forecasts naturally had their influence on prices. As the year advanced, however, the expected excess of production was absorbed very largely by the increased consumption in Europe and in the Far East. Furthermore, the statistical situation was greatly strengthened by reason of the decree issued by President Machado pursuant to the law of May 3 1926, which resulted in a final production for Cuba of 4,884,658 tons, instead of 5,250,000 to 5,400,000 tons originally estimated by the statisticians, and for which figure there was sufficient cane. This final output compares with 5,125,000 tons for 1925.

President Machado's action stimulated confidence in the sugar situation and in the island of Cuba, and probably prevented an accumulation of Cuban sugars toward the end of 1926, the volume of which might have precipitated a market condition similar to that which resulted, late in 1925 when prices were forced down below the level of 2c. c. & f.

The year 1926 opened with prices around 2½c. c. & f., which increased late in January to 2½c. c. & f. The forecasts of large production, confirmed by rapid progress in making the crops, weakened prices and in March, the month of peak production, they touched 2 3/16c. c. & f. This lower level continued until the curtailment of the Cuban crop was fixed, after which the market strengthened and prices returned to 2½c. c. & f. in August and have gradually improved to 2½c. c. & f., which is about the present market.

World production this year may reach 24,500,000 tons (long), but the progress of the consumption of the world is likely to absorb that production. In other words, notwithstanding the large increase in production and supplies available, consumption has kept pace with production and if the present rate of increase in consumption continues, it must lead to materially higher prices. Europe (including Russia) is only 480,000 tons behind its pre-war production. Present forecasts for the 1927 crops predict world production not in excess of 1926.

The bearing of Cuba's production on world markets, can best be seen by considering the exports available for open world markets out of the 1925-26 crops, as follows:

	Tons.
From Cuba.....	1,600,000
From Peru.....	100,000
From Santo Domingo.....	335,000
From Java.....	250,000
From Czechoslovakia.....	200,000
From Poland.....	50,000
Total.....	2,535,000

These figures show impressively that of the total amount of sugar available for the open markets of the world, Cuba held more than 60%, and it is the weight of these Cuban sugars that has a very material bearing on prices. It is hoped, therefore, that for this reason President Machado will have such action taken with respect to Cuba's production next year as will aid improving and stabilizing conditions in the industry. In this direction he has already issued a decree that harvesting of cane and grinding for the next crop shall not begin before Jan. 1 1927. It must be remembered that new plantings in Cuba during the past year have been very small and that about 15% of standing cane every year reaches the limit of its life. Besides, care must be taken that Cuban curtailment does not result in prices that stimulate production elsewhere. We are satisfied that President Machado is keenly alive to these considerations.

There is no change in the United States tariff on Cuban sugars, which remains at 1.76c. per pound.

Operating Profits per Pound of Sugar.

	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.
Receipts.....	3.891c.	2.276c.	4.754c.	4.596c.	2.696c.	2.321c.
Production cost.....	4.355	1.945	3.575	3.552	2.363	2.154
Oper. profit/loss.....	0.464c.	0.331c.	1.179c.	1.044c.	0.333c.	0.167c.
Stockholders Sept. 30—	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
Holders of preferred stock.....	6,246	6,312	5,394	4,900	4,744	4,537
Holders of common stock.....	4,164	5,565	4,904	4,031	3,636	3,693
Total.....	10,410	11,877	10,298	8,931	8,380	8,230

The usual comparative income account was given in V. 123, p. 2268.

BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30.

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$
Properties, plants, &c.	83,776,040	82,534,346	80,576,977
Investments at cost	683,750	211,850	69,000
Cane cultivations	597,936	553,517	972,326
Materials and supplies	3,893,076	4,079,847	3,555,626
Advances to colonies (less reserve)	14,514,425	12,162,821	8,897,179
Mtges. rec. & options to purch. lands	893,742	770,512	785,545
Sugar on hand	2,804,636	1,118,910	1,118,910
Accounts and bills rec., less reserve	855,483	1,253,494	1,409,548
Cash	1,592,384	3,672,141	1,961,663
Refiners' acceptances			1,517,560
Due for sugar sold	4,322,671	7,996,640	3,443,939
Securities for lien redemption, &c.	301,657	317,458	317,450
Prepaid insurance, rents, &c.	1,453,842	1,882,044	1,611,818
Discount and expenses	745,714	913,167	1,082,220
Total	113,630,713	119,152,472	107,320,171
Liabilities—			
Declared capital	54,583,335	54,583,335	54,583,335
Bills and notes payable	871,582	164,570	
Ten-year 7% bonds	7,448,900	7,448,900	7,448,900
Ten-year 8% convertible debentures	17,551,100	17,551,100	17,551,100
15-year 7% bonds	9,400,000	9,700,000	10,000,000
Bank loans	7,975,000	10,800,000	
First mtge. bonds Violet Sugar Co.	508,000	565,000	622,000
Accts. payable and accrued charges	1,992,990	2,913,051	2,606,382
Accrued interest	549,018	551,890	554,703
Liens on properties	301,674	317,458	317,458
Deferred liabilities	428,286	539,207	354,037
Surplus account	12,020,856	14,017,961	13,282,195
Total	113,630,713	119,152,472	107,320,171

a After deducting \$17,234,420 reserve for depreciation and obsolescence.
 x Stated capital: Represented by 500,000 shares 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100 (\$50,000,000) and 500,000 shares common stock, no par value \$4,583,335 (out of the authorized issue of 1,600,000 common shares, there are reserved unissued common shares sufficient for the conversion of the convertible debenture bonds of the Cuba Cane Sugar Corp. and the exchange of the bonds of the Eastern Cuba Sugar Corp.). The entire capital stock of the Eastern Cuba Corp., viz. 48,000 shares of \$100 each par value, is owned by Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.
 Note.—Dividends on the cum. conv. pref. stock have been declared and paid to April 1 1921.—V. 123, p. 2254.

Third Avenue Railway Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1926.)

President S. W. Huff, New York, Oct. 20, wrote in substance:

Results.—From the income statement it will be seen that for the fiscal year ending June 30 1926 the operating revenue of the system was \$14,666,998, an increase of \$124,489 as compared with 1925; while the operating expense was \$11,102,520, a decrease of \$64,332.

In the 1925 report attention was called to the fact of the large expenditures for equipment that it had been necessary for the companies of the system to make, in order to stop the downward tendency in receipts and the upward trend in the cost of operation. It is now gratifying to be able to call attention to the results of these expenditures as shown in the operations of the companies of the system for the last year, namely, increased receipts and decreased operating expenses. This has resulted in a substantial improvement in the financial condition of the companies, which improvement should continue. The depletion of cash, which had continued for several years, appears to have been arrested and the cash position of the companies is steadily improving.

Directors believe that the conservative policy and strong cash position of the companies in the past has been largely responsible for their ability to pass successfully through periods in which other companies in the same vicinity were forced into liquidation. With the uncertainties confronting the local surface traction situation, it is vitally important that the companies of the system be prepared, through a strong cash position, either to buy buses for the purpose of engaging in such transportation in a large way, or to contend with a certain degree of bus competition.

Bus Transportation.—The matter of bus transportation in our territory is still a very active one. Various bus lines have been laid out by municipal authorities which lines are more or less in competition with existing electric lines. Where we can consistently do so, we have made applications for franchises for bus operation that would co-ordinate with our trolley lines and serve as feeders, rather than as competitors. By such co-ordination the public would receive the best possible service at the lowest cost and the investment in existing transportation lines would be protected. The inevitable development of the territory would be along sound financial lines, thus protecting the owners of real property and the traveling public and the holders of the securities of the present traction companies would be protected against unfair competition.

Up to the present time there have been very few franchises granted in our territory, either to the companies of this system or to others. The companies of the system in turn and operate at this time 20 buses. It is only a question of time, however, before there will be a substantial increase in bus transportation in our territory, and the officers of your companies are making every effort to supply this transportation on a permanent economic basis, fair both to the public and to the investors in the securities of the companies of the system.

Increase in Revenues.—It is an interesting fact that, although there have been no additional lines of track constructed in the Third Avenue system in the last 10 years, and although a number of lines of track have been abandoned (for the reason that such lines could no longer be operated with any profit, present or future, and they served no public necessity or convenience), the receipts for the last eight years, with the exception of the new subway system came into operation, the receipts for approximately the same as they were in 1913, less than \$10,000,000, but by 1920 they had exceeded by nearly \$1,000,000 any previous year in the history of the system. From that time to the present time there has been, with a single exception, a steady annual increase until the present receipts have reached over \$14,500,000.

This large growth in revenue, without territorial expansion of the system, is more remarkable when it is considered that a large part of the system serves a territory in Manhattan that for a generation has been fully developed by a type of building more or less desirable for supplying travel for surface transportation, and that so large a part of the operation in Manhattan has become congested with street traffic, so as to make it very difficult to operate street cars through the streets with any degree of speed and regularity. The steady increase in revenue of the Third Avenue Ry. system has been due to the vision of its early directors in determining not to confine its operations to Manhattan alone, but to extend the operations of the system into the then undeveloped territory north of the Harlem River.

At that time this seemed a perilous venture and for many years these lines were operated at a loss. The territory has grown rapidly, however, until now it furnishes more than half of the total revenue of the system and all of its increased revenue. During the past fiscal year there was a loss in operating revenue in the territory south of the Harlem River of \$130,810, with an increase north of the Harlem River of \$255,299. The Bronx is the most developed of this territory, but Westchester County is developing very rapidly. The system, in addition to all the trolley lines in the Bronx, includes all of the lines in the southern portion of Westchester County, extending from the Hudson River to Long Island Sound.

Purchase of Westchester Street RR.—Heretofore there has been little question of its supplying the organized surface transportation of this territory, but with the advent of the gas bus there were numerous transportation lines projected into this territory, mainly from the northern part of the county, with White Plains, the county seat, as the general centre of operation. This made it necessary, in order to protect an investment of several millions in the southern portion of the county, to extend the system either by buses or trolley lines farther into the county, and preferably to enter White Plains. The fact that White Plains was served by trolley lines, not of the Third Avenue system, operating across the county through White Plains, with two or more branch lines, rendered it impossible for these companies to compete actively for surface transportation in that territory. This situation suggested the advisability of the purchase of the Westchester Street RR., operating the lines in and out of White Plains. Accordingly, when the property was offered at public auction, it was bought in by the Union

Railway Co. at an advantageous price. This placed the Third Avenue Ry. system at the county seat of Westchester County, and in a position to supply the communities centering around White Plains with such surface transportation as may best serve their purpose, either by means of electric cars or gas buses.

This is an important move for the system and is but another step in the path of the policy of progressive, but conservative, development of adjacent territory which has characterized the system for a number of years and which is to a very considerable extent responsible for its vigor of to-day. This extension into adjacent territory should not only protect the territory already served, but should mean much for the future prosperity of the companies of the system.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME OF THE COMPANY AND CONTROLLED COMPANIES, YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Operating Revenue—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Transportation	\$14,222,085	\$14,111,026	\$14,232,953	\$14,008,415
Advertising	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Rent of equipment	50,153	50,981	52,611	34,552
Rent of tracks & term'ls.	24,400	25,668	25,649	26,005
Rent of bldgs. &oth. prop.	20,102	189,147	175,577	174,695
Sale of power	12,259	15,637	12,475	13,117
Total oper. revenue	\$14,666,998	\$14,542,509	\$14,649,265	\$14,406,785
Operating Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.	\$2,256,727	\$2,403,683	\$1,829,554	\$1,425,234
Maint. of equipment	1,899,863	1,770,359	1,523,496	1,334,189
Depreciation of accruals	Cr. 399,754	Cr. 650,936	206,142	733,347
Power supply	917,504	981,156	1,090,857	1,223,969
Operation of cars	4,872,190	4,985,676	4,959,323	4,574,374
Injuries to pers. & prop.	1,142,882	1,053,960	963,251	871,077
General & misc. expense	613,109	617,953	600,856	584,795
Total oper. expense	\$11,102,520	\$11,166,852	\$11,173,480	\$10,726,984
Net operating revenue	\$3,564,479	\$3,375,657	\$3,475,785	\$3,679,800
Taxes	1,036,624	1,044,378	988,048	968,044
Operating income	\$2,527,854	\$2,331,280	\$2,487,737	\$2,711,756
Interest revenue	197,435	252,532	2,603	287,349
Gross income	\$2,725,289	\$2,583,812	\$2,764,340	\$2,999,105
Deductions—				
Interest: (1) 1st M. bds.	\$513,080	\$541,608	\$548,080	\$548,080
(2) 1st ref. mtge. bds.	879,620	879,620	879,620	879,620
(3) 2d adj. mtg. bds.	1,126,800	1,126,800	1,126,800	1,126,800
Track & terra. privileges	18,942	18,419	14,232	14,524
Misc. rent deductions	8,500	8,294	8,248	7,783
Amort. debt disc. & exp.	22,451	22,452	21,871	21,315
Sinking fund accruals	33,480	33,480	33,480	33,480
Bus operation	16,784			
Miscellaneous	67,738	55,279	56,747	66,226
Total deductions	\$2,687,395	\$2,685,951	\$2,689,078	\$2,697,829
Net income	\$37,893	def \$102,139	\$75,262	\$301,276

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Railroads & equip.	81,664,378	81,264,826	Third Ave. Ry. stk.	16,590,000
Sinking funds	267,271	252,645	Controlled cos.	31,800
Dep. for damages & contingencies		31,903	Fund. dt. (bds.)—	
Dep. for matured coupon interest	668,754	678,492	3d Av. Ry. Co.	49,526,500
Misc. special depts.	199,222	218,338	Controlled cos.	5,928,361
Deprec. & contng.	2,022,498	2,022,498	Accts. & wages pay	846,168
Investment fund.	254,389	254,389	Int. matured and unpaid	668,754
U. S. Govt. secur.	350,000	849,250	Interest accrued	93,006
Dep. with State			Tax liability	896,825
Indust. Comm'r	274,000	269,000	Int. on adjustment mtge. bonds	5,904,040
Cash	796,949	559,524	Reserve for (a) depr., contng., sink. funds, &c.	8,401,043
Accts. receivable	365,649	355,179	Excess of book val. over cost of controlled cos.' securities	1,509,495
Materials & suppl.	782,627	803,181		1,545,741
U. S. Lib. Ln. bds.	344,250			
Unexp. ins. prem.	30,618	27,709		
Unamort. debt disc.	1,083,075	1,105,526		
Miscellaneous	22,296	102,365		
Deficit	1,570,118	1,556,227		
Total	90,695,994	90,351,054	Total	90,695,994

x Includes 1st mtge. 5% bonds, \$5,000,000; 1st ref. mtge. 4% bonds, \$21,990,500; adj. mtge. 5% bonds, \$22,536,000.—V. 123, p. 1252, 1263.

Interborough Rapid Transit Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1926.)

Frank Hedley, Pres. & Gen. Mgr., reports in substance:

Operating Revenue.—Gross operating revenue for the year ended June 30 1926 was \$61,708,815, as compared with \$58,418,991 last year, a gain of \$3,289,824, or 5.63%; the result of a gain on the Subway Division of \$3,213,036, or 8.15%, and a loss on the Manhattan Railway Division of \$76,788, or 0.40%.

The gain in the revenue from the transportation of passengers was \$2,047,021 and the gain in the other street railway operating revenue \$1,242,803, principally from advertising which shows an increase of \$1,267,328 over the previous year.

Operating Expenses.—Operating expenses with maintenance and depreciation included on the basis of contractual provisions were \$33,540,813 as compared with \$33,088,385 last year, an increase of \$452,428, or 1.37%; the result of an increase of \$656,713, or 3.04%, on the Subway Division and a decrease of \$204,285, or 1.77%, on the Manhattan Railway Division.

Net Operating Revenue.—The net operating revenue was \$28,168,002 as compared with \$25,330,606 last year, an increase of \$2,837,396, or 11.20%; the result of a gain on the Subway Division of \$2,556,323, or 14.32%, and a gain on the Manhattan Railway Division of \$281,073, or 3.76%.

Taxes.—The total amount of taxes was \$3,350,783 as compared with \$3,299,590 last year, an increase of \$51,193, or 1.55%; Subway Division shows an increase of \$79,877, or 9.56%, while the Manhattan Railway Division shows a decrease of \$28,684, or 1.16%.

Income from Operation.—Income from operation was \$24,817,219 as compared with \$22,031,016 last year, or an increase of \$2,786,203, or 12.64%; the result of a gain on the Subway Division of \$2,476,446, or 14.55%, and a gain on the Manhattan Railway Division of \$309,757, or 6.17%.

Non-Operating Income.—Non-operating income was \$276,979 as against \$292,200 last year, a decrease of \$15,221, or 5.21%, the result of a decrease on the Subway Division of \$21,573, or 10.10%, and an increase on the Manhattan Railway Division of \$6,352, or 8.08%.

Gross Income.—Gross income was \$25,094,198 as compared with \$22,323,216 last year, an increase of \$2,770,982, or 12.41%; the result of a gain on the Subway Division of \$2,454,873, or 14.25%, and a gain on the Manhattan Railway Division of \$316,109, or 6.20%.

Income Deductions.—Income deductions were \$21,669,158 as compared with \$21,176,429 last year, an increase of \$492,729, or 2.32%.

Net Corporate Income.—The net corporate income was \$3,425,040 as compared with \$1,146,787 last year, an increase of \$2,278,253.

Maintenance Expenditures.—\$10,899,889 was spent during the year for maintaining the railroads, power plants and the rolling stock in good operating condition. This amount was \$981,346 in excess of the contractual provisions, and when deducted from the net corporate income, leaves a balance for the year of \$2,443,695 compared with a deficit the previous year of \$345,508.

Traffic.—The number of passengers carried was 1,130,484,647, compared with 1,089,544,225 last year, an increase of 40,940,422, or 3.76%; the result of a gain on the Subway Division of 47,459,401, or 6.44%, and a loss on the Manhattan Railway Division of 6,518,979, or 1.85%.

Additions and Betterments.—A net expenditure of \$3,087,693 was made during the year for additions, betterments and replacements. This amount includes the company's contribution towards construction and equipment under Contract No. 3 and the related certificates; balance of cost of 150 additional subway motor cars and additional shop and power facilities to provide for operation of additional subway cars.

Construction of the extension to the Queensboro Subway from Vanderbilt Ave. and 42d St. to Eighth Ave. and 41st St. is 86% completed. On

March 22 1926 operation was commenced on this extension from Grand Central Station to Fifth Avenue Station.

The extension of Jackson Avenue Station of Queensboro Subway Line is practically completed.

The construction of the Flushing Extension from Alburts Ave. to Maine St., Flushing, with the exception of the bridge over Flushing Creek, has been completed, but a portion of the structure must be reconstructed, due to settlement. Station finish work, exclusive of Main St. Station, has been completed. The electrical equipment, signal apparatus, work, &c., is in progress. On Oct. 13 1925 shuttle service was commenced on the west-bound track from Alburts Ave. to 111th St. Station.

The Jerome Avenue Yard inspection shed enclosure, electrical equipment, signal apparatus, lighting, &c., has been completed and placed in operation.

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED BY INTERBOROUGH R. T. CO.

		(In Round Millions.)								
Yrs. End.	June 30.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
Elevated	352	348	369	374	348	348	359	353	346	
Subway	418	461	586	639	644	676	714	737	784	

Total 770 809 955 1,013 993*1,025 1,074 1,090 1,130
 * Includes 155,786 (2 1/2%) school children passengers carried during New York City Jubilee, June 4-22 1923.

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 123, p. 2133.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

1926.		1925.		1926.		1925.	
Assets—		\$		\$		\$	
Fixed capital	224,067,177	220,979,484	Capital stock	35,000,000	35,000,000	1st & ref. M. 5s.	162,105,000
Investments	17,068,754	15,772,578	3-year 7% notes	15,700	24,800	10-yr. 7% notes	34,120,860
B. T. Co., trust			10-yr. 6% notes	10,500,000	10,500,000	Equip. trust etfs	4,190,000
Under coll. ind.	59,304,012	59,603,186	1st & ref. M. 5s.	59,304,000	59,602,000	1st & ref. M. 5s.	59,304,000
I. R. T. 1st & ref.			T. Co.	5762,000	464,000	Manhattan Ry.	
5% bds. reacq.	464,000	464,000	Manhattan Ry.			lease account	377,322
Items awaiting distrib'n, &c.	1,915,694	135,306	Construct'n funds			accounts payable	240,626
Accts. rec. under supp'l aggre't.	290,750	200,750	Trustee for voluntary fund	48,540	41,190	Federal taxes in suspense	541,911
Due from associated cos.	6,994,032	7,324,742	Loan from R. T. Subway Construction Co.			Interest due	3,149,773
Cash	6,007,771	2,826,209	account	3,500,642	3,464,565	Due for wages	450,865
I. R. T. Co. mtg. bds. for sk. fd.	758,653		Interest due	3,149,773	3,999,512	Accounts pay'le	753,869
Ac'ts receivable	747,426	755,241	Taxes accrued	43,075,818	2,506,096	Sinking fund on 5% bonds	12,430,613
Materials & supplies	2,467,577	2,673,109	Reserves	1,137,150	1,076,215	Items awaiting distribution	
Oth. curr. assets	64,383	114,666	Deferred profit & loss credits	65,903,763	61,204,385	Surplus	4,968,769
Special deposits	1,560	2,470					
Accruals, Contr't No. 3, and certificates pay'le	65,613,013	61,003,635					
Constr. & equip. equip. funds							
Cash	518,642	4,046,894					
do Investments	1,549,886	1,498,171					
Prepayments	221,034	275,772					
Securs. in trust for voluntary relief fund	53,258	53,258					
Deferred charges	10,023,869	9,904,627					
Accounts in suspense	4,446,730	3,447,092					
Total	402,578,221	394,081,189	Total	402,578,221	394,081,189		

A several of the items included above in "Securities of associated companies" and in "Due from associated companies" are in course of liquidation and will probably realize a comparatively small sum. When their value shall be definitely ascertained and items of a similar character shall have been revalued in accordance with existing conditions, the balance sheet will be recast and there will be entered upon the books the full asset value of Contract No. 3, the subway lease, including the appraised present worth of the subway preferentials when earned. This value has not been set forth heretofore in full and is now awaiting final appraisal. It is believed that the additional value of the lease when finally determined will be in excess of the shrinkage in the other assets. b Includes \$298,000 held for sinking fund due July 1 1926. c \$10,871,000 of these bonds have been acquired by the trustee under the mortgage, for account of the sinking fund. d This item makes no allowance for an accrual of Federal taxes on income from date of operation under contracts with New York City. Complete exemption to Jan. 1 1924 is claimed because of the profit-sharing contracts with New York City. e Under the plan of readjustment of May 1 1922, payments of the sinking fund installment due from July 1 1921 are postponed to July 1 1926, at which date they are to be resumed in an amount sufficient to retire the bonds at the date originally contemplated by the sinking fund provision of the mortgage.—V. 123, p. 2133.

Indian Motorcycle Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Aug. 31 1926.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Sales less returns & allow.	\$4,037,441	\$4,286,866	\$3,757,880	\$4,687,797
Cost, expenses, &c.	3,662,146	3,910,728	3,476,945	4,287,921
Operating profit	\$375,295	\$376,138	\$280,935	\$399,875
Maint. E. Springf. prop.	6,232	10,297	14,044	
Depreciation	157,069	163,928	178,880	192,138
Net income for year	\$211,994	\$201,913	\$88,012	\$207,737
Previous surplus	1,190,696	1,086,793	1,073,929	936,192
Change of cap. stk. from par to non-par & red. of good-will			200,000	
Total surplus	\$1,402,690	\$1,288,706	\$1,361,941	\$1,143,929
London branch loss			59,942	
Red. to market val. of Wire Wheel stock			26,942	
Prov. for adj. inv. & prop. at East Springfield			125,000	
London sale of mach. at East Springfield		41,485		
Loss on sale cap. stk. Wire Wheel Corp.	27,870			
Preferred dividends (7%)	54,512	56,525	63,264	70,000
Common div. (\$1.50)	150,000			
Surplus, Sept. 1.	\$1,170,308	\$1,190,696	\$1,086,793	\$1,073,929
x Includes London branch net income of \$1,673.				

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AUGUST 31.

1926.		1925.		1926.		1925.	
Assets—		\$		\$		\$	
Land & buildings	\$557,099	\$568,373	Preferred stock	\$750,000	\$807,500	Com. stock & surp.	\$5,170,308
Mach'y & equip.	764,280	817,515	Res'v for conting.	64,669	66,293	Acceptances pay'le	6,617
Goodwill, &c.	2,500,000	2,500,000	Accounts payable	158,044	167,027	Customers' depos. and advances	5,501
Investments	324,933	371,346	Wages payable	24,125	25,205	Accrued taxes	27,871
Cash	563,597	567,631	Liab. for com. stk.	75,877	88,377		
Accts. receivable	333,871	302,622					
Notes receivable	126,093	66,256					
Due from branches	3,199	3,820					
Inventories	1,034,052	1,124,700					
Com. stk. acquired	75,877	88,377					
Total	\$6,283,011	\$6,410,638	Total	\$6,283,011	\$6,410,638		

a After depreciation of \$915,228 on land and buildings and \$1,849,795 on machinery and equipment. x Common stock represented by 100,000 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 2147.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Canadian Rail Wage Board of Arbitration Reports Against Increase in Wages.—15,000 conductors, trainmen and yardmen of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railroads will not receive wage increases they requested. New York "Times" Nov. 1.

U. S. R. R. Board of Arbitration Continues Hearings on Wage Increases.—New York "Times" Oct. 30, p. 30; Nov. 2, p. 24; Nov. 3, p. 34; Nov. 4, p. 37 and Nov. 5, p. 32.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Oct. 30: (a) Submission of demands of conductors and trainmen to Board of Arbitration, p. 2218.

Beaver Dam RR. (of Virginia).—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,240 on the owned and used property, and \$40,390 on the used but not owned property of the company, as of June 30 1916.

Birmingham Columbus & St. Andrews RR.—Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$229,109 on the property of the company as of June 30 1917.—V. 121, p. 1345.

Birmingham Selma & Mobile RR.—Final Value.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$60,020 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1918.—V. 121, p. 702

Central Argentine Ry.—Issue of £5,000,000 6% Cumul. Convertible Preference Stock Approved.—The stockholders on Oct. 14 approved the creation of an issue of £5,000,000 6% cumul. conv. preference shares. The proceeds are to be used to retire the \$15,000,000 of 10-year 6% conv. gold notes, due Feb. 1 1927, which were issued in America during the war, and to pay for extensions of lines, new stations and marshalling yards. It is not the intention of the board of directors to issue the total authorized issue of 6% pref. stock at the present time.—V. 122, p. 1165.

Central RR. of New Jersey.—Protests Valuation.

The company has just filed with the I.-S. C. Commission a brief on its protest against the Commission's tentative valuation of its property. The company claims a final valuation of \$234,996,653, as against the \$162,659,531 allowed in the tentative report.—V. 123, p. 2255.

Central Union Depot & Ry. Co. of Cinc.—Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$670,808 on the company's owned and used property, \$300,000 on the owned but not used property and \$424,870 on the used but not owned property, as of June 30 1915.—V. 110, p. 969.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Defense Committee to Appeal Case.

Edwin C. Jameson, head of the bondholders' defense committee, representing holders opposed to the reorganization plan sponsored by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the National City Bank, announced Nov. 4 that he would carry the committee's contest to the U. S. Supreme Court. The committee is endeavoring to have the terms of sale changed so that it may have a better opportunity to bid on the eastern portion of the property. Its petition has been denied by the Federal District Court in Chicago and the Circuit Court of Appeals, leaving the Supreme Court as a last resort. "The principles for which we are fighting," said Mr. Jameson, "vitaly affect every holder of railway bonds in the United States, and we welcome the opportunity afforded us by the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago of applying to the highest court for a review of these questions. "If technical rules of procedure make it impossible for the courts to give minority security holders a hearing on these issues, it is high time for Congress to take a hand and establish laws that will insure a hearing to substantial and responsible minorities working constructively for the general good."—V. 123, p. 2255.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Tentative Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$477,219,249 on the total owned and \$481,679,456 on the total used properties of the company as of June 30 1917.—V. 123, p. 1871.

Denver & Salt Lake RR.—Call for Final Cash Payment.

Holders of certificates of deposit issued under the plan dated July 15 1925, for the reorganization of the company, for (a) 1st mtg. 30-year gold bonds, dated May 1 1913, and (b) 5% 30-year adjustment mortgage bonds, dated May 1 1913 are notified by the reorganization committee (Gerald Hughes, Chairman) that holders of certificates of deposit for both the above issues who have heretofore paid prior installments totaling \$80 for each \$1,000 bond, being 40% of the amounts required to pay the balance of \$120 for each \$1,000 bond, being 60% of the total payments under the plan, on or before Nov. 15.

Payments may be made to any of the depositaries upon presentation of certificates of deposit, bearing the endorsement of the payment of 40% and such payments of 60% will be endorsed thereon.

Further deposits of un deposited bonds and payments thereon can only be made upon specific consent of the reorganization committee and on terms by it prescribed.

Owing to the details incident to carrying out the provisions of the reorganization plan, the new securities will not be available for delivery to holders of certificates of deposit who have complied with the plan upon the date of the final payment above called for, but notice in accordance with the terms of the plan will be given when they are ready for delivery.—V. 123, p. 978.

Gulf Mobile & Northern RR.—Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 25 authorized the company to procure authentication and delivery of not exceeding \$500,000 of first mortgage gold bonds of 1950, to be held subject to the further order of the Commission.—V. 123, p. 2134.

Frankfort & Cincinnati RR.—Sale.

A Frankfort, Ky., dispatch Oct. 29 says: "Declaring valid a bond issue of \$160,000, Judge Ben G. Williams of the Franklin Circuit Court Oct. 29 ordered sale of the remainder of the Frankfort & Cincinnati Ry. and cancellation of a 99-year lease held by the Louisville & Nashville RR. on the Frankfort terminal of the Franklin & Cincinnati. This terminal probably is the only available one in Frankfort, and as Kentucky law forbids the Louisville & Nashville to own or control a competing parallel line, the decision would compel it to treat with purchasers of Franklin & Cincinnati property for use of Frankfort railroad yards.—V. 123, p. 1629.

Louisville & Jefferson Bridge Co.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$2,977,210 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1915.—V. 112, p. 653.

Maine Central RR.—Common Dividend of \$1 Per Share.

The directors on Oct. 30 declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 1. The last previous payment on the common stock was designated a "special" dividend of \$1 per share, declared May 28 and paid June 15. That was the first dividend on the common stock since 1920, prior to which year the stock had been for a long period on a 6% annual dividend basis. President Morris McDonald, stated that knowing definitely the result of the operations for the first 9 months of this year and having a forecast of the result for October,

November and December, the payment of a dividend at this time is warranted by the cash position of the company and that further dividends will be paid as and when conditions make such payment possible.—V. 123, p. 1871.

Michigan Central RR.—Injunction Against Lease to New York Central Dismissed.—Holding that no fraud was evident in the proposed 99-year lease of the road by its majority stockholders, the New York Central RR., the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati handed down an opinion Nov. 3 affirming the decree of U. S. District Judge C. W. Sessions in Detroit dismissing the application of the Continental Securities Co. of Chicago, a minority stockholder, for an injunction.

The opinion, written by Judge Arthur C. Denison, was concurred in by Judges Maurice H. Donahue and Charles H. Moorman, members of the Appellate Court. It automatically dissolves a temporary injunction granted to the minority stockholders.

In its opinion the court said:

It sufficiently appears that in exercising control over the Michigan Central, the majority stockholder has not been moved by an intention to depress the value of the minority stock or unfairly to benefit the Lake Shore lines at the expense of the Michigan Central. Upon the representation that the Michigan Central was about to be leased to the New York Central for 99 years, and that thereby there was danger that the subject matter of this suit might, in a sense, disappear from existence, we joined the New York Central from voting its stock at the Michigan Central meeting in favor of such lease until there should be opportunity to hear and decide this appeal. Since the principal issue is now decided in favor of the defendant, there is no further occasion for collaterally projecting the subject matter, and that injunction will not be continued.

The Michigan Central stockholders have approved the lease to the New York Central of the entire railroad subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission.—V. 123, p. 1994.

Middle Creek RR.—Acquisition and Securities.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 21 issued a certificate authorizing the company to acquire and operate a line of railroad in Clay County, W. Va. The application for authority to acquire control of the aforesaid line, under lease, was dismissed by the Commission.

Authority was also granted the company to issue not exceeding \$24,000 capital stock (par \$100), said stock to be sold at not less than par and the proceeds used solely for capital purposes.

The report of the Commission says in part: The company on June 4 1926 filed an application for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the acquisition and operation by it of certain railroad properties of the Hartland Colliery Co., including a line of railroad in Clay County, W. Va., extending from Hartland to Bickmore, a distance of approximately 4.2 miles, and additional right-of-way from Bickmore to Greendale, in Nicholas County, W. Va., about 11.2 miles.

Mineral Range RR.—Abandonment of Lines.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 19 issued a certificate authorizing the Mineral Range RR. and the Hancock & Calumet RR. to abandon, as to inter-State and foreign commerce, of that portion of the main line of the Hancock extending from Kearsarge to Ahmeek, a distance of 2.1 miles; and certain branch lines serving the Centennial, South Kearsarge, Kearsarge, North Kearsarge, No. 4, Kearsarge, Allouez and Ahmeek mines, and other branch lines extending from the main line of the Hancock to the stamp mills known as the Tamarack and Ahmeek stamp mills at Upper Mills, said branch lines having a total mileage of 5.06 miles, all in Houghton and Keweenaw counties, Mich.

The lines proposed to be abandoned were constructed at various times between 1885 and 1904 as part of a unit for the hauling of copper rock from the mines to the stamp mills at Upper Mills. The Mineral Range has been operating the railroad of the Hancock, under lease, since June 1 1901.—V. 122, p. 2795.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 23 authorized the company to procure the authentication and delivery of \$20,345,000 of first and refunding mortgage 5% gold bonds, series A, and to pledge and repledge them, from time to time, as collateral security for short-term notes.—V. 123, p. 1872, 1629.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Tentative Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$45,530,546 on the total owned and \$50,115,944 on the total used properties of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 123, p. 1111.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Equip. Trusts.—The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue and sell \$4,995,000 4½% car trusts to finance the purchase of rolling stock valued at \$6,669,693. The certificates are to be sold on a competitive basis.

New Haven Road Plans to Acquire Affiliated Lines.—

The company in an application to the I.-S. C. Commission Oct. 28 asks authority for the acquisition and operation of the Central New England Ry., including the operation of its leased line, the Hartford & Connecticut Western RR., and also the lines of the Harlem River & Port Chester RR. The application also asks authority to assume obligation and liability in respect of the securities of the Central New England and its leased line.

It is stated that the properties are now and have been for some time in common control and form a part of the New Haven system, but that "their unification for single ownership and operation will result in substantial economies with respect to management and operation."—V. 123, p. 1759, 708.

Pennsylvania RR.—Abandonment of Branch Lines.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 20 issued a certificate authorizing the company and the Western New York & Pennsylvania Ry. to abandon a branch line of railroad known as the Lakeville branch, extending from a connection with the main line of the companies at Tryonville in a generally northwesterly direction to its terminus at Lincolnville, about 7 miles, all in Crawford County, Pa.

The Commission also issued a certificate authorizing the Pennsylvania Ohio & Detroit RR. and the Pennsylvania RR. Co., lessee, to abandon a portion of a branch line of railroad, known as the Apple Creek branch, extending from a connection with the Ohio company's main line at Kramore in a generally southeasterly direction about 9½ miles to its terminus at West Lebanon, all in Wayne County, Ohio. The operated portion of the branch is about 8.5 miles in length, extending to the paved road running through West Lebanon, at a point about 0.8 mile from the town.—V. 123 p. 2258.

Pennsylvania Tunnel & Terminal RR.—Protests Value.

The company has filed a protest against the I.-S. C. Commission's tentative valuation on its properties. See V. 123, p. 1629.

Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern RR.—Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$7,285,000 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1919.—V. 118, p. 2950.

Reading Co.—No Extension of Time for Rights.—

The company on Nov. 1 mailed notices to holders of Reading rights and certificates of interest that it will not ask for an extension of time in which rights may be exercised. The notice to the holders of warrants issued by the company pursuant to provisions of plan of segregation approved by U. S. District Court by decree entered June 28 1923, and the certificates of interest for which said warrants may be exchanged reads as follows: "At a meeting of the board of directors of Reading Co. held this date the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, The time for the payment of the amount due upon Reading coal rights will expire Jan. 1 1927 in accordance with the decree of the

U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and it is not the intention of Reading Co. to ask for an extension of the time within which such payments may be made.

"Resolved, That notice be sent to all holders of record of Reading coal rights advising them that payment should be made at the rate of \$2 for each right so held prior to Jan. 1 1927, to entitle the holder thereof to receive certificates of interest in the stock of Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp. The time for the conversion of such certificates of interest into stock of Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp., in accordance with the terms of the decrees of the U. S. District Court heretofore entered, is until July 1 1927."—V. 123, p. 1872, 1760.

Rural Valley RR.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$315,000 on the owned and used properties of the company as of June 30 1917.

Western Maryland Ry.—To Pay Off Certificates.—

Principal and interest due Nov. 15 on the equipment trust certificates, series D, dated May 15 1926, will be paid at maturity at 233 Broadway, New York City.—V. 123, p. 1760.

Western New York & Pennsylvania Ry.—Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$43,136,236 on the property owned by this company, which is leased to the Pennsylvania RR. as of June 30 1918.

A tentative valuation of \$41,400,000 was placed on the owned and used properties as of the same date.—V. 123, p. 1630.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Consumers Power Co. at Pontiac, Mich., Has Reduced Gas Rate from \$1 32 to \$1 28 per 1,000 Cubic Feet.—"Wall Street Journal" Nov. 1.

Adirondack Power & Light Corp.—Earnings Statement.

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$9,047,272	\$8,105,187
Operating expenses & taxes	5,625,931	5,300,959
Interest charges & rentals	2,003,112	1,740,529

Net income \$1,418,228 \$1,063,699
Including for credit to reserve for depreciation, \$578,012 in 1926 and \$416,154 in 1925.

Note—12½% of gas and electric revenues is included in operating expenses to cover current maintenance charges and credits to reserve for depreciation.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

	Sept. 30'26.	Dec. 31'25.		Sept. 30'26.	Dec. 31'25.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Fixed capital	52,849,509	51,846,184	Common stock	9,312,200	9,311,300
Cash	583,720	1,454,589	Pref. stk. 7% cum.	9,769,500	9,648,200
Notes & acc'ts rec.	2,325,651	2,466,417	Pref. stk. 8% cum.	2,554,700	2,554,700
Prepayments	60,440	46,690	Stock issuable in exchange	28,800	32,900
Material & supp.	1,074,177	1,196,173	Stock subscribed	—	2,100
Investments	583,583	605,896	Funded debt	34,124,100	29,240,100
Special deposits	20,672	22,041	Other mtge. liab.	253,000	—
Unamortized debt discount & exp.	1,628,799	1,290,843	Notes & acc'ts pay.	1,533,744	6,123,382
Suspense debits	—	—	Unmatured liab'l's	572,668	526,687
Clearing acc'ts	548,545	243,253	Consumers' depos.	338,948	310,435
Sacandaga reserve	—	—	Prepaid serv. acc'ts	99,606	133,737
Intangible capital to be amortized.	974,880	836,741	Suspense credit	894	2,831
			Reserves	580,359	697,111
			Liab. for impt. tax, Sacandaga res'r.	2,927,993	2,927,993
Total (each side)	63,653,816	63,012,676	Surplus	1,507,303	1,510,200

The company has increased its authorized capital stock from 420,000 to 520,000 shares, to consist of 240,000 shares of common stock, par \$50, \$15,000,000 of 7% preferred stock, \$3,000,000 of 8% preferred stock, par \$100, and 100,000 shares of common stock of no par value.—V. 123, p. 2258.

American Light & Traction Co. (and Subs.)—Earnings

	Quar. Ended Sept. 30—	12 Mos. End. Sept. 30—		1926.	1925.
(a) Subsidiary Cos.—	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1925.
Operating revenue	\$8,402,504	\$8,511,527	\$35,511,155	\$35,060,413	—
Operating expense	4,919,326	4,958,363	20,449,032	20,252,359	—
Taxes	913,404	952,370	3,861,481	3,914,675	—
Reserved for retirements	485,894	306,457	1,654,723	1,244,402	—

Net operating income	\$2,083,881	\$2,294,336	\$9,545,919	\$9,648,976
Non-operating income	112,096	12,819	164,037	54,896

Gross income	\$2,195,977	\$2,307,156	\$9,709,956	\$9,703,872
Interest deductions	862,632	856,859	3,230,906	3,225,918
Amort. of bond discount	31,946	26,303	116,211	101,260
Miscell. deductions	10,216	5,261	24,075	21,584
Surplus & reserve adjust	4,123	20,685	Cr202,584	Cr168,270
Preferred dividends	114,610	130,707	469,744	446,280
Amount applicable to minority interests	11,613	8,897	42,398	35,379

Balance applicable to Amer. Lt. & Tr. Co.	\$1,160,837	\$1,258,442	\$6,030,105	\$6,041,721
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(b) Am. Lt. & Tr. Co. Earnings on stocks of subsidiary cos. owned	\$1,160,837	\$1,258,442	\$6,030,105	\$6,041,721
Miscellaneous earnings	582,937	340,193	2,247,098	1,244,396

Gross earnings	\$1,743,774	\$1,598,636	\$8,277,203	\$7,286,117
Taxes	60,000	37,500	205,500	142,500
Expense	89,056	57,913	298,157	287,819
Int. & disc. on 6% notes	—	—	—	70,357

Balance	\$1,594,718	\$1,503,223	\$7,773,546	\$6,785,441
Surplus and reserve at beginning of period	18,279,490	14,757,986	15,438,778	11,927,545

Total surp. & reserve	\$19,874,208	\$16,261,209	\$23,212,324	\$18,712,987
Preferred dividends	213,543	213,543	854,172	854,172
Common divs.—Cash	696,264	608,888	3,393,751	2,108,752
Stock	—	—	—	319,285

Surp. & res. Sept. 30	\$18,964,401	\$15,438,778	\$18,964,401	\$15,438,778
Gas sales (M. ft.)	7,963,388	7,093,440	32,830,589	28,719,744
Electric sales (k.w.h.)	27,701,545	22,255,113	100,559,798	81,428,858
Revenue passengers	7,591,224	7,036,876	30,713,110	30,121,185

Condensed Balance Sheet, Sept. 30.

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Investment acct.	37,004,522	36,029,603	Preferred stock	14,236,200
Temporary invest.	19,860,615	2,208,442	Common stock	34,811,400
Earnings, sub. cos.	13,978,411	14,876,732	Acc'ts payable	2,310,445
Bills receivable	18,676,213	15,231,432	Warrants	42,431
Accts. receivable	356,869	251,372	Prem. on com. stk.	1,285,967
Miscellaneous	38,238	32,698	Miscellaneous	184,705
Int. & divs. receiv.	334,067	28,812	Accrued taxes	569,200
Sub. cos. coup. fds	306,895	107,172	Coupons payable	—
Cash	1,011,385	1,702,283	subsiduary cos.	306,895
			Dividends accrued	838,590
			Contingent reserve	18,016,981
			Surplus & reserve	18,964,401
				15,438,778
Total	91,567,215	70,468,547	Total	91,567,215

—V. 123, p. 2258.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Makes Offer to Holders of Du Bois Electric & Traction Co., Erie Traction Co. and Middlesex County Electric Co. Bonds.

See these companies below.—V. 123, p. 2259, 2136.

Boston Elevated Ry. Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Rev. pass. carried.....	\$1,713,850	\$1,209,397	272,625,076	268,224,837
Operating revenue.....	\$7,836,886	\$7,686,541	\$25,957,201	\$25,267,219
Operating expenses.....	6,484,814	6,100,300	19,370,049	18,084,896
Gross income.....	904,101	1,194,341	5,226,081	6,043,941
Net deficit.....	1,081,119	793,836	749,654	sur. 49,877

The company has applied to the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Utilities for authority to issue \$4,656,000 of 30-year 6% bonds to refund two bond issues of the West End Street Ry. assumed by the Boston Elevated Ry. on consolidation of the two companies. The West End issues are \$2,700,000 maturing Feb. 1 1927 and \$1,956,000 maturing May 1 1927.—V. 123, p. 840.

Boston & Worcester Street Ry.—Receiver's Report.—

Period—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Operating revenues.....	\$259,205	\$226,000	\$698,468	\$660,630
Operating expenses.....	255,889	238,071	705,775	668,807
Gross deficit.....	2,684	20,071	29,534	25,187
Net loss.....	4,549	20,138	32,097	25,254

In the quarter ended Sept. 30 1926, the company carried 1,790,235 passengers, not including those in motor coaches, compared with 2,038,544 in the same quarter of 1925. In the 9 months period the figures were 5,784,324 and 6,115,784, respectively.—V. 123, p. 1112.

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co.—May Consolidate with United Hudson Electric Corporation.—

The directors and officers of this company and the United Hudson Electric Corporation have formulated a plan for the consolidation of these two companies and allied organizations, including the Dutchess Light, Heat & Power Co., the Kingston Gas & Electric Co., the Ulster Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., and the Upper Hudson Electric & RR. Co. into a new corporation to be known as the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation. All these companies have been for years under the same management. Their properties are contiguous, and together they form one economic unit which serves the entire central Hudson Valley.

To carry out the plan it is proposed that all of the companies indicated shall be consolidated under the laws of the State of New York with an authorized capital of \$10,000,000 of 6% pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100, with limited voting power, and 700,000 shares of common stock without par value and with full voting power.

Assuming that all the holders of the outstanding stocks, including stock to be issued under sales heretofore authorized, or to be issued under bond conversions, will join in the consolidation, the stocks of the consolidated company will be distributed as follows: the balance of the authorized amounts being reserved for future needs; Preferred stock: Issued in exchange for preferred stock of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co., \$3,000,000; issued in exchange for preferred stock of United Hudson Electric Corp., approximately \$3,000,000; total, \$6,000,000. Common stock: Issued in exchange for common stock of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co., 187,548 shares; issued in exchange for common stock of United Hudson Electric Corp., 112,500 shares; total, 300,048 shares.

T. R. Beal, President of the various companies included in the proposed consolidation, in announcing the plan, said:

This proposed consolidation merely will make legally effective a situation which has long existed in fact. The stocks of both companies are largely owned by the same people, 90% of whom are customers of the companies, residents of the territory served. The company's policies have for many years been the same. The directors and officers have for many years operated, to the great advantage of each, but with the disadvantage of seven separate corporate organizations, with independent rights and duties, separate books and records, separate reports to various public bodies, &c.; which, now that their business has grown so large, is a wasteful burden, and an increasing expense. Several years ago the New York Public Service Commission recommended the merger of certain of these companies, but at the time, under the war and post-war conditions, it seemed inexpedient to carry out the suggestion. Now, with the companies in their present physical and financial position, with a larger future confronting them, would seem to be the time to carry out the mergers.

The Philipstown Electric Corp., the stock of which is owned by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co., will retain its corporate identity because of certain existing contractual arrangements, and the Cornwall Telephone Co., and Fishkill Electric Railway Co., which also are owned by Central Hudson, will not be merged but will retain their present status.—V. 122, p. 2491.

Cincinnati Lawrenceburg & Aurora El. St. Ry.—Sale.

William A. Stark, special master, will sell the entire property on Dec. 1 next. Upset price \$200,000. Property is being sold under orders of the Hamilton County (Ohio) Common Pleas Court and the Dearborn County (Ind.) Circuit Court.—V. 121, p. 1567.

Consumers Power Co. (Mich.).—Rate Reduced.—

The company has reduced its gas rate from \$1 32 to \$1 28 per 1,000 cubic feet.—V. 123, p. 2138.

Continental Gas & Electric Corporation (& Subs.).

Earnings for 12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings.....	\$26,045,172	\$22,901,337
Operating expenses.....	10,514,997	9,095,432
Maintenance, chargeable to operation.....	1,602,971	1,609,323
Taxes, general and income.....	2,099,308	2,071,213
Total int. & div. charges of sub. cos. & other ded.	4,080,970	3,557,197
Interest on Continental first lien 5% bonds, 1927	196,032	200,690
Interest on Continental refunding 6% bonds, 1947	327,672	327,672
Interest on Continental coll. trust 7% bonds, 1954	183,113	349,064
Interest on Continental secured 6% bonds, 1964	760,500	731,951
Divs. on Continental pref. preference 7% stock.....	823,525	746,287
Balance avail. for depr., amort. & com. stk. divs.....	399,178	205,053
	5,056,905	4,007,457

Denver Tramway Corp.—Earnings.—

Results for 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1926 (Incl. Intermountain RR.)

Total operating revenue.....	\$3,399,958
Operating expenses, \$1,823,123; taxes, \$413,664; total.....	2,236,787
Net operating income.....	\$1,163,171
Other income.....	41,556
Gross income.....	\$1,204,727
Interest on underlying bonds, \$190,280; interest on gen & ref'd g bonds, \$241,631; total.....	431,911
Profit & loss charges (est.).....	1,775
Balance available for depreciation & dividend requirements on 104,164 shares, preferred stock.....	\$71,040

—V. 122, p. 2039.

DuBois (Pa.) Electric & Traction Co.—Offer to Bondholders.—

The Associated Gas & Electric Co., in an advertisement, says:

The holders of the collateral trust 5% gold bonds due May 1 1932, may for a limited time exchange for \$6 50 dividend series preferred stock of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. as follows: 10 shares of said stock for each \$1,000 bonds, due 1932, with cash adjustment for interest and dividends. The holder of a \$1,000 5% bond will increase his return from \$50 to \$65. The present dividend policy of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. gives holders of its preferred stock the option of receiving dividends in class A stock upon a basis which at current market prices amounts to more than the cash dividend rate. Through the exercise of this option, the return exceeds these figures.—V. 118, p. 1772.

Eastern Kansas Power Co.—Sale of Plants.—

The Kansas P. S. Commission recently authorized the sale of the company's power plants, equipment, property and franchises in the cities of Eureka and Greenwood, Kan., to the Kansas Electric Power Co.—V. 121, p. 329.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Earnings.—

Nine Months Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Operating revenue*.....	\$7,107,838	\$7,049,613
Operating expenses*.....	4,505,311	4,460,228
Taxes.....	266,990	254,317
Net income.....	\$2,335,536	\$2,335,067
Other income.....	186,263	175,796
Gross income.....	\$2,521,799	\$2,510,864
Int. on funded debt, rents, &c.....	934,431	972,857
Depreciation and retirement.....	1,036,475	994,689
Dividends.....	867,114	865,947
Balance, deficit.....	\$316,221	\$322,629

* Revenue from power sales is included in gross operating revenue, while in statements prior to April 1 1926 such revenue has applied to reduction of railway operating expenses.

Note.—The wage increase was retroactive five months, and a portion of the back pay due will be allocated to each of the last four months of 1926.—V. 123, p. 1874.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Stock.—

The stockholders on Nov. 1 authorized the President to petition the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for permission to issue not exceeding 93,429 additional shares of capital stock, par \$100, the proceeds to be used for extensions and additions to property. The meeting was then adjourned to Nov. 22.—V. 123, p. 2138.

Electric Bond & Share Co.—To Sell Holdings in Havana Electric & Utilities Co.—

See American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., in V. 123, p. 2258.—V. 123, p. 980.

Electrical Securities Corp.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding collateral trust sinking fund 5% bonds, due Dec. 1 1937, fifth series, have been called for payment Dec. 1 at 103 and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City. The latter has been authorized by the corporation to purchase any of the above-mentioned bonds on any date prior to Dec. 1 at 103 and int. to date of presentation.—V. 123, p. 2260.

Erie Traction Co.—Offer to Bondholders.—

The Associated Gas & Electric System, in an advertisement, says:

The holders of the first mortgage 5% gold bonds, due July 1 1929, may for a limited time exchange for \$6 50 dividend series preferred stock of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. as follows: 10 shares of said stock for each \$1,000 of bonds; with cash adjustment for interest and dividends. The holder of a \$1,000 5% bond will increase his return from \$50 to \$65. The present dividend policy of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. gives holders of its preferred stock the option of receiving dividends in class A stock upon a basis which, at current market prices, amounts to more than the cash dividend rate. Through the exercise of this option, the return exceeds these figures.—V. 118, p. 1772.

Fall River (Mass.) Gas Works Co.—Financing.—

The company, in a letter to the stockholders, says in substance: "Since the last stock issue in 1925, the company has incurred a floating debt of \$275,000 to pay for additions and improvements to its plant and system. New construction now in progress consists of the erection of a new garage, the installation of vertical benches with retorts and auxiliary equipment, and a new coal conveyor at the Charles Street plant, which to complete will cost approximately \$150,000.

"The directors feel that it is desirable to sell additional capital stock to retire this floating debt and furnish part of the funds needed to complete its construction program. On Oct. 19 1926, the directors approved and recommended to the stockholders that they authorized the filing of a petition with the Department of Public Utilities for approval of an issue of 8,929 shares of capital stock (equal to one new share for 7 shares now outstanding) at \$45 per share; and that the stockholders also authorize the increase and issue of said additional shares or such part thereof as may be approved by the Department.

"If the stockholders authorize this petition on Nov. 10 1926, the meeting will then be adjourned to Dec. 10 1926, prior to which date it is expected that the Department will issue an order with respect to this petition. If an order has not been issued before Dec. 10 1926, the meeting will be adjourned from time to time until the Department renders a decision. Should approval be obtained, the stockholders, at such an adjourned meeting, will be asked to increase the capital stock by 8,929 additional shares or by such number of shares as the Department shall approve.

"Such increase in the capital stock as the Department shall approve and the stockholders vote to make will be offered, according to law, for subscription pro rata to stockholders of record on the date of the vote increasing the capital stock."—V. 123, p. 2260.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Div. of 20 Cents in Cash and 15 Cents in Common Stock Declared on Common Stock.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 35c. per share on the common stock, payable 20c. in cash and 15c. per share (1%) in common stock on Jan. 3 1927 to holders of record Dec. 15 1926. Similar amounts were paid on the common stock in the previous six quarters.

No certificate of common stock will be issued for less than one share. For fractional shares scrip will be issued and will be exchangeable for stock at the office of the New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, New York, N. Y., in amounts aggregating \$15 or multiples thereof. No dividends will be paid to the holders of scrip but all dividends on the stock represented by scrip will be payable to the first registered holder of the stock.—V. 123, p. 2138.

Federal Water Service Corp.—Listing.—

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list temporary certificates for 65,000 shares (without par value) Class A capital stock. The issue of these shares was authorized by the stockholders June 21 1926 and by the directors as to 5,000 shares July 6 1926 and as to 60,000 shares Oct. 15 1926. Of these shares, 5,000 were issued for services and 60,000 for cash. The proceeds from the sale of the shares were used to acquire stocks in subsidiaries.—V. 123, p. 2260.

General Gas & Electric Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Consolidated Income Acc't, Year Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Operating revenue.....	\$23,196,613	\$20,358,389
Operating expenses and taxes.....	\$11,291,460	\$9,960,768
Maintenance.....	2,413,271	2,396,019
Depreciation.....	1,082,428	1,058,507
Rentals.....	395,275	408,000
Operating income.....	\$8,014,478	\$6,535,094
Other income.....	634,782	493,070
Total income.....	\$8,648,960	\$7,028,163
Interest on funded debt.....	\$3,626,779	\$3,534,016
Other deductions from income.....	512,598	451,734
Preferred stock divs. of subsidiaries.....	1,40,909	1,280,893
Minority interests.....	213,606	129,370
Divs. \$8 cum. pref. stock, Class A.....	500,782	501,160
Divs. \$7 cum. pref. stock, Class A.....	280,000	49,000
Divs. cum. pref. stock, Class B.....	265,536	604,183
Divs., common stock, Class A.....	464,181	60,484
Surplus.....	\$1,244,570	\$417,324

—V. 123, p. 1996.

Geneva Seneca Falls & Auburn RR.—Receivership.—

This company went into the hands of receivers, Lansing S. Hoskins and James M. Ryan, both of Geneva, Oct. 22. The road was forced into bankruptcy it is said by the Chatham Phoenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York, trustee of \$504,000 bonds on which the company was unable to pay interest since Jan. 1 1926.—V. 121, p. 1788.

Georgia Railway & Power Co.—Acquisition.—

The company is reported to have acquired the local plant and system of the Villa Rica Electric Light & Power Co.—V. 123, p. 1762.

Grand Rapids Holland & Chicago Ry.—Sale.—

The Hyman Michaels Co., Chicago has purchased the company for \$227,500. The purchasers, it is said, will continue to operate the freight and passenger service for the present at least. The purchase was made through the United States District Court at a foreclosure sale. The \$227,500 paid by the Hyman-Michaels Co. will be applied to bondholders claims. Stewart Hanley, receiver of the road, has been requested by Hyman-Michaels Co. to continue operation of the line until Nov. 15. It is explained by the purchaser that efforts are being made to sell the entire line, or a portion of it, as a going property.—V. 123, p. 1113.

Great Bend (Kan.) Water & Electric Co.—Sale.—

See Kansas Power Co. below.—V. 117, p. 2328.

Groton & Stonington Traction Co.—Sale.—

Judge Jennings at a recent hearing in the Superior Court at Norwich, Conn., authorized foreclosure proceedings in connection with a mortgage against the company. The sale under foreclosure has been set for Nov. 22 at New London to dispose of the property. The sale is the outcome of proceedings started in December 1924, by Ernest E. Rogers, state treasurer, as trustee for the owners and bondholders, on bonds secured by a mortgage made on July 1 1904, ("Electric Railway Journal.")—V. 118, p. 311.

Houston Gulf Gas Co.—Earnings.—

This company, which started operations in the spring of 1926, reports gross earnings for September of \$245,076 and a net after operating expenses and taxes of \$154,102. The company reports that in the Refugio field alone it has approximately 450,000,000 (not 450,000, as previously reported) cubic feet of open flow gas attached to its pipe line. This is approximately 10 times the capacity of the company's line. The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., trustee, 149 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Nov. 15 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtg. 6 3/4% sinking fund gold bonds due Jan. 1 1931, at prices not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 123, p. 2269, 1633.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Expenditures Authorized.—

The directors have authorized expenditures of \$2,158,747 for a new plant in Chicago and \$700,762 for Illinois outside of Chicago. Expenditures authorized so far this year total \$27,345,632.

Period	3 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '26.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '26.
Total revenue	\$16,668,798	\$49,730,146
Total expenses, including taxes	14,078,393	41,302,515
Interest	787,745	2,226,253
Dividends	1,600,000	4,800,000
Balance	\$202,660	\$1,401,378

Indiana Service Corp.—Merger Approved.—

The Indiana P. S. Commission recently authorized the company to purchase four electric light, power and electric railway properties in north-eastern Indiana. These properties are the Marion & Bluffton Traction Co., the Bryant Electric Co., the Wells County Electric Co. and the Berne Electric Co. It is proposed to merge them with the Indiana Service Corp. By this transaction this corporation, a subsidiary of the Midland Utilities Co., serves 39 communities with light and power and 37 towns with railway service.—V. 123, p. 981.

Kansas City Kaw Valley & Western Ry.—Bondholders' Protective Committee Issues Report—Reorganization Plan Expected Shortly.—

George W. York, Chairman of the bondholders protective committee, in a letter to the bondholders Oct. 28, says in substance: "Of \$846,000 of bonds outstanding, \$812,600 or 96% have been deposited with the depositaries. "The disputed bond case, brought by the receiver against J. J. Heim, involving \$224,000 in principal amount of the first mortgage bonds issued to Mr. Heim shortly before the receiver was appointed in 1924, resulted in a decree requiring the return of the bonds to the company and repayment of the interest received by Mr. Heim. This decree was appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals and there the lower court was sustained, and a petition for rehearing was just recently denied. The committee has since been informed that the defendant's attorney will do nothing further, so this matter is now definitely settled. The committee has directed its counsel to seek an early order of sale and is working upon a reorganization plan. The year 1926 to August 31 has shown considerable improvement in gross income and earnings before interest and depreciation, as compared with the years 1924 and 1925. The following statements show the results for this time:

	8 Mos. to Aug. 31 '26.	Year 1925.	Year 1924.
Total revenue	\$299,074	\$367,606	\$385,820
Oper. exps. & taxes	265,019	357,172	336,747
Net before int. & deprec.	\$34,055	\$10,434	\$49,074
Interest charges			55,948
Net before depreciation	\$34,055	\$10,434	def\$6,873

Kansas Electric Power Co.—Acquires Plants.—

See Eastern Kansas Power Co. above.—V. 123, p. 1503.

Kansas Power Co.—Acquires Six New Properties.—

The Kansas P. S. Commission recently approved the acquisition of 6 electric properties by the above company. These properties, valued at approximately \$3,500,000, include the Great Bend (Kan.) Water & Electric Co., the Electric Service Co. of Dodge City, Kan.; the Liberal (Kan.) Light, Ice & Power Co.; the Phillips County Light & Power Co. of Phillipsburg, Kan.; the Central Kansas Public Service Co. of Ellsworth, Kan., and the Hoisington, Kan., Electric & Ice Co. C. A. Fees is President of the Kansas Power Co.—V. 122, p. 348.

Keystone Telephone Co. of Philadelphia.—Notes Offered.—A. C. Allyn & Co., New York, are offering at par and int., \$700,000 one-year 5% gold notes.

Date Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1927. Int. payable M. & N. Denom. \$1,000 and \$10,000's. Red. by lot in amounts of not less than \$100,000 on or after May 1 1927 on 30 days' prior notice at 100 and int. Principal and int. payable at Penna. Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, Philadelphia, trustee, or, at option of holder, in New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Free of Penna. 4-mill tax. Corporation will refund any taxes assessed and paid by the holder upon the income derived from or on the ownership of these notes, under the laws of any State or Commonwealth or possession of the United States not in excess of five mills per annum on each dollar in principal amount, to holders resident in such State or possession.

Security.—These notes are a direct obligation of the company and will be followed by 40,000 shares of cum. pref. stock of no par value and 50,000 shares of common stock of \$50 par value. Based on appraisals by Day & Zimmerman, Inc., engineers, Philadelphia, the value of the physical properties of the company and its subsidiary is in excess of \$19,000,000 while the total mortgage debt to be outstanding with the public upon completion of this financing will aggregate only \$9,300,000. (Further details regarding history, property, &c., in V. 123, p. 2261.)

Period	9 Months Ending Sept. 30 '26.	12 Months Ending Sept. 30 '25.	12 Months Ending Sept. 30 '26.	12 Months Ending Sept. 30 '25.
Gross earnings	\$1,552,825	\$1,481,792	\$2,062,793	\$1,970,106
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes	797,737	773,456	1,057,201	1,070,709
Interest on bonds	374,604	366,657	499,474	478,845
Other interest charges	13,467	6,778	18,649	24,118
Bal. avail. for res., Fed. tax, divs. & sur.	\$366,817	\$334,901	\$487,469	\$440,094

Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings.—

	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$17,105,513	\$17,123,157
Operating expenses, taxes	9,751,204	9,562,704
Bond interest	2,590,601	2,471,069
Other interest and amortization	138,861	254,162
Depreciation	1,994,570	1,560,777
Balance for dividends and surplus	\$2,630,277	\$3,274,445

Louisville Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$8,552,860	\$7,643,129	\$7,121,699
Net after taxes, before deprec.	4,340,064	3,924,664	3,433,091

Marion (Ind.) & Bluffton Traction Co.—Merger.—

See Indiana Service Corp. above.—V. 122, p. 348.

Massachusetts Lighting Co.—Earnings.—

Period	Quar. End. Sept. 30—1926.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1925.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1924.
Gross revenue	\$345,131	\$319,386	\$2,888,778
Net after tax & deprec.	\$69,920	\$63,928	\$618,599
Fixed charges	10,094	11,868	105,246
Balance	\$59,826	\$52,060	\$513,353

Note.—These figures include operating companies only.—V. 123, p. 1504.

Middlesex & Boston Street Ry.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Passengers transported	not avail.	2,699,756	2,781,508
Passenger revenue	\$256,505	\$266,432	\$274,261
Other revenue	13,456	9,416	6,270
Total revenue	\$269,961	\$275,848	\$280,531
Operating expenses	231,968	237,124	249,067
Taxes and interest	45,057	46,289	46,431
Deficit	\$7,064	\$7,565	\$14,967

Middlesex County Electric Co.—Offer Made to Bondholders.—

The Associated Gas & Electric system in an advertisement says: "The holders of the 1st mtg. 7% gold bonds due Jan. 1 1937 of Middlesex County Electric Co. may for a limited time exchange for \$6 50 dividend series preferred stock of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. as follows: 11 1/2 shares of said stock for each \$1,000 of bonds, with cash adjustment for interest and dividends. The holder of a \$1,000 7% bond will increase his return from \$70 to \$74 75. The present dividend policy of the Associated company gives holders of its preferred stock the option of receiving dividends in Class A stock upon a basis which, at current market prices, amounts to more than the cash dividend rate. Through the exercise of this option, the return exceeds these figures.

Mississippi Power & Light Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st & ref. mtg. s. f. gold bonds, series "A" 6 1/4%, dated June 1 1923, have been called for payment Dec. 1 next at 105 and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 123, p. 843.

Missouri Power & Light Corp.—Drops Suit to Acquire Properties of West Missouri Power Co.—

See West Missouri Power Co. below.—V. 122, p. 2329.

Nevada-California Electric Corporation.—Earnings.—

	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$4,917,599	\$4,842,171
Operating and general expenses and taxes	2,261,748	2,554,874
Operating profits	\$2,655,850	\$2,287,297
Other income	133,895	42,030
Total income	\$2,789,745	\$2,329,327
Interest	\$1,421,174	\$1,255,557
Depreciation	528,573	484,645
Other deductions	83,250	73,866
Surplus earned	\$756,749	\$515,249

New Britain (Conn.) Gas Light Co.—To Issue Stock.—

The directors have voted to increase the authorized capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000, by the issuance of 10,000 additional shares at par (\$25 per share). Quarterly dividends at the rate of 8% per annum (2% quarterly) are being paid.—V. 121, p. 3004.

New Brunswick Telephone Co., Ltd.—To Offer Stock.—

It is reported that about Dec. 1 the company will make a new stock issue of approximately \$200,000. The new shares will be offered to the present shareholders at par (\$10 per share) in the ratio of one new share for every 15 shares presently outstanding.—V. 122, p. 213.

New Haven Gas Light Co.—Time Extended.—

The Koppers Co. of Pittsburgh has extended from Oct. 31 to Nov. 15 its offer to exchange one-half share of no par common and one share of \$3 annual dividend cumulative preferred stock in the Connecticut Gas & Coke Securities Corp., a new holding company, for each share of New Haven Gas Light Co. common stock.—V. 123, p. 2139.

New Jersey Power & Light Co.—Increases Capitalization—Merger Approved.—

The stockholders on Nov. 4 approved the merger of the Newton Gas Co. and Washington Gas Co. into the New Jersey Power & Light Co. Authorization also was given for the latter company to issue 100,000 shares of preferred and 150,000 shares of common stock, both without par value. The present capitalization of this company is \$1,000,000 common and \$1,000,000 of 7% preferred, both of \$100 par value.

The preferred stockholders of the New Jersey company are given the choice of taking for each share of the present 7% preferred stock one share of new \$6 preferred stock redeemable at 110 and divs. and \$16 in cash or \$110 in cash and accrued dividends to date of payment. The General Gas & Electric Corp. owns all of the present New Jersey Power & Light common stock. The merger of the Newton Gas and Washington Gas companies, both of which are now under Barstow management, into the New Jersey Power & Light Company, also a Barstow concern, is another step toward simplifying the corporate structure of the General Gas & Electric Corp. through the elimination of subsidiary concerns.—V. 123, p. 1877, 2261.

New Rochelle (N. Y.) Water Co.—Bonds Sold.—

P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., New York, have sold at \$100 and int. \$3,225,000 1st mtg. 5 1/2% gold bonds, Series "A."

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1951. Prin. and int. (M. & N. 1) payable at office or agency of the company in either New York City or Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable without deduction of that portion of any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refund of certain Calif., Conn., Dist. of Col., Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mass., Mich. and Penn. taxes, upon timely and proper application, as provided in the mortgage. Red., as a whole or in part, on any int. date upon 30 days' notice to and incl. Nov. 1 1930 at 105 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1935 at 103 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1943 at 102 and int., and thereafter to and incl. May 1 1951 at 101 and int. In the event the communities served acquire all or the major portion in value of the company's property and do not assume payment of the principal and interest of the bonds, the bonds may, at the option of the company, be declared due and payable at 100 and int. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York City, trustee. Company.—Has been supplying water for domestic, municipal and industrial purposes to New Rochelle, N. Y., and adjacent territory for over 40

years. The communities served are contiguous and include New Rochelle, Bronxville, Tuckahoe, North Pelham, Pelham Manor, Fort Slocum, Eastchester and a portion of Pelham, all of which are located in Westchester County adjacent to N. Y. City. This territory is mainly residential and a large percentage of the inhabitants commute daily to New York City. The population served by the company is estimated at over 71,500.

Capitalization—Authorized. Issued.
 First mtg. 5.50% gold bonds, Series A..... \$3,225,000
 One-year 5% gold notes..... 750,000
 Cumulative preferred stock..... 2,000,000
 Common stock (no par value)..... 45,000 shs. 45,000 shs.
 A Mortgage will provide that additional bonds may be issued thereunder for not in excess of 8% of the cost or fair value, whichever is lower, of permanent improvements, extensions or additions to the property, provided the net earnings for 12 consecutive calendar months within 15 calendar months immediately prior to the issuance of such additional bonds have been at least 1 1/4 times the interest charges for a like period on all bonds outstanding under the mortgage and those to be issued.

Earnings for Year Ended Sept. 30 1926.
 Gross earnings..... \$658,556
 Oper. expenses, maint. and taxes (excluding Federal)..... 346,595

Balance..... \$311,960
 Annual interest requirements on entire mtg. debt (this issue)..... \$177,375
Valuation—The value of the company's property on Aug. 31 1926, as appraised by Nicholas S. Hill Jr., engineer, N. Y. City, was \$4,990,000.

Water Supply—The Catskill Aqueduct, which carries the principal water supply of New York City, has a capacity of 600,000,000 gallons per day and passes through Westchester County. Under the laws of the State of New York, water from this aqueduct is available for distribution to the communities served by the New Rochelle Water Co., in an amount equal to the per capita consumption of New York City. The consumption of water in New York City is at present about twice the per capita consumption of the territory served by the New Rochelle Water Co. The statutes, therefore, give this territory the right to use about 9,250,000 gallons daily on the basis of the present population. The present consumption is about 5,000,000 gallons daily. The company also has under lease further water rights capable of supplying about 3,500,000 gallons daily. The available water supply, therefore, in the opinion of engineers, is ample for the present and future requirements of the territory served.

Control—All of the common stock of the company will be owned by the Community Water Service Co., which, through its subsidiaries and affiliated companies, supplies water to over 69 communities in five States.—V. 123, p. 2261.

New York Telephone Co.—Expenditures.

The directors on Nov. 1 authorized an additional expenditure of \$14,597,209 for construction, thus bringing the total appropriations made since the first of the year to \$67,246,022. Of this, \$55,402,541 is for enlargement in the metropolitan area.

The new appropriation will be used partly for the installation of private branch exchanges in northern and southern Manhattan and Brooklyn, extensions to the underground trunk plant in the Bronx and Westchester, a new central test bureau in Brooklyn, provisions for cable loading in the Bronx and Westchester, additions to cable subway in Tarrytown and to outside plant in the Mount Vernon and Fairbanks exchange districts.

Provision also is made for the purchase of land in Rye, N. Y., and Bay-side, L. I., and for a new switchboard in Suffern, N. Y. There will be additions to the toll and exchange aerial and underground plant in the Hicksville, Farmingdale and Bay Shore districts of Long Island and additions to exchange and underground plant in Brooklyn and Queens. There also will be new subway, underground and aerial cable construction in the Fieldstone, Floral Park, Garden City, Hempstead, Rockville Centre, Lynbrook and Freeport exchange districts on Long Island. A toll cable will be laid from Nyack to Snoden's Landing and additions will be made to the Dobbs Ferry, Oyster Bay, Riverhead, Southampton and Freeport central offices.—V. 123, p. 1251, 843.

Northern States Power Co. (Del.)—Earnings.

12 Months Ended	Sept. 30 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Gross earnings	\$26,482,191	\$21,744,868
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	13,443,079	11,150,593
Interest charges	5,717,028	4,595,498
Preferred dividends	3,703,431	3,398,854
Common dividends (8%)	x1,809,210	1,294,156
Balance for retirement reserves and surplus	\$1,809,443	\$1,305,767
x Interest on funded debt, converted into common stock, included in common dividends.	V. 123, p. 1877.	

Ohio Fuel Corp.—Merger Ratified.

The stockholders on Nov. 5 ratified the merger of this company with the Columbia Gas & Electric Co.—V. 123, p. 2140.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$10,768,358	\$9,538,949
Net income after taxes, before depreciation	\$3,842,472	\$3,329,054

—V. 123, p. 1383.

Peoples Light & Power Corp.—Notes Sold.

G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., have sold a new issue of \$1,000,000 convertible 5 1/4% serial gold notes at following prices: 1927 maturity, 99.28 to yield about 5.95; 1928 maturity, 98.65 to yield about 5.95%. Each \$1,000 note will carry a detachable warrant extending to the maturity of the note, entitling the holder to purchase 10 shares of the class A common stock of the corporation at \$30 per share.

Dated Nov. 15 1926; due \$500,000 Dec. 15 1927 and \$500,000 Dec. 15 1928. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000. Red. all or part at any time upon 60 days' notice at par and int. plus a premium of 1/2 of 1% for each 6 months or fraction thereof of the unexpired life of the notes so redeemed. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refund of Minn. tax not to exceed 3 mills; Penn., Conn., Kansas and Ala. taxes not to exceed 4 mills; Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax, Kentucky and District of Columbia 5 mills taxes, Michigan 5 mills exemption tax, Virginia 5 1/2 mills tax, and Mass. income tax not to exceed 6% to resident holders. Lawyers Trust Co., New York, trustee.

For further data regarding the company's history, property capitalization, &c., see V. 123, p. 2262.

The corporation has again extended its territory and on Nov. 15 will take over the Freeport (Ill.) Water Co., the Wood River Power Co., serving Halley, Bellevue, North Star, Gammett, Ketchum, Mines, Picabo, Carey, Richfield, Cascade and Fairfield, Idaho; the Halley (Ida.) Water Co., and the Adams County Light & Power Co. serving Cambridge, Midvale and Counsel, Idaho, with electric light and power. The Freeport Water Co. and Wood River Power Co. formerly properties of the Consumers Public Service Co. were purchased from Baker, Walsh & Co. of Chicago, and the Adams County Light & Power Co. from a local Idaho concern.

A new corporation has been formed by the Peoples Light & Power Corp. to operate the Freeport properties under the name of Peoples Utilities Illinois Corp. The Idaho properties will be consolidated with Peoples West Coast Hydro-Electric Corp., a subsidiary of the Peoples Light & Power Corp. which now operates extensive holdings in a number of Washington and Oregon towns. The Forshay Co., through Peoples Light & Power Corp., now controls and operates, with these acquisitions, utilities serving 150 cities and towns in 10 States.

A dispatch from Philadelphia states that the corporation is acquiring an additional group of properties which have a sound, depreciated value of over \$4,200,000. These properties consist primarily of a group of water companies situated in the Middle West, which will be operated in conjunction with the Peoples Iowa-City Water Works Corp., a subsidiary, additional properties in Wisconsin, and an addition to the west coast properties.—V. 123, p. 2262.

Philadelphia Co.—Tenders.

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Nov. 11 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st ref. & coll. tr. mtg. 6% gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1944, series "A," to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$120,176, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 123, p. 711.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—Bonds Called.

Certain 1st lien & ref. mtg. gold bonds, 6% series, due 1941, aggregating \$95,600, have been called for payment Dec. 1 at 107 1/2 and int. at the Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 123, p. 2140.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Tenders.

Proposals will be received until Nov. 20 for the sale to the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, trustee, at the lowest price not exceeding 105 and int. of as many real estate 1st mtg. 6% bonds of C. Benton Cooper as may be purchased with \$196,240 available in the sinking fund.—V. 123, p. 2140.

Platte Valley Power & Light Co., Sioux City, Iowa.—Notes Paid—Consolidation.

The \$1,250,000 2-year 6% notes due Nov. 1 1926 were paid through a temporary bank loan pending the new issue to refund these and another consolidation, which will be announced soon.—V. 119, p. 2412.

Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois—Earnings.

Period Ended Sept. 30 1926	Quarter—9 Mos.	Year—1925
Gross revenue	\$5,242,138	\$22,621,605
Surplus after taxes, charges and depreciation	662,695	4,695,412

—V. 122, p. 1252.

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.—Popular Ownership Campaign.

Employees of the corporation and its operating subsidiaries sold a total of 25,499 shares, or \$2,549,900 par value, of new 6% cumulat. pref. stock during October. This stock represents more than 50% of the 50,000 shares being offered in connection with the latest popular ownership campaign now in progress. The stock was sold to 4,968 individual subscribers.—V. 123, p. 2262.

Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—Reduces Electric Rates in New Jersey.

Company has filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utility Commissioners a new tariff of electric rates, to take effect with bills rendered in January which, it is estimated, will result in a saving to its electric customers of \$1,000,000 a year. This is the third voluntary reduction in rates by Public Service in 5 years. Previous reductions were made in Dec. 1922 and May 1924.

Under the new tariff the rate for the first 20 k.w.h. of lighting current consumed per month will be 9 cents; next 30 k.w.h., 8 cents; next 700 k.w.h., 7 cents; next 750 k.w.h., 6 cents; next 6,000 k.w.h., 5 cents; next 15,000 k.w.h., 4 cents; and all consumption over 22,500 k.w.h., 3 cents. The minimum charge of \$1 per month will be continued as at present.—V. 123, p. 2140.

Southern California Gas Co.—Tenders.

The Equitable Trust Co., trustee, 37 Wall St., New York City, will until Nov. 17 receive bids for the sale to it of first mortgage 40-year gold bonds, series A and C, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$47,732, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 123, p. 1507.

Southwest Utility Ice Co.—Earnings.

The company reports gross income of \$857,509 for the period from May 15 to Sept. 30 1926, and net income available for interest, depreciation and Federal taxes of \$269,540, after deduction of operating expenses.—V. 122, p. 2949.

Springfield (Mass.) Street Ry. Co.—Earnings.

Period end. Sept. 30—	1926—3 Mos.	1925—9 Mos.	1925—12 Mos.
Operating revenue	\$700,659	\$740,081	\$2,558,941
Operating expenses	\$639,464	\$650,124	\$1,974,041
Gross income	\$61,195	\$89,957	\$584,900
Net income	\$997	\$26,012	\$169,910

In the 9 months to Sept. 30 1926 the company carried 9,083,253 passengers, compared with 29,642,610 in same period of 1925.—V. 122, p. 2043.

Standard Gas & Electric Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

12 Mos. Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$145,657,162	\$135,731,067
Net earnings, exclusive of depreciation	61,400,211	54,858,931

—V. 123, p. 1878.

Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc.—Tenders.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, trustee, will until Nov. 12 receive bids for the sale to it of first and refunding mortgage gold bonds, 5 1/2% series, due 1954, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$34,382, at prices not exceeding 106 and interest.—V. 123, p. 2142.

Underground Electric Rys. of London, Ltd.—New Directors.

Speyer & Co. have received cable advice that at a meeting of the directors of the Underground Electric Rys. Co. of London, Ltd., held Nov. 4 Messrs. S. B. Joel of the firm of Barnato Brothers, E. R. Peacock of Baring Bros. & Co., Ltd., Gordon Leith of Gordon Leith & Co. and the Hon. Arthur Asquith were elected to the board of the company.—V. 122, p. 2045.

Union Traction Co. of Morgantown, W. Va.—Control.

See West Virginia Utilities Co. below.—V. 111, p. 2042.

United Hudson Electric Corp.—Proposed Merger.

See Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 122, p. 2499.

United Light & Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings of subsidiary companies	\$40,611,291	\$35,248,005
Operating expenses	18,625,348	15,895,049
Maintenance, chargeable to operation	2,403,602	2,379,986
Taxes, general and income	3,151,319	2,927,794
Net earnings of subsidiary companies	\$16,431,022	\$14,045,175
Non-operating earnings	2,050,728	1,688,380
Net earnings, all sources	\$18,481,751	\$15,733,555
Interest on bonds and notes of subsidiary companies due public	4,378,792	4,181,910
Dividends on pref. stocks of sub-cos. due public & proportion of net earnings attributable to common stock not owned by company	2,910,308	2,506,392
Interest on funded debt	3,125,360	2,240,199
Other interest	471,011	161,231
Prior preferred stock dividends	557,807	450,678
Class "A" preferred dividends	999,826	806,399
Class "B" preferred dividends	324,000	324,500
Surplus avail. for deprec., amort. & common stock dividends	\$5,734,647	\$5,062,256

—V. 123, p. 1879.

Utility Shares Corp.—Initial Common Div. of 50 Cents.

Out of earnings and net profits from organization in November 1925 to Oct. 31 1926, an initial dividend of 50c. per share has been declared on the common stock payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30 1926. The regular quarterly dividend of 30c. per share on the partic. pref. stock has also been declared payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15.—V. 123, p. 713.

West Missouri Power Co.—To Retain Properties.

The suit filed by the Missouri Power & Light Co. to secure a court order to oblige the West Missouri Power Co. to complete a sale of its properties to the former company has been voluntarily dropped by the Missouri Power & Light Co., and the present control of the West Missouri Power Co., of which L. K. Green is President and General Manager, will be retained. "Electrical World."—V. 121, p. 980.

West Virginia Utilities Co.—Acquisition.

The company has acquired control of the electric railway properties of the Union Traction Co. of Morgantown, W. Va. New officers of the

latter company are: R. P. Stacy, President; O. L. Eaton Jr., Vice-President; F. M. Burchinal, Secretary-Treasurer; Clark Emerson, General Manager. These officers, together with Judge Frank Cox, counsel, constitute the new board of directors of the Union Traction Co.—V. 123, p. 983.

Western Union Telegraph Co.—Bond Issue.

The stockholders will vote Nov. 24 on approving an issue of \$25,000,000 25-year 5% gold bonds, which were sold by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. last week. The last previous issue of capital securities made by the company was its \$15,000,000 15-year 6½% gold bonds dated Aug. 1, 1921.

The proceeds of the new issue will be used for the purpose of reimbursing the treasury of the company for expenditures made on account of extensions, additions and improvements to its plant and equipment (outside of the State of New York), and to provide funds for further extensions, additions and improvements (outside of that State). For offering, see V. 123, p. 2263.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Refined Sugar Prices.—On Oct. 29 Federal Sugar Refining Co. reduced price 5 pts. to 5.70c. per lb. On Nov. 1 the American, McCahan, National and Warner companies each reduced its price 20 pts. to 5.80c. per lb. Revere reduced 10 pts. to 5.80c. per lb. On Nov. 4, the American, McCahan, National Pennsylvania, Revere and Warner companies each advanced its price 10 pts. to 5.90c. per lb. Arbuckle reduced price 5 pts. to 5.70c. per lb.

Numerous Corporations Agree to Plan for More Frequent Financial Statements.—Listing Committee of N. Y. Stock Exchange reports that tenor of replies to President Simmon's requests for quarterly statements is "generally favorable."—"New York Times" Nov. 5, p. 28.

American Window Glass Co. Advances Prices 5% to 8% on Window Glass in Carload Lots in Zones B to F.—Libbey Owens Sheet Glass Co. also announces new price.—"Wall St. Journal" Oct. 29, p. 2.

Copeland Refrigerator Prices Cut an Average of \$25.—This approximates a 9% cut when prices of full line are averaged.—"Boston News Bureau" Nov. 5, p. 10.

American Lead Co. Reduces Price 15 Points to 8.10 Cents—Then 10 Points to 8 Cents per Pound.—"N. Y. Evening Post" Nov. 1; "Wall St. Journal" Nov. 3.

Rates for Chartering Oil Tankers Advance About 50%.—Lack of tonnage and larger demand for refined petroleum products cited as causes.—"New York Times" Nov. 2, p. 41.

Pay Increase for Open-Shop Miners.—10,000 open shop miners in Kanawha district (W. Va.) received wage increase approximating 50% effective Nov. 1. This effects scale based on "Jacksonville Agreement" under which union miners are paid.—"New York Times" Oct. 31, Sec. 1, p. 7.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Oct. 30: (a) N. Y. Stock Exchange suspends Edward E. MacCrone, Detroit, for 1 year for violating regulations.—p. 2209. (b) N. Y. Curb Exchange undertakes investigation into transactions in Mexico Oil shares.—p. 2209

(A. S.) Aloe Co., St. Louis, Mo.—Stocks Sold.—Mark C. Steinberg & Co., St. Louis, have sold at \$30 per share 10,000 shares common stock (par \$20). The bankers also announce the sale of \$500,000 7% preferred stock at par (\$100) and dividend.

Preferred stock is preferred as to assets and dividends. Dividends payable Q.-J. Redeemable, all or part, on any dividend date on 30 days' notice at 110 and dividend. National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, transfer agent and registrar.

Sinking Fund.—Beginning with the year ended Dec. 31 1927, the company agrees to set aside as a sinking fund a sum equal to 3% of the largest amount of preferred stock at any time outstanding to acquire the preferred stock by purchase or call at not exceeding the redemption price.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this stock on the St. Louis Stock Exchange.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100) \$900,000 \$500,000 Common stock (par \$20) 40,000 shs. 30,000 shs

Data from Letter of Louis P. Aloe, President of the Company.

Company.—Established over 60 years ago (in 1864) by A. S. Aloe and incorporated in 1893. Is to-day known as the leading optical and surgical supply house in the West. Company not only maintains two well-equipped optical stores and one large surgical supply store in St. Louis, but is also one of the leading concerns engaged in the selling of surgical instruments, physician's equipment, and furniture and hospital apparatus to physicians and hospitals. It has also been engaged in the sale of engineering, architects', and building contractors' equipment for many years.

Company has over 100,000 customers located in practically every State in the Union. It has its own foreign buying department and controls the output of several American factories engaged in the making of hospital and medical furniture.

Sales and Net Earnings after Federal Taxes, Deprec., and all other Expenses.

	Sales.	Earnings.	Per Share Common.
1922	\$1,227,634	\$109,506	\$2.48
1923	1,628,515	178,588	4.78
1924	1,746,006	182,142	4.90
1925	1,933,602	210,978	5.86

For the first 6 months of 1926 net earnings as audited were in excess of the same period in 1925.

Dividends.—It is the intention of the company to pay dividends on common stocks at the rate of \$2.50 per annum, payable Jan. 1 1927 and quarterly thereafter.

Balance Sheet as of June 29 1926 (after Giving Effect to New Capitalization).

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Land, buildings and improvements, less reserves	\$94,054	7% preferred stock	\$500,000
Fixtures & equip. (net)	3,819	Common stock	600,000
Cash	126,139	Accts. payable, trade	87,357
Customers' trade & install. accounts receivable	694,931	Customers' credit balances	14,071
Due by employees	2,448	Deposit accts. of off. & em.	34,688
Bonds owned	77,206	Federal taxes, estimated	32,000
Inventory	321,211	Surplus	149,852
Capital stock of leasehold holding company	2,500		
Advances	87,500		
Prepaid rent, salaries, interest, &c.	12,158		
		Total (each side)	\$1,420,968

American Bank Note Co.—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Sept. 30 '26. Dec. 31 '25.		Sept. 30 '26. Dec. 31 '25.		
Assets		Liabilities		
Real est., bldgs., machinery, &c.	10,609,551	10,131,415	6% pref. stock	4,495,650
Material & supp.	2,481,843	2,149,364	Common stock	4,945,250
Accts. & notes rec.	979,756	1,172,992	6% pref. stock of foreign subsid's	386,410
Marketable invest.	2,405,697	2,147,894	Accts. pay., incl. reserve for taxes	879,588
Contract deposits	107,587	107,389	Adv. cust's orders	157,220
Loans on coll. (sec.)	250,000	300,000	Divs. payable	265,245
Cash	1,440,404	1,664,953	Special reserves	639,323
Special reserve	245,286	231,013	Surplus	6,816,816
Deferred charges	65,378	46,119		
Total	18,585,502	17,951,138	Total	18,585,502

—V. 123, p. 2264.

American Brown Boveri Electric Corp.—Sells Tanker.

The corporation announces that the Tidewater Associated Oil Co., through E. P. Farley & Co., has purchased the oil tanker "Priscilla." This is the third vessel of this type recently sold by the corporation's shipyard at Camden, N. J., the other two being the motorship "Gulfcrest" and the "Gulfbreeze," both now owned by the Gulf Refining Co. The "Priscilla" is 419 feet 3 inches long, 56 feet 3 inches wide and 33 feet 4 inches deep, all molded dimensions. Her load draft is 25 feet 10½ inches, with a dead-weight carrying capacity of 9,850 tons. The "Priscilla's" bunker oil capacity is 353,623 U. S. gallons, and her total cargo oil capacity 3,115,854 U. S. gallons, of which 2,758,818 gallons are carried in the main tanks and the balance in the wing tanks.

With appropriate ceremonies, two of the six new Diesel electric ferries, built by the corporation for Electric Ferries, Inc., were successfully launched at Camden, N. J., shipyard of the corporation on Oct. 21. They will be placed in commission shortly on the lower Hudson between the Manhattan and New Jersey terminals of the Erie R.R., and will be the first Diesel electric ferries on the Atlantic Coast. Work is progressing rapidly on the other four vessels which, when completed, will be added to this service. One of the ferries was christened "Governor Moore" and the other was named "Charles W. Cullin."—V. 123, p. 1999.

American Founders Trust.—New Vice-President.

E. Stanley Glines, President of Lam, Glines & Co., international bankers, of 51 Wall Street, has been elected Vice-President of American Founders' Trust.—V. 122, p. 2655.

American Home Products Corp.—Earnings.

The company reports for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1926, net earnings after taxes of \$884,192, equivalent to \$2.94 a share. Current assets were \$2,222,434 including \$1,095,131 of cash, compared with current liabilities of \$293,872.—V. 123, p. 2143.

American Ice Co.—Acquisition.

The company has purchased the J. Maury Dobe Co. of Washington, D. C., a coal company. This is in furtherance of its policy of expanding the coal business in conjunction with ice.—V. 123, p. 714.

American Seating Corp.—Earnings.

9 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$7,568,557	\$6,913,824
Income before interest	\$1,298,030	\$1,024,155
Interest and Federal taxes	330,934	293,960
Net profit	\$967,096	\$730,195
Preferred dividends	180,000	180,000
Balance avail. for com. stock dividends	\$787,096	\$550,195

—V. 123, p. 1253.

American Steel Foundries.—Earnings.

Period—	—3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Net earns. after Fed. tax.	\$1,142,153	\$947,697
Depreciation	193,109	215,565
Balance	\$949,044	\$732,132
Other income	97,795	132,105
Total income	\$1,046,839	\$864,237
Charges, &c.	6,268	29,016
Net profit	\$1,040,571	\$835,221

—V. 123, p. 1253.

American Tube & Stamping Co.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 1st lien & improvement mtge. gold bonds, series A, dated July 1 1925, have been called for payment Jan. 1 1927 at par and interest at the First National Bank of Bridgeport, Conn., trustee.—V. 122, p. 2951.

American Window Glass Mach. Co.—Bal. Sheet Aug. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Pat. rights in U. S.	2,236,530	2,236,530	7% cum. pref. stk.	6,999,600
Com. stock Amer.			Common stock	12,998,600
Wind. Glass Co.	17,761,670	17,761,670	Reserve for taxes	460,619
U. S. securities	401,000	401,000	Accts. payable	1,721
Accrued interest	15,020	2,953	Surplus	228,474
Accrued royalties	222,289	320,999	Total (each side)	20,687,293
Cash	50,784	13,466		20,736,619

The income account was given in V. 123, p. 2264.

American Writing Paper Co.—Sale.

Sidney L. Wilson, special master, will sell the entire property at company's mill building, Windsor Locks, Conn., on Dec. 2. Upset price, \$1,900,000.—V. 123, p. 2143.

American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.—Earnings.

Period—	—Quar. End. Sept. 30—	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Profit before deprec. & depletion	\$152,137	\$66,620
		\$382,988
		\$367,149

—V. 123, p. 1384.

Ancroft Place, Ltd., Toronto.—Bonds Offered.

Stewart, Scully Co., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 100 and int. \$300,000 6½% 1st (closed) mtge. 20-year sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due Sept. 1 1946. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at any office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in Ontario or at Montreal, Que. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. up to Sept. 1 1931; 104 and int. thereafter up to Sept. 1 1936; 103 and int. hereafter up to Sept. 1 1941, and thereafter at 102. Chartered Trust & Executor Co., Toronto, trustee.

Property.—21 high-class residences of the best architectural design with all erected on a plot of land comprising over three acres, and including a beautiful wooded slope on Rosedale Ravine Drive.

Valuation.—Land, \$125,000; houses, central heating plant, &c., \$378,200, total, \$503,200. Amount of 1st mtge. \$300,000, which is less than 60% of independent appraisal.

Sinking Fund.—\$6,000 per annum payable \$500 monthly commencing March 15 1928, plus int. on red. bonds, which will be sufficient at par and interest to reduce the 1st mtge. by maturity to below \$100,000.

Rental Estimates.—Gibson Brothers, Realtors, Toronto, managers of the property, estimate that the net revenue from rentals, after providing for full operating charges and deducting 10% for vacancies, will be \$32,400.

Anglo-American Corp. of So. Africa, Ltd. (Transvaal).

3 Months Ended Sept. 30—	Brakpan Spring Mines Ltd.	Spring West Mines Ltd.	Spring East Mines Ltd.
Working revenue	£405,116	£384,592	£238,631
Working costs	244,787	197,213	139,922
Working profit	£160,329	£187,379	£98,709

—V. 123, p. 2143, 1765.

Armour & Co. (Ill.)—Packers Win Fight to Keep Books Closed.

Government Demands Declared Unreasonable.—Holding demands of the Government as being unreasonable, Judge Samuel Aischuler of the U. S. Court of Appeals, at Chicago, Oct. 27, ruled that the United States has no right to examine and make copies of books of Chicago packing companies. The ruling comes as a victory after years of bitter litigation.

Basing their action on the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, Government attorneys contended that the Act gave the Secretary of Agriculture the right to examine and copy all books and documents of the packers, alleging that such information was essential for the use of Congress and as data for possible investigations of the packing industry.

In giving his decision, Judge Aischuler ordered that mandamus proceedings instituted by the United States Attorney-General, and previously upheld by Judge Adam C. Cliffe of the U. S. District Court, be dismissed. The Government, it is expected, will appeal from the decision.—V. 123, p. 2000.

Atlas Powder Co.—Extra Dividend of \$1.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share on the 261,438¾ no par value common shares, payable in cash Jan. 10 1927 to holders of record Nov. 30 1926.

This payment is in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of \$1 per share, which the directors declared on the common stock, payable in cash Dec. 10 1926 to holders of record

Nov. 30 1926. Regular quarterly dividends at the rate of \$4 per annum have been paid on this stock since Sept. 1 1923.—V. 123, p. 714, 585.

Austin Nichols & Co., Inc.—To Liquidate Chicago Plant.
The company is liquidating its wholesale grocery branch at Chicago and has closed down its Utica, Watertown and Ogdensburg, N. Y. branches. It will concentrate its jobbing operations to the Brooklyn (N. Y.) plant, with branches at New Haven, Waterbury and Norwalk, Conn.—V. 123, p. 1880.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—Receives Payment of Argentine State Railways Five-Year Notes.—The Philadelphia News Bureau says:

The Argentine State Railways 5-year notes taken by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in payment for engines sold five year ago, plus interest, were paid upon maturity on Oct. 30. The principal amount of the notes was \$7,107,850 and with accumulated interest brought total payment to \$7,345,000. These notes were taken by Baldwin Locomotive Works in exchange for locomotives and an advance of \$1,500,000 in cash five years ago at a time when Government and other credits were at a premium.—V. 123, p. 2000, 1880.

Beech-Nut Packing Co.—Extra Dividend of 3%.
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 60 cents per share on the outstanding \$7,500,000 capital stock, par \$20, payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Nov. 24. An extra dividend of like amount was paid on Dec. 10 1924 and Dec. 10 1925.—V. 123, p. 2265.

(E. J.) Brach & Sons (Chicago).—Earnings.
Eight Months Ended Aug. 31—

	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$4,160,617	\$4,475,044
Net profit	407,212	525,000

—V. 122, p. 1175.

Broadway Building (915 Broadway Corp.), N. Y. City.—Bonds Offered.—Robjent, Maynard & Co., New York, are offering \$525,000 7% gen. mtge. gold bonds (closed mtge.) at 100 and int., together with a bonus of 8 shares of capital stock per \$1,000 bond.

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1941. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at Seaboard National Bank, New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red., all or part, upon 30 days' notice at 100 and int. Int. payable without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refund of the Penna., Conn. and Kansas tax not to exceed 4 mills, Maryland 4½ mills tax, Ky. and Dist. of Col. 5 mills tax, Mass. income tax not to exceed 6%. The Seaboard National Bank, New York, transfer agent of stock.

Building.—The Broadway Bldg. is located on the southwest corner of Broadway and 21st St., N. Y. City. The building is a 20-story, high-class business building of modern fireproof steel construction. It has a frontage on Broadway of 72.4 ft. and on West 21st St. of 128.8 ft. The building contains approximately 2,500,000 cubic ft. and the plot approximately 10,764 sq. ft. of land. The New York Title & Mortgage Co. will issue its policy of title insurance to the trustee.

Security.—This issue will be secured by a mortgage upon the entire property subject to a 1st mtge. for \$1,260,000 made to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York, bearing int. at the rate of 5½% per annum until 1928 and thereafter at 5% per annum and maturing in 1940.

Earnings.—The building was completed Feb. 1 of this year. Present earnings are more than sufficient to meet all operating expenses, taxes and requirements under the 1st mtge. and interest on the general mtge. bonds. The income and expenses for the year commencing Feb. 1 1927, based upon signed leases and upon negotiations for the rental of additional space at not less than \$11,000 per annum, are estimated as follows:

Gross income	\$227,900
Oper. expenses, maintenance, insurance and taxes, incl. Federal taxes, estimated on 6 months' actual operation	80,831
Maximum annual interest on 1st mortgage	69,300
Balance	\$77,769
Maximum annual interest on this issue	36,750
Balance available for reserves and amortization	\$41,019
<i>Capitalization.</i>	
First mortgage 5½% loan	\$1,260,000
General mortgage 7% bonds	525,000
Capital stock	10,500 shs.

Broadway Department Store, Inc., Los Angeles.—Debentures Sold.—Dillon, Read & Co. have sold \$3,000,000 15-year 6% sink. fd. debents. at 98 and int., to yield 6.20%.

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1941. Interest payable M & N, without deduction for present normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Penn., Calif. and Rhode Island personal property taxes not exceeding 4 mills and Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum, refundable. Principal and interest payable in New York at principal office of Dillon, Read & Co. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part by lot, on any int. date, on 30 days' notice, at following prices and int. to and incl. Nov. 1 1931, at 103; thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1936, at 102; thereafter prior to maturity at 101. Central Union Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture will provide for an annual sinking fund, payable semi-annually, of \$120,000 or 15% of net earnings of the preceding fiscal year after allowance for dividends on first preferred stock, whichever is greater, to be used in the purchase, or redemption by lot, of debentures.

\$3,000,000 Preferred Stock Sold.—Dillon, Read & Co. also announce the sale at 99 and div. to yield over 7.05% of \$3,000,000 7% cumulative 1st preferred stock, (with common stock purchase warrants).

Preferred over the 2d pref. and common stocks as to cumulative dividends at the rate of 7% per annum, and as to assets, in event of liquidation, at \$105 per share and divs. Red. all or part by lot, or any div. date on 30 days' notice at \$105 per share and divs. Dividends payable Q-F. Dividends free of the present normal Federal income tax. Registrars, Chemical National Bank, New York and Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles. Transfer Agents, Empire Trust Co., New York and Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings, Bank, Los Angeles.

Common Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each share will carry a warrant (non-detachable except in event of redemption) entitling the holder, prior to Nov. 1 1931, to subscribe for one share of common stock: at \$20 per share prior to Nov. 1 1928, and thereafter at \$40 per share prior to Nov. 1 1931.

Capitalization.

	Authorized.	Issued.
15-year 6% sinking fund debentures	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
7% cumulative 1st pref. stock	4,000,000	3,000,000
7% non-cumulative 2d pref. stock	1,500,000	1,500,000
Common stock (no par value)	130,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

The executives, and other interests identified with the Broadway Department Store, are purchasing for \$1,500,000 cash, representing principally a reinvestment of moneys received by them from the sale of the business, the entire issue of \$1,500,000 7% non-cumulative 2d pref. stock and 51,000 shares of the common stock.

Data From Letter of Pres. Malcolm McNaghten, Los Angeles, Oct. 29.

Company.—Has been organized, in Delaware, to acquire, as of Oct. 31 1926, the assets (except certain miscellaneous investments and excess working capital aggregating approximately \$1,557,000), business and good-will, and to assume the liabilities (except certain Federal, state and local taxes estimated at \$292,000) of the Broadway Department Store which, with its predecessor, has conducted a department store business in Los Angeles, at the same location for more than 30 years. Sales in 1925 amounted to approximately \$17,000,000. The business was started with an investment of less than \$10,000 and has been developed to its present position through the reinvestment of earnings and through the investment of \$400,000 additional capital in 1915 and of approximately \$1,000,000 insurance proceeds received upon the death of the founder of the business in 1923. Since the incorporation of the Broadway Department Store in

1919, cash dividends have aggregated \$2,575,000. The store has more than 13 acres of floor space; the number of employees averages about 2,400.

Leasehold Properties.—The store is located at the corner of Broadway and 4th St., with a frontage of 242 ft. on Broadway and 239ft on 4th St. The store buildings, erected by the owners of the business, occupy land held under leases expiring Jan. 31 1961, at which time the buildings become the property of the land owners; present rentals amount to \$110,779 per annum. Additional store space in an adjoining building is occupied under a lease expiring Dec. 31 1952. (For this latter space the rental is now \$42,674 per annum, to be increased to \$72,119 per annum for the 6 years beginning Jan. 1 1927, after which period the annual rental is to be \$29,689 plus 6% of the appraised value of the land as unimproved.) In addition to the above leases Broadway Department Store, Inc. is to hold a lease, expiring in 2020, (present annual rental \$18,600), on a plot of ground with a frontage of 60 feet on Broadway and adjoining the main store building site, upon which it is to construct, prior to Feb. 1 1932, a building at least 7 stories in height. The management estimates that the new building equipped for department store operation in accordance with the best standards will cost approximately \$1,750,000, including the cost of necessary alterations to the main store building. It is expected that the additional space will result in an increase of approximately 15% over present volume of sales. Under the leases referred to above, taxes and other usual charges are paid by the lessee in addition to rentals. The rentals of \$110,779 and \$18,000, mentioned above, are subject to adjustment from time to time based upon the appraised value of the land as unimproved.

Purpose.—The \$3,000,000 1st preferred stock and \$3,000,000 debentures are being issued as part of the financing in connection with the acquisition of the principal assets, the business and good-will of the Broadway Department Store.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the Broadway Department Store, for the 4 years and 6 months ended June 30 1926, after deducting income (averaging \$35,482 per annum) to reflect the elimination of miscellaneous investments and excess working capital not to be acquired by Broadway Department Store, Inc. and before Federal taxes have been as follows:

	Net Avail.	Int. & Fed. For Interest Tax. (13½%)	Net after
1922	\$1,139,065	\$829,591	56,876
1923	1,275,815	947,880	662,472
1924	945,864	662,472	827,915
1925	1,137,127	827,915	365,315
1926 (6 months)	512,324	365,315	

Pro Forma Balance Sheet, June 30 1926.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$200,000	Notes & accounts payable	\$1,214,991
Accounts receivable	1,794,837	Res. for state, city and county taxes	56,876
Merchandise	3,662,522	Other current liabilities	160,492
Buildings & equipment	3,712,401	Miscellaneous reserves	36,732
Miscellaneous assets	54,447	6% debentures	3,000,000
Deferred charges	341,130	Capital stock: 7% 1st pref. stock	3,000,000
		7% non-cum. 2d pref. stock	1,500,000
Total (each side)	\$9,765,337	Common stock (100,000 shs.)	796,246

—V. 123, p. 2265.

Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co.—Earnings.

The company reports earnings after taxes for the month of September 1926 of about \$475,000. For the nine months ended Sept. 30 1926 net profits, after depreciation and taxes were \$1,465,000, compared with a loss of about \$75,000 for the corresponding period last year.

Net sales for the nine months of this year are about 25% ahead of last year, while those for the month of September show an increase of more than 40%. Substantial improvement in the ratio of profits to sales is indicated by the fact that while net sales during the third quarter are reported to have increased 40% over 1925, net profits for the period increased more than 130%. Under normal conditions, more than 40% of the company's earnings are made during the last quarter of the year.

Introduction by the company of new mechanical instruments, for which a great demand is reported as well as for the Panatope and Panatope-Radiola, is expected to result in more than the normal expansion of sales and profits.—V. 123, p. 1636.

Burns Bros. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Quarter Ended—

	Sept. 30 '26.	June 30 '26.	6 Mos. Ended Sept. 30-1926.	1925.
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Net earn. after all oper., selling & adm. exps.	\$124,076	\$706,438	\$830,515	\$1,068,165
Provision for Federal income & State taxes	8,000	99,000	107,000	108,975
Depreciation	45,783	42,592	88,375	91,919
Net profit	\$70,293	\$564,846	\$635,140	\$867,271
Dividends paid:				
7% prior pref. stock	12,724	12,724	25,448	25,868
7% preferred stock	45,150	45,150	90,300	91,225
Common Class A	243,360	244,413	486,722	401,647
Common Class B	48,673	48,684	97,358	80,940
Net to surplus	loss\$279,614	\$214,875	loss\$64,738	\$264,591

—V. 123, p. 1881.

Butte Copper & Zinc Co.—Earnings.

Period Ended Sept. 30 1926—

	Quarter.	9 Months.
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Tons of ore	36,891	108,768
Proceeds of ore	\$78,219	\$208,180
Less written off for deprec. of plant and equip.	2,500	7,500
Balance	\$75,718	\$200,680
Interest receivable	5,471	14,323
Total	\$81,189	\$215,004
Administrative expenses and taxes	29,158	81,201
Profit on sale of securities	\$52,032	\$133,802
		586
Net income	\$52,032	\$134,388

—V. 123, p. 715.

Butte & Superior Mining Co.—Quarterly Report.

The 48th quarterly report, covering the third quarter of 1926, shows:

Zinc Operations (1926)—		3d Quar.	2d Quar.	1st Quar.
Zinc ore produced (tons)		70,350	73,628	79,228
Average silver content (oz.)		5.78	4.79	4.00
Average zinc content (per cent)		12.26	11.57	10.24
Total silver in ore (oz.)		406,868	352,879	317,412
Total zinc in ore (lbs.)		17,254,103	17,040,698	16,229,388
Copper Operations—				
Copper ore produced (tons)		21,389	23,425	31,813
Average silver content (oz.)		5.86	6.07	6.04
Average copper content (per cent)		3.90	3.81	3.91
Total silver in ore (oz.)		125,354	142,272	191,999
Total copper in ore (lbs.)		1,669,749	1,784,463	2,485,773

Financial Results for the Quarter, Compared with Two Previous Quarters.

	3d Quar.	2d Quar.	1st Quar.
Net value of zinc ore	\$641,212	\$582,073	\$590,946
Net value of copper ore	157,829	170,748	246,626
Miscellaneous income	13,169	12,639	11,021
Total income	\$812,210	\$765,460	\$848,593
Operating costs	600,651	640,061	686,273
Depreciation, reserve for taxes, &c.	39,443	35,929	37,766
Net to surplus	\$172,116	\$89,470	\$124,555

No provision has been made in the above figures for depletion.

Average Metal Prices Used in Estimating Income.

	3d Quar.	2d Quar.	1st Quar.
Silver, per ounce	62.25c.	65.00c.	66.66c.
Zinc, per pound	7.40c.	7.38c.	7.38c.
Copper, per pound	14.05c.	13.65c.	13.89c.

A distribution of 50c. a share, amounting to \$145,099 was made on Sept. 30 1926 to holders of record Sept. 15 1926, making a total distribution of \$1 50 per share this year.—V. 123, p. 847.

Cady Lumber Corp. (Del.).—Bonds Offered.—G. E. Barrett & Co. and Edmund Seymour & Co., Inc., New York are offering \$2,000,000 1st mtge & lien 6½% sinking fund gold bonds at 98½ and int. to yield over 6.65%.

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1939. Int. payable M. & N. 1 Denom. \$1,000 and \$5000*. Principal and int. payable at Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York, trustee. Red. on any int. date, either through purchase in the open market or by call, upon 30 days' notice at 105 and int. to May 1 1930, thereafter at ½ of 1% less each year until maturity. Corporation agrees to pay int. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%, and to refund upon application within 60 days after payment, the Penna., Calif. and Conn. personal property taxes not exceeding 4 mills annually, the Dist. of Col. personal property tax not exceeding 5 mills annually, the Maryland 4½-mill tax and the Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum on income derived from the bonds.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each bond will carry detachable stock purchase warrants entitling the holder thereof to purchase 10 shares of common stock for each \$1,000 of the bonds, at \$30 per share, up to the maturity of the bonds, Nov. 1 1939, regardless of any or all of the bonds being called previously.

Data from Letter of W. M. Cady, President of the Corporation.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
6½% 1st mtge. bonds (this issue).....	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
7% cum. conv. pref. (par \$100).....	5,000,000	3,500,000
Common stock.....	250,000 shs.	115,000 shs.

Corporation.—Organized in June 1925 in Delaware for the purpose of acquiring all of the property and assets of the W. M. Cady Lumber Co. of Arizona (V. 119, p. 2884) the total capital stock and all of the bonds of the Apache Ry., a common carrier extending from the town of McNary for a distance of 73 miles to the town of Holbrook, Ariz., where it connects with the main line of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., with which it has joint traffic arrangements and joint through rates to all parts of the United States, and has since acquired all of the physical property and assets of the Flagstaff Lumber Co. of Arizona.

Corporation has at present under contracts with the U. S. Government the right to cut from the Apache Indian Reservation, Apache, Coconino and Sitgreaves National Forests, all in Arizona, merchantable timber comprising in the aggregate, according to the estimate of James D. Lacey & Co. in their report made in August 1926, approximately one billion feet B. M. It has no capital invested in standing timber, its purchase contracts, providing for payment for timber only when and as cut, without interest and without taxes. All operations are under U. S. Government Department of Forestry supervision and are so conducted that reforestation is continuous at a rate equal or exceeding the rate of cut. At the present rate of operation it would require approximately 75 years to cut the forest over. Standing timber to be cut under the present contracts is estimated at approximately one billion feet B. M. and the value of the corporation's equity in the said timber has been appraised by James D. Lacey & Co. at \$3,041,786, although carried at only \$100 on the books of the corporation.

Corporation conducts the largest lumber manufacturing operation in the Southwest at its modern plants at McNary and Flagstaff, Ariz., which have a combined capacity of more than 130,000,000 feet B. M. per annum. Its product is well and favorably known to the lumber trade throughout the United States and is marketed under the trade name of "Cady Quality" Arizona white pine.

Security.—Secured by first mortgage on all of the fixed assets of the corporation and, by assignment to the trustee of its timber contracts, and the deposit of all of the bonds and the total capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of the Apache Ry. The present sound value of the above plants and property, logging railroads, machinery and equipment and timber contracts including the assets of the Apache Ry., has been appraised by the Foundation Co. of New York and James D. Lacey & Co. at \$8,337,836, or more than four times the amount of the issue. This is exclusive of about \$630,000 net current assets.

Earnings.—The net earnings of the corporation, its subsidiary and predecessor companies, after depreciation, depletion and taxes, other than Federal taxes, and after adjustment for certain non-recurring charges, have averaged over \$746,300 per annum for the 10 years ending Jan. 1 1926, or over 5.7 times the maximum interest on this bond issue. The above earnings were derived principally from the operations in Louisiana prior to 1924, when its cut in that State was completed.

Construction was completed, and on Aug. 1 the corporation commenced operations which are now at an annual rate of 130,000,000 feet B. M. per year. Earnings of the corporation for the current quarter are at the rate of over \$1,000,000 per year. From and after Jan. 1 1927 annual net earnings of the corporation, available for paying interest on these bonds, are estimated at \$1,300,000, or 10 times the interest on this issue.

Earnings, after all charges, available for dividends on the outstanding 115,000 shares of common stock, should exceed \$5 per share.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the retirement of approximately \$900,000 of bonds now outstanding, to reimburse the corporation in part for advances made from its treasury for capital expenditures, and to provide additional working capital.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund, based on the amount of timber cut, with certain specified maximums and minimums, beginning Feb. 15 1928, is provided to retire the entire issue by maturity.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Copper Output (Lbs.).

October.	September.	August.	July.	June.	May.
4,760,000	3,586,000	3,920,000	3,332,000	4,208,000	4,908,000
—V. 123, p. 1881, 1885.					

(William Z.) Campbell Land Co., Detroit.—Bonds Offered.—Wm. L. Davis & Co., Fidelity Trust Co., Joel Stockard & Co., Guardian Trust Co. and J. G. Holland & Co., Detroit, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,650,000 10-year 6½% 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1936. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at Fidelity Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Red. all or part on 30 days notice at 102 and int. up to and incl. Oct. 1 1931 and at 101 and int. thereafter. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Authorized issue, \$2,500,000.

Security.—As security for the payment of these bonds the trustee has taken title to the following property: (a) 3,796 lots, comprising approximately 475 acres, in 14 subdivisions located in the northeast section of the metropolitan district of Detroit; (b) over 850 acres of land located on Lake St. Clair, known as Huron Pointe, 20 miles north and east of the business centre of the City of Detroit.

The properties have been appraised by the trustee for \$5,431,355, or over three times the amount of this bond issue. The total sales price of the properties is in excess of \$13,500,000. Land contracts now made in the amount of over \$2,000,000, and those to be made will be assigned to and deposited with the trustee.

Guaranty.—These bonds will be the direct obligation of the company, and will further be guaranteed, jointly and severally, both as to interest and principal by Frederick C. Dalby and William Z. Campbell, who own all of the stock of the William Z. Campbell Land Co., excepting qualifying directors' shares. The financial responsibility of the guarantors is in excess of \$1,400,000, exclusive of their holdings in the William Z. Campbell Land Co.—V. 122, p. 1031.

Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Period End.	Sept. 30—1926	3 Mos.—1925.	1926—9 Mos.—1925.
Net sales.....	\$2,226,229	\$1,743,017	\$6,521,727
Cost of sales & exp.....	1,752,943	1,345,593	4,963,988
Profit from operations.....	\$473,286	\$397,424	\$1,557,739
Other income.....	25,661	15,691	63,405
Gross income.....	\$498,947	\$413,115	\$1,621,144
Other deductions.....	27,823	78,819	147,961
Depreciation.....	28,802	10,969	60,339
Interest.....	4,949	769	7,829
U. S. & Dom. of Can. tax.....	57,763	41,491	179,000
Net profit.....	\$379,610	\$281,067	\$1,226,016

President P. D. Saylor says in part: "The increase in profits for the quarter and also the 9 months—almost equal to the total profits of 1925. For the 9 months sales are more than the total sales for the year 1925. For the first 17 days of October sales exceed the entire month's sales of Oct. 1925, by over 17,000 cases. We have added over a \$1,000,000 to our fixed assets during the year to date.

"During the 9 months' period working capital, which is the excess of current assets over current liabilities, has been turned over 5.51 times. Our average inventory has been turned over 10.30 times during the same 9 months. We have added to our surplus account \$544,769 since Jan. 1 1926. The total surplus is now \$1,526,873. Current assets are 2.50 times current liabilities."—V. 123, p. 1636.

Canadian & Foreign Securities Co., Ltd.—New Co.—See Canadian Northern Prairie Lands Co., Ltd., below.

Canadian Northern Prairie Lands Co., Ltd.—To Wind Up Co.—To Dispose of Assets to New Co.

A special meeting of shareholders is to be held on Nov. 15 to consider a plan for the disposal of the company's assets by means of the following arrangement: (1) a company is to be organized under the Dominion Companies Act, called *Canadian & Foreign Securities Co., Ltd.*, with an authorized capital of 300,000 shares, no par value. This company is also to create \$1,200,000 of 6% debentures, secured by a floating charge upon the undertaking, maturing at latest in 1946. An annual sinking fund of 2% is to be provided for, commencing in one year from the date of the debentures, to be used in redemption of debentures in the open market under 105% or by drawings at 105% and interest. The debentures are to be callable at any time, in whole or in part at 105 and interest, and are to be fully registered as to principal and interest, with registration in London or Toronto. The Canadian & Foreign Securities Co., Ltd., is to acquire by purchase from this company all its assets (incl. the shares and debentures of the subsidiary company referred to in the next paragraph) with the exception of securities of the approximate value of \$1,350,000, issuing in payment therefor to this company its entire share capital of 300,000 shares of no par value (less directors' qualifying shares) and the entire issue of \$1,200,000 of 6% debentures above referred to.

(2) A subsidiary company is to be organized under the Dominion Companies Act, under the name of *Canadian Northern Prairie Lands Co., Ltd.*, with an authorized capital of \$250,000, which company shall create an issue of \$750,000 of 6% registered debentures, maturing at latest in 1946 secured by a floating charge on the undertaking. The new company will acquire from this company all land assets, mortgages and purchase contracts, delivering in payment therefor all of its share capital (less directors' qualifying shares) and the entire issue of \$750,000 of 6% debentures. These will be transferred to Canadian & Foreign Securities Co., Ltd. as stated above.

(3) The Canadian Northern Prairie Lands Co., Ltd. (the existing company) will sell for cash its securities to the value of \$1,350,000, and when the steps outlined above have been taken, its assets will consist of \$1,350,000 cash, \$1,200,000 debentures of Canadian & Foreign Securities Co., Ltd., and 300,000 shares of Canadian & Foreign Securities Co., Ltd., no par value.

(4) The existing company is then to wind up under Part XIII of the Ontario Companies Act, and the assets will be distributed among its share holders the shareholders receiving for each share of Canadian Northern Prairie Lands Co., Ltd. (the existing company) stock held by them: (a) \$4 50 in cash, (b) \$4 registered 6% debenture of Canadian & Foreign Securities Co., Ltd., carrying interest from the date of the winding-up resolution, (c) one share of stock (no par value) in the capital of Canadian & Foreign Securities Co., Ltd., and (d) accrued dividend on their present shares at the rate of 10% per annum from the last dividend date to the date of the winding-up resolution.

(London "Stock Exchange Weekly Official Intelligence.")—V. 120, p. 1922.

Casein Co. of America (N. J.).—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the preferred stock and an extra dividend of 3½%, both payable Nov. 12 to holders of record Nov. 10. An extra of 1% was paid Feb. 11, May 12 and Aug. 12 last.

The Casein Co. of America, Delaware, has declared a quarterly dividend of 1½% and an extra of 1% on the stock, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 6. Regular quarterly distributions of 1½% each were paid on Feb. 15, May 15 and Aug. 16 last. Previously the quarterly rate was 1%, in addition to which a total of 2% extra was paid last year.—V. 123, p. 715.

Caterpillar Tractor Co. (Calif.).—Larger Dividend—To Split Up Shares—Sales & Earnings.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 50 per share on the capital stock, par \$25, payable Nov. 25 to holders of record Nov. 15. Previously quarterly dividends of \$1 25 per share were paid.

The company proposes to split up its stock on a five for one basis and change the par value of the shares from \$25 to non-par.

Consolidated Earnings Statement (Incl. Western Harvester Co.).

Period Ended Sept. 30 1926—	3 Months.	9 Months.
Sales.....	\$4,530,361	\$16,351,963
Net profit, before Federal taxes.....	1,061,527	3,812,088
—V. 123, p. 715.		

Chain Belt Co., Milwaukee.—Acquires Conveyor Co.

The company announces the acquisition of the Stearns Conveyor Co. of Cleveland through the purchase of all the latter company's capital stock. The Stearns Co. which makes a line of material handling machinery, specializing on belt conveyors, will continue to operate as a separate organization with Earl D. Stearns of Cleveland, founder of the company, as President. The property consists of a modern industrial plant with real estate holdings which will permit of considerable expansion.

The Chain Belt Co., manufacturers of power transmission chains, conveyors and concrete mixers, known under the trade name Rex, operates two plants in and near Milwaukee, employing approximately 1,200 men. Affiliated with the Chain Belt Co. are the Sivyer Steel Casting Co., the Federal Malleable Co., the Interstate Drop Forge Co., all of Milwaukee, and the Nugent Steel Casting Co. of Chicago. C. R. Messinger is Pres.—V. 117, p. 210.

Chicopee (Mass.) Mfg. Co.—To Build Mill in South.

Treasurer C. A. McCormick, announced on Oct. 30 that the company will build a 40,000-spindle mill, costing around \$3,000,000, at Gainesville, Ga. The contract was let to the Fiske Carter Co. of Greenville, So. Caro. The company is controlled by Johnson & Johnson of New Brunswick, N. J. The new plant at Gainesville will manufacture gauze.—V. 112, p. 165.

Clafins, Inc.—Reduces Capitalization.

The corporation has filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., decreasing its authorized capital stock from \$6,000,000 to \$4,500,000.—V. 123, p. 2144.

Coca-Cola International.—Earnings.

Period—	Sept. 30 '26.	June 30 '26.
Gross income.....	\$432,890	\$443,345
Expenses.....	2,591	2,854
Profit.....	\$430,299	\$440,491
Dividends.....	432,890	437,446
Deficit.....	\$2,591	sur\$3,045
—V. 123, p. 715.		

Conqoleum-Nairn, Inc.—New President.

Albert W. Hawkes, Vice-President & General Manager, has been elected President, succeeding Frank B. Foster, who remains a director. A. W. Erickson continues as Chairman.—V. 123, p. 586.

Connecticut Mills Co., Inc.—To Lease Plant in South.

Contracts were signed on Oct. 26 by Obadiah Butler, President of the company and the Textile Realty Co. which assures Albany-Decatur, Ala., of \$1,000,000 fire fabricating plant. Under the terms of the contract the Textile Realty Co. will construct a \$600,000 building 240 by 140 ft., 3-stories high, of concrete, brick and steel which will be leased to the Connecticut company for 15-years, at the expiration of which time the latter agrees to buy the building. Construction will start at once. The Connecticut

company agrees to install machinery valued at around \$400,000. President Butler stated that his company had decided to locate in this section because of its proximity to the market for raw materials which are used in the manufacturing process. (Hartford "Courier.")—V. 123, p. 1637.

Connor Lumber & Land Co., Marshfield, Wis.—Bonds Offered.—Baker, Fentress & Co., Chicago, and First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, are offering at prices to yield 6% (except first maturity, 5½%) \$1,250,000 guaranteed 1st mtge. 6% bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due serially (M. & N.) from Nov. 1 1927 to 1941. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100. Callable at 100 and int., plus a premium of 2%. Both principal and int. payable at Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, Ill., and First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee, Wis. First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee and Walter A. Graff, Chicago, trustees. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Data from Letter of Robert Connor, Vice-President of the Company.

History and Business.—The Connor Lumber interests, comprising Connor Lumber & Land Co. and R. Connor Co., own the largest body of hardwood timberlands in Wisconsin and the contiguous portion of the upper peninsula of Michigan, and operate the largest hardwood lumber plant in Wisconsin. This business was started in 1872 at Auburndale, Wis., by R. Connor Sr., incorporated in 1888 as R. Connor Co. and Connor Lumber & Land Co. added in 1900 to take over and operate the company's timber in the northern portion of the State. From a capital of \$100,000 in 1888, these interests have grown to a present net worth in excess of \$5,960,000, in addition to having paid dividends of over \$925,000. The properties are exceptionally well located and the business highly developed and self-contained, comprising timber, railroad, mills, and retail yards for the distribution of finished products.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by direct first lien on properties of the company, which are valued as follows: 40,000 acres of virgin hardwood timber (at \$75 per acre), \$3,000,000; plants, stock of railroad and equipment, \$1,000,000; total, \$4,000,000.

Operations and Earnings.—Company completed in May of this year, rebuilding and enlarging its plant at Laona, Wis., which is now the largest hardwood lumber manufacturing plant in the State. During the seven-year period up to Jan. 1 1924 income of company available for interest, depletion, and depreciation, was \$1,383,870, or an average net realization of \$10.37 per 1,000 ft. for all its timber cut. With its greatly increased manufacturing capacity and lessened cost of production, company estimates it will, from now on, realize as much, if not more, from all of its timber. Based, however, only upon the above seven-year average of \$10.37 per 1,000 ft., annual income available for interest, depletion and depreciation will be in excess of \$370,000 per annum. Interest charges on this issue of bonds are \$75,000 per annum.

Self-Liquidating Provision.—Retirement of this issue on a basis steadily increasing its security, is provided through sinking fund payments which must be paid the corporate trustee for all timber cut or lands released from the lien of the mortgage. These should operate to increase the value of physical property pledged for each \$1,000 bond from approximately \$3,200 in 1926 to approximately \$9,900 for bonds due in 1941.

Guarantee.—The R. Connor Co. (which guarantees the above bonds as does the Connor Lumber & Land Co., the \$939,616 of bonds outstanding of the R. Connor Co.) owns a modern sawmill plant located at Stratford, Wis., and approximately 30,000,000 ft. of timber adjacent thereto. It also owns upwards of 38,000 acres of hardwood timberlands in Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, northern Michigan, and operates retail lumber yards at Marshfield, Auburndale, Granton, Stratford, Spencer, Marathon, Chili and Fenwood, Wis. A general merchandise business is conducted at Stratford and Auburndale in excess of \$350,000 annually. The net worth of the R. Connor Co. as of Sept. 1 1926 was in excess of \$2,300,000.—V. 123, p. 2267.

Consolidation Coal Co.—1¾% Preferred Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 1¾% on the 7% cum. pref. stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20. The previous payment was 1¾% made on Feb. 20 last. The above distribution will leave 8¾% still unpaid on the pref. stock.—V. 122, p. 1769.

Cosgrove-Meehan Coal Corp.—Earnings.
 —*Quar. End. Sept. 30* —*9 Mos. End. Sept. 30*
 Period— 1926. 1925. 1926. 1925.
 Net inc., after all chgs. \$37,703 \$42,828 \$165,588 \$32,356
 Coal sales for the 9 months of 1926 increased 53% over those for the same period in 1925.—V. 123, p. 848.

Crown Central Petroleum Corp.—Acquisition.
 A published statement understood by the "Chronicle" to be correct says: This corporation has acquired the holdings of the Rydal Oil Corp. in the Aviator and Schott pools of the Miranda field in Webb County, Tex., for \$400,000, of which \$135,000 is to be paid in cash and \$265,000 out of 30% of the oil produced. The Crown Central corporation recently paid a similar amount for a half interest of Rydal in the leases in the Aviator pool in which Crown Central already owned the other half. The latter sold all its production in other fields, keeping only the Miranda properties.—V. 123, p. 716.

Davega, Inc., New York.—Stock Increased—Rights.
 The stockholders on Nov. 1 increased the authorized common stock of no par value from 50,000 shares to 65,000 shares and voted to redeem on Jan. 1 the outstanding 8% cum. pref. stock at 102 and int. The redeemed stock will be canceled as well as the balance of preferred in the treasury. The stockholders of record Nov. 1 will be given the right to subscribe to the new common stock on the basis of one share for every 5½ shares owned. No fractional shares will be issued.

The proceeds are to be used to acquire all of the common and preferred stock in the Schoverling, Daly & Gales Corp., an old-established retail and wholesale concern dealing in sporting goods, guns, ammunition, athletic supplies, &c. The Schoverling, Daly & Gales company was established in 1868. It had taken over the Joan P. Moore Sons Co., established in 1823. It is the intention of Davega to run this business in the same way it has been run in the past, using the same name and personnel, and perhaps to enlarge the volume and extent of its activities.

Officers of the Schoverling, Daly & Gales Corp. are: A. Davega, President; Henry Benjamin, F. J. Wilbur and T. W. Stake, Vice-Presidents; D. F. Singleton, Treasurer; John Borchers, Secretary; Michael Kronman, Assistant Treasurer, and Archie Altman, Assistant Secretary. The Schoverling corporation is located at 302-4 Broadway, N. Y. City, and conducts its entire business in the one building. The volume of sales is approximately \$1,250,000 per annum. The Davega company operates a retail chain of 7 stores with a volume of close to \$3,000,000 per annum. The Davega company also owns the entire stock control of the Knickerbocker Talking Machine Co., Inc., which does a large wholesale radio business. They are located at 831 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Davis Mills.—Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Oct. 2 '26.	Oct. 31 '25.	Liabilities—	Oct. 2 '26.	Oct. 31 '25.
Real estate & machinery	\$2,881,661	\$3,024,952	Capital stock	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Merchandise	738,915	887,879	Notes payable	351,750	405,181
Cash and account receivable	201,738	338,561	Reserve for taxes	68,556	62,402
			Deprec'n reserve	491,220	1,110,786
			Res. for add'l Fed. taxes, 1916-22		86,143
Total (each side)	\$3,822,315	\$4,251,392	Profit & loss, surp.	410,789	86,880

 —V. 121, p. 2278.

De Forest Phonofilm Corp.—Treasurer Resigns.
 L. A. Baker has resigned as Treasurer of the De Forest Phonofilm Corp. and De Forest Phonofilms, Inc., effective Nov. 1.—V. 123, p. 2145.

Detroit Hotel (Co.) Detroit, Mich.—Bonds Offered.
 Sweet, Fearey & Co., Inc., New York and Chas. A. Floyd, Hall & Co., Detroit are offering at prices ranging from 98 and int. to 100 and int., to yield from 6½% to 6.71% according to maturity \$850,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6½%

serial gold bonds, series "B." Dated March 1 1926; due serially 1929-1941 (see description in V. 122, p. 1616). These bonds are offered with a bonus of class "B" no par value stock at the rate of 2 shares with every \$1,000 bond.

Security.—Series "B" bonds are secured by a first mortgage on a 20-story modern fireproof hotel structure, which is being erected on one of the best business corners of downtown Detroit. The mortgage is also secured by the land, furniture, furnishings, appurtenances and fixtures. Both series "A" bonds (V. 122, p. 1616) to the closed authorized amount of \$3,250,000 and series "B" bonds to the closed authorized amount of \$850,000 are secured by the same indenture. The series "A" bonds are prior to the series "B" bonds only in the event of liquidation or default. The net equity applicable to the series "B" bonds, after giving due allowance to the series "A" bonds is \$2,575,000 based on present lowest independent appraisals or more than \$3,000 for each \$1,000 bond. The series "B" bonds are followed by \$1,425,000 general mortgage bonds and 9,741 shares of class "A" stock and 40,000 shares of class "B" stock, all of which have been sold or underwritten.

Valuation.—The land has been appraised by Homer Warren & Co. of Detroit, giving effect to the completion of the building, at \$1,689,900. The building and furnishings upon completion have been appraised by C. W. George L. Kapp, Architects, of Chicago, at \$4,746,500, making a total finished value of \$6,436,400. Additional appraisals were made on the land in its unimproved condition by B. H. Manning, Vice-President and Real Estate Officer of the Union Trust Co., Detroit, at approximately \$1,400,000 and on the building including furnishings and carrying charges, by Thompson-Starrett Co. and by Albert Kahn, Inc., of Detroit, the lower of which appraisals is \$4,425,000. The combined appraisal taking the lower figure on land and building is \$5,825,000.

Ownership & Management.—This hotel will be operated by the Detroit Hotel Co., under the direction and the supervision of the Continental Leland Corp.—V. 122, p. 1616.

Devoe & Reynolds Co., Inc.—To Retire 1st Pref. Stock.
 The company announces it will receive tenders for the redemption of its outstanding 1st pref. stock to the amount of \$30,145.21 which amount is held for the purchase of such stock under the provisions of the sinking fund. The stock will be redeemed at 115 and divs. All tenders must be delivered to the trust department, Chase National Bank of the City of New York on or before Nov. 18 1926. The right is reserved to reject any or all tenders.—V. 123, p. 2145.

Diamond Match Co.—Earnings.

Period Ended Sept. 30 1926—	Quarter.	9 Months.
Earnings from all sources	\$674,666	\$2,168,117
Federal, state and city tax	118,745	464,576
Depreciation and amortization, &c.	176,390	501,748
Dividends	336,000	1,008,000
Balance, surplus	\$43,531	\$193,794

 The profit and loss surplus Sept. 30 1926 amounted to \$4,840,740.—V. 123, p. 716.

Dodge Brothers, Inc.—Cash Sales Large.
 Nearly half of the purchasers of Dodge Brothers cars pay cash, according to Treasurer R. P. Fohey, after a statistical study of practically 40,000 recent sales made by dealers throughout the United States and Canada. "To get an average of the prevalence of installment buying," said Mr. Fohey, "we took 39,095 sales of new cars made by our dealers over a period of several weeks and analyzed them. We found that 17,629, or 45.1% of the buyers, laid down the full amount when they took delivery of their cars and trucks. No exact figures are available for the industry as a whole, but the commonly accepted estimate is that only 20% of motor car buyers pay in full at time of delivery. For this reason I think the result of our analysis will surprise a good many people, particularly bankers."
 It is further announced that in not a single district throughout the United States and Canada did the amount of cash transactions fall below 23%, and in some districts cash sales amounted to more than 65% of the dealers' total business. Installment buying was found to be more prevalent in the New York district, with its large urban population, than in the Omaha district, which includes much small town and rural territory. The average of cash sales reported by Canadian dealers was 51%, about 6% higher than the figure for the United States.

"The conservative policy of Dodge Brothers dealers, requiring a large down payment and not more than 12 monthly installments, has contributed to sound expansion of its business," said Mr. Fohey. "Dealers' total sales have in the first 9 months of this year increased 41.5% over the same period last year. True enough, if easier terms were permitted this increase in sales might have been larger, but the risks involved in a too loose credit policy are not worth taking."

"Theoretically, Dodge Brothers, Inc., has no interest in whether the dealer sells for cash or on installments; or whether the installment contracts are paid. This is because Dodge Brothers, Inc., gets its money from its dealers before cars are delivered. Out of sales exceeding a billion and a half dollars, its loss from bad debts has been less than \$33,000. Nevertheless, under practical conditions the company has a vital interest in the installment plan methods adopted by its dealers, for if the dealer obtains volume sales by unsound credit extensions, it would eventually result in losses and curtailment of sales affecting both dealer and manufacturer. All of our studies indicate that properly safeguarded installment selling has a real place in the automotive industry. Our cars are to-day utilized by owners to such an extent in their business and have become so essential that the employment of conservative credit extension by dealers is both constructive and fundamentally sound."—V. 123, p. 2267, 2145.

Doehrer Die Casting Co.—Earnings.

Five Months Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$5,488,378	\$5,096,603
Net profit after Federal tax	\$502,290	\$282,691
Preferred dividends	32,812	32,812
Surplus	\$469,478	\$249,879

 —V. 123, p. 1511.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Gold Production (Value).

October.	September.	August.	July.	June.	May.
\$324,629	\$324,774	\$324,243	\$320,042	\$327,664	\$328,028

 —V. 123, p. 1883, 2145.

Donner Steel Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Period—	— <i>Quar. End. Sept. 30</i> —	— <i>9 Mos. End. Sept. 30</i> —
	1926.	1925.
xNet from operations	\$544,279	\$350,713
Int. on bonds and notes	133,481	252,875
Provision for deprec.	205,458	104,000
Net income	\$205,339	\$23,838
xAfter deducting repairs and maintenance, administrative and selling expenses, taxes, &c.	\$205,339	\$23,838

 —V. 123, p. 1386.

Duesenberg, Inc.—Incorporated.
 The above company was incorporated Oct. 21 in Delaware with an authorized capital of 75,000 shares class A stock and 150,000 shares class B stock. The company is successor to the Duesenberg Motors Co., which was recently acquired by E. L. Cord, Pres. of the Auburn Automobile Co. The new company, it is stated, has no corporate connection with the Auburn company.

Dwight Mfg. Co., Boston.—To Acquire Plant—Rights, &c.
 Treasurer George Nichols Oct. 27 in a letter to the stockholders says in substance:

In accordance with the authority which you granted the directors at the meeting July 12 1926, they have arranged to issue \$2,000,000 of authorized but unissued stock (par \$25). The company has entered into a contract to acquire for \$350,000 of this stock the business, plant and equipment of Essex Cotton Mills at Newburyport, Mass., with a view to transferring the operations of Essex Cotton Mills to the mills of your company at Alabama City, Ala. The Essex Cotton Mills have for years been manufacturing tire fabric. The earnings of your company's plant at Chicopee, Mass., have been, and still are, unsatisfactory; but the plant at Alabama City has consistently made money and it is in the hope of still further increasing these earnings that the present plan has been adopted.

The balance \$1,650,000 of this stock the directors have voted to sell for cash at par; such shares to be first offered for subscription at par for cash to stockholders in proportion to their holdings.

Each stockholder of record Oct. 27 is now offered the right to subscribe on or before Nov. 10 at par (\$25 per share) for 11 new shares of such additional stock for each 20 shares now held. No certificate will be issued for a fractional part of a share, but any stockholder entitled to subscribe on the above ratio to a fractional part of a share may subscribe to a full share in lieu of such fraction. Subscriptions are payable at the New England Trust Co., 135 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass., in cash installments as follows: \$12.50 per share on or before Nov. 10 1926, and \$12.50 per share on or before Jan. 4 1927. The second installment payable Jan. 4 1927 may be paid in advance on Nov. 10 1926 with the first installment at the option of the subscriber, and those who thus pay the second installment in advance on Nov. 10 1926 will be entitled to receive interest at the rate of 4% per annum on such second prepaid installment from Nov. 10 1926 to Jan. 4 1927. Failure to pay any installment on any subscription which due will render such subscription and any subscriber's rights thereunder subject to forfeiture.

Stock not subscribed and paid for in accordance with this offer will be taken by the underwriters, (J. P. Morgan & Co.) who have underwritten all the shares now offered at par for 5% commission.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Aug. 28 '26.	May 29 '26	Aug. 28 '26.	May 29 '26.
Plant account.....	\$3,000,000	Capital stock.....	\$3,000,000
Cash.....	391,769	Notes payable.....	2,350,000
Acc'ts receivable.....	693,463	Accounts payable.....	195,746
Inventories.....	2,043,678	Res'v' for deprec.....	133,049
Miscell. securities.....	1	Capital surplus.....	865,681
Profit and loss.....	415,565		865,681

Total\$6,544,476 \$6,986,259 Total\$6,544,476 \$6,986,259
Purchase contracts for machinery Aug. 28 1926 amounted to \$89,404. This item includes interest and is payable in quarterly installments, final payment being due in April 1929.

The value of real estate and machinery, as compiled for Federal tax purposes Nov. 30 1925, was \$5,535,243. This value is based on cost less estimated depreciation.

Offers Stock.

An additional issue of \$2,000,000 of capital stock, par \$25, of which \$1,650,000 is being offered to shareholders of record Oct. 27 at par in the ratio of 11 new shares for each 20 shares now held and the balance of \$350,000 to be used to purchase the Essex Cotton Mills at Newburyport, Mass.

An official statement says: "The company has entered into a contract to acquire for \$350,000 of its stock the business, plant and equipment of Essex Cotton Mills at Newburyport, with a view to transferring the operations of Essex Cotton Mills to the mills of the company at Alabama City, Ala. The Essex Cotton Mills have for years been manufacturing tire fabric and their product stands well in the trade. The earnings of the company's plant at Chicopee, Mass., have been and still are satisfactory; but the plant at Alabama City has consistently made money and it is the hope of still further increasing these earnings that the present plan has been adopted.

"Stock not subscribed for by the stockholders will be taken by the underwriters, who have underwritten all the shares now offered at par for 5% commission." The stock is payable \$12.50 a share Nov. 10 1926 and \$12.50 a share Jan. 4 1927. Rights to subscribe expire Nov. 10, 1926. V. 123, p. 331.

Economy Grocery Stores Corp.—Sales—Earnings.—

3 Months Ended Sept. 30—		1926.	1925.
Sales.....		\$1,733,766	\$1,448,537
Net income.....		16,408	23,832

Compare V. 123, p. 1767.

Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.—Bonds Offered.—Stix & Co. and Real Estate Mortgage Trust Co., St. Louis, are offering at prices to yield from 5½% to 6%, according to maturity, \$345,000 1st mtge. serial 6% real estate gold bonds.

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due serially 1928 to 1936. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at office of Real Estate Mortgage Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., trustee. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon 60 days notice, at 102 and int. if called for payment on or before Dec. 15 1929, and at 101 and int. if called thereafter.

Security.—The bonds of this issue are secured by a first mortgage on two tracts of land and all improvements erected thereon. On the first tract, at Ridgcrest, N. C., 18 miles east of Asheville, is located the Assembly Grounds of the Education Board, which maintains facilities there for the promotion of various phases of religious and educational work. On the other tract of land, located near Okmulgee, Okla., is the Nuyaka Baptist Indian School and Orphanage. The improvements consist of various schools, dormitories, a hotel of 125 rooms and other buildings necessary for their educational and religious program.

The valuation committee of the Asheville Real Estate Board has appraised the Ridgcrest property at \$730,395. Other appraisals have been secured by reputable bankers of Asheville, the lowest being \$693,441. The Nuyaka School has been appraised at \$50,000.

Mortgages.—The Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Alabama. The Education Board is an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention and controls 119 colleges in the South, that have property and equipment estimated at \$35,000,000 in addition to endowment funds of \$20,000,000, a total of \$55,000,000. The enrollment in the colleges is in excess of 38,000.

The Southern Baptist Convention represents a membership in excess of 3,500,000 and 27,517 churches, located in 18 Southern States, and has tangible assets of approximately \$17,387,000 in excess of the combined indebtedness of the convention and its various boards.

Purpose.—To combine all debts of the Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention into one obligation.

(Otto) Eisenlohr Bros., Inc.—Earnings.—

—Quar. End. Oct. 2—		—9 Mos. End. Oct. 2—	
Period—	1926.	1925.	1925.
Manufacturing profit.....	\$373,254	\$407,252	\$1,024,553
General & selling expense.....	253,404	190,104	715,780
Net income.....	\$119,850	\$217,148	\$308,773

Note.—Allowances have been made for depreciation. Reserve for Federal tax not required on account of surplus adjustment of inventory value during 1925.—V. 123, p. 716.

Elyria (O.) Iron & Steel Co.—Common Div. of 75c.—

The directors recently declared a dividend of 75c. a share on the common stock payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 26.—V. 123, p. 716, 211.

Erie Steam Shovel Co.—Initial Dividends.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 62½c. per share on the common stock (par \$5) and an initial dividend of \$1.60 per share (pro rata portion of quarter) on the 7% cum. pref. stock, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. See also offering of pref. and common stocks in V. 123, p. 1255.—V. 123, p. 2002.

Essex Cotton Mills, Inc.—Sale of Plant.—

See Dwight Mfg. Co. above.—V. 122, p. 488.

Fort Shelby Hotel Co., Detroit.—Bonds Offered.—

Watling, Lerchen & Co.; Detroit Co., Inc.; Otis & Co.; Mississippi Valley Trust Co.; Wells-Dickey Co., and Second Ward Securities Co., are offering at par and interest \$2,700,000 first mortgage 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due serially (M. & N.) from Nov. 1 1929 to Nov. 1 1941. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date upon 30 days' notice at 102 and interest up to and including Nov. 1 1931, at 101½ and interest up to and including Nov. 1 1936, and at 101 and interest thereafter. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.

Property.—Company owns and operates the Hotel Fort Shelby, located at the corner of First St. and Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit. The present building, with a capacity of 394 rooms, has been operated since 1917, and is one of the most successful hotels in Detroit. The 21-story addition now under construction will provide larger rooms, more dining room and convention hall facilities, for which there has been an insistent demand. The completed hotel will have a total of 824 rooms.

A conservative estimate of the value of the properties under mortgage is as follows: Land owned in fee (152 ft. by 130 ft.) appraised by Detroit Trust Co., \$684,000; lease, 48 ft. by 130 ft. (maturing in 2019) appraised by Detroit Trust Co., \$68,964; present building, appraised by Albert Kahn, Inc., \$1,600,000; new building, together with all equipment and furnishings (estimated), \$2,684,087; total, \$5,037,051.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage on all of its properties now owned or hereafter acquired, including land owned in fee and including leasehold, buildings, equipment and furnishings. The properties mortgaged are estimated to have a conservative value of \$5,037,051.

Earnings.—The average earnings before deducting interest, depreciation and Federal income taxes for the past 3½ years, with only 394 rooms in operation, were \$205,909, or considerably more than the maximum annual interest charges on the entire \$2,700,000 bonds of this issue. During the year 1925 the company earned \$198,564. A projection of last year's earnings and expenses would indicate that the hotel, with new addition completed, should earn \$593,249, applicable for bond interest requirements and Federal taxes. The maximum interest charges on this issue are \$162,000.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	—Quar. End. Sept. 30—		—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Gross income.....	\$2,965,313	\$2,894,872	\$8,491,197	\$7,754,991
Selling & admin. exp.....	1,783,633	1,583,016	5,107,662	4,518,305
Net earnings.....	\$1,181,680	\$1,311,855	\$3,383,534	\$3,236,686
Other income.....			150,000	---
Total income.....	\$1,181,680	\$1,311,855	\$3,533,534	\$3,236,686
Depreciation.....	219,475	213,209	660,615	628,053
Contrib. to pension fund.....	27,688	33,609	83,722	83,322
Federal taxes.....	121,487	133,129	343,096	315,664
Preferred dividends.....	128,333	131,706	388,372	395,119
Common dividends.....	276,610	239,767	829,873	719,298
Net surplus.....	\$408,087	\$560,435	\$1,227,857	\$1,095,230

—V. 123, p. 1638.

Famous Players Canadian Corp., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Years Ended—		Aug. '26.	Aug. '25.	Aug. '24.	Sept. '23.
Operating profit.....	\$800,582	\$730,607	\$722,787	\$609,738	
Interest.....	\$91,683	\$90,370	\$94,647	\$76,926	
Depreciation.....	265,409	180,000	190,000	122,210	
Deferred charges.....	43,850	47,069	33,777	30,666	
xNet profit.....	\$399,640	\$413,169	\$404,363	\$379,936	
Divs. 1st pref. stock.....	334,036	332,000	332,000	320,000	
Balance, surplus.....	\$65,604	\$81,169	\$72,363	\$59,936	
Previous surplus.....	243,325	187,146	123,260	114,735	
Surplus of subs.....		3,181	22,174	---	
Total surplus.....	\$308,929	\$271,496	\$217,797	\$174,671	
Taxes, &c., prior years.....	27,923	28,171	30,650	51,411	
Profit & loss, surplus.....	\$281,006	\$243,325	\$187,146	\$123,260	

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
Aug. 28 '26.	Aug. 29 '25.	Aug. 28 '26.	Aug. 29 '25.	
Theatre property.....	5,966,976	5,966,106	8% 1st pref. stock.....	4,200,900
Less: Depr. res'v'e.....	928,473	728,901	8% 2d pref. stock.....	1,000,000
Property acct.....	5,038,503	5,237,205	Common stock.....	7,500,000
Franchises, &c.....	8,606,040	8,617,131	Stocks of subs. not held.....	257,660
Adv. to affil. cos.....	162,050	216,613	6½% 20-yr. bonds.....	1,140,000
Dom. of Can. bds.....	14,777	14,784	Mtges. on theatres.....	694,013
Inv. in affil. cos.....	748,255	499,685	Divs. declared.....	84,018
Equity acquired in affiliated cos.....	1	1	Accounts payable.....	267,270
Accts. receivable.....	206,555	156,401	Deferred liabilities.....	60,193
Cash.....	381,177	264,672	Adv. fr. affil. cos.....	50,000
Inventories.....	15,662	13,621	Surplus.....	281,005
Deferred charges.....	362,040	395,971		243,325
Total.....	15,535,060	15,416,064	Total.....	15,535,060

—V. 121, p. 2645.

Finance Service Co.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.—

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Furniture & fix't's.....	\$28,086	\$22,618	7% cum. pref. stk.....	\$315,470
Cash.....	462,103	301,360	Com. stk., class A.....	671,750
Notes receivable.....	2,992,150	2,733,861	Com. stk., class B.....	200,000
Accts. rec., less res.....	980,433	883,019	Coll. tr. notes pay.....	2,455,500
Acer. int. on notes receivable.....	48,623	45,262	Res. for Fed. tax.....	32,727
Int. paid in adv.....	26,924	16,046	Res. for div. on pref. stock.....	1,840
			Deprec. reserve.....	8,497
			Contingency res'v'e.....	217,020
			Paid-in surplus.....	414,698
			Earned surplus.....	220,817
Total (each side).....	\$4,538,319	\$3,502,166		187,726

Note.—The reserve for contingencies is in excess of unearned commissions at Sept. 30 1926.—V. 123, p. 717.

Fleischmann Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Quarter and Nine Months Ended Sept. 30—		—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	
Period—	1926.	1925.	1925.
Sales.....	\$16,498,897	\$15,642,561	\$47,427,905
Cost of sales.....	5,554,888	6,174,339	15,639,056
Sell., adm., & gen. exp.....	5,667,574	5,370,962	16,077,981
Gross profits.....	\$5,276,435	\$4,097,560	\$15,017,868
Other income.....	211,102	176,051	603,722
Gross income.....	\$5,487,537	\$4,273,611	\$15,621,590
Income charges.....	56,429	Cr32,880	161,293
Fed. and Canadian taxes.....	692,123	540,029	1,983,346
Balance.....	\$4,738,984	\$3,766,462	\$13,476,950
Profit and loss credits.....	2,326	9,806	51,843
Total income.....	\$4,741,310	\$3,776,268	\$13,528,793
Premium on pref. stock.....	861	795	861
Insurance reserve.....	32,216	16,374	86,721
Miscell. P. & L. charges.....	187,770	21,268	479,478
Net income.....	\$4,520,464	\$3,737,832	\$12,961,733
Preferred dividends.....	18,443	18,522	55,487
Common dividends.....	2,250,000	3,000,000	7,875,000
Miscellaneous credits.....			438,480
Surplus.....	\$2,252,021	\$719,309	\$5,031,247

—V. 123, p. 2268.

Fourth & Broadway Realty Co. (The Broadway), Cincinnati, O.—Bonds Offered.—

An issue of \$400,000 first mortgage leasehold 6½% gold bonds are being offered by the R. L. Ballinger Co., Cincinnati, at the following prices: 1928 at 101.50, to yield 5.70%; 1929 at 101.35, to yield 6%; 1930 at 101.05, to yield 6.20%; 1931 at 100.42, to yield 6.40%. All other maturities (1932-1943) at par and interest, to yield 6.50%.

Dated Nov. 1 1926, due serially Nov. 1 1928-1943. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at Union Trust Co., Cincinnati, trustee. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice on any int. date at 102 and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Int. payable without deduction of Federal income tax up to 2%. Penn. and Kentucky personal property tax not to exceed 5 mills refunded.

Security.—These bonds are secured by a first and closed mortgage upon the company's leasehold estate in land and building located at the northwest corner of Fourth and Broadway, in the city of Cincinnati, O. This property consists of land having an approximate frontage of 91 ft. on Fourth St., with a depth of 110 ft. on Broadway, improved by an 11-story and basement fireproof apartment hotel and commercial structure known as The Broadway, containing 103 furnished efficiency type apartments. The ground floor contains 6 store rooms, all of which are occupied and leased for a term of years.

The building was erected by the Ferro Concrete Construction Co. and was completed and turned over to its owners in May 1925. The land is held under an original 99-year lease, dated Nov. 1 1926, calling for an annual rental of \$24,750 for the first ten years and \$27,000 for the next ten years. This is equivalent to an annual rental of \$25,650 during the life of the bonds. The lease contains no burdensome provisions and carries the privilege of purchase of the fee for \$472,500 for the first ten years and \$468,000 thereafter. Provision has been made for gradual acquisition of the fee simple title to the leased property through application of a portion of the yearly rental payments to be made under the lease, beginning at the end of the tenth year.

Income.—Based upon present occupancy, James Mulroy, C.P.A., estimates the net earnings, after operating expenses and taxes, applicable to ground rent and bond interest, will be in excess of \$30,000 per annum. This is more than twice the maximum annual interest requirements on this bond issue.

Gardner Motor Co., Inc., St. Louis.—Balance Sheet.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Aug. 31 '26	Dec. 31 '25	Aug. 31 '26	Dec. 31 '25
Bldgs., mach'y & equipment	\$359,470	\$394,778	
Cash	389,805	154,228	Capital stock
Accts. receivable	291,574	64,954	Dealers' deposits
Inventories	325,262	662,080	Accts. payable
Deferred items	66,871	24,027	Accr'd war tax
Inv. outside co.	10,000	10,000	Accr'd liabilities
S. E. P. Advertis'g	50,000	50,000	Deferred credits
			Surplus (est.)
			Res. for discounts
			Report card fees
Total	\$1,492,982	\$1,360,069	Total

x Represented by 155,000 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 2146.

General Cigar Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Period—	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Net income after charges and Federal taxes	\$757,475	\$668,317	\$1,669,510	\$1,675,882

General Motors Corp.—Buick Motor Co. Sales.—
 Dispatches from Detroit state: The Buick Motor Co. sold 202,368 cars from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 incl. This compares with 200,041 cars for the entire year 1925, a record year. The nine months record exceeds by 57,416 cars the record for the same period last year.—V. 123, p. 2268, 2146.

General Refractories Co.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Real est., bldgs. &c.	15,288,708	15,369,887	Capital & surplus
Patents, at cost	10,500	10,500	Mtge. due Dec. 30
Cash	256,686	192,016	1926.
Bills receivable	165,651	180,701	1st mtge. 6s. 1952
Accts. receivable	1,537,974	1,345,989	Bills payable
Inventories	2,866,064	2,754,149	Accounts payable
Accrued interest	8,645	7,987	Accrued accounts
Loans & advances	3,267	8,816	Dividends payable
Forge Run RR. shs	42,000	42,000	Federal tax & res.
Empl. mortgages	3,236	3,619	Rental due sub. RR.
Miscell. investm'ts	27,791	11,810	
Deferred acco'ts	543,751	506,327	Total (ea. side)
Dep. with trustee	997	223	

x Capital stock of no par value; authorized and outstanding, 225,000 shares; less in treasury, 1,490 shares. Including accrued interest on bonds, \$37,775.—V. 123, p. 2268.

(Adolf) Gobel, Inc.—Earnings.—

Results for Quarter Ended Sept. 25 1926.	
Sales (net)	\$2,382,547
Cost of sales (including depreciation)	2,114,495
Selling and delivery expenses	158,199
General and administrative expenses	28,198
Net operating profit	\$81,593
Other income	3,713
Total income	\$85,306
Interest and Federal tax reserve	14,937
Net profit (after interest and Federal tax reserve)	\$70,369

Gold Dust Corporation.—Purchase Price of F. F. Dalley Corporation—Retires \$250,000 Preferred Stock of Realty Co.—

President George K. Morrow, New York, Oct. 25, says: The corporation has completed the purchase of the entire shoe polish business of F. F. Dalley Corp. and its subsidiary companies, with the exception of such portion of the tangible assets as were not required to carry on the business. The purchase price was \$3,000,000 cash, \$1,500,000 6% notes and voting trust certificates with respect to 100,000 shares of common stock. In order to obtain the cash required for this transaction, the corporation sold the \$2,076,000 of 5% debenture bonds of the American Cotton Oil Co. held in its treasury, and the amount outstanding is, therefore, \$5,000,000—the total amount originally issued (see V. 121, p. 2276). On the other hand, the corporation has been able, during the fiscal year ended Aug. 31 1926, to repurchase approximately 50% of its 6% serial notes issued in connection with the Dalley purchase, leaving only \$752,000 outstanding as of the close of the fiscal year. Of these outstanding notes, \$250,000 mature on Nov. 24 1926, and will be paid out of current funds. The corporation, in connection with the Dalley purchase, having assumed the obligation of the outstanding first and second preferred stock of Morris Howard Realty Co., a subsidiary of the Dalley Corporation, amounting to \$250,000 par value, and callable at 102% of par, which stock was outstanding in the hands of the public at the time the shoe polish business was acquired by Gold Dust Corporation, has elected to redeem this stock on Nov. 1 1926, and will do so out of current funds.

Since the acquisition of the shoe polish business on Dec. 1 1925, the officials of the corporation have been actively engaged in reorganizing that business and in bringing about the economies contemplated at the time the business was purchased. This reorganization has been substantially completed. The main features of the work have consisted in the consolidation of plants, whereby all shoe polish products are now made in one modern plant located at Indianapolis; a large reduction in and consolidation of the selling forces, heretofore operating separately, in the distribution of our soap and shoe polish lines; the discontinuance of obsolete and unprofitable shoe polish lines; and the absorbing of all head office departments of the Dalley Corporation by similar departments of Gold Dust Corporation, thereby to a large extent doing away with the head office expense of the former shoe polish companies.

The construction of the new Baltimore plant for the manufacture of our advertised soap products has been completed, and the plant is now in full operation and gives every indication of coming up to expectations with regard to economy of operation and reduction of costs. The profits from the soap and washing powder business during the last fiscal year were in excess of the profits of the year before. See also V. 123, p. 2268.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.—Production.—

The output for the third quarter was the greatest in the company's history, totaling 3,721,209 tires, against 3,455,022 in the second quarter and

3,493,164 in the first quarter. All three quarters exceed figures for former years.—V. 123, p. 2268.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Real est., bldgs., mach'y, equip., &c.	7,858,389	7,660,972	6% prior pref. stk.
Inv. in & accrued earnings of sub. cos	66,783		7% cum. pref. stk.
Inventories	4,065,146	3,616,717	Common stock
Accts. rec., less res	2,283,175	2,206,069	Accts. payable
Cash	1,037,464	948,063	Miscellaneous
Deferred charges	58,499	40,370	Prior pref. & pref. dividends
			Deprec. reserves
			Res. for cont'g.
			Surplus
Total	15,369,455	14,472,191	Total

Gosnold Mills of New Bedford.—Defers Dividend.—
 The directors have voted to defer the semi-annual dividend of 3% usually due at this time on the outstanding \$1,650,000 6% cum. pref. stock. Dividends at the rate of 6% per annum had been paid since 1906.—V. 122, p. 2200.

Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc.—“Onyx” Merger Rumors.—

President S. E. Summerfield on Nov. 4 issued the following statement: The published reports regarding the purchase of control of the Onyx Hosiery Co., Inc., by James T. Hammond Jr., to the effect that Mr. Hammond bought this stock with the intent to merge with our company, and that he is Treasurer and director of Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc., are without foundation. Mr. Hammond is Treasurer of the Onyx company, but is not now and never has been connected with the Gotham company in any capacity. It is true, however, that Mr. Hammond is negotiating to have us bid for the Onyx mills and trade marks. Reports to the effect that a deal has been consummated are misleading. The matter has not as yet been presented to our board and will not be formally considered or acted upon until the reports of our representatives examining the several properties are completed. It can be definitely stated that there will be no merger through the purchase or exchange of stocks. The deal, if consummated at all, will involve only the purchase of the physical properties or assets for cash.

Conversion of Stock.—
 Announcement is made that the third \$1,000,000 of 1st pref. stock has been converted into non-voting common stock at \$50 per share. The remaining \$1,500,000 of 1st pref. is convertible into non-voting common at \$60 per share.—V. 123, p. 2003.

Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co. N. L. Amster, a director, has been made a member of the executive committee.—V. 123, p. 1883.

(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc.—Sales.—
 Period end. Oct. 31—1926—Month—1925. 1926-10 Mos.—1925.
 Sales—\$1,024,561 \$848,734 \$7,717,907 \$5,941,687
 —V. 123, p. 1883, 1388.

Granite Club, Ltd.—Bonds Sold.—McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd., Toronto, have sold at 99 and int. to yield over 6.60% \$275,000 6½% 1st (closed) mtge. sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1926; due May 1 1941. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at offices of the company's bankers (now the Dominion Bank) at Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Ont. or New York, N. Y. If and whenever such payment is made in New York and the premium on New York exchange exceeds 1%, the company may at its option make such payment in the equivalent of Canadian funds plus a premium of 1%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. in the first year, and thereafter at a price lower by ¼ of 1% for each year, but in no case at a lower price than 102 and int. Trusts & Guarantee Co., Ltd., Toronto, trustee. Legal investment for life insurance companies under the Insurance Act, 1917, Canada. **Company.**—Has been formed to provide a new and enlarged home for its predecessor club, which has been in successful operation in Toronto for the past 53 years. **Security.**—These bonds are secured by a closed first mortgage on land and buildings, the actual cost of which is \$518,488. The amount of the bond issue, therefore, is but 53% of this actual cost. These bonds will also be secured by a floating charge on the furnishings and all other assets of the club. **Sinking Fund.**—The trust deed provides for a sinking fund sufficient to redeem approximately \$150,000 of the bonds by maturity. The land is situated on the south side of St. Clair Ave., Toronto, between Yonge St. and Avenue Rd. Its cost was \$127,500 cash, or 46% of the amount of the first mortgage bond issue. In view of its splendid location, real estate experts are of the opinion that it will appreciate steadily in value. The actual cost of the club house, rink and artificial ice plant is \$390,988. The contracts have all been awarded and sufficient junior moneys, as defined in the trust deed, to complete the work are now in the hands of the trustee for the bondholders to be paid out to contractors from time to time, pro rata with the proceeds of the first mortgage bonds, against architect's certificates. The construction of the club house is already well advanced. It will probably be completed and ready for occupation in the latter part of November.

Hamilton Mfg. Co., Lowell, Mass.—Court Denies Motion to Operate Company as a Going Concern.—

The petition of Reuben Dunsford, co-receiver, for leave to continue the company as a going concern in the manufacture of fine quality cotton goods, has been denied by Judge James H. Sisk in the Superior Court at Boston. Charles F. Rowley, the other receiver, had opposed the petition in a hearing conducted several weeks ago, and had favored the sale of the property as soon as existing contracts were fulfilled, which will be shortly.—V. 123, p. 1388.

Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co.—To Reincorporate.—

The stockholders will vote Nov. 17 (a) on approving the conveyance by the company of all of its properties to Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co., Ltd., an Hawaiian corporation; and (b) on dissolving the present company. The new Hawaiian company will take over all the assets and assume all the liabilities of the present company. The assets of the present company will be conveyed to the Hawaiian company in consideration of the assumption by the Hawaiian company of the liabilities of the existing company, and an amount of stock of the Hawaiian company equal in all respects to the stock of the present company. A transfer office would be maintained in San Francisco. Secretary R. O. Hogg, in a letter to stockholders, says: "The present company was organized in 1882 as a California corporation for the purpose of operating a sugar plantation on the island of Maui. At the time of its organization there were some advantages in having the corporation a California Corporation which have now ceased. The company is therefore now in a position of having no business whatever in California except the maintenance of its head office and the holding of meetings of its board of directors, all of its property and practically all of its business being in the Territory of Hawaii. Furthermore, a great majority of the company's stock is owned by residents of the Territory of Hawaii. The maintenance of the California corporation, of course involves the payment by the company of taxes in California, which would not exist were the company an Hawaiian corporation. Any business required to be transacted by the directors must now be referred to San Francisco, thus involving the delay of the mail transmission between Honolulu and San Francisco."—V. 122, p. 3349.

Hayes Hotel (Community Hotel Co.), Jackson, Mich.—Bonds Offered.—Benjamin Dansard Co., Detroit, Mich., is offering at 100 and int. \$313,000 (being the unsold portion of \$450,000) (closed) 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1925; due Nov. 1 1935. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Principal and int. payable at office of Union Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Red. on any int. date at 103 and int. Int. payable M. & N. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

Appraisal.—The building is now completed and will be in operation in Nov. 1926. All the stores have been leased at a rental substantially in excess of the original estimate. The property has been conservatively appraised by the Union Trust Co., as follows: Land, \$150,000; buildings, \$750,000; total appraised value, \$900,000.

Lease.—The hotel has been leased to an operating company (composed principally of prominent business men of Jackson, most of whom are also interested in the hotel company) for a period of years considerably in excess of the term of this mortgage, under a lease which requires the operating company to discharge all of the obligations of the hotel company under the mortgage. The operating company has contracted for furniture of the value of upwards of \$100,000 which is now being installed. This furniture has been pledged to the hotel company by chattel mortgage, as security for the lease, and both the lease and chattel mortgage have been assigned to the trustee as additional security for this bond issue.

Earnings.—From figures submitted by the operating company, it is estimated that the total annual earnings of the operating company from the operation of the hotel will amount to \$377,800; total estimated expenditures annually will amount to, \$273,910; making the net profits available for the mortgage, \$103,890.

Operating Company has been organized with an authorized capital of \$200,000, of which \$155,000 has been paid in. The officers and directors are: F. F. Ingram, Pres.; W. R. Reynolds, Vice-Pres.; C. G. MacKay, Sec. & Treas.; Howard Pett and W. R. Spencer.

Hazel-Atlas Glass Co.—Earnings.

Period—	Quarters Ended			9 Mos. End.
	Sept. 30 '26	June 30 '26	Mar. 31 '26	
Operating profit.....	\$1,602,956	\$1,432,727	\$1,082,409	\$4,118,092
Chgs. to maint. & repairs.....	215,614	191,832	198,242	605,688
Net operating income.....	\$1,387,342	\$1,240,895	\$884,167	\$3,512,404
Deprec., taxes & reserve.....	624,784	560,113	411,119	1,596,016
Interest.....	9,477	13,820	20,417	43,714
Net income.....	\$753,081	\$666,962	\$452,631	\$1,872,674
Dividends paid.....	231,916	231,916	231,916	695,748
Surplus.....	\$521,165	\$435,046	\$220,715	\$1,176,926
Earned per share.....	\$1.62	\$1.43	\$0.97	\$4.03
—V. 123, p. 91.				

(Richard) Hellman, Inc.—Definitive Certificates Ready.

Temporary certificates for participating preference stock and common stock may now be exchanged for definitive certificates at the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City. (For offering of participating preferred stock, see V. 121, p. 592.)—V. 123, p. 1639.

Holmes Mfg. Co., New Bedford.—Omits Dividend.

The directors have decided to omit the usual quarterly dividend usually due at this time on the common stock. On Aug. 15 last a dividend of 1% was paid on this stock, while from Nov. 15 1924 to May 15 1926, incl., quarterly dividends of 1½% were paid.

The usual quarterly dividend of 1½% has been declared on the preferred stock, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 3.—V. 123, p. 719.

Hood Rubber Co.—Approves Financing, &c.

The stockholders on Nov. 1 approved the recent financing, including issuance of \$5,000,000 10-year convertible 5½% notes, authorization of additional common shares and issuance of 30,000 shares as a 25% stock dividend and the sale of 50,000 additional shares. The stock dividend of 25% will be payable to stockholders of record Nov. 3.—V. 123, p. 2269.

Indiana Limestone Co.—First Quarterly Report.

Income Account for Quarter Ended Aug. 31 1926.

Sales.....	\$3,715,992
Net operating profit.....	\$1,632,308
Net earnings.....	1,148,310
Depletion and depreciation.....	259,645
Interest.....	312,500
Estimated Federal tax.....	85,500
Preferred dividends.....	87,500

Net available for common stock.....\$403,165

The company reports that it is maintaining a high rate of operations and that unfilled orders on the books as of Aug. 31 were enough for more than 100 days' operations. Collections have been good and the financial position of the company has been further improved since the date of the company's balance sheet by the payment of all the notes payable shown thereon.—V. 123, p. 1256.

International Business Machines Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Periods End.	Sept. 30—1926	3 Mos.—1925	1926—9 Mos.—1925	1925
Net earnings after bond int., res., deprec., &c.	\$992,290	\$741,555	\$2,798,974	\$2,282,599
Estimated Federal taxes	128,998	92,694	363,866	285,325
Balance.....	\$863,292	\$648,861	\$2,435,108	\$1,997,274
—V. 123, p. 2270.				

International Cement Corp.—Quarterly Earnings.

Period—	Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	Sept. 30 '26	Sept. 30 '26	Sept. 30 '26	Sept. 30 '25
Gross sales.....	\$8,023,344	\$7,163,528	\$19,728,513	\$16,398,031
Less pkg. dis. & allow'ce	1,497,756	1,349,332	3,621,583	2,990,571
Mfg. costs, excl. deprec	3,259,247	2,891,585	8,020,544	6,527,737
Depreciation.....	472,481	328,131	1,190,182	769,892
Manufacturing profit.....	\$2,793,860	\$2,594,480	\$6,896,203	\$6,109,831
Ship., sell. & admin. exp.	1,090,352	946,158	2,912,243	2,257,543
Net profit.....	\$1,703,508	\$1,648,322	\$3,983,960	\$3,852,288
Miscellaneous income.....		6,456		19,620
Gross income.....	\$1,703,508	\$1,654,778	\$3,983,960	\$3,871,907
Fed. tax. & conting. res.	323,926	301,880	799,420	694,468
Net to surplus.....	\$1,379,582	\$1,352,898	\$3,184,540	\$3,177,440

President Holger Struckman says: "In the recent Cuban hurricane our company was fortunate in escaping any serious loss, although some damage was done to the mill buildings and several of the towbsite buildings. The plant was shut down only three days and the loss is more than covered by the contingent reserves, which our company has set up and charging to its past operating cost to cover losses of this nature."—V. 123, p. 2270.

International Match Corporation.—\$22,500,000 Stock Offered to Shareholders—Issue Underwritten by Syndicate.

The corporation is offering 450,000 additional shares of its participating non-callable preference stock to preference stockholders in the ratio of one new share for each two shares now held. The issue is priced at \$50 per share or \$22,500,000 for the entire block. At \$50 per share the stock, based on the present dividend rate, yields 6.40%. The issue has been underwritten by a syndicate headed by Lee, Higginson & Co., and including Guaranty Co. of New York, the National City Co., Brown Bros. & Co., Dillon, Read & Co., and Clark, Dodge & Co. Offering of subscription rights to stockholders in preference to a general public offering is in keeping with the company's past policy. Participating preference stockholders of record, Nov. 4 1926, are entitled to subscribe. (See original offering in V. 121, p. 468.)

Data from Letter of Ivar Kreuger, President, Dated Oct. 29.

Listing.—The 900,000 shares of participating preference stock previously outstanding are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and application will be made to list the 450,000 additional shares now offered.

Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding.

Participating preference stock (par \$35) non-voting.....1,350,000 shs. 1,350,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value) voting.....1,450,000 shs. 1,000,990 shs.

Neither International Match Corporation, nor any subsidiary, will have any outstanding mortgage or funded debt upon completion of the present financing.

Business.—Corporation controls companies owning 90 match manufacturing plants in various European and other countries outside of Sweden. It is in turn controlled by Swedish Match Co. through ownership of majority of its common stock. These two companies and subsidiaries have more than 50,000 employees, have plants in 32 different countries, and probably reach more consumers than any other group of manufacturing companies in the world.

Purpose of Issue.—Proceeds of this issue will be used by corporation for financing a number of transactions in connection with the match industry in various parts of the world, undertaken by the corporation alone or jointly with the Swedish Match Co.

Among the transactions already completed are an agreement with the Greek Government securing the sole right to deliver matches for sale in Greece for a period of 28 years, the formation of a match company in Portugal with the Portuguese Government and other interests, the acquisition of a match factory at Manila, Philippine Islands, to be held through stock ownership, and important match factories in Algiers, and the acquisition of an interest in the Nitedal Match Co. of Norway.

In addition to transactions now completed the corporation and Swedish Match Co. in July 1926 concluded a preliminary agreement with match manufacturers in Germany and representatives of the German Government, subject to presentation to and enactment by the national legislative authorities, whereby, after setting aside a certain quantity allowed German co-operative societies, 65% of the remaining production in that country, allotted to German subsidiaries of the two companies.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities, Based on Dec. 31 1925.

[Consolidated balance sheet of International Match Corp. and constituent companies, but including results of issuance of the additional 450,000 shares of participating preference stock now to be outstanding.]

Land, buildings, machinery and equipment.....\$33,185,097
Advances for investments in match concessions.....18,020,000
Advances to governments.....5,293,113
Other investments.....11,531,558
Current assets Cash, \$27,307,056; accounts receivable, \$6,264,002; inventories, \$6,096,576.....39,667,634
Total.....\$107,697,402

Liabilities—
Current liabilities: Accounts payable, incl. taxes, \$5,048,681; dividend payable on preferred stock (declared), \$720,000.....\$5,768,681
Proportion of capital stock and surplus of constituent companies applicable to minority interests.....339,460
Total.....\$6,108,141

Balance available for capital stock shown above.....\$101,589,261

Earnings.—Consolidated sales and consolidated net profits of International Match Corp. and constituent companies, available for dividends, after depreciation and income taxes, and after deducting the entire premium on the calling and retirement of the corporation's funded debt and other extraordinary charges in 1924, for the five years ended Dec. 31 1925 were:

	Sales	Net Available for Divs.
1921.....	\$14,207,200	\$3,662,486
1922.....	15,702,400	3,651,869
1923.....	16,605,136	3,935,415
1924.....	21,164,297	*5,089,327
1925.....	31,494,630	10,696,603

* After charging off \$2,533,700 for amortization of the entire premium on the calling and retirement of the corporation's funded debt and other extraordinary charges. Net profits for 1924 were \$7,623,027, before making such charges.

Net profits for 1925 were \$10,696,603, or more than three times the \$3,510,000 required for the fixed cumulative preferred dividend of \$2 60 a share per annum on total participating preference stock, including this issue, and at the rate of \$4 54 a share on all stock, both participating preference and common, now to be outstanding.

The participating preference stock is now on a dividend basis at the rate of \$3 20 a share per annum by payment of a participating dividend at the rate of 60 cents a share per annum in addition to the fixed cumulative dividend. After deducting the entire requirement for the dividend at the rate of \$3 20 a share per annum on total participating preference stock now to be outstanding, the balance remaining amounts to \$6,376,603.

Net profits, after deduction of all charges, for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1926, were in excess of \$10,600,000, at the rate of more than \$14,100,000, or \$10 44 per share per annum, at the rate of four times the fixed cumulative preferred dividend, and at the rate of \$5 95 a share on all stock, both participating preference and common, now to be outstanding.—V. 123, p. 1513.

International Nickel Co.—Earnings.

Period—	Quar. End.		9 Mos. End.	
	Sept. 30—1926	1925	1926	1925
Earnings.....	\$2,002,612	\$2,123,487	\$6,270,189	\$5,897,536
Other income.....	41,680	23,325	127,568	138,013
Total income.....	\$2,044,292	\$2,146,812	\$6,397,756	\$6,035,549
Adm. & gen. expense.....	127,476	149,290	406,515	375,415
Reserved for Federal & franchise tax.....	193,205	220,951	670,468	588,975
Deprec. & depletion.....	382,693	328,932	1,151,885	968,712
Orford Works prop. exp.x	26,484	26,520	79,766	88,628
Foreign companies.....				8,500
Dividends, preferred.....	133,689	133,689	401,067	401,067
Dividends, common.....	836,692	836,692	2,510,086	836,692
Balance.....	\$344,052	\$450,732	\$1,177,980	\$2,767,560
x Insurance, taxes, &c., and pensions of ex-employees.....				

Comparative Consolidated General Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Sept. 30 '26, Dec. 31 '25.		Sept. 30 '26, Dec. 31 '25.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Property.....	53,687,460	53,600,027	8,912,600	8,912,600
Investments.....	1,499,588	1,523,624	41,834,600	41,834,600
Inventories.....	9,308,819	8,386,151		
Acc'ts & bills rec.....	2,738,951	2,548,519	1,813,597	1,772,109
Advances.....	127,615	150,957	2,511,086	3,200,000
Govt. securities.....	3,258,294	3,232,413	133,689	133,689
Loans on call.....	1,600,000	1,800,000		
Cash.....	399,427	1,198,417		
Total.....	72,620,154	71,900,139	72,620,154	71,900,139
Liabilities—				
Preferred stock.....				
Common stock.....				
Acc'ts pay. & tax reserves.....				
Bills payable.....				
Insur. div. payable.....				
Insurance & contingent reserves.....				
Surplus.....				
Total.....				

—V. 123, p. 719.

International Paper Co.—Stock Increased and New Issue of \$25,000,000 Debentures Created.

The stockholders on Oct. 28 (1) increased the number of authorized shares of cum. 7% pref. stock by 250,000 shares and increased the number of authorized shares of common stock by 250,000 shares, so that including those previously authorized the total authorized number of shares will be 2,250,000 shares divided as follows: 1,000,000 shares of cum. 7% pref. stock (par \$100), 250,000 shares of cum. 6% pref. stock (par \$100), 1,000,000 shares of common stock (without par value); and (2) authorized the directors to issue \$25,000,000 6% convertible debentures dated Oct. 1 1926.

Preference Rights Given to Common Stockholders to Subscribe for Debentures.—Under date of Oct. 29 the holders of the

common stock were in receipt of a circular letter from the bankers constituting the selling group which offered for public subscription \$25,000,000 6% convertible debentures, stating that an arrangement has been made giving preference in allotting the debentures to subscriptions received from holders of the common stock for a 10-day period. Each 2 shares of the company's common stock are given the right to subscribe at 98—the public offering price—to \$100 of debentures. See V. 123, p. 2270.

International Petroleum Co., Ltd.—25 Cent Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 25c. a share payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 6. This makes the total payments this year 75c., compared with 50c. paid in 1925. The dividend is payable on presentation of coupon No. 12 at either the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York City, or the Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto, Ont., Canada.—V. 123, p. 1639.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.—

Period—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Sales	\$10,975,009	\$10,441,620	\$10,261,187
Average number of sales routes	1,072	1,039	1,022

 —V. 123, p. 1884, 1256.

Junior Terrace Building.—Bonds.—George M. Forman & Co., Chicago are offering at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 101.06 and int., to yield from 6¼% to 6½% according to maturity \$235,000 1st mtge. 6½% serial coupon gold bonds.

Dated Sept. 15 1926; due serially semi-annually 2½ to 12 years. Int. payable M. & S. Callable at 103 and int. on any int. date upon 60 days notice. Chicago Title & Trust Co., trustee. Trust deed provides for reimbursing bond holders in the States of Penn., Conn., Maryland, Calif., Kansas, Mich., Vermont, Kentucky, Virginia and District of Columbia for State taxes lawfully paid, not in excess of 5¼ mills per annum, and Mass. and New Hampshire income taxes not exceeding 6% of the interest. Bonds and coupons payable at office of George M. Forman & Co. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c.

Building.—The building will be a modern high-class 8-story structure built in accordance with the most modern methods of fireproof construction located on Junior Terrace, Chicago. The building will contain 31 two, three and four room apartments, each with bath and shower. The apartments are particularly well laid out, have unusually large rooms and each room will have outside light and exposure. Completion of the building according to plans and specification is unconditionally guaranteed by George M. Forman & Co.

Description of Security.—These bonds are the personal obligation of Dr. George Abello and Sylvia Abello, and are secured by a closed first mortgage on the land, owned in fee, and 8-story building to be erected thereon, located at 735-737 Junior Terrace, Chicago. In addition, these bonds are in effect a first lien on the net earnings of the property.

Valuation.—The total value of land and completed building is estimated at approximately \$400,000. Independent appraisals by Walter Conran, of the firm of Matteson & Conran, and Kurt Rosenthal, of Rosenthal, Mayer & Lewis, two well-known and recognized as experienced Chicago real estate and construction men, place the value of the property as follows:

	By Walter Conran	By Kurt Rosenthal	
Land	\$52,500	Land	\$50,000
Building	352,075	Building	361,620
Total value	\$404,575	Total value	\$411,620

Earnings.—The net annual earnings of the property after deducting taxes, operating and maintenance expenses are estimated to exceed \$39,000 per annum, or more than 2½ times the highest annual interest charges on this bond issue.

Lago Oil & Transport Co.—New Pipe Line.—The company has completed the laying of a pipe line to the Unity Oil Co., Well No. 1, on the property of the Maxudian Petroleum Corp. The well at present is flowing at the rate of 8,000 barrels daily through two one-inch Chokes. Maxudian Petroleum receives a 35% royalty from all oil produced without expense.

The Lago company has contracted to purchase the entire output of the well, and also has contracted to drill 4 additional wells on the same property. The derrick for the second well has already been moved to its foundation.—V. 123, p. 2147.

Lawyers Mortgage Co.—Accepts over \$10,000,000 Mtges. At a meeting on Oct. 29 the executive committee of the company accepted mortgages aggregating \$10,098,750, distributed as follows: Manhattan, \$209,500; Bronx, \$5,180,900; Westchester, \$253,250; Brooklyn, \$2,954,600; Queens and Nassau, \$1,500,500.—V. 123, p. 2147.

Lee Warehouses, Inc., of Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Minton, Lampert & Co., Chicago, are offering \$325,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds at par and int.

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due serially (A. & O.) from Oct. 1 1928 to April 1 1937. Interest payable A. & O. at State Bank of Chicago, trustee. One twelfth of the annual principal and int. requirements deposited monthly in advance with the trustee. Company pays normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c. Red. in reverse of their numerical order on 60 days' notice on any int. date at 103 and int.

These bonds are secured, in the opinion of counsel, by an absolute closed first mortgage on land owned in fee, buildings and leaseholds appraised by Preston M. Nolan of Chicago as follows: Land owned in fee, \$300,000; buildings owned in fee (depreciated sound value), \$215,417; leaseholds, \$118,619; total, \$634,036. The land owned in fee equals 92% of the entire loan. These bonds represent less than 52% of the value of the property mortgaged.

The entire property, which includes five buildings with 389.88 sq. ft. of floor space, has been leased for a term beyond the last maturing bonds to the Courier-Ex Warehouse Co., at a net rental beginning at \$40,945 per year, such lease being deposited with the trustee as further security for the bonds. In addition to this sum of \$40,945 the lessee corporation assumes the payment of all leasehold rentals, taxes and operating expenses.

London (Ont.) Realty Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., R. A. Daly & Co., Midland Securities, Ltd., and Matthews & Co., Ltd., Toronto, are offering at 98½ and int., to yield about 6.65%, \$750,000 6½% 15-year 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds.

Date Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1941. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at par at any branch of the Bank of Montreal in Canada. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c. Red. at 105 and int. to and incl. Oct. 1 1931; thereafter at 103 and int. to and incl. Oct. 1 1936, and thereafter at 101 and int. Trustee: London & Western Trusts Co., Ltd.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Issued.
6½% 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds (this issue)	\$750,000	\$750,000
6½% general mortgage bonds, due 1934	150,000	125,000
7% cumulative preferred shares	400,000	300,000
Common shares	300,000	300,000

Company.—Company has been incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, to acquire a site on the southeast corner of Dundas and Wellington streets, London, Ont., on which there is to be immediately erected an 8-story modern fireproof hotel building, containing approximately 204 rooms, each with bath. The building is to be completed and ready for occupancy by Aug. 1 1927.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to provide a portion of the cost of the building.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first mortgage and charge on the land, building, furnishings and equipment and by a floating charge on all other assets now owned or hereafter acquired by the company.

The appraised value of the land, building and equipment of the new hotel, when completed and furnished, is \$1,452,150; total of first mortgage bonds, \$750,000. Equity in excess of first mortgage bonds, \$702,150.

Insurance to an amount of not less than the total of first mortgage bonds outstanding at any one time will be carried on the building and equipment. The building will also be insured as regards employers' liability, loss of earning power through destruction by fire, &c.

Earnings—Earnings and operating expenses of the property for the first full year of operation are estimated as follows: Gross revenue, \$264,000; operating expenses, taxes, insurance, &c., \$90,500; net profits available for bond interest, depreciation, &c., \$173,500, equivalent to over 3½ times first mortgage bond interest of \$48,750.

Long-Bell Lumber Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Period—	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Total income	\$2,135,753	\$2,635,877	\$7,347,997	\$8,620,734
Depletion	552,855	726,472	1,987,259	2,248,643
Depreciation	383,430	413,008	1,160,127	1,215,643
Interest	488,679	332,051	1,235,570	1,034,903
Federal taxes	100,331	121,527	392,779	478,628
Net income	\$610,457	\$1,042,817	\$2,572,262	\$3,642,916

—V. 123, p. 720.

McCroly Stores Corp.—October Sales.—

Period End. Oct. 31—	1926—Month	1925.	1926—10 Mos.	1925.
Sales	\$2,909,611	\$2,724,693	\$24,618,508	\$21,572,069

 —V. 123, p. 1884, 1389.

Madison Square Garden Corp.—Debentures Called.—All of the outstanding 10-year convertible 7% debentures, dated Jan. 1 1926, have been called for payment Dec. 10 at 105 and interest at the New York Trust Co., trustee, 100 Broadway, New York City.

Debentures may at any time prior to the close of business on Jan. 9 1927, be converted at the option of the holder thereof into shares of common stock of the corporation.

The corporation has at the present time, 250,000 shares of no par value capital stock outstanding and 75,000 shares reserved for the above conversion or a total authorized of 325,000 shares.

As the capital stock is quoted at approximately 14½, indicating a conversion parity of 145 for the debentures, it is obviously to the advantage of holders to convert rather than turn their holdings in at 105.

Based on the first 10 months of operation (from the opening of the new Garden on Nov. 29 1925 to Sept. 30 1926) it is estimated that net earnings of the corporation for the first 12 months of operation, after all charges including interest, depreciation and amortization, will be approximately \$1,000,000, equivalent to \$4 per share on the 250,000 shares of capital stock now outstanding. Assuming that the entire issue of 7% debentures are converted, these earnings would be equivalent to about \$3.23 per share on the 325,000 shares of capital stock then outstanding.—V. 123, p. 1884.

Manhattan Electrical Supply Co.—New President.—Richard H. Brown, President of the Halliwell-Shelton Electric Corp., a subsidiary, has been elected President, succeeding Charles T. Baisley.—V. 123, p. 1256.

Marlin-Rockwell Corp.—Earnings.

Period—	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$499,657	\$621,168	\$1,690,902	\$1,650,601
Sell. & admin. exp.	189,092	174,755	585,337	447,645
Depreciation		125,137		138,060
Net operating profits	\$310,565	\$323,276	\$1,105,565	\$864,896
Other income	14,267	12,619	28,807	38,604
Net profit	\$324,832	\$335,895	\$1,134,372	\$903,500
Federal taxes	48,280		165,341	
Preferred dividend	10,404	47,649	35,443	142,947
Common dividends	170,679		507,201	
Surplus	\$95,469	\$288,246	\$426,387	\$760,553

—V. 123, p. 720.

Marland Oil Co.—Rights to Stockholders—Capital Increased.—The company has authorized the issuance, at \$50 per share, of additional capital stock (without par value) equal to 20% of the capital stock outstanding on Nov. 15 1926. The number of shares to be issued will not exceed 392,697 shares.

The stockholders of record Nov. 15 are offered the preferential right to subscribe for such stock at \$50 per share, in the proportion of one share of such stock for each five shares held. Subscriptions are payable in cash, either (a) by payment in full on or before Dec. 9 1926, or (b) by payment of a first installment of 50% on or before Dec. 9 1926, and of a final installment of 50% on or before Dec. 30 1926. This offering has been underwritten pursuant to an agreement by the company with J. P. Morgan & Co.

Upon amounts paid on or before Dec. 9 1926, the company will allow interest amounting to 18 cents per share on each share for which full payment shall be made on or before Dec. 9 1926, and 9 cents per share on each share upon which only the first installment of 50% shall be paid on or before Dec. 9 1926. The amount of such interest will be credited or allowed at the time of subscription upon subscriptions paid in full, and at the time of payment of the final installment upon subscriptions paid in installments. The net payments on subscriptions, after the credit of such interest, accordingly, will be as follows: (a) Payment in full on or before Dec. 9 1926, \$49.82 per share; (b) payment in installments, \$25 per share on or before Dec. 9 1926 and \$24.91 per share on or before Dec. 30 1926.

All of the stock paid for will be issued as of Jan. 1 1927, and accordingly will be entitled to share in dividends declared after that date upon the stock of the company. Subscriptions will be received only for whole shares, so that fractional warrants combined in lots aggregating one or more whole shares only will be available for subscriptions.

The stockholders on Nov. 1 increased the authorized capital stock (no par value) from 2,000,000 shares to 2,400,000 shares.—V. 123, p. 2132.

May Department Stores Co.—Larger Common Dividend.—The directors on Nov. 4 declared a quarterly dividend of 4% on the outstanding \$26,000,000 common stock, par \$50, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. From 1923 to Sept. 1 1926, inclusive, quarterly dividends of 2½% were paid on this issue.

The directors also declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the preferred stock, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15.

To Increase Capitalization.—The stockholders will vote Nov. 23 on increasing the authorized common stock from \$26,000,000, par \$50, to \$30,000,000, par \$25. It is proposed to issue 1,040,000 of the new common stock in exchange for the present outstanding 520,000 shares on a two-for-one basis, and to offer to common stockholders of record April 5 1927 the right to subscribe, at \$55 per share, for 104,000 additional common shares in the ratio of one new share for each ten shares of par \$25 stock held. The remainder of the new stock will be set aside for sale to employees.

It is the intention of the directors to pay dividends at the rate of \$4 per annum on the new common stock.

The company also proposes calling for redemption on April 1 1927 at 125 and dividends all of the outstanding \$4,988,300 7% cum. preferred stock.—V. 122, p. 2664.

Mengel Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	1925	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1925
Gross profit	\$285,626	\$225,027	\$1,188,642	\$1,094,790
Interest	88,310	87,897	277,402	266,859
Depreciation	138,912	140,636	427,786	425,582
Net profit bef. Fed. tax	\$58,404	loss \$3,506	\$483,454	\$402,349
Unfiled orders on Oct. 1 1926 were	\$1,633,000, compared with \$1,651,000 on Oct. 1 1925.—V. 123, p. 852.			

Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

Period End. Oct. 31	1926—Month—	1925	1926—10 Mos.—	1925
Sales	\$1,047,746	\$829,222	\$7,857,260	\$6,047,789

—V. 123, p. 1885, 1389.

Middle States Oil Corp.—Reorganization, &c.—

Robert Wilson Jackson, 170 Broadway, N. Y. City, has issued a letter to stockholders informing them that "a reorganization committee is now forming in which all committees will be invited to participate for the purpose of formulating a plan of reorganization fair and equitable to all parties concerned, to be submitted to the receivers and the Court for their approval and adoption." The letter further states that the affairs of the corporation are now in such excellent condition that it is believed a successful reorganization can be effected and the properties returned to their rightful owners.

Stockholders' Committee State Jackson's Letter Unauthorized.

Henry S. Fleming, Chairman of the stockholders' protective committee, announces that the letter addressed to stockholders by Robert Wilson Jackson, a member of the committee, was unauthorized by the committee and issued without its knowledge. The committee strongly condemns Mr. Jackson's action and has requested his resignation. The committee already holds a large number of proxies and it is desirable that all of the proxies from stockholders be lodged with it to avoid any differences which might prevent carrying through a successful re-organization plan in the interests of the stockholders.

The committee is in intimate touch with the receivers and through them with the other committees, as it is through the receivers and the several committees that a reorganization committee must ultimately be formed.

The committee considers it most unfortunate that Mr. Jackson should have issued the letter referred to since it tends to give the impression of differences in the committee in the matter of the re-organization of the company. No such differences exist and Mr. Jackson has no authority to speak for the committee. The committee is taking an active part, in conjunction with the receivers and the other committees, in discussing measures which will ultimately lead to a plan of reorganization, but all at interest are convinced that no definite plan can be formulated until a decision is reached with regard to the large sums still maintained by the Government as due for income and other taxes.

The committee earnestly requests the stockholders to disregard any letters requesting proxies to others than the duly authorized stockholders' protective committee.—V. 122, p. 1926, 621.

Midland Building, Chicago.—Bankers to Offer Bonds Shortly.

A syndicate headed by Merrill Lynch & Co., will offer shortly an issue of \$3,250,000 first mortgage fee 6½% sinking fund gold bonds of the proposed Midland Building, in Chicago. The building is to be located at 168-178 West Adams St., just west of La Salle, and will add another big building to Chicago's financial district. Work on the building will commence in the near future. It will be a 22-story structure, of steel, concrete and brick fireproof construction, with foundations and structure designed to carry five additional stories. Sixteen floors will be devoted to office space and five floors have been leased for a long period to the Midland Club.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—Sales.—

Month of October	1926	1925	1926	1925
First 10 mos. of year	\$20,154,626	\$21,964,882	\$17,262,376	\$15,165,652
	156,281,323	142,512,618	125,517,047	105,469,411

The company says: "October last year was unusually cold and caused a pre-season demand for winter merchandise, resulting in sales of nearly \$22,000,000, an increase of approximately 27% over the preceding October. October this year had one less working day than last year. These are the principal reasons for the sales recession in the month just ended."—V. 123, p. 1885, 1770.

Mountain Producers Corp.—Drills New Well.—

The corporation's well No. 18-L, in the southwest quarter of section 24 of the Salt Creek field in Wyoming, was drilled 60 feet in the Lakota sand at 2,464 feet and flowed 14,020 barrels in the first 24 hours. This is the largest well thus far completed in the Lakota sand.—V. 122, p. 3613.

Mullins Body Corporation.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	1925	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1925
Gross profit	\$157,201	\$141,782	\$457,769	\$487,418
Admin., gen. & sell. exp	79,736	74,091	245,982	240,526
Interest (net)	3,922	377	13,197	2,741
Operating income	\$73,543	\$67,314	\$198,590	\$244,151
Other income	11,929	14,305	36,610	28,912
Total income	\$85,472	\$81,619	\$235,200	\$273,063
Previous surplus	2,483,116	2,322,203	2,417,520	2,207,989
Ref. of 1920 Fed'l tax	Cr. 1,909	-----	Cr. 1,909	Cr. 1,541
Total surplus	\$2,570,497	\$2,403,822	\$2,654,630	\$2,482,594
Amort. of obsolete equip.	20,304	12,410	45,473	37,056
Federal tax installments	10,277	7,763	30,830	23,290
Preferred dividends	19,130	19,280	57,540	57,880
Surplus	\$2,520,787	\$2,364,369	\$2,520,787	\$2,364,369

Balance Sheet September 30.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real est., plant, &c.	\$2,584,365	\$2,431,516	8% cum. pref. stk.	\$956,500	\$964,000
Pref. stk. skg. fund	11,257	299	x Common stock	500,000	500,000
Patents & goodwill	85,210	85,210	Notes payable	200,000	-----
Cash	139,356	185,239	Accounts payable	-----	-----
Mtgs. receivable	6,000	6,000	and accrued	277,163	154,693
Accts. receivable	478,291	462,409	Accrued taxes	12,355	9,896
Notes receivable	114,806	25,702	Due to officers	100,000	100,000
Stock subscr. from officers & emp.	140,215	150,107	Reserve for disc. on pref. stock purch	6,168	5,254
Misc. inventory	987,545	678,841	Surplus	2,520,786	2,364,369
Invest's (at cost)	2,366	52,366			
Deferred charges	23,561	20,523	Total (each side)	\$4,572,972	\$4,098,213

x Common stock, no par value, 100,000 shares declared in accordance with the laws of New York State.—V. 123, p. 721.

Murray Body Corporation.—Earnings.—

Period—	Sept. 30 '26	June 30 '26	Mar. 31 '26	Sept. 30 '26
Estimated earnings x	\$188,500	\$300,000	\$630,000	\$1,118,500

x After all charges and reserves.—V. 123, p. 2272.

Nash Motors Co.—Sales Increase.—

According to E. H. McCarty, General Sales Manager, October sales totaled 13,476 cars, the largest for that month in the company's history. Total sales to date for the ten months were 125,441 cars, as compared with 85,708 cars for the same period of 1925, the biggest previous Nash year.—V. 123, p. 2005.

National Cash Register Co. (Md.).—Sales—Earnings.—

A new record for sales for any one month was established by the company during October. The October figure surpassed the previous high-water mark reached in May of this year. Notable gains were reported in both foreign and domestic business.

Nine Months Ended Sept. 30—	1926.	1925.
x Profit after depreciation	\$5,347,966	\$6,602,671
Other income	186,603	137,738
Total income	\$5,534,569	\$6,740,409
Interest	47,878	112,235
Federal taxes and contract provisions	740,717	861,663
Total profit	\$4,745,974	\$5,766,511

x Includes foreign subsidiary companies and branches.—V. 123, p. 2148.

National Breweries, Ltd.—Bonds Called.—

Certain 30-year 6% 1st mtge. gold bonds due July 1 1939, aggregating \$62,500, have been called for payment May 1 1927 at 105 and int. at the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Canada.—V. 122, p. 2958.

Neild Mills, New Bedford.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 a share and an extra dividend of \$1 a share, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 4. Like amounts were paid in the preceding three quarters of this year.—V. 122, p. 2665.

Neisner Bros., Inc.—October Sales.—

1926—October—	1925.	Increase.	1926—10 Mos.—	1925.	Increase.
\$441,670	\$261,994	\$179,676	\$2,930,496	\$1,816,337	\$1,114,159

—V. 123, p. 1886, 1390.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—October Sales.—

Period End. Oct. 31	1926—Month—	1925	1926—10 Mos.—	1925
Sales	\$903,839	\$657,780	\$6,864,353	\$4,757,128

—V. 123, p. 1886, 1390.

New Cornelia Copper Co.—Output (Lbs.).—

October.	September	August.	July.	June.	May.
7,112,680	6,583,660	6,389,880	6,931,600	7,086,640	7,446,190

—V. 123, p. 1886, 2148.

New Ocean House, Inc.—Listing.—

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$500,000 1st mtge. sinking fund 6½% gold bonds, dated Jan. 2 1926 and due Jan. 1 1946.

Balance Sheet July 31 1926.

Assets.	Liabilities.
Cash	Accounts payable
Accounts receivable	Wages accrued
Inventories	Int. & ins. accrued
Land, bldgs., equip., &c.	Taxes accrued
Investments	1st mtge. s. f. 6½%
Organization expenses	Preferred stock
Life insurance premiums	Surplus
Total	Total

x Common stock issued, 14,003 shares of no par value.—V. 122, p. 617.

(George B.) Newton Coal Co., Phila.—Bonds Called.—

The company has called for redemption Dec. 1 1926, all its outstanding 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds due 1943, at 107½ and interest. It is stated that there are only \$67,000 bonds outstanding of an original issue of \$242,000.—V. 122, p. 2511.

New York & East River Ferry Co.—Dissolved.—

A certificate has been filed with the Secretary of State at Albany, N. Y., dissolving the company.—V. 121, p. 1577.

New York Shipbuilding Corporation.—Tenders.—

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, will until Nov. 15 receive bids for the sale to it of first mortgage 30-year 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due Nov. 1 1946, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$187,750, at a price not exceeding 102½ and interest.—V. 121, p. 2283.

New York Title & Mtge. Co.—To Increase Capital Stock—Rights to Stockholders.—

The stockholders will vote Nov. 23 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000, par \$100. If this increase is approved, it is proposed to offer the additional 30,000 shares to stockholders of record Nov. 24 at \$300 per share, in the proportion of one share to every four held. W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., in conjunction with Lee, Higginson & Co., have underwritten the entire issue at the subscription price, subject to the rights of the stockholders.

Capital funds at present amount to about \$30,000,000. The above action is primarily for the purpose of providing for the larger volume of business and maintaining the company's capital funds in a proper proportion to liabilities for guaranteed mortgages and certificates. Mortgage guarantees totaled \$375,000,000 on Sept. 30 1926 compared with \$203,000,000 on Sept. 30 1925. \$56,000,000 of this increase came from the merger in April last with the United States Title Guaranty Co.—V. 123, p. 1641.

Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co.—Application for Receiver Dissmissed and Injunction Dissolved.—

A Halifax dispatch Oct. 27 says: There will be no receiver appointed for this company (one of the component parts of the British Empire Steel Corp.), according to the decision handed down in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia by Mr. Justice Carroll. Judge Carroll said he did not consider a case of jeopardy existed according to the facts submitted and that "the injunction outstanding will be dissolved." He referred to Scotia as a going concern and a live corporation, with no peril to the property. The application for the appointment of a receiver was based on the affidavit of Donald C. Sinclair, President of J. W. Carmichael & Co., Ltd., New Glasgow, holders of certain mortgage debenture stock.

To Pay Bond Interest.—

The Halifax "Chronicle" carried the following Nov. 1: "Provision has been made through the banks for the payment of interest coupons on the bonds of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd., in default since July 1. It is understood that provision was made by the Scotia management for the payment of this interest subsequent to the formal default of principal and interest, which occurred last week, when the Eastern Trust Co., trustee for the bondholders, formally demanded payment of both principal and interest of the first mortgage. Interest is not being paid on the debenture stock, which is also in default."—V. 123, p. 1390.

Ohio Leather Co.—Earnings.—

Net after charges	def \$56,390	\$29,497	\$92,532	\$89,211
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	

The balance sheet as of Sept. 30 shows current assets of \$2,677,544, including nearly \$1,000,000 in cash and U. S. securities, and current liabilities of but \$124,000, establishing a ratio of better than 21 to 1. The company's strong current position is due largely to a cut in inventory this year of about \$850,000, scaling that item down to about \$1,250,000. Other than current liabilities the company's only other obligation, excepting capital stock, is a \$1,200,000 note issue. The loss arising from inventory reduction and operations the first nine months of 1926 was \$92,532, bringing a deficit of \$1,119 in the profit and loss item.—V. 123, p. 722.

Onyx Hosiery, Inc.—New Control—Pref. Stock Called.—

It is announced that on Nov. 1 1926 James Hammond, of Hayden, Stone & Co., purchased from Paul Guenther approximately 125,000 shares of the common stock of Onyx Hosiery, Inc., out of a total issue of 160,000 shares. At a directors' meeting held on that date the preferred stock was called for redemption on Dec. 1 1926 at 115 and dividends. Certificates should be presented at the Bankers Trust Co., 10 Wall St., New York City. R. J. Porter and B. E. Brown have been elected directors, succeeding Franklin W. Fort and Walter E. Hope. See also Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc., above.—V. 123, p. 465, 335.

Pandem Oil Corporation.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quarter Ended—	9 Mos. End.
Sept. 30 '26.	June 30 '26.	Mar. 31 '26.
Net income after exp.	\$158,726	\$136,882
—V. 123, p. 1886.	\$93,335	\$388,943

Park & Tilford, Inc.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quarter Ended—	9 Mos. End.
Sept. 30 '26.	June 30 '26.	Mar. 31 '26.
Net earnings after chgs., before taxes	\$24,812	\$80,982
—V. 123, p. 723.	\$96,600	\$202,394

(David) Pender Grocery Co.—October Sales.—
 Period Ended Oct. 31— 1926—Month—1925. 1926—10 Mos.—1925.
 Sales \$1,008,106 \$836,289 \$8,668,723 \$6,717,627
 Since Jan. 1 the company has opened 70 new stores, bringing the total number of operated stores to 312.—V. 123, p. 1886, 1390.

Penman's Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—Bank of Montreal and the National City Co., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 98½ and int., to yield over 5.60%, \$2,000,000 1st mtge. 5½% 25-year sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1951. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in Canadian gold coin at office of the Bank of Montreal in Montreal or Toronto, or in United States gold coin at the agency of the Bank of Montreal in New York City, or in pounds sterling at \$4 86 2-3 at the Bank of Montreal in London. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 110 if red. on or before Nov. 1 1941, at 105 thereafter if red. on or before Nov. 1 1950, and at 100 thereafter until maturity. Royal Trust Co., Montreal, trustee.

Data from Letter of Sir Charles B. Gordon, G.B.E., President of the Company.

Company.—Successor to a business founded in 1870. Is one of the oldest Canadian manufacturers of silk, cotton and woolen knitted goods and has 7 mills which are situated in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Distribution of the company's products is effected through selling agents both in Canada and abroad, where they are widely and favorably known. Good-will, trade-marks &c., are carried in the balance sheet at the nominal value of \$1.

Sinking Fund.—The new mortgage will provide for an annual sinking fund commencing Nov. 1 1927, equal to 1% of the aggregate principal amount of bonds authorized to be issued, plus interest on all bonds redeemed, estimated to be sufficient to retire 50% of the issue by maturity.

Earnings.—Company's audited statements show average annual earnings before interest and Federal taxes but after all other charges, including reserves for depreciation and doubtful debts, for the 4 years ended Dec. 31 1925 of \$531,020, or more than 4.8 times the annual interest requirements on these bonds.

Purpose.—To refund \$2,000,000 1st mtge. 5% bonds due Nov. 1 1926.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Land, bldgs. & equipment, less depreciation	Preferred stock
\$3,739,951	\$1,075,000
Good-will, trade-marks, &c.	Common stock
1	2,150,600
Cash	1st mtge. 5% bonds
435,557	2,000,000
Invest's, marketable secur's	Bills payable
10,050	6,883
Accounts receivable	Accounts payable
958,917	188,102
Bills receivable	Wages
78,077	36,363
Inventory	Reserve for Federal taxes
2,385,884	30,000
Deferred charges	Unclaimed dividends
5,466	173
	Reserve account
	742,046
	Surplus
	1,384,737
Total	Total
\$7,613,904	\$7,613,904

The \$2,000,000 1st mtge. 5% bonds due Nov. 1 1926 which appear above are being replaced by an equal amount of 1st mtge. bonds due Nov. 1 1951.—V. 123, p. 2006.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—October Sales.—

Period End. Oct. 31—	1926—Month—	1925.	1926—10 Mos.—	1925.
Sales	\$13,247,177	\$12,146,785	\$86,354,317	\$68,597,631
—V. 123, p. 1886.				

Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp.—Earnings.—
 For the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1926 the company reports profit from operations applicable to interest of \$5,134,301. This compares with profit of \$4,764,470 for the year ended Dec. 31 1925. After depreciation and depletion, and allowance for interest on the first mortgage bonds, Federal income taxes at 13½% and dividends on the preferred stock, the amount applicable to the common stock for the 12 months to Sept. 30 1926 was \$7 14. In the year 1925 \$6 34 per share was earned on the common stock.

The consolidated balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1926, giving effect as at that date to the redemption of Dexter bonds, called for payment Nov. 1 1926, and the retirement of notes payable out of cash, shows current assets of \$8,202,148, as against current liabilities of \$1,777,678, leaving net working capital of \$6,424,470. This compares with working capital shown by the adjusted consolidated balance sheet as of July 31 1926, issued at the time of the company's recent consolidation and financing of \$6,024,865. Surplus as of Sept. 30 1926 was \$2,699,886, as compared to surplus as at July 31 1926, of \$2,247,702, an increase in the three months of \$452,184 after writing off all organization expense.—V. 123, p. 1642.

Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co.—Changes in Personnel.—
 Miers Busch, formerly Vice-President, has been elected President, succeeding George Fales Baker, who has been elected chairman. Wm. P. Morris, V.-Pres. & Treas. of Morris-Wheeler & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, has been elected 1st V.-Pres.—V. 123, p. 1770.

Pepperell Manufacturing Co.—Balance Sheet June 30.—

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Plant account	\$4,318,655	\$3,603,141	Capital	7,668,000	7,668,000
Cash & acc'ts rec.	3,830,609	5,171,410	Depreciation	1,990,971	1,879,787
Cloth	2,597,249	1,821,370	Profit and loss surplus	3,303,198	3,299,869
Supplies in process, &c.	1,524,504	2,039,234	Total (each side)	12,962,169	12,847,656
Investments	691,252	212,502			
Includes Opelika plant.—V. 123, p. 2273.					

Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc.—Sales.—
 Quarter Ended Sept. 30— 1926. 1925. Increase.
 Sales \$39,263,894 \$32,753,549 \$6,510,345
 From July 1 to Oct. 1 1926, the corporation opened 141 new stores.—V. 123, p. 2148.

Pillsbury Flour Mills Co.—Balance Sheet June 30.—
 [As filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.]

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real estate, bldgs., machinery, &c.	8,880,075	8,906,564	Capital stock	10,000,000	10,000,000
1,003,404	958,916	Accts. payable	5,750,000	5,850,000	
Cash	1,614,278	1,705,200	Accts. payable	1,204,466	1,275,686
Accts. receivable	9,613,880	8,963,120	Notes payable	3,580,624	3,805,067
Merchandise	128,453	106,098	Reserves	766,329	819,161
Securities	1,035,055	1,249,861	Capital surplus	1,614,934	1,614,934
Prepaid items	2	2	Earned surplus	2,646,503	1,819,248
Trade-marks, &c.	84,400	87,591	Total (each side)	25,562,856	25,184,096
Sundry investm'ts	3,005,042	3,021,738			
Assoc. companies	198,267	185,006			
Surr. val. life ins.					
—V. 121, p. 1800.					

Pratt & Lambert, Inc.—Extra Dividend of \$1.—
 The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share on the no par value common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. per share, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15. An extra dividend of like amount was paid on July 1 last.—V. 123, p. 2148.

Remington Typewriter Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quarter Ended—	Nine Months
Sept. 30 '26.	June 30 '26.	Mar. 31 '26.
Net income	\$553,890	\$515,171
—V. 123, p. 1886.	\$719,110	\$1,788,171

Pres. B. L. Winchell, in his remarks to stockholders, says: "Your new electric typewriter—electrically operated in every respect—is now in production. This does not replace the standard correspondence machine, but supplements our already unusually complete line of typewriting machines which now includes besides the Remington electric and the Standard No. 12, the Remington portable, Remington-Noiseless, the bookkeeping and accounting machine, special billers, and vertical tabulators, as well as a full line of typewriter ribbons and carbon papers."—V. 123, p. 724.

Replogle Steel Co.—Consol. Bal. Sheet Sept. 30.—

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Prop., plant, &c., less depr. & depl.	15,986,929	16,087,741	Capital & equity	18,365,629	17,707,644
Investments	244,106	406,695	Acct's & wages pay	255,317	210,713
Cash	862,942	388,671	Funded debt	2,081,500	2,297,500
Call loans	800,000	400,000	Mining equity in W. F. & P.	924	924
Cash with trustee	9,355	22,452	Other curr. assets	75,702	164,666
Acct's & notes rec.	1,045,758	910,002	Deferred items	566,859	31,075
Inventories	2,021,210	2,151,724	Reserve & accruals	21,345,009	20,628,818
Deferred charges & prepaid ins., &c.	274,706	261,033	Total (each side)	33,053,402	33,064,592
x Represented by 500,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, outstanding.—V. 123, p. 1124.					

Rickenbacker Motor Co.—Receivership.—
 The Security Trust Co. and B. F. Everitt, Detroit, were appointed receivers Nov. 1 in a friendly action brought in Federal Court at Detroit by the Columbia Axle Co. of Cleveland to "reserve and conserve the assets of the company." Mr. Everitt, who is President of the company, issued the following statement:

"Our entire liabilities are less than \$1,500,000 and our assets are close to \$7,000,000. This action will give us the necessary funds to operate our plant and build and deliver cars in quantities at once.
 "In justice to the Columbia Axle Co. I want to make one thing perfectly plain, and that is that this proceeding was instituted at our request in order to have the receivership in the Federal Courts and not in the Michigan State Courts. The Columbia Axle Co. were extremely reluctant to consent to the use of their name and finally agreed only because of our insistence and that it would be a friendly act and to the best interests of our creditors and stockholders. We are confident that this receivership will be of short duration."—V. 123, p. 1643.

Rima Steel Corp.—Pays Larger Dividend.—
 Dividend No. 45, for the year ended June 30 1926, in the amount of \$750 kronen, has been declared and will be payable at the office of F. J. Lisman & Co., fiscal agents, 20 Exchange Place, N. Y. City, on presentation of dividend warrants. This compares with a dividend of 5,000 crowns for the preceding year.
 Gross earnings for the year were \$1,448,402. After deducting operating expenses, taxes, ample depreciation and fixed charges, net earnings for the year were \$308,844.—V. 122, p. 226.

(Hal) Roach Studios, Inc., Los Angeles, Cal.—Bonds Offered.—Frick, Martin & Co. and Bayly Brothers, Inc., Los Angeles, are offering at 100 and int. \$400,000 7% secured serial gold notes.

Dated Aug. 15 1926; due Aug. 15 1928-1931, incl. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable F. & A. at Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee. Red. in whole or in part on any int. date at 100 and int. upon 50 days' notice. Exempt from personal property tax in California. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Data from Letter of Hal E. Roach, President of the Company.

Company.—Company and its predecessor, the Hal E. Roach Studios have been successfully engaged in the production of motion pictures since its inception 12 years ago, and is now recognized as the leading factor in its field. The original organization was incorp. in July 1914, as the Rolin Film Co., with a paid up capital of \$7,500. Later the name was changed to Hal E. Roach Studios and the organization has grown to a concern with assets exceeding \$1,700,000, entirely through the reinvestment of the earnings in the business. The present company, which was formed in April 1926 to acquire the assets of the original company, has an authorized capital stock of \$1,500,000 of which \$1,200,000 has been issued. All of this stock with the exception of directors' qualifying shares, is owned by Hal E. Roach, Pres. of the company, and members of his immediate family.

Security.—Direct obligation of company and secured by a first mortgage trust indenture on all of its properties now or hereafter owned.
 On the basis of appraisals, aggregating \$788,166 this issue will represent a 52% loan on the company's fixed assets. Total net assets, applicable to this issue, exclusive of good will, scenarios, &c., as shown in the balance sheet as of April 3 1926, are \$1,700,000, or four times the amount of this issue.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to supply additional working capital necessary under the new contract with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Corp. This contract also contains a more desirable provision for the furnishing of positive prints. On the basis of the number of prints required by the company for pictures released in 1925 the saving or added revenue had the M. G. M. contract been in effect would have amounted to \$155,720.

Earnings.—Net earnings from operations for the period of 7 years 3 mos. ending April 3 1926 after deducting all charges, including Federal income taxes adjusted to current rates, were \$1,215,613, an average of \$167,662 per annum, which is 5.97 times the greatest annual interest charge on this note issue. Earnings for the 8 months period ending April 3 1926 were \$156,314, which is at the rate of \$234,471 per annum or 8.4 times maximum interest charges.

Russell Motor Car Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.—

Years Ended July 31—	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Net profits after taxes	\$118,701	\$115,505	\$92,864	\$90,552
Prof. divs. (7% p. a.)	84,000	84,000	84,000	84,000
Common dividends 3%	24,000			
Balance, surplus	\$10,701	\$31,505	\$8,864	\$6,552

Balance Sheet July 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	\$33,756	\$33,756	Preferred stock	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Cash	2,573	705	Common stock	800,000	800,000
Canada war bonds	454,355	395,980	Bankers advances	46,000	46,000
Municipal, &c. bds.	96,657	96,657	Accts. & bills pay	3,243	3,135
Accounts and bills receivable	50,611	122,044	Divs. decl. & unpd.	45,000	21,000
Invest'mts in other companies	2,415,450	2,415,450	Contingent acct's	216,076	216,075
			Buildings, invest'm'ts & insur. reserves	258,344	258,344
			Profit & loss acct.	530,739	520,038
Total	\$3,053,402	\$3,064,592	Total	\$3,053,402	\$3,064,592
—V. 123, p. 592.					

Rydal Oil Corp.—Sale of Part of Holdings.—
 See Crown Central Petroleum Corp. above.—V. 121, p. 86.

Sanford (Mo.) Mills.—Stock Split Up.—
 The stockholders on Nov. 1 voted on changing the authorized common stock from \$7,500,000, par \$100 (\$6,476,000 outstanding) to 260,000 shares of no par value. Four shares of new no par stock will be issued in exchange for each share of common stock now held.
 The stockholders also approved the recent action of the directors in voting to retire all of the preferred stock at 105 and divs.—V. 123, p. 2149.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—2% Stock Dividend.—
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2% on the common stock, payable in common stock on Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. A similar distribution was made on March 1, June 1, and Sept. 1 this year. Prior to the March 1, dividends on the common stock were paid in preferred stock.—V. 123, p. 1124.

Scovill Mfg. Co. (Waterbury, Conn.)—To Change Par Value of Shares—25% Stock Dividend Proposed.

The stockholders will vote Nov. 16 (a) on changing the par value of the capital stock from \$100 to \$25 per share (four new shares to be issued in exchange for each share held) and (b) on approving the issuance of \$4,425,000 additional stock as a 25% stock dividend on the present outstanding \$17,700,000 capitalization. The present authorized capital is \$25,000,000, par \$100.—V. 122, p. 1623.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—Sales.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Month of October	\$26,839,503	\$30,374,605	\$23,801,047	\$22,576,793
First 10 mos. of year	214,725,261	201,996,608	173,516,177	177,327,540

The company is now operating nine retail stores, viz.: Three in Chicago, and one each in Evansville, Ind.; Atlanta, Ga.; Dallas, Texas; Seattle, Wash.; Philadelphia, Pa., and Kansas City, Mo.—V. 123, p. 1772, 1259.

Second International Securities Corp.—New Investment Trust Formed—Sponsored by Same Interest Who Organized the First of Large American Investment Companies.

A new investment trust known as the Second International Securities Corp. was incorp. in Maryland Oct. 15 by persons who participated in the formation and successful operation of International Securities Trust of America, the first of the large American companies to be formed along the general lines of the old English and Scottish trusts.

Fiscal Agent for the new corporation will be American Founders Trust, which also is Fiscal Agent for International Securities Trust of America. Authorized capitalization of the new company will consist of 600,000 shares of cumulative first preferred stock; 60,000 shares cumulative second preferred; 800,000 shares of class "A" common and 600,000 shares of class "B" common.

The first offering of stock, comprising 120,000 shares each of 6% cumulative first preferred and of class "A" common stock, is being made in units of one share of preferred and one of common. Shareholders in American Founders Trust and International Securities Trust of America have received first rights of participation in proportion to their holdings, although it is probable that a public offering will later be made. All of the authorized class "B" common has been sold for cash to the organizers who also will purchase for \$3,000,000 in cash 60,000 shares of 6% cumulative second preferred (\$50 par) in installments as the first preferred is sold.

Leland Rex Robinson, formerly assistant director of the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, is President of the new corporation. The Board of Directors includes, in addition to Mr. Robinson, William R. Bull, Pres., W. R. Bull & Co., Bridgeport; Lawrence P. Garron, Treas., American Founders Trust; Frank B. Erwin, V.-Pres., International Securities Trust of America; George P. Raa, V.-Pres., Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo; Louis H. Scarvave, Pres., American Founders Trust, and Herbert W. Rice, Director, Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Providence.

In describing the business of the Corporation, Mr. Robinson said: "Second International Securities Corp. has been organized to carry on the business of an investment trust. Its purpose is to afford its shareholders safety of principal through broad international diversification and constant supervision; to invest and reinvest its resources in seasoned and marketable foreign and domestic securities; and to a limited extent to underwrite issues which are eligible for purchase under the regulations.

Regulations adopted by the Board of Directors of the Second International Securities Corp. require that within six months after its resources aggregate \$5,000,000 it must own at least 400 different securities; that not more than 35% of total resources may be invested in securities originating in any one country except the United States; and that detailed data concerning each issuer for at least three years shall be obtained before purchase in at least 80% of the investments. There are other restrictions insuring diversification and safety, including a provision that the total liabilities incurred in underwriting shall never exceed 20% of the corporation's resources. Borrowing power of the Corporation, which is limited to the amount of paid-in capital, surplus, and reserves, may be utilized later."

Seiberling Rubber Co.—Earnings.

Period Ended Sept. 30 1926—	Quarter.	9 Months.
Gross sales	\$5,498,362	\$12,853,930
Net earnings	\$294,826	\$477,161

—V. 123, p. 855.

Servel Corp. (Del.)—New Product Ready.

The corporation announces that its "Electrolux" gas refrigerator has now ready for quantity production, and the first machines will be ready for delivery Jan. 3. The company is now engaged in the manufacture of 200 of these refrigerating machines, which have been purchased by 200 individual gas companies for their own additional breakdown tests. The company's schedule calls for an output of 100 gas refrigerators daily by January and from then on a gradual stepping up of production. This is in addition to the output of electric machines, which in January will also be on a capacity basis, according to President Hamilton G. Scott.

It is further announced that the "Electrolux" machine has been in process of development for many years and has come through satisfactorily a series of severe operating tests. Constant refrigeration is provided without dependence on any mechanical means, the machine in this respect differing from all previous known types in that it dispenses with every kind of moving part, including motor, compressor, pump, fans, floats and even valves. Ammonia, hydrogen and distilled water are employed as fluids of refrigeration, making deterioration of foodstuffs impossible.—V. 123, p. 1498.

Sevilla Biltmore Hotel Corporation.—Tenders.

Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., 25 Broad St., New York, and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., 14 Wall St., New York, as fiscal agents, will until Nov. 17 receive bids for the sale to them of first mortgage 7½% sinking fund gold bonds, due Nov. 1 1937, of the above corporation, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$60,000, at prices not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 122, p. 2667.

Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings.

Period—	Month of August—1926.	12 Mos. End. Aug. 31—1925.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$1,956,100	\$1,398,433	\$20,166,770	\$13,598,789
Net earnings after exp.	\$492,060	\$436,647	\$5,896,626	\$3,865,736

—V. 123, p. 1887.

Shattuck Denn Mining Corp.—Order Vacated.

The corporation has been advised that the State Supreme Court of Minnesota has affirmed the decision of the lower courts, vacating service upon the corporation to prevent its taking over the Shattuck Arizona Copper Co. and the Denn Arizona Copper Co. Suit was brought in 1925 by owners of somewhat over 500 shares of Shattuck-Arizona Copper Co. to prevent the proposed consolidation.—V. 122, p. 3224.

Shippers' Car Line Corp.—Dividends No. 2.

The directors have declared the regular dividend of \$1.75 per share on the preferred stock and the regular dividend of 50 cents per share on the Class A stock, both payable on Nov. 30 to holders of record Nov. 18. Initial dividends at the rate of 7% per annum on the pref. stock and \$1.25 per annum on the common stock (for the 4 months ended June 30 1926) were paid on Aug. 31 last.—V. 123, p. 592.

(Isaac) Silver & Bros. Co., Inc.—October Sales.

Period End. Oct. 31—1926—	Month—1925.	1926—10 Mos.—1925.
Sales	\$511,187	\$392,132
		\$3,354,564

—V. 123, p. 1887, 1391.

Sheffield Farms Co., Inc.—Earnings Statement.

(Sheffield Farms Co., Inc., and Its Subsidiary, Loutain Construction Corp.)	1926.	1925.	1924.
Quarter Ended Sept. 30—			
Net sales	\$14,775,837	\$13,179,652	\$10,701,311
Cost of goods sold	8,556,439	7,542,529	5,799,143
Selling & operating expenses	5,371,663	5,132,237	4,559,508
Operating profit	\$847,735	\$504,887	\$342,661
Other income	66,500	68,444	73,753
Net profit	\$914,235	\$568,431	\$416,414
Federal taxes (estimated)	94,945	71,054	89,000
Net profit before depreciation	\$819,290	\$497,377	\$327,414

—V. 123, p. 855.

Sherwin-Williams Co.—Annual Report.

Years Ended Aug. 31—	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-22.
Trading profit	\$6,141,685	\$5,922,176	\$4,811,011
Interest and dividends received	134,545	358,365	186,100
Total income	\$6,276,230	\$6,280,541	\$4,997,112
Interest paid	68,962	63,314	94,017
Plant depreciation & maintenance	1,338,658	1,120,541	855,457
Federal taxes	606,134	615,000	485,000
Net profit	\$4,262,476	\$4,481,686	\$3,562,607
Surplus Aug. 31	7,464,044	5,501,975	4,459,734

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Total surplus	\$11,726,520	\$9,983,661	\$8,022,341
Dividends paid on preferred stock	940,625	983,500	1,034,250
Dividends paid on common stock	1,783,335	1,486,117	1,486,116
Premium on preferred stock redeemed	22,500	50,000	—

Surplus, Aug. 31	1926.	1925.	1924.
	\$8,980,060	\$7,464,044	\$5,501,975

Consolidated Balance Sheet Aug. 31.

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Assets—				
Plant & equip't	\$16,657,865	\$15,562,609		
Pats., trade-mks.	223	212		
Cash	2,898,109	1,950,626		
Marketable sec's. &c.	87,763	88,262		
Notes rec. & trade acceptances	267,370	256,038		
Accts. receivable	7,176,969	6,387,408		
Inventory	12,550,563	12,224,959		
Inv. in assoc. cos.	450,941	1,817,849		
Other assets	273,566	256,484		
Deferred	844,195	839,751		
Total	\$41,207,564	\$39,384,199		
Liabilities—				
Preferred stock	\$12,279,100	\$12,729,100		
Common stock	14,861,125	14,861,125		
Accounts payable	1,812,117	1,160,044		
Dividends payable	214,895	222,792		
Deposits, officers and employees	635,784	674,349		
Accrued accounts	332,483	306,358		
Deferred	68,623	43,966		
Res'v'e, Fed. taxes	593,000	615,000		
Res. for plant & ins. contingency	1,430,377	1,307,421		
Surplus	8,980,060	7,464,044		
Total	\$41,207,564	\$39,384,199		

x After depreciation.
Note.—The company was reported as being contingently liable at Aug. 31 1926 on letters of credit and discounted items aggregating \$10,541.—V. 123, p. 2149.

Simms Oil Co.—Equip. Trust Certificates Called.

All of the outstanding 7% equipment trust gold certificates dated Aug. 1 1923 have been called for payment Dec. 15 at 102 and int. at the Equitable Trust Co., trustee, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 121, p. 471.

South Shore Club Apartments, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.

Greenebaum Sons Investment Co., Chicago, is offering \$1,350,000 1st mtge. 6½% serial gold bonds at prices to yield from 6.08% to 6.50%, according to maturity.

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due semi-annually Apr. 1 1929-Oct. 1 1938. Denom. \$100, \$500, \$1,000. Interest payable A. & O. 2% Federal normal income tax and any State taxes up to 5 mills of principal amount paid by borrower. Principal and interest payable at offices of Greenebaum Sons Investment Co., Chicago. Monthly deposits in advance with Greenebaum Sons Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, to meet interest and principal payments. Privilege to prepay by giving 60 days' written notice to trustee, at a premium of 3%.

Security.—Closed first mortgage on land, building, furnishings, equipment and earnings. The South Shore Club Apartments when completed will comprise one of the most attractive buildings of its kind in Chicago; the structure will be 16 stories high. The building will be divided into two units, one to contain 31 co-operative ownership apartments, and the other to contain 149 small apartments. There will be a total of 554 rooms divided into 180 apartments; the co-operative unit will contain 12 apartments of 8 rooms, 2 of 7 rooms and 17 of 6 rooms, all of these apartments to have three baths each; the renting unit will contain 72 apartments of 3 rooms, 49 of 2 rooms and 28 of one room, all with baths. The two units will have separate lobbies and elevators.

Lease of Renting Unit.—The renting unit of 149 apartments has been leased to the Apartment Hotel Management Corp., headed by Frank D. Hayes, for a term of 12 years at a net annual rental of \$145,000, with an option for an additional 10 years. The rental provided under this lease will be considerably more than sufficient to meet annual interest and principal charges; in addition, the leasing corporation agrees to pay all operating expenses of the entire project.

Rental Value.—According to conservative estimates, the rental value of the entire building, including the co-operative unit as well as the renting unit, will be as follows: Gross rental value, \$358,200; operating expenses (including vacancies), \$138,000; net rental value \$220,200. This net annual rental value is 2.51 times the maximum annual interest charges on the entire issue, reduced by serial payments of principal. The entire earnings of the property will comprise part of the security for the first mortgage bondholders.

Valuation.—Independent expert appraisal of the property, including the land, building when completed, equipment and furnishings, places the total value at \$2,115,000.

Co-operative Ownership.—Bonds are a direct obligation of the South Shore Club Building Corp., which is headed by W. C. Bannerman.

Spicer Manufacturing Co.—To Redeem 8% Bonds.

All of the outstanding 10-year 8% sinking fund gold bonds, dated July 1 1921, have been called for payment Jan. 1 1927 at 107½ and interest at the Bank of North America & Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 123, p. 2275, 725.

(C. G.) Spring & Bumper Co.—5c. Extra Dividend.

In addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 10c. per share on the common stock, an extra dividend of 5c. has been declared, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 8. An extra cash dividend of like amount was paid on May 15 and Aug. 16 last. The company on Nov. 15 next will also pay on the common stock a stock dividend of 2-10 of a share for every 10 shares held. (See V. 123, p. 2813.)—V. 123, p. 1125.

Standard Oil Co. of Calif. (Del.)—Extra Dividend.

The directors on Nov. 3 declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 50c. a share, both payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 15.—V. 122, p. 2813.

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.—Extra Dividend of 25c.

The directors on Nov. 1 declared an extra dividend of 1%, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 2½% on the capital stock, par \$25, both payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 17. An extra distribution of like amount was paid on March 15, June 15, and Sept. 15 last.—V. 123, p. 1645.

Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.—Earnings.

The company reports surplus after reserve for taxes and preferred dividends for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1926 of \$5,804,000.—V. 123, p. 1125.

Standard Textile Products Co.—Estimated Earnings.

The company reports for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1926 net income of \$32,000 after deducting \$240,000 for depreciation, as compared with net income of \$562,000 in the same period of 1925.—V. 123, p. 1772.

(Hugo) Stinnes Corp. (Md.)—Notes Sold.

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., A. G. Becker & Co., Newman, Saunders & Co., Inc., Commerz und Privat Bank A.G. (Hamburg—Berlin), William R. Compton Co. and Henry L. Doherty & Co. on Thursday offered at 99½ and int. \$12,500,000 10-year 7% gold notes (closed issue). The issue has been oversubscribed. A like amount of 7% bonds offered by the

same bankers for the Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc. on Wednesday was also oversubscribed.

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1936. Int. payable J. & J. at Chicago and New York offices of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and A. G. Becker & Co., joint fiscal agents, without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2% per annum. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part by lot, at any time upon 30 days' notice at 102½ and int. Company will reimburse the holders of these notes, if requested within 60 days after payment, for the Penn., Conn. and Calif. personal property taxes, not exceeding 4 mills on the principal per annum, for the Maryland 4½ mills securities tax, and for the Mass. income tax, not exceeding 6% of the interest per annum. American trustee: Central Union Trust Co., New York.

Warrants.—Each note will carry two warrants, detachable after Oct. 1 1927 as follows: (1) A warrant entitling the holder to receive, during a period of 30 days beginning Oct. 1 1927, outstanding stock of the corporation in the ratio of 5 shares for each \$1,000 of notes, and (2) a warrant entitling the holder to purchase, after Oct. 1 1927 and on or before Jan. 1 1929, outstanding stock of the corporation, in the ratio of 5 shares for each \$1,000 of notes, at \$20 per share. Warrants attached to notes called for redemption on or before Oct. 1 1927 may be exercised on or before the redemption date.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these Notes on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Pres. Hugo Stinnes Jr., Hamburg, Germany, Nov. 1.

Corporation.—Organized in Maryland. Will acquire all of the capital stock presently to be issued of Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc. (Maryland) which will control by stock ownership a co-ordinated group of important and long established enterprises engaged in the production and distribution of coal, coke and their by-products, including electricity and gas. The principal coal mine (Mathias Stinnes) has been controlled by my family since 1858, and the coal terminal and marketing organization was started in 1893. Coal was the foundation of the Stinnes fortune, and the family has been engaged in that industry since 1808.

In addition to the above, Hugo Stinnes Corp. will acquire, by stock ownership, the control of a group of diversified manufacturing enterprises, some producing real estate, both city and country, including important hotels, office buildings, apartment houses and extensive farm and timber lands and long term accounts receivable.

These holdings will be acquired from the sole legatee of the late Hugo Stinnes Sr. Substantially all of the properties are located in Germany, with the exception of certain coal terminal and distributing facilities in Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden and Italy and timber lands in Sweden.

It is proposed to liquidate certain of the manufacturing plants not related to the coal industry, part of the real estate and long term accounts receivable and certain marketable securities, as favorable opportunities present themselves.

Capitalization on Completion of this Financing.

10-Year 7% gold notes (closed) \$12,500,000
Capital stock (auth. 1,200,000 shares, no par value; outstanding 1,000,000 shares) representing capital of Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc. and its subsidiaries will, upon the completion of this financing, have a total outstanding funded indebtedness of not exceeding \$14,381,166 and authorized but unissued bonds of \$5,070,000. The other subsidiaries of the corporation will have an aggregate funded indebtedness of not exceeding \$2,259,790.

Security.—This issue of notes will constitute a direct obligation of the corporation and will be secured by the direct pledge with the trustee of the following:

(1) All the capital stock presently to be issued of Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., which company will hold, directly or through subsidiaries, 55% of the stock of Mathias Stinnes Mining Corp., 54.2% of the stock, excluding treasury stock, of Muelheimer Mining Corp., 100% of the stock of Hugo Stinnes, Ltd. and sundry other stocks of companies engaged in the mining transportation and distribution of coal and by-products (see also Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc. for description of properties, &c.)

Based on appraisal by Rushton, Son & Kenyon, of Manchester, Eng. as to the more important operating properties and on valuations determined by the management with respect to other properties, the holdings in Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., represent net interests in physical property and other tangible assets of over \$26,000,000.

(2) Mortgages (in gold marks) representing substantially the full value, or stocks representing the ownership, of the Esplanade Hotel, Berlin, the Atlantic Hotel, Hamburg, the Carlton Hotel, Frankfurt, and the Nassauer Hof, Wiesbaden, which are among the leading hotels in Germany, a group of three hotels in Oberhof, an office building in Hamburg, and three office buildings in Berlin. The insurance on these hotels, office buildings and furnishings, is in excess of \$10,000,000. Based on valuation of the land and on present day costs of reproduction of the buildings and furnishings and after depreciation, as determined by Day & Zimmermann, Philadelphia and after addition of liberal reserves in the accounts of this corporation, these holdings appear in the pro forma balance sheet at the low value of \$9,500,000.

(3) Mortgages in the gold mark equivalent of \$2,289,000 on over 22,000 acres of cultivated farm and timber lands in Germany and a mortgage of \$500,000, or its equivalent in Swedish kroner, on 10,000 acres of timber land in Sweden. The values of these lands, based on appraisals made by the management, are in excess of the principal amount of these mortgages.

(4) Mortgages (in amounts to be fixed in the indenture) upon, or stocks representing the ownership of, 36 office buildings, apartment houses, stores and dwellings in Berlin, Hamburg, Harburg, Wiesbaden, Dueseldorf and Mulheim, Germany, and real estate in Holland and Sweden. These properties have not been appraised, but are carried at book values deemed to be conservative of \$1,300,848. The properties described in items (2), (3) and (4) are subject to prior liens of not exceeding \$2,259,790.

It is planned to sell certain of the property described in items (2), (3) and (4) in order to retire this entire issue of notes at the earliest practical date. The indenture securing the notes will provide for the release of pledged assets at stipulated prices (subject to reduction by unanimous approval of the board of directors and the trustee), and for the application of the proceeds to the retirement of notes. The stock of Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., may not be released, however, except upon retirement of this issue.

The indenture will provide for certain modifications of its terms with the consent of the corporation and holders of 80% of the notes.

Purpose of Issue.—The Stinnes interests suffered severe losses in 1924 and 1925 from shrinking inventories and operating deficits in the various enterprises outside of the coal industry into which they had expanded on a large scale, and from the forced sale of certain assets. Corporation will issue its notes and stock presently to be outstanding in order to acquire its assets. The purpose of this financing is partly to provide working capital but principally to retire bank loans of the Stinnes interests which resulted from the foregoing conditions, and to facilitate an orderly liquidation of the property, unrelated to the coal business, planned to be sold.

Financial.—The proportion of operating income applicable to the stocks to be owned by Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc. (all of the presently issued stock of which will be owned by this Corporation), after depreciation as taken up on the books of the several companies without giving effect to subsequent appraisals, and all taxes, including profits taxes paid, and interest on the indebtedness remaining after this financing, but subject to charges under the Dawes plan (which, however, were not payable during these years), as determined by Price, Waterhouse & Co., was \$2,292,292 in 1924 and \$1,247,628 in 1925 and, based on operations through the first 10 months of the current year, it is estimated that such earnings for 1926 will be in excess of \$2,500,000, which would result in average annual earnings for the 3-year period of not less than \$2,013,000.

The balance of this amount, after meeting estimated maximum annual charges under the Dawes plan, is more than ample to pay the maximum annual interest charge of \$875,000 on the \$12,500,000 of debentures of Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., and the sinking fund thereon, if not otherwise provided for.

The above estimated earnings of at least \$2,500,000 for the year 1926 are sufficient to permit Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., to meet prior charges, including income taxes, and to pay, if needed, in dividends to this corporation, an amount more than sufficient to pay the \$875,000 maximum annual interest charge on this issue.

Besides this anticipated available income from Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., the hotels, office and other buildings and farms to be owned by the corporation through its subsidiaries are all now on an earning basis which will be substantially increased with improved conditions and modifications of the German rent laws, supplemented by interest on long term accounts and mortgages and by prospective earnings from minor trading and manufacturing companies.

In addition thereto, it is estimated that the corporation will receive a further amount of at least \$5,000,000 during the next three years from the

collection of long term accounts receivable and the liquidation of unpledged capital assets.

The total amount of the so-called Dawes debentures fixed in respect of the companies in which controlling interests will be acquired by Hugo Stinnes Corp. and its subsidiaries is \$5,180,940. Under existing laws, the annual payments required to be made by these companies under the Dawes plan, applicable to the portion of the holdings to be acquired by Hugo Stinnes Corp. or its subsidiaries, are estimated, on the basis of present assessments, not to exceed \$150,000 per annum in the years of maximum charge.

Retirement of Notes.—It is conservatively estimated that from earnings and the liquidation of assets this entire issue will be retired at the average rate of over \$1,250,000 per year. All payments for retirement of notes will be made to the joint fiscal agents and applied as received.

Management.—Corporation will supervise the business of the companies which it will control (including Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc.), but the local management of the several enterprises will remain in the hand of the officials who have been actively connected with them for a long period of years.

The board of directors will include, among others, Hugo Stinnes, Jr.; F. H. Witthoefft, Hamburg; Franz Bracht, Essen; George W. Davison (Pres. of Central Union Trust Co. of New York); and representatives from three banking institutions.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30 1926 (Company and Subsidiaries).

[Giving effect to acquisition through stock ownership or otherwise of certain assets subject to liabilities, and to the issue of 1,000,000 shares of capital stock without par value, and \$12,500,000 10-year 7% gold notes, and to the issue of \$12,500,000 debentures of Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc.]

Assets—	Liabilities—
Land, bldgs., mach. & equip. \$8,073,344	10-year 7% gold notes \$12,500,000
Hotel prop. & office bldgs. 9,500,000	20-year 7% debts. of Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc. 12,500,000
Country estates 2,789,097	Mtgs. & debentures payable 2,370,191
Other properties 1,764,182	Accts payable, trade and sundry 1,978,335
Invest'ts at valuations reflecting appraisals 26,877,381	Accrued & contingent liabilities 1,306,869
Other investments 3,225,437	Advances from customers 44,802
Long term acct's receivable 2,745,260	Deferred to future operations 103,803
1,036,222	Capital stock \$30,886,668
Acct's receivable (less res'v'es) 2,936,222	
Bills receivable 216,862	
Marketable securities 1,196,080	
Cash 1,010,934	
Deferred charges 302,544	
	Total (each side) \$61,690,668
	a Authorized, 1,200,000 shares; outstanding, 1,000,000 shares.

(Hugo) Stinnes Industries, Inc. (Maryland).—Bonds

Sold.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., A. G. Becker & Co., Newman, Saunders & Co., Inc., Commerz und Privat Bank, A. G. (Hamburg-Berlin), William R. Compton Co. and Henry L. Doherty & Co. have sold at 99½ and int. \$12,500,000 20-year 7% sinking fund gold debentures (with warrants).

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1946. Interest payable A. & O. at Chicago and New York offices of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and A. G. Becker & Co., joint fiscal agents, without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. as a whole on 60 days' notice at any time to and incl. Oct. 1 1931 at 105, thereafter to and incl. Oct. 1 1936 at 104, thereafter to and incl. Oct. 1 1941 at 103, thereafter to and incl. Oct. 1 1945 at 102, and thereafter to maturity at 100, together with int. in each case. Debentures will also be redeemable for the sinking fund (sinking fund payments may be anticipated by the company) in part by lot on 30 days' notice, at any time to and incl. Oct. 1 1941 at 102½, thereafter to and incl. Oct. 1 1945 at 102, and thereafter to maturity at 100, together with int. in each case. Company will reimburse the holders of these debentures, if requested within 60 days after payment, for the Penn., Conn. and Calif. personal property taxes, not exceeding 4 mills on the principal per annum, and for the Maryland 4½ mills securities tax, and for the Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% of the interest per annum. Central Union Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Warrants.—Each debenture will carry two warrants, detachable after Oct. 1 1927, as follows: (1) A warrant entitling the holder to receive, during a period of 30 days beginning Oct. 1 1927 outstanding stock of Hugo Stinnes Corp. in the ratio of 5 shares for each \$1,000 debentures, and (2) a warrant entitling the holder to purchase, after Oct. 1 1927 and on or before Jan. 1 1929 outstanding stock of Hugo Stinnes Corp. in the ratio of 5 shares for each \$1,000 of debentures, at \$20 per share. Warrants attached to debentures called for redemption on or before Oct. 1 1927 may be exercised on or before the redemption date.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these debentures on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Hugo Stinnes Jr., Hamburg, Germany, Nov. 1.

Business.—Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., all of whose capital stock presently to be issued will be owned by Hugo Stinnes Corp. (Maryland), will own or control stocks representing all of the coal and coal products holdings and certain other interests now owned or controlled by the sole legatee of my father, the late Hugo Stinnes Sr.

The holdings include majority interests in a group of companies engaged in the whole field of production, transportation and wholesale and retail distribution of coal and coke, and doing an international business.

The principal coal mine (Mathias Stinnes) has been controlled by my family since 1858 and the coal terminal and marketing organization was started by my father in 1893. Coal was the foundation of the Stinnes fortune and the family has been engaged in that industry since 1808.

The mines form a group which are among the largest and most efficiently operated in Germany, with ample coal reserves, and the other controlled properties include extensive water and rail terminal facilities, efficient coal handling equipment, barges, tug boats, ocean steamers, &c. These industries also include very important by-products plants and related enterprises producing and selling gas, electric power, chemical products, glass, brick, &c.

Capitalization (on Completion of This Financing).

20-year 7% sinking fund gold debts. (auth. \$15,000,000) \$12,500,000
Capital stock (auth. 300,000 shs.; outstanding, 200,000 shs.)

representing capital of 26,308,834

Note.—The principal coal companies of which stocks are to be owned and pledged by Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., and their subsidiaries, will have outstanding a total mortgage indebtedness of not exceeding \$1,881,166. Mathias Stinnes Mining Corp. will have \$2,570,000 authorized but unissued bonds.

Purpose.—The debentures and stock presently to be outstanding will be issued by the company to acquire its assets. The purpose of this financing is to retire bank loans incurred by the Stinnes interests. The coal companies and their subsidiaries do not require present financing.

Security.—These debentures will constitute a direct obligation of Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., and will be secured by the direct pledge with the trustee of the following assets. Based on appraisals of the operating properties by Edward Rushton, Son & Kenyon, of Manchester, Eng., the value of the assets to be pledged is in excess of \$34,000,000.

(1) 55% of the stock of Mathias Stinnes Mining Corp. (Gewerkschaft Mathias Stinnes).

(2) 54.2% of the stock, excluding treasury stock, of Muelheimer Mining Corp. (Muelheimer Bergwerks Verein A. G.).

(3) 100% of the stock of Hugo Stinnes, Ltd. (Hugo Stinnes G.m.b.H.).

(4) Sundry other stocks of companies engaged principally in the mining, transportation and distribution of fuel and fuel products.

The indenture securing the debentures will provide, among other things, that Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., will not permit any of its principal subsidiaries to be defined in the indenture, to mortgage or pledge any of its property except to secure current indebtedness incurred in the ordinary conduct of business, and except that existing mortgages may be refunded, and bonds now authorized may be issued and property may be acquired subject to purchase money mortgages or existing liens, all as will be set forth in the indenture.

The indenture will contain provisions for the release or substitution of pledged securities appropriate to the character of the business.

The \$2,500,000 authorized but unissued debentures will be issuable only to the extent of 50% of the appraised value of additional assets to be acquired by the company and pledged for the security of these debentures. The additional debentures may have such terms as will be provided for in the indenture.

The indenture will provide for certain modifications of its terms with the consent of the company and of the holders of 80% of the debentures.

Financial.—Notwithstanding the conditions existing in Germany in 1924 and 1925, accompanying the stabilization of the German currency and resulting in the readjustment of the whole German financial structure, and the competition of subsidized English coal in 1925, the proportion of operating income applicable to the stocks to be owned by Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., after depreciation as taken up on the books of the several companies, without giving effect to subsequent appraisals, and all taxes, including profits taxes paid, and interest on the indebtedness remaining after this financing, but subject to charges under the Dawes Plan (which, however, were not payable during these years), as determined by Price, Waterhouse & Co., was \$2,292,292 in 1924 and \$1,247,628 in 1925, and, based on operations through the first 10 months of the current year, it is estimated by me that such earnings for 1926 will be in excess of \$2,500,000, which would result in average annual earnings for the three year period of not less than \$2,013,000. Maximum annual interest charges on the present issue of debentures will be \$878,000.

The total amount of the so-called Dawes debentures, fixed in respect of the three principal companies of which holdings are to be acquired by Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., is \$4,176,138. Under existing laws, the annual payments required to be made by these companies under the Dawes Plan, applicable to the portion of the holdings to be acquired by Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., are estimated on the basis of present assessments not to exceed \$125,000 per annum in the years of maximum charge.

Interest and Sinking Fund.—Indenture will provide for the payment to the joint fiscal agents, in equal semi-annual installments throughout the life of the present issue of debentures, of \$1,250,000 annually, to be applied, first, to the payment of interest on the outstanding debentures, the balance remaining to be applied as a sinking fund to the purchase or redemption and cancellation of debentures. This fund is calculated to retire the present issue by maturity. Company will have the privilege of anticipating its sinking fund obligations.

Properties.—Mathias Stinnes Minin; Corp., at Karnap, near Essen, and Muelheimer Mining Corp., at Muelheimer (both in the Ruhr District), have an annual producing capacity of over 6,700,000 short tons of coal, 700,000 tons of coke and 800,000 tons of fuel in the form of briquettes, and have an estimated reserve of over 330,000,000 tons of bituminous and anthracite coal. These companies (together with Hugo Stinnes, Industries Inc.) will own, directly or through subsidiaries, a 46% interest in Rheinische Westfaelische Bergwerks Gesellschaft, a corporation owning the great Ruhr coal reserve, estimated at over 7,000,000,000 tons. With their subsidiaries, they are engaged in the production of by-products with an annual capacity of 4,000,000,000 cubic feet of gas for their own use and for distribution in neighboring cities, over 260,000,000 k. w. h. electric power, partly sold for public use; 2,160,000 gallons of benzol, 6,600,000 gallons of tar oils, 10,000 tons of ammonium sulphate, 50,000 tons of glass products, 45,000,000 brick, and various other products. Extensive further development of these by-products is contemplated.

Mathias Stinnes Mining Corp. has developed a process of low temperature distillation of coal, producing semi-coke, a high grade fuel commanding a premium in price, gas of higher heating value than is usual in by-products plants, and various gas oil products. The plant in which these operations are conducted is being greatly enlarged.

Over \$5,000,000 was expended during 1924 and 1925 in enlarging and improving the mines and associated plants.

Hugo Stinnes, Ltd., directly or through subsidiaries (mainly 100% owned) owns extensive storage facilities with modern electrically operated loading and unloading steel bridges for transfer of coal between ship and rail carriers at the ports of Hamburg-Harburg, Mannheim, Stettin, Koenigsberg, Nordenham and Duisburg, Germany, and Copenhagen, Denmark; and coal stations or yards at Hamburg, Berlin, Stuttgart and Bremen, Germany; Antwerp, Belgium; Messina, Italy, and Stockholm, Sweden. It also owns 15 ocean steamers totaling 59,000 deadweight tons, 20 tug boats, 243 steel barges with a carrying capacity of 74,000 tons, and other floating and land equipment. Also it owns, as a whole or in part, 22 companies engaged in wholesale and retail distribution of coal, coke and briquettes in all of the above mentioned German cities and many others.

Hugo Stinnes, Ltd., is an international dealer in coal on a large scale. Its coal sales organization extends into all of the principal markets of the world where European coal is sold, and is generally conceded to be one of the greatest institutions of its kind.

These co-ordinated enterprises constitute a complete unit for the production and distribution of coal, coke and their by-products. Attention is called to the fact that this large business has been built up almost entirely out of earnings.

Directors.—The board will include among others Hugo Stinnes Jr., F. H. Witthoefft, Hamburg (Chairman of the Board of the Commerz und Privat Bank); Franz Bracht, Essen (Vice-Chairman of the Rhine-Westphalia Electric Co.); George W. Davison (President of Central Union Trust Co.), New York; and a representative from three banking institutions.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at June 30 1926 (Company and Subsidiaries).

[Giving effect to acquisition by company through stock ownership of certain assets subject to liabilities, and to the issue of 220,000 shares of capital stock without par value and of \$12,500,000 debentures, and to the application of the proceeds to the retirement of bank loans of the Stinnes interests.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., mach. & equip.	\$8,073,344	20-year 7% debentures	\$12,500,000
Other props. at book values	200,834	Mortgages payable	402,067
Investments at valuations reflecting appraisals of props.	26,605,310	Accounts payable, trade and sundry	1,678,228
Other investments	1,671,094	Accrued liabilities	105,446
Acc'ts receivable, less res'ves	495,279	Advances from customers	44,802
Bills receivable	2,347,575	Profits deferred to future operations	103,804
Marketable securities	132,318	Capital stock	26,308,834
Cash	1,196,080		
Deferred charges	382,258		
	39,089	Total (each side)	\$41,143,182
—V. 123, p. 2269.			

Superior Steel Corp.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plants and bldgs.	1926. 1925.	Capital stock	1926. 1925.
Less res. for depr. \$3,991,836	\$4,143,591	1st mtge. fs.	\$4,154,223 \$4,154,223
Cash	1,216,762	Accounts & wages payable	238,863 226,153
Bills & acc'ts. rec.	516,351	Interest on bonds	43,033 45,605
Inventories	1,326,364	Reserve for taxes	47,339 6,260
U. S. Govt. oblig'n	301,000	Surplus	811,883 545,929
Deferred charges	402,028		
		Total	\$7,754,341 \$7,584,170
Total	\$7,754,341 \$7,584,170		
—V. 123, p. 726, 2275.			

Swan-Finch Oil Corp.—3/4% Back Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 3/4% on the 7% preferred stock (par \$25) on account of accumulated dividends, payable Nov. 22 to holders of record Oct. 30. This clears up accumulation on the issue to Sept. 1 1926.—V. 122, p. 2342.

Symington Co.—Earnings.

—3 Mos. end. Sept. 30—		—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	
1925.		1926.	
a Operating profit	\$25,400	loss \$6,465	\$470,934
Other income	8,345	8,910	19,527
Total income	\$33,745	\$2,445	\$490,461
Interest charges	15,000	987	127,122
Net profit	\$18,745	\$1,458	\$363,339
a After depreciation, general expenses, Federal and State taxes.—			\$422,415
			V. 123, p. 593.

Terre Haute (Ind.) Malleable & Mfg. Co.—Bonds Offered.

Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee, recently offered at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 101 and int. \$400,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due serially 1927-1936. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 and \$100 c*. Callable on any int. date on 30 days notice at par plus a premium of 1/2 of 1% for each year or fraction thereof between date of maturity and date fixed for redemption. Interest payable M. & S. at Second Ward Savings Bank, Milwaukee, Wis. Citizens Trust Co., Terre Haute, trustee.

Data From Letter of Pres. L. M. Eyke, Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 15.

Company.—An Indiana corporation organized in 1906. Is engaged in manufacture and sale of malleable iron castings. Since organization busi-

ness has grown rapidly, sales having increased from 6,366 tons in 1920 to 9,494 tons in 1925. Company includes among its customers some of the principal railroads and a number of the leading manufacturers of automobiles, machine tools and other steel products. The plant, a 5-furnace unit, which is located in Terre Haute, is modern in all respects and is equipped to turn out the product at a very low cost. It is well located with respect to raw materials and consuming markets and has railroad connections in all directions.

Earnings Available for Bond Interest but Before Depreciation & Fed. Taxes.

1919	\$217,925	1923	\$315,006
1920	326,302	1924	110,765
1921	199,850	1925	144,980
1922	156,562	1926 (4 months)	55,597
Annual average			\$208,225

Capitalization—		Authorized.	Issued.
First mtge. 6% serial gold bonds		\$400,000	\$400,000
7% cumul. sink. fund pref. stock, series A		350,000	350,000
7% cumul. sink. fund pref. stock series B		200,000	200,000
Common stock (no par value)		11,000 shs.	10,000 shs.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to purchase the interests of certain stockholders who are retiring from active business at this time.

Balance Sheet April 30 1926 (After Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land—at cost	\$16,841	Accounts payable	\$27,901
Bldgs., furnaces, mach'y, &c.	704,586	Accrued expenses	26,481
Dies, flasks, &c.	29,522	Res'v'e for Federal taxes	16,121
Cash and cash resources	112,527	1st mtge. 6% bonds	400,000
Receivables	135,035	7% cumul. pref. stock ser. A	350,000
Inventories	146,566	7% cumul. pref. stock ser. B	200,000
Deferred charges	44,666	Common stock (10,000 no-par shares)	169,242
Total	\$1,189,744	Total	\$1,189,744

Telautograph Corp.—Earnings.

—Quar. End. Sept. 30—		—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	
1926.		1925.	
Gross income	\$177,914	\$150,847	\$512,908
Administrative expense	11,013	9,786	32,689
Selling expenses	19,823	19,024	66,847
Installation expenses	8,813	8,506	25,096
Maintenance expenses	38,881	34,972	114,339
Engineering expenses	3,853	3,956	11,338
Depreciation	26,558	23,234	77,408
Miscellaneous expenses	1,824	1,491	4,848
Interest and taxes, other than Federal	2,173	1,625	6,982
Fed'l taxes (estimated)	8,772	6,032	23,404
Net profit	\$56,203	\$42,221	\$149,958
—V. 123, p. 2275.			\$120,020

Tidal Osage Oil Co.—Earnings.

—9 Months Ended Sept. 30—		1925.		1924.	
Output, barrels	969,424	1,197,320	1,116,417		
Gross earnings—oil operations	\$2,218,930	\$2,375,343	\$1,951,014		
Gross earnings—Gas operations	249,215	268,492	243,502		
Miscellaneous other oper'g earns	41,169	10,030	15,033		
Total gross operating earnings	\$2,509,314	\$2,653,865	\$2,209,549		
Oil expense	327,699	427,545	457,490		
Gas expense	14,974	16,658	18,499		
Other operating expense	46,233	84,893	60,076		
Gen. & adm. expense	92,335	149,686	150,467		
Net income	\$2,028,073	\$1,975,082	\$1,523,017		
Other income	28,411	41,842	22,837		
Total income	\$2,056,483	\$2,016,924	\$1,545,854		
Interest, disc. & premium	\$190,810	\$185,299	\$214,003		
Taxes	8,238	22,323	27,868		
Uninsured losses	3,762	5,917	45,309		
Miscellaneous deductions	36,155	21,309	6,576		
Cancelled leases & aband. wells	120,677	343,321	166,721		
Depletion	788,841	773,320	774,932		
Depreciation	212,091	235,338	219,966		
Divs. on pref. stock	27,347	27,347	27,347		
Surplus adjustments	46,898	392,359	5,332		
Net to surplus	\$621,663	\$1,309,1	\$57,799		

Comparative General Balance Sheet.

Sept. 30'26.		Dec. 31'25		Sept. 30'26.		Dec. 31'25	
Assets—		Liabilities—		Sept. 30'26.		Dec. 31'25	
Oper. prop., bldgs. & equip.—x10,573,267	10,826,124	7% pref. stock	520,900	520,900	6,313,190	6,313,190	
Cap. stk. of Affil. companies	63,100	10-year guar. s. f. gold bonds	1,400,000	2,722,000			
Cash	538,604	Accounts payable	132,439	173,654			
Acc'ts & notes rec.	335,347	Accruals	71,084	117,314			
Crude oil & prod.	73,593	Due to affil. cos.	52,018	64,375			
Materials & supplies	189,501	Res. for taxes, &c.	119,578	110,602			
Due from affil. cos.	11,922	Surplus	3,355,325	2,733,662			
Invested reserve	20,898						
Sink. fd. trustee	109,375						
Deferred charges	48,928						
Total	11,964,535	12,666,697	Total	11,964,535	12,666,697		

x Less reserves for depreciation add depletion.—V. 123, p. 1125.

Tide Water Associated Oil Co.—Buys Tanker.

See American Brown Boveri Electric Corp. above.—V. 123, p. 1645.

Timken Roller Bearing Co.—Extra Dividend of 25 Cents.

An extra dividend of 25c. per share has been declared on the outstanding capital stock of no par value, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share, both payable Dec. 4 to holders of record Nov. 18. Like amounts were paid on Sept. 4 last. This compares with extras of 25c. per share and regular dividends of 75c. per share paid quarterly from Sept. 1923 to June 1926, incl.—V. 123, p. 1126.

Trans-Lux Daylight Picture Screen Corp.—Earnings.

The company reports for the four months ended Sept. 30 1926 profit of \$48,314 after charges but before Federal taxes, comparing with \$30,686 in the preceding four months.

During the past ten months billings have shown an increase of about 175%, rising from \$15,000 in December last to \$41,196 in September. October billings are estimated at \$45,000.

President Percy N. Furber states that all departments were showing steady progress and predicted earnings would continue to increase at a satisfactory rate. Profits since the first of the year, he said, have all been reinvested in equipment, plant, patents, new machinery, development, &c. Cash amounts to \$267,510.—V. 122, p. 3467.

Tremont & Suffolk Mills, Lowell, Mass.—To Liquidate.

A special meeting of stockholders has been called for Nov. 10 to consider the liquidation called for by E. P. Pearson, a director. A letter signed by a majority of the directors says the management is having independent experts investigate the prospects and when the report is made will advise stockholders as to the best course. An official statement says in substance: "The only comment that the present management wishes to make at this time is that all the changes which it has effected have been made with the intention of creating the most efficient possible organization both as to executive control, manufacturing and merchandising. We believe that a tremendous improvement has been made in all of these departments; but it would be virtually impossible (and so far as we know the Treasurer has never stated otherwise) to demonstrate what this new organization could do without going through a selling season, which occurs during the winter months. The question of future policy, however, has been brought to a head for prompt decision, and our impaired credit may leave no alternative except liquidation. Obviously this is a poor time to liquidate a cotton mill. We have, therefore, with the acquiescence of Mr. Pearson, caused an investigation of the prospects to be made by independent experts. When their report is received, we hope to be able to advise the stockholders as to the best policy to pursue."—V. 123, p. 2007.

Truscon Steel Co., Youngstown, Ohio.—6% Stock Div.
The directors have declared a 6% stock dividend on the common stock payable to holders of record Jan. 15. Payable date has not been set.
A cash dividend of 4% was also declared on the common stock payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 5. This dividend is for a four months' period. Previously common dividends of 3% quarterly were payable March 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15.
The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% was declared on the preferred stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20.—V. 123, p. 1888.

Twelfth and Washington Building, Oakland, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$450,000 first mortgage 6% gold bonds was recently offered at 100 and interest by Dean, Witter & Co., San Francisco.

Dated Sept. 1 1926; due serially Sept. 1 1929-1936, inclusive. Callable, all or part, on any interest date upon 30 days' notice at 102 1/2% and interest; such premium call price, however, in no event to exceed 1/4% of 1% for each year or fraction thereof of unexpired life. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable M. & S. Principal and interest payable at Bank of California, N.A., trustee. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on the land and building on the northeast corner of Twelfth and Washington streets, Oakland, Calif. The property has a frontage of 100 feet on Washington St. and 65 feet on Twelfth St. The appraisals placed on this property vary from \$900,000 to \$990,000.

Earnings.—Gross annual income, \$82,200; insurance and taxes, \$13,336; balance, \$68,863; maximum annual interest charge, \$27,000.

Ownership.—This property is owned by and these bonds will be the direct obligation of Selah Chamberlain and Edith C. D. Chamberlain.

2130-2132 Lincoln Park West Apartment Building, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Greenebaum Sons Investment Co., Chicago, is offering \$750,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% serial gold bonds at prices to yield from 6.08% to 6.50%, according to maturity.

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due serially (A. & O.) from April 1 1929-Oct. 1 1936. Denom. \$100, \$500, \$1,000 c*. Interest payable A. & O. 2% Federal normal income tax and any State taxes up to 5 mills of principal amount paid by borrower. Principal and interest payable at offices of Greenebaum Sons Investment Co., Chicago. Monthly deposits in advance with Greenebaum Sons Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, to meet interest and principal payments. Privilege to prepay by giving 60 days' written notice to trustee, at a premium of 3%.

Security.—Closed first mortgage on land, building, equipment and earnings. The 2130-2132 Lincoln Park West Apartment Building, when completed, will be 17 stories and basement, will contain 32 apartments, in addition to maids' rooms, chauffeurs' quarters, janitor's apartment and a roof garden. There will be 16 apartments of 6 rooms and 16 of 7 rooms, all having 3 baths and 3 or 4 bedrooms.

Valuation.—Expert independent appraisal of the property, including the land, owned in fee, the building when completed, and equipment, places the total value at \$1,325,000, as follows: Land, \$150,000; building when completed, \$1,175,000. Upon the basis of this valuation, the bond issue is a 56 1/4% loan.

Earnings.—Conservative estimates of the annual income from the property when completed follow: Gross income, \$142,680; expenses (including vacancies), \$37,000; net income, \$105,680.

Ownership.—Bonds are a direct obligation of the 2130 Lincoln Park West Building Corp., which is headed by Samuel Lillenthal and Samuel S. Oman, prominent Chicago architects.

United Drug Co.—Earnings.

Period—	—Quar. Ended Sept. 30—	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	—1926.	—1925.
Sales	\$22,735,611	\$19,303,341	\$65,682,030	\$55,704,904
Cost of sales	15,437,350	13,148,088	44,505,437	37,828,155
Operating expenses	5,248,249	4,315,085	14,672,707	12,695,117
Operating profit	\$2,050,012	\$1,840,168	\$6,503,947	\$5,281,631
Other income	290,016	392,726	868,601	1,001,821
Total income	\$2,340,028	\$2,232,894	\$7,372,548	\$6,283,453
Depreciation, taxes, &c.	434,544	346,467	1,266,345	1,086,134
Net profit to surplus	\$1,905,484	\$1,886,427	\$6,106,203	\$5,197,319
Previous surplus	11,872,146	9,441,502	10,645,673	15,071,391
Total surplus	\$13,777,930	\$11,327,929	\$16,751,876	\$10,268,710
Adjustments	C-33,494	Dr49,296	Dr20,486	Dr332,171
Surp. acq. through Liggett's Int., Ltd., Inc.				Cr3,881,361
Interest	193,373	236,196	652,504	729,162
Preferred dividends	569,769	546,304	1,709,355	1,388,119
Common dividends	737,337	580,344	2,058,584	1,684,818
Surplus as of Sept. 30	\$12,310,947	\$9,915,802	\$12,310,947	\$9,915,802

Consolidated Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real est. & bldgs	7,345,592	5,980,696	1st pref. stock	32,562,300	32,515,250
Imp't. to leaseholds	7,539,883	4,309,632	2d preferred stock		122,900
Sinking fund 6%			Common stock	38,063,100	33,210,500
Gold bonds	126,764		Stocks of sub. cos.	14,800	14,700
Machinery, furniture & fixtures	12,721,436	10,659,838	Real estate mtges.	1,729,595	1,154,000
Stock in other companies	28,520,233	26,129,474	5 1/2-year 8% notes		2,001,000
Trade-marks, patents, formulae, &c.	22,793,689	22,793,689	20-year 6% bonds	12,500,000	12,500,000
Cash	3,154,641	6,384,588	Curr. acc'ts pay'le	4,590,799	3,416,199
Notes & accts. rec.	6,797,326	8,844,232	Res. for Fed. tax	179,400	
Merchandise	19,770,840	15,770,938	Reserves	7,940,062	6,821,309
Inv. & susp. accts.	1,120,598	798,675	Surplus	12,310,947	9,915,802
Total	109,891,002	101,671,660	Total	109,891,002	101,671,660

—V. 123, p. 1126.

Ulen & Co.—Notes Offered.—Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co. and Stone & Webster, Inc., are offering at par and interest \$4,000,000 10-year 6 1/2% secured convertible gold notes.

Date Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1936. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable M. & N. in New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2% per annum. Penn. and Conn. 4 mills taxes and Mass. income tax of 6% funded. Red. all or part on Nov. 1 1927, or on the first day of any month thereafter, and for the sinking fund on May 1 1927, and on any int. date thereafter on 30 days' notice at 102 1/2% and int. if red. on or before Nov. 1 1931, and thereafter at a premium decreasing 1/2% of 1% during each 12 months' period until maturity. Chase National Bank, New York, trustee.

Convertible.—Notes are convertible at the option of the holder on or before Nov. 1 1931, into 7 1/2% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100) and common stock (no par value) of the company upon the following terms for each \$1,000 of notes: on or before Nov. 1 1927, into 10 shares of preferred and 2 1/2 shares of common stock; thereafter and on or before Nov. 1 1928, into 10 shares of preferred and 2 shares of common; thereafter and on or before Nov. 1 1929, into 10 shares of preferred and 1 1/2 shares of common; thereafter and on or before Nov. 1 1931, into 10 shares of preferred and 1 share of common.

Data from Letter of Henry C. Ulen, Chairman of the Board.

Company.—Incorp. in Feb. 1922 in Delaware for the purpose of continuing under the same management the business that had been successfully conducted by the Ulen Contracting Corp. and its predecessor, the Ulen Contracting Co., founded in 1900 by Henry C. Ulen. The business consists of planning and constructing public works in the United States and foreign countries and, where believed profitable and advisable to do so, the company purchases bonds of its clients in order to provide funds for carrying out

such projects. Company is not a contracting concern in the ordinary sense but derives its profits from fees, in cash and/or bonds, received for planning and directing construction work, thereby eliminating the risks which are ordinarily assumed by a contracting concern in bidding for work on the usual fixed sum or unit price basis.

Since the inception of the business many large and important contracts have been successfully completed including, among others, construction in Uruguay of three municipal water works and sewer systems; the Portsmouth-Hampton Roads project, the largest water works project carried out by the U. S. Government during the war; 70 miles of sewer for Salt Lake City; 25 miles of railroad in Bolivia; and the Shandaker Tunnel—the longest continuous tunnel in the world—for the New York water supply system.

Security.—Notes will be the general credit obligations of the company and are to be specifically secured by deposit with the trustee of \$6,000,000 of foreign obligations, as follows: \$1,250,000 State of Maranhao, Brazil, external 8% serial gold bonds; \$1,750,000 Republic of Greece external sinking fund 8% gold bonds of 1925, and \$3,000,000 National Economic Bank, Warsaw, Poland, guaranteed and municipally secured 8% sinking fund gold bonds, 1925 (unconditionally guaranteed by the Republic of Poland). On or after Nov. 1 1927, the company may substitute \$500,000 of Republic of Greece external sinking fund 8% gold bonds of 1925 for a like principal amount of National Economic Bank of Warsaw, Poland, guaranteed and municipally secured 8% sinking fund gold bonds, 1925.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to increase working capital made necessary by the growth of the company's business.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides for a semi-annual sinking fund sufficient to retire \$100,000 of notes annually for the first 5 years and \$700,000 annually thereafter, which will retire this entire issue by maturity.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
10-Year sinking fund 6 1/2% secured convertible gold notes, due 1936 (this issue) \$4,000,000 \$4,000,000
Cumulative pref. stock 8% div. series \$5,000,000 5,000,000
(par \$100—1 1/2% div. series) \$5,000,000

Common stock (no par value) 130,000 shs. 1,052,000 shs.
A Preferred stocks are of equal rank. B An additional 10,800 shares of common stock have been subscribed for at \$30 per share and will be issued upon payment in full, making a total of 116,000 shares of common stock to be outstanding. An additional 10,000 shares of common stock are held in treasury of the company against the conversion of notes.

Earnings 12 Months Ended Sept. 30.

	1925.	1926.
Gross earnings	\$822,445	\$1,630,264
Operating expenses	287,703	655,207

Net available for note interest after all charges except Federal taxes \$534,742 \$975,057
Annual interest requirements of total funded debt (this issue) 260,000

Balance \$715,057

For the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1926, the company reported net earnings of \$975,057 before Federal income taxes, equivalent to 3 1/2 times the annual interest requirements on these notes. For the 2-year period ended on the above date average net earnings were \$754,900, or 2.9 times such interest requirements. Approximately 45% of gross earnings in 1926 were received in bonds at a cost to the company substantially below their market value based on the selling price of comparable securities.

Contracts now on the books of company are expected to show an annual profit of more than \$1,250,000 during the next 5 years, equivalent to over 4 1/2 times such annual interest requirements, without giving consideration to profits arising from additional business. Company now has a considerable amount of new business under negotiation.

Present Contracts.—On Oct. 1 1926 company reported contracts under way totaling about \$37,250,000. These contracts include: (a) the construction of water works, sewers and other public works in the Republic of Poland, payment for which will be made through the delivery to the company of approximately \$12,750,000 of bonds of the National Economic Bank of Warsaw, Poland; (b) the construction of a \$10,000,000 water supply system for the City of Athens, Greece; (c) \$1,000,000 for the construction of temporary water systems in the City of Athens pending the completion of the new system; (d) \$3,500,000 for the construction of jetties and harbor work at Barranquilla, Colombia, payment to be made in cash; (e) \$3,000,000 for engineering and construction of important extensions to the water supply, street railway system, municipal markets and school houses for the City of Bogota, Colombia, payment to be made in cash; (f) \$6,000,000 for the reconstruction of certain public buildings, water and sewer systems, paving, &c., in the City of Manizales, Colombia, payment to be made in cash (this work was made necessary because of a fire in July, 1925, which destroyed a large portion of the city); (g) \$1,000,000 for the construction of plants for the treatment, filtration and sterilization of the water supply system of the City of Porto Alegre, Brazil, payment to be made in cash. On all contracts payments are made either in advance or concurrently with the progress of the work.

In addition to the above contracts, the company has undertaken jointly with the Bank of Athens the management of the water supply systems of Athens and vicinity for a period of 25 years. A management contract has also been undertaken covering all of the electric light, power, water, traction, sewer and sanitary works in the City of Sao Luiz, State of Maranhao, Brazil.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1926 (after Present Financing).

Assets—	Liabilities—		
Cash	\$2,474,312	Accounts payable	\$63,980
Accts. rec. incl. affil. cos.	44,270	Contract deposits	251,296
Due from off. & empl.	35,957	Reserve for taxes	135,370
Accrued interest receiv'le	248,653	10-year 6 1/2% notes	4,000,000
Securities owned	1,308,919	8% preferred stock	5,000,000
Securities and cash held by trustee	4,847,733	Common stock & surplus	1,386,686
Contract deposits	606,449		
Notes receivable—directors' stock subscrip.	324,000		
Property and leasehold impts., less reserve	8,784		
Deferred charges	938,255		
Good-will		Total (each side)	\$10,837,332

x Represented by 116,000 shares, no par value.—V. 119, p. 1966.

United Porto Rican Sugar Co.—Notes Offered.—Stein Bros. & Boyce, Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore, and Pogue, Willard & Co., New York, are offering at 100 1/2 and int., to yield 6 3/8%, \$1,500,000 5-year secured convertible sinking fund 7% notes.

Date Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable M. & N. without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Personal property taxes up to 5 mills (or equivalent in State income taxes) refunded by the company upon presentation of tax receipt or satisfactory equivalent thereof within 60 days of time such tax is due and paid. Red. all or part by lot for sinking fund purposes only, upon 60 days notice (during which period the right of conversion continues) at 102 1/2% and int., which premium decreases at the rate of 1/4% of 1% during each subsequent year to a minimum premium of 1%. Union Trust Co. of Maryland, trustee.

Data from Letter of M. A. Walker, President of the Company.

Properties.—The important group of properties which the company controls are advantageously located in the eastern part of Porto Rico. The companies comprise a complete producing and operating unit with adequate land of very high quality, modern equipped sugar mills with total capacity of about 500,000 bags per annum, their own railroads with ample equipment and their own terminals with excellent harbor facilities. The properties include over 16,000 acres of land. The cane lands are among the very best in Porto Rico. They are adaptable to the raising of tobacco or other staple crops and are readily marketable for such purposes at prices which would average conservatively \$250 per acre and which independent of other valuable factors of safety should be sufficient to considerably more than cover the amount of the company's outstanding note issue.

Security.—These notes are the direct obligation and only funded debt of the company, whose outstanding preferred and common stocks represent a recent cash investment of \$2,250,000 ranking junior to this issue.

They are further secured by pledge with the trustee of: (a) An equal face amount of notes representing the only funded debt (except purchase money mortgages of \$12,600) of the Juncos Central Co., one of the principal subsidiaries of the United Porto Rican Sugar Co., the value of whose assets alone have been conservatively appraised, upon completion of this financing, in excess of \$6,000,000 (including net quick assets of \$725,000), or over

four times the amount of these notes to be presently outstanding. (b) More than a majority of the common stock of a profitable operating company (Central Pasto Viejo, Inc.) which is being acquired out of the proceeds of this note issue.

Earnings.—For the 19 years of its existence the principal subsidiary of this company (Juncos Central Co.), whose notes are pledged as security for this issue, has always operated at a profit, and for the past ten years earnings, before depreciation and income taxes, have been as follows:

1916	\$482,967	1920	\$719,688	1924	\$606,894
1917	460,655	1921	251,604	1925	325,205
1918	464,123	1922	59,095		
1919	370,536	1923	511,918		

From the above it will be noted that for the past three years, which cover one of the most unprofitable periods in the history of the sugar industry, the earnings have averaged \$481,339, or over 4 1/2 times annual interest requirements; and after income taxes earnings have averaged \$422,870, or over 4 times interest requirements on this issue. In addition thereto the earnings of the United Porto Rican Sugar Co. from other sources should be over twice the interest requirements of this issue of notes.

Purpose.—Proceeds of the present financing will be used to acquire more than a majority of the common stock of a profitable operating company (Central Pasto Viejo, Inc.) and for further development and extension of the various subsidiaries of the United Porto Rican Sugar Co.

Convertible Feature.—On and after Jan. 1 1927, each \$1,000 note is convertible into 20 shares of common stock of the United Porto Rican Sugar Co. or is convertible into 20 shares no par value participating cumulative preferred stock, which while outstanding is in turn convertible into common stock share for share prior to Oct. 1 1928, and thereafter on the basis of three shares of preferred stock for two shares common stock. The preferred stock is entitled to annual cumulative dividends of \$3 50 per share and after the common stock has received \$3 50 per share in dividends, it participates equally until the preferred stock has received a total of \$5. This conversion privilege should prove a very valuable one.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture will provide for a sinking fund equal to 25% of the net earnings of the Juncos Central Co., to be used by the trustee for purchase of notes in the open market up to the then current call price. If not so obtainable, the notes to be called by lot at such price.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this issue of notes as well as the preferred and common stocks on the Baltimore Stock Exchange.

United States Playing Card Co.—Dividend Increased—To Split Up Shares.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the outstanding \$3,335,900 capital stock, par \$20, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 31. Previously dividends at the rate of \$7 per annum (\$1 75 quarterly) were paid.

The company proposes to split up the present stock on the two for one basis, the new shares to have a par value of \$10 per share.—V. 122, p. 3225.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Quar. Report.

President James S. Douglas reports in brief for the third quarter of 1926: "Development on the 1,800 and 1,900 levels has so far been disappointing and nothing in the nature of ore discovered except low grade pyrites. The work is being prosecuted both northward and southerly on those levels. Elsewhere in the mine no ore discoveries of importance have been made but the usual development work southerly along the fault will be continued. "In Jerome Verde ground two diamond drill holes in the 1700 Southeast which are finished have completed the work in that direction but two upraises above the 800 are being driven in copper stained schist of uncommercial grade."

Monthly Production in Pounds—

	1926.	1925.
July	3,475,936	3,861,794
August	3,529,876	3,855,742
September	3,511,966	3,730,994
Cash on hand	Oct. 1 1926.	Oct. 1 1925.
Liberty bonds, market value	\$1,012,557	\$1,157,733
U. S. Treasury notes, market value	3,390,481	3,399,216
	862,969	910,937

Vacuum Oil Co.—Extra Dividend of \$1 50.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share and a special dividend of \$1 a share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the outstanding capital stock, par \$25, both payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Nov. 30. This brings total dividend payments this year (incl. extras of 50c. a share paid in March, June and Sept.) to \$5 a share. Total dividends paid in 1925 also amounted to \$5 a share.—V. 123, p. 727, 467.

Walworth Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

	Quar. End. Sept. 30 '26.	Quar. End. June 30 '26.	Quar. End. Mar. 31 '26.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '26.
Net sales	\$7,693,758	\$7,434,478	\$6,922,857	\$22,051,093
Other income	96,255	109,952	114,654	324,132
Total income	\$7,790,013	\$7,544,430	\$7,037,511	\$22,375,225
Expenses, taxes, &c.	7,173,489	7,102,924	6,787,011	21,077,813
Interest	197,600	215,429	197,528	625,783
Depreciation	155,360	167,038	214,801	510,554
Net profit	\$263,564	\$59,039	def\$161,829	\$160,775

Comparative Balance Sheet.

	Sept. 30 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Sept. 30 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Assets—				
Plant, equip., &c.	16,890,910	16,984,689	1,000,000	1,000,000
Cash	832,755	840,939	395,000	402,500
Drafts & notes rec.	465,695	272,498		
Accts receivable	4,057,098	3,979,518		
Inventories	8,792,410	10,056,837		
Prepaid insurance				
Interest & taxes	185,620	164,015		
Sinking fund (cash)	1,047	12,803		
Sinking fund (securities)	77,000			
Miscellaneous securities	28,173	34,155		
Deferred charges to operation	154,596	130,622		
Treasury stock	\$110,090	106,307		
Good-will	426,497	426,410		
Total (each side)	32,021,891	33,008,793		
Liabilities—				
Pref. stk. (6% cum.)			1,000,000	1,000,000
Pref. stk. of subs.			395,000	402,500
Int. of minority in Wal.-Lal. Co.			183,747	183,951
Com. stk. & sur.			15,244,233	15,432,194
Purch. obligations			470,854	470,854
Bonds & debens.:				
Walworth Co.			10,950,000	11,000,000
Subsidiary co.			654,288	772,550
Accts. payable & accrued items			1,673,427	2,106,824
Bonds & debens. payable 1926.			56,025	48,500
Reserve for Fed'l tax (subsidiary)			110,554	116,733
Notes payable:				
Walworth Co.			420,000	480,000
Subsidiary cos.			205,000	325,000
Mtge. notes pay.			8,000	8,000
Res. for bond int.			4,463	
Mortgage payable			22,000	
Res. for cont'g's.			601,814	661,687
Miscell. reserves.			22,486	

x Includes plant and equipment less depreciation, \$16,759,438; equity in land and buildings, Walworth Ohio Co., \$55,855, and leaseholds of Walworth-Munzing, Ltd., \$75,617. y 5,459 shares common, \$105,721; 105 shares pref., \$4,454. z Represented by 300,000 shares no par value Walworth Co.

Changes Name of California Subsidiary.

Announcement has been made of a change in the corporate name of the company's subsidiary in California from the *Walworth-Lally Co.* to the *Walworth California Co.*, the change being effected as a result of the retirement from the organization of H. T. Lally. Prentiss L. Cooney, First Vice-President of Walworth Co., in charge of sales, has been elected President of the Walworth California Co. E. A. Neupert, formerly active head of the Walworth Oregon Co., has been named Vice-President and General Manager of the California Co. Howard Cooney, President of the parent company is chairman of the board of directors. Originally known as the Mark-Lally Co., the concern became the Walworth-Lally Co. when it was absorbed by the Walworth Co., H. T. Lally acting as President and a director. With his retirement it seemed advisable to change the corporate name.—V. 123, p. 1393.

Ward Baking Corp.—Earnings.

	1926.	1925.
Total income	\$2,112,894	\$1,955,382
Net profit after exp., Fed. tax., int. & deprec.	\$1,292,183	\$1,183,969

—V. 123, p. 1773.

Waterway Paper Products Co., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.

A. C. Allyn & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 1st mtge. 5-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1931. Int. payable A. & O. Demom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Callable all or part on 30 days' notice on any int. date at par and int., plus a premium of 1/2 of 1% of the principal for each year or fraction thereof unexpired to maturity. Principal and int. payable at Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, trustee. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Penn. 4-mill tax, Calif. personal property tax not in excess of 5 mills per annum, and Mass. 6% income tax refundable.

Data from Letter of Emanuel M. Mendelson, Vice-Pres. of Company.

Company.—An Illinois corporation. Has been successfully engaged for a number of years in the manufacture of newsprint paper. Plant located at Kedzie Ave. and 31st St., Chicago. The site includes over 300,000 sq. ft. The first unit of the plant, constructed in 1921, had a capacity of approximately 11,000 tons of newsprint paper annually. Upon the completion of additional equipment now being installed, and which is expected to be in active operation by Oct. 15 1926, the capacity of the plant will be increased to over 40,000 tons of newsprint paper annually.

Earnings.—It has been estimated by V. D. Simons, Industrial Engineer, Chicago, that the annual net earnings of company available for interest, amortization and Federal income taxes, after the new machine has been placed in operation, will be \$495,838, or over 8 times interest requirements on the bonds to be presently outstanding. For the period of 2 years ended June 30 1926, net earnings after deducting depreciation, available for interest and Federal taxes, averaged \$167,906 annually, or over 2 1/2 times interest requirements on the bonds to be presently outstanding. This record was arrived at with only one machine in operation, producing less than one-third of the capacity of the enlarged plant.

Sinking Fund.—Beginning March 1 1928, annual sinking fund payments are to be made to the trustee at the rate of \$50,000 per annum, to be applied to the retirement and cancellation of bonds of this issue by purchase or redemption by lot.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire the company's 1st mtge. 7% serial gold bonds now outstanding, and to reimburse the treasury in part for its expenditures in connection with the recent expansion of the plant facilities. \$750,000 of preferred stock was sold at par to provide additional funds for this purpose.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtge. 5-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000
7% cumulative preferred (par \$100)	1,250,000	1,250,000
Common stock (par \$5)	200,000	200,000
—V. 113, p. 427.		

Wayagamack Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.—May Resume Dividends Shortly.

The holders of common stock of \$100 par value have been requested to surrender their stock certificates to the transfer agent, the Quebec Savings & Trust Co., Transportation Bldg., Montreal, for exchange for certificates of no par value.

Secretary D. L. Adams says: "The directors have fixed Dec. 1 next as the date for the surrender of common share certificates for exchange and the holders of the common shares will on and after that date be entitled to receive a certificate or certificates representing two fully paid shares of common stock without par value for each fully paid common share of \$100 par value represented by the certificate or certificates surrendered by them."

"As the directors hope to resume payment of dividends at an early date they request shareholders to exchange their stock certificates as promptly as possible. The old certificates need not be endorsed when the new certificates are to be issued in the same names." At present there is authorized and outstanding 50,000 shares of common stock, par \$100.—V. 123, p. 2277.

Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Co., Inc. (& Subs.).

Consolidated Statement for 15 Months Ending Aug. 31 1926.

Profit from operations	\$5,073,766
Provision for depreciation	1,075,762
Provision for Federal income tax	338,960
Organization, moving, &c., expenses charged off	126,041
Net profit for period	\$3,533,003

—V. 123, p. 218.

Westinghouse Air Brake Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

	Quarter. Sept. 30 1926—	9 Months.
Net income after depreciation and Federal taxes	\$2,734,848	\$8,344,278

—V. 123, p. 1517.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—October Sales.

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Month of October	\$24,800,955	\$22,975,857	\$20,400,360
First 10 months	\$189,751,115	\$179,012,467	\$161,103,184

Of the increase amounting to \$1,825,097 reported for Oct. 1926, the old stores were responsible for \$1,115,357, a gain of 4.86% in their business; of the increase of \$10,738,647 for the 10 months the old stores were responsible for \$5,781,115, an increase of 3.28% in their sales.—V. 123, p. 2008, 1889.

Wright Aeronautical Corp.—Earnings.

	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Net earnings after taxes	\$131,775	\$162,509
	1926.	1925.
	\$454,924	\$517,760

—V. 123, p. 728.

Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.—Earnings.

	Quar. End. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—
	1926.	1925.
Net earnings	\$719,479	\$623,765
Depreciation	\$9,168	\$73,883
Income tax reserve	90,154	\$1,216
Dividends	400,000	400,000
Surplus	\$140,156	\$68,666
The total surplus Sept. 30 1926 amounted to \$10,048,589.—V. 123, p. 2277		

Yellow Taxi Corp., New York.—To Recapitalize—New Stock to Be Placed on a \$5 Annual Dividend Basis.

The stockholders will vote Nov. 15 on reducing the authorized capital stock without par value from 400,000 shares to 125,000 shares, and on approving the issuance of one share of such new stock for each three shares of the stock issued and outstanding at the date of the meeting. [At Nov. 15 there will be issued and outstanding 375,000 shares.]

The company in a letter dated Nov. 1 says:

At the time when this company acquired the stock of the Yellow Cab Co. of Philadelphia, several years ago, it was deemed advisable in connection with such acquisition, to increase the number of authorized shares of stock of this company to 400,000 shares without par value. Within the last few months the stock of the Yellow Cab Co. of Philadelphia has been sold. It will therefore be seen that the situation which originally induced the increase of the company's stock no longer exists.

In the opinion of the directors the number of authorized, as well as the number of outstanding, shares of the company is larger than is now needed. It is also believed that a better balanced corporate structure will result if the large number of shares now authorized and outstanding is reduced and changed to 125,000 shares without par value.

If such a reduction and change in the number of shares is authorized by the stockholders, it will be possible to initiate dividends at once at the rate of \$1 25 a quarter or \$5 a year on each share of the new stock. Accordingly the board has declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1 25 payable Jan. 3 1927 to stockholders of the new stock of record Dec. 15 1926, conditional upon the approval of the stockholders being given to a reduction of the number of shares to 125,000 shares without par value, and a change of the old stock into new by giving one share of the new stock for three shares of the old stock, and upon the completion of the necessary legal action to carry such reduction and change into effect.

[Signed by E. H. Miller, President, and William E. McGuirk, Chairman.] V. 123, p. 2160.

Reports and Documents.

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PACKARD MOTOR CAR COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31 1926.

To the Stockholders of the

Packard Motor Car Company:

Your company has completed another record year.

Sales, production, earnings all exceeded by a handsome margin any previous year in its history.

Sales of cars, parts, marine and aviation engines aggregated \$77,363,954 16, compared with \$60,475,989 89 for the previous year.

ENGINEERING.

Our engineering efforts were particularly successful. As a result of the wide and varied experience of our Engineering department, working not only on cars but also on aviation and marine engines, we were able to introduce in August of this year new models of both the Six and the Eight that contained very striking improvements that the public has received enthusiastically and which are adding greatly to the company's prestige.

Our outstanding achievement was in increasing the power of our motors very markedly without, in the case of our Six car, increasing the size or the weight of the motor. The Eight was greatly improved in activity not only by the adoption of the same mechanical improvements that went into the Six, but also by increasing its bore in order to definitely make it the most outstanding of all automobiles in power, activity and speed.

At the same time various other improvements were introduced to make Packard cars smoother, more silent and more comfortable. It has for years been thought by engineers that adding greatly to the power of a motor would inevitably make it rougher and less comfortable to drive. We have this year proved that this is not so. The new cars are not only powerful beyond any others, but they are quiet, comfortable and flexible to handle, both at high speed on the road and in congested traffic.

THE BALANCE SHEET.

During the year additions to our Property Accounts were \$7,748,579 23. Of this amount, \$6,515,411 67 was expended to increase our production capacity to take care of the increasing demand for our products; and \$1,233,167 56 was expended to enlarge our distribution and service facilities in the metropolitan centres. Our Property Accounts now stand at \$22,942,612 36, or a net increase over last year of \$3,583,680 55.

The Inventory shows an increase of \$2,363,255 66, due to our increased production program.

Accounts and Notes Receivable show a slight decrease notwithstanding the volume of business done, indicating a healthy condition of collections.

United States Government, State and Municipal bonds, &c., show an increase in our investment holdings of \$1,991,940 11.

Cash also shows an increase of \$949,159 09, which, added to the increase in securities, makes a total increase in cash and securities of \$2,941,099 20, after having paid out \$6,499,662 86 in cash dividends.

Current Liabilities show an increase of \$2,102,544 80, due principally to the inclusion of the item, "Dividends Declared," payable at a subsequent date, amounting to \$1,802,558 40.

It will be recalled that shortly before the close of the year under consideration, dividends at the rate of 2 per cent monthly, payable September, October and November, 1926, were declared, and are therefore included in Current Liabilities.

Excluding the item of unpaid dividends, the ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities stands at 3.8 to 1.

The ratio of Total Assets to Total Liabilities is 4.8 to 1.

The Reserve for Contingencies stands at \$1,437,644 92, which is more than ample to cover any liabilities now foreseen that may be chargeable against it.

Surplus has increased \$1,267,965 54 after the payment of dividends—cash and stock—amounting to \$14,575,621 26, giving the Common Stock a book value of \$15 47 a share.

INCOME STATEMENT.

Net earnings after depreciation and Federal Taxes were \$15,843,586 80, which is equal to 52.73% on the total outstanding stock of the company. And this was after stock dividends of 10 per cent and 15 per cent declared and paid

during the year. Expressed another way, earnings were \$5 27 a share.

The percentage of gross profits to sales increased nearly 2½ per cent, due principally to cost savings effected through changes in design and better manufacturing methods.

It will be noted that our Branches continue to be a source of strength and profit, earning last year \$2,636,830 61.

CASH DIVIDEND POLICY.

Out of approximately \$20,000,000 00 of earnings before depreciation, \$7,750,000 00 was reinvested in plant, chiefly in new tools, machinery and equipment. And \$8,300,000 00, approximately, has been or will be paid in cash dividends; the remaining \$3,950,000 00 being temporarily retained in the business as current assets, principally in the form of cash. A generous depreciation to the amount of \$4,164,898 68 was written off during the year.

Our earnings for the past two years have averaged a little better than \$14,000,000 00 against a dividend requirement at the present rate of approximately \$7,200,000 00. So that while our dividend disbursement to shareholders will be large, it amounts to only about one-half of the company's average earnings for two years past.

FINANCIAL STRENGTH.

The company has sufficient in cash and marketable securities to pay off all liabilities and still have available a working balance of \$6,000,000 00.

There is no preferred issue, bonded indebtedness or any other security ahead of the Common Stock.

Stockholders' equity in the assets remaining after the retirement of all liabilities would in that event be divided approximately 50 per cent in current assets and 50 per cent in fixed assets—a very conservative position.

THE OUTLOOK.

The greater beauty and greater performance of the new series models of the Packard Six and the Packard Eight have been so well received and so cordially approved by the public that they have produced a large number of orders, with the result that September was one of the best months we have ever enjoyed, although normally it is not a season of most active demand.

The outlook is so promising as to justify the expectation that the year ahead of us will be a prosperous one for the company.

Yours very truly,
ALVAN MACAULY,
President.

Detroit, Michigan,
October 26, 1926.

Price, Waterhouse & Co.
Dime Bank Building
DETROIT.

October 14 1926.

To the Directors and Stockholders,
Packard Motor Car Company:

We have examined the books and accounts of the Packard Motor Car Company and its subsidiary companies for the fiscal year ended on August 31 1926, and certify that the annexed consolidated balance sheet and statement of profit and loss are correctly prepared therefrom.

During the year only expenditures for actual additions and extensions of properties and equipment have been added to the property accounts, and adequate provision has been made for depreciation and accruing renewals.

Inventories of the stocks of finished motor carriages and stocks of materials, supplies and unassembled parts on hand, as certified by responsible officials, were taken by the company as at June 30 1926 and correctly adjusted in respect of receipts and issues for the two months ended August 31 1926, and have been valued at or below cost, all factory or inter-company profits being eliminated.

We have verified by actual count or by certificates obtained from the depositaries the cash and bank balances and securities owned, and have satisfied ourselves that full provision has been made for bad and doubtful accounts receivable and for all ascertained liabilities. The amount carried forward as deferred charges to future operations represents items which are reasonably and properly chargeable against the profits of future years.

WE CERTIFY that, in our opinion, the balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the financial position of the combined companies on August 31 1926, and the relative income account fairly states the results for the fiscal year ended on that date.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.,
Public Accountants.

PACKARD MOTOR CAR COMPANY
and Subsidiary Companies

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF AUGUST 31 1925 AND 1926.

<i>ASSETS.</i>		<i>August 31 1926.</i>	<i>August 31 1925.</i>
<i>Property Account:</i>			
Land, Buildings, Machinery, Plant and Equipment			
—Depreciated Values at beginning of year	\$19,358,930 81		\$19,799,380 06
Add—Expenditures during year	7,748,579 23	\$27,107,510 04	3,547,320 02
			\$23,346,700 08
Deduct—Depreciation for the year		4,164,898 68	3,987,769 27
Balance at end of year		\$22,942,611 36	\$19,358,930 81
Rights, Privileges, Franchises and Inventions		1 00	1 00
Total Property Investment		\$22,942,612 36	\$19,358,931 81
Mortgages and Land Contracts Receivable		\$1,005,085 67	\$1,078,045 46
<i>Current Assets:</i>			
Inventories at or below cost—			
Raw Material, Work in Process, &c	\$8,212,268 76		\$7,247,785 64
Finished Motor Carriages	3,221,467 56	\$11,433,736 32	1,822,695 02
			\$9,070,480 66
Accounts Receivable—Net		2,796,050 80	3,094,336 30
Deferred Installment Notes and Bills Receivable		1,898,619 53	1,716,685 87
Municipal and State Bonds		6,619,166 00	881,304 00
U. S. Government Securities at Cost	\$6,300,000 00		\$10,045,921 89
Cash in Banks and on Hand	5,421,845 19	11,721,845 19	4,472,686 10
			14,518,607 99
Total Current Assets		\$34,469,417 84	\$29,281,414 82
Deferred Charges to Future Operations:			
Prepaid Insurance and Other Expenses		\$214,814 56	\$342,836 58
Total Assets		\$58,631,930 43	\$50,061,228 67

<i>LIABILITIES.</i>		<i>August 31 1926.</i>	<i>August 31 1925.</i>
<i>Capital Stock:</i>			
Outstanding—			
Common (Authorized 5,000,000 shares)			
Par \$10 00—3,004,264 Shares		\$30,042,640 00	\$23,770,200 00
Mortgages Payable—Assumed		None	196,000 00
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>			
Current Accounts Payable and Payrolls		\$4,828,757 21	\$5,852,792 46
Provision for Federal Taxes and Other Miscellaneous Liabilities, not yet due		4,082,026 17	2,758,004 52
Cash Dividends declared payable September 30, October 30, November 30, 1926		1,802,558 40	None
Total Current Liabilities		\$10,713,341 78	\$8,610,796 98
Reserve for Contingencies		\$1,437,644 92	\$2,313,893 50
<i>Surplus:</i>			
Balance at Beginning of Year		\$15,170,338 19	\$9,488,442 71
Add—Net Profit for the Year		15,843,586 80	12,191,081 21
Together		\$31,013,924 99	\$21,679,523 92
Deduct—Dividends Paid and Declared—			
On Preferred Stock	None		\$686,993 04
On Common Stock:			
In Cash	\$8,302,221 26		\$4,746,046 00
In Stock	6,273,400 00	\$14,575,621 26	None
			\$5,433,039 04
Deduct—Premium on Preferred Stock Retired		None	1,076,146 69
Balance at End of Year		\$16,438,303 73	\$15,170,338 19
Total Liabilities		\$58,631,930 43	\$50,061,228 67

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT.

	<i>Year Ending August 31 1926.</i>	<i>Year Ending August 31 1925.</i>
<i>Factory Sales:</i>		
Carriages, Service Parts, Marine and Aviation Engines		
Deduct—Cost of Sales	\$77,363,954 16	\$60,475,989 89
	60,590,322 06	48,667,341 50
Gross Profit		
Add—Other Income:		
Discount on Purchases	\$348,940 12	\$335,936 58
Rentals	56,866 99	64,517 58
Interest Earned	563,103 07	581,385 77
Miscellaneous	66,251 76	88,593 14
	\$1,035,161 94	\$1,070,433 07
Total Gross Profit and Income	\$17,808,794 04	\$12,879,081 46
Deduct—Selling, General and Administration Expenses	2,917,697 68	1,960,194 54
Profit before provision for Federal Taxes	\$14,891,096 36	\$10,918,886 92
Deduct—Provision for Federal Income Tax	1,684,340 17	1,270,597 51
Profit from Factory Operations	\$13,206,756 19	\$9,648,289 41
Profit from Operation of Branches and Subsidiary Companies	2,636,830 61	2,542,791 80
Net Profit for the Year	\$15,843,586 80	\$12,191,081 21

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, Nov. 5 1926.

COFFEE.—Spot coffee was in fair demand with Rio 7s, 16¼ to 16¾c.; Santos 4s, 20½ to 20¾c. Cost and freight offers on the 2nd inst. included Santos part Bourbon 3-4s at 19¾c.; 4s at 19¾c.; 4-6s at 18.80c.; 6s at 18¼c.; Victoria 7s at 15½c. and 7-8s at 15.30c. all prompt shipment. On the 3rd inst. cost and freight firm offers included 2-3s large bean at 21.70 to 22c.; 3s at 20c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 19 to 19.55c.; Bourbon 3-5s at 19.75c.; Bourbon 4s at 19¾c. to 19.55c.; part Bourbon 4s at 20c.; 5s bourbons at 18⅞ to 19.15c.; Bourbon 5-6s at 18.65 to 19.25c.; large bean 5-6s at 18.35c.; 6-7s separations at 18.15c.; 7-8s grinders at 16c.; Bourbon 4-5s at 19.15c.; part Bourbon 4-5s at 18.75 to 18.80c.; part Bourbon 6s at 18.25c.; Peaberry 4s at 19c.; Peaberry 4-5s at 19.50c.; Rio 7s at 15.65c.; Victoria 7s at 15.50c.

Later on the spot the demand was better. The higher grades of Santos were scarce. Prompt shipment offers included Santos Bourbon 3-5s at 19.20 to 19.75c., 4-5s at 18.75 to 19.15c., 5s at 18⅞ to 19.15c.; 5-6s at 18.35 to 19.25c., 6-7s separations at 18.15c., part Bourbon or flat bean 2-3s 21.15 to 22¾c., 3s at 20 to 21.90c.; 3-4s at 20½c., 3-5s at 19 to 19.55c., 4-5s at 19 to 19.35c., 4-6s at 18.80c., 5-6s at 19c., 6s at 18¼ to 18.55c.; Santos peaberry 2-3s at 23.15c., 4s at 19c., 4-5s at 19.25 to 19.30c.; Rio 3-5s, flinty green, at 16.80c., 7s at 15.65c. to 15.75c., 7-8s at 15½c.; Victoria 7s at 15½c. Future shipment, Santos, November-December, 3-5s, part Bourbon, at 18.90 to 19.15c., 4-5s at 18.70c.; January-March, 4s at 19c.; March-April Bourbon, 4s at 18¼c.; spot Santos 4s, 20½ to 20¾c.; Rio 7s, 16¼ to 16¾c.; fair to good Cucta, 23 to 24¾c.; Laguayra washed Caracas, 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, 27 to 27½c.; Honda, 26¾ to 27¼c. Recently floods were reported in the Magdalena River.

Futures advanced on the 3d inst. on higher cables, a better spot demand, covering and more or less other buying. Rio has advanced since Oct. 1 350 to 425 reis; exchange rate was off 1-32d. at 6¾d. and the dollar rate 25 reis net higher. The net change at Santos during the same interval was a decline of 100 to 200 reis in the terme rates; sterling exchange dollars were unchanged. The sales of futures here were only 18,000 bags, inclusive of December-March switches at 55 points. The world's visible supply on Nov. 1 was estimated by E. Laneville, Havre, at 4,576,000 bags, as against 4,637,000 bags on Oct. 1 and 5,020,000 bags Nov. 1 1925. G. Duuring & Zoon of Rotterdam cabled their monthly figures as follows: Arrivals in Europe, during October, 708,000, of which 400,000 was Brazilian; deliveries in Europe during October, 666,000; Brazilian, 330,000; stock in Europe Nov. 1, 1,525,000; world's visible supply Nov. 1, 4,849,000, a decrease of 7,000; last year, 5,209,000. Some estimate the Santos crop at as high as 15,000,000 bags and Rio at 5,000,000.

The better state of Exchange following denials of recent serious political disturbances in Brazil steadied the market. The price has obeyed a rather more bullish helm. World stocks are 454,000 bags smaller than a year ago. On the 4th inst. prices advanced 23 to 27 points with cables higher, covering and other buying larger, and roasters having a better business. In futures the sales here rose to 51,000 bags. Drought is said to have reduced the mild crop as well as that of Robusta possibly 10 to 20%. Brazilian feeling was evidently more confident. Brazilian milreis approached 7d. for 90 days sight drafts. Rio was up 3-32d. to 6 31-32d.; dollars off 50 reis; terme prices were 100 to 275 reis higher. Santos terme was 400 to 450 reis net higher; exchange up 1-16d. to 6 15-16d. Santos daily receipts hereafter will have a limit of 36,000 bags instead of 32,000. It had only a temporary effect. To-day futures advanced on covering of shorts though the Brazilian cables were slightly lower. Offerings here were small. Final prices were 47 to 51 points higher for the week.

Spot unofficial	16½	March	15.44@	July	14.53@
December	15.98@	May	14.92@	September	13.91@

SUGAR.—Cuban prompt raws were quiet early in the week at 2¾c. with offerings light and holders asking 2 25-32c.

to 2⅞c. Later business became active. Futures were 2 to 3 points higher early on the 3d inst. The curtailment of the next Cuban crop some contend is a matter that concerns everyone in the business, whether colono, planter, banker or merchant. Sugar being the only industry in Cuba it is added lower prices reduce the buying power of every planter, colono and laborer. Low prices also affect the ability of planters and colonos to pay their bills for purchases in arrears for some time past. It is argued that the actual extent of the damage in Cuba is still unknown but with the possibility of Government restriction of the next Cuban crop there is no reason for any further decline in the price. The differential between refined and raws at present prices is only 103 points, which is hardly satisfactory. Any rise in raws would at once be reflected in prices for refined. Some advise the trade to cover their requirements at the 5.70 price for the next three weeks.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 47,199 tons, against 40,024 in the previous week, 31,676 in the same week last year and 3,191 two years ago; exports, 101,316 tons, against 72,191 in previous week, 70,976 last year, and 24,556 two years ago; stock, 390,998 tons, against 445,106 in previous week, 460,709 last year and 145,422 two years ago. Havana cabled: "Weather dry." Of the exports, United States Atlantic ports received 66,667 tons; New Orleans, 7,979 tons; Savannah, 4,374; Galveston, 5,289; Canada, 8,803; Japan, 4,204; and Europe, 4,000 tons. Refined was 5.70 to 5.80c., a reduction of 20 points in four instances. New York was interested in reports from London of a proposed conference there of sugar-producing interests for the purpose of devising measures for stabilization of prices. The plan is here regarded as impracticable. A very wide divergence of interests, it is thought, militate against the formation of a workable plan.

Refiners suddenly gave snap to the market on the 4th inst. when they bought nearly 200,000 bags of Cuban and Philippine Island at a rise of 1-16c. at 2 13-16c. c & f. or 4.58c. delivered. Rumors that 25,000 tons Cuban old had been sold to China and Japan at 2.60 to 2.65c. for November-December shipment was doubted. The rise was due partly it is said to fears of curtailed crops following a loss of 200,000 tons by the recent hurricane. Talk of an early ending of the British coal strike may have had some influence. Scarcity and dearthness of ocean freight room have beyond question hurt Cuba so far as the British market was concerned. It has been largely lost. To-day futures closed 1 point lower to 1 higher. Willett & Gray put the 1925-27 cane and beet crops at 23,855,000 tons against the previous computation of 24,279,000. The decrease is due to the destruction caused by the recent hurricane in Cuba and adverse weather conditions in Europe. The latest estimate compares with the last crop of 24,360,150 or an expected decrease of 505,150 tons. Final prices on futures are 5 to 6 points higher for the week. To-day under the spur of decreasing crop estimates prompt Cuban raws, it was stated, sold at 2⅞c. for several small lots. This is a rise for the week of ⅞c. Refined withdrawals were large.

Spot unofficial	2 13-16	March	2.81@	2.82	July	2.98@
December	2.79@	2.80	May	2.90@	September	3.05@

LARD on the spot was quiet and lower. October deliveries were large. Liverpool on Oct. 30th fell 6d. to 1s. 6d. Grain declined on Oct. 30th. Strange as it sounds cashlard, loose and in tierces ribs and hogs were all quoted at 13c. Prime Western c. a. f. New York 13.75 to 13.85c.; Refined Continent 14¾c.; South American 15½c.; Brazil 16¾c. To-day spot prices were lower with trade slow. Prime Western 13.45c.; Refined Continent 14¾c.; South American 15¾c.; Brazil in kegs 16¾c. Futures fell 15 to 28 points on the 1st inst. Liverpool was 1s. lower to 3d. higher. Chicago alone received 42,000 hogs. Buying of January and May was noticeable but it was outweighed by lower hogs and corn. On the Oct. 30th Chicago deliveries of lard were 800,000 lbs.; of bellies 50,000 lbs. On November 1st Chicago stock made since Oct. 1 1926 was 522,671 lbs. against none two weeks ago, and 1,604,931 lbs. last year. P. S. Lard made Oct. 1 1925 to Oct. 1 1926 was 19,011,128 lbs. against 6,951,230 last year. Other kinds of lard Oct. 31 1926, 2,801,920 lbs. against 5,178,335 two weeks ago and 2,924,724 last year. To-day futures closed 15 to 20 points lower with cottonseed oil off 8 to 11 with no buying except on a scale down. Lard's decline was due to large hog receipts and rather weak prices for hogs, also to somewhat lower cash prices for lard at Chicago and a decline in corn. Chicago top on hogs was \$13. Western receipts 75,000 against 90,000. Final prices show a decline for the week of 53 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.						
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October delivery	13.07	12.62	Holl-	12.70	12.65	12.47
December delivery	12.90	12.62	day	12.75	12.80	12.62
January delivery	12.82	12.67				

PORK dull; mess, \$37; family, \$40; fatback pork, \$30 to \$32. Ribs lower at Chicago; cash, 13c., basis 40 to 60 lbs. average. Beef steady but slow; mess, \$18 to \$20; packet, \$18 to \$20; family, \$20 to \$22; extra India mess, \$33 to \$34; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3; No. 2, \$8 25; 6 lbs., \$18 50. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 23¼ to 25¼c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 21½ to 22c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 18c., 14 to 16 lbs., 20c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring, 37 to 49¼c. Cheese, 22 to 26c. Eggs, medium to extras, 31 to 56c.

OILS.—Linseed demand has not improved much if at all. A better demand was reported from linoleum makers but there was less buying by paint makers. Spot carlots, 11.1c.; raw tanks, 10.3c.; boiled tanks, 10.7c.; October-December, 11.1c. Coconut oil, Ceylong f.o.b. coast tanks, 8¼c.; Manila, coast tanks, 8¼c., spot tanks, 8¾c.; China wood, N. Y. spot, bbls., 15½c.; corn, crude, tanks, plant high acid, 8¼c.; olive, Den., \$1 50 to \$1 60. Soya bean, coast, tanks, 10½c.; blown, bbls., 14¾c. nominal; lard, prime, 16¾c.; extra strained, winter, N. Y., 13¼c. Cod, domestic, 62c.; Newfoundland, 65 to 66c.; turpentine, 89½ to 94c.; rosin, \$13 45 to \$16 60. Despite a decline in lard, cottonseed oil showed early in the week a steadiness that excited remark. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 10,700 bbls. P. Crude S. E., 7¼c. asked. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	8.50@8.65	January	8.46@8.60	April	8.70@8.72
November	8.45@8.50	February	8.50@8.60	May	8.75@
December	8.48@8.49	March	8.59@	June	8.80@8.90

PETROLEUM.—Mid-Continent crude was cut 15 to 85c. by the Magnolia Petroleum Co. and the Carter Oil Co. Oil of 28-28.9 gravity was posted at \$1 50 a barrel, a reduction of 15c. Gasoline met with a more active export demand. Several bulk cargo sales for December shipment from the Gulf to the Continent were reported early in the week. U. S. Motor in the Gulf was quoted at 10¼c. while 64-6 gravity 375 end point was 11¾c. U. S. Motor locally in tank cars at refineries was 11¾c. and in tank cars delivered to the trade 12¾c. Kerosene has been steady. There was a good demand for both domestic and foreign account. Stocks on hand are small. Water white was quoted at 10¾c. local refineries while prime white was 10½c. refinery and 11½c. in tanks cars delivered to trade. Bunker oil steady at \$1 65 to \$1 75 for grade C. local refineries. There was a good demand for furnace oil. The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana lowered the price of crude oil 35c. Pennsylvania it seems is not to be reduced in the immediate future. Bunker oil firmer and tending upward. Diel oil \$2 50 at refineries. Gasoline demand rather better; local refineries U. S. Motor 1½ to 11¾c.

To-day it was stated that the Texas Company had met the cut in crude oil price made by the Carter Oil Co., the Humble Oil & Gas Co. and the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana. The Carter and the Humble companies are subsidiaries of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. The Carter Oil Co. early this week reduced prices in Oklahoma and Kansas. The Humble Oil & Gas Co. cut prices in north and central Texas districts, while the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana reduced prices in Louisiana. The Atlantic Oil Producing Co., the Crystal Refining Corp. and the Louisiana Oil Refining Co. also met the cuts made by the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana. Reductions ranged from 5 to 35 cents, according to gravity. Neither the Sinclair Consolidated Corp. nor the Prairie Oil & Gas Co., the two largest refiners and producers in the Mid-Continent field, have met the cuts made by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey through its subsidiaries.

New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. motor specifications, deodorized, 27.15c.; U. S. motor bulk refinery, 11¾c.; kerosene, cargo lots, cases, 19.15c.; W. W., 150 degrees, 20.65c.; gas oil, Bayonne, tank cars, 28-34 degrees, 6c.; 36-40 degrees, 6¾c.; petroleum, refined, tanks, wagon to store, 18c.; kerosene, bulk, 45-46, 150 W. W., delivered N. Y. 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
Cornring	Bardford	3.40
Cabell	Lima	2.43
Somerset, light	Indiana	2.25
Rock Creek	Princeton	2.37
Smackover, 27 deg. 1.50	Canadian	2.80
	Corsicana heavy	1.15
	Eureka	\$3.25
	Illinois	2.37
	Crichton	2.10
	Plymouth	1.90
	Haynesville, 33deg.	2.10
	Gulf Coastal "A"	1.40
	De Soto	2.30

RUBBER was not affected on Oct. 30 by the reduction on that day of the export limits to 80%. It had been discounted here and in London. New York, in fact, closed unchanged or slightly lower on that day. Sales here were 232½ tons against 487½ tons for the preceding full session and 445 tons on the previous Saturday. At the Exchange here, December was 42.80 to 42.90c., closing at 42.90c.; January closed at 42.20c. bid; February closed at 42.60c.; March closed at 44.30c. Outside prices: Plantations, ribbed smoked sheets, spot, October-November, 42¾c.; December, 43¾c.; January-March, 43¾c.; April-June, 44¾c. First latex crepe, 42¾c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 39¾c.; light clean crepe,

40¼c.; specky, brown crepe, 38¾c.; No. 2 amber, 40¾c.; No. 3 amber, 39¾c.; No. 4 amber 40½c.; roll brown, 36¾c. In London on Oct. 30 prices were unchanged, closing at 21 to 21¼d. for spot and November, 21¼ to 21¾d. for December, 21½d. to 21¾d. for January-March and 22¼ to 22¾d. for April-June. Singapore on Oct. 30 was dull and unchanged: Spot, 20¼d.; November-December, 20¼d.; January-March, 21d.; ex-godown Singapore.

On the 3rd inst. prices fell 140 to 200 points but recovered most of the decline on active buying. The sales at the Exchange were 1,440 tons, the largest in five months. London declined ¼ to ¾d. on reports that coupons would not be cancelled until February. London sold here on that day. New York ended only 10 to 50 points net lower. New buying was a keen stimulus. Shorts covered. London itself became firmer as selling died down. Dec. here was 40.30 to 40.60c. closing at 40.60c.; Jan. 41.40 to 41.80c. closing at 41.80c.; Feb. new 41.50 to 42.10c. closing at 42.10c.; March new closed at 42.40c.; May was 42.60 to 43.30c. closing at 43.30c. London on the 3rd closed at 19¾ to 20d. for spot-Nov., 20¼ to 20¼d. for Dec. 20¾d. to 20¼d. for Jan.-March and 20¾d. to 21d. for April-June. Singapore was weaker; Nov. 19¾d.; Dec. 20d.; Jan.-March 20¾d., ex-godown Singapore. Outside prices here on Oct. 3rd: Ribbed smoked spot and Nov. 41¼c.; Dec. 41½c.; Jan.-March 42¾c.; April-June 43¾c.; First latex crepe 41¾c.; clean, thin, brown crepe 37¼c.; light, clean crepe 38¾c.; specky, brown crepe 37¼c.; No. 2 Amber 39¼c.

In London the Colonial Office announced on Oct. 30 that the percentage of standard rubber which may be exported at a minimum rate of duty from Ceylon and Malaya for the quarter commencing Nov. 1 will be 80. The reduction from the present 100% production was due to the fact that the average price of rubber for the past quarter dropped to 20.19 pence, therefore, falling below the 21 pence minimum. London had a rumor of an allotted production for Malaya of 325,000 tons for the 1927 restriction year, an increase of about 25,000 tons over 1926. Yet London advanced. The technical position there is better. Liquidation there has been drastic. Tuesday next will be settlement day in London, however. It may mean some decline for the time being.

Off-grade plantations advanced here and Para rubber moved up 1c. Thursday's arrivals here were no less than 4,099 tons, chiefly from the Far East. This makes November imports to date 4,352 tons, against 1,096 tons for the same time last month. At the Exchange here late in the week November was at 40.60c.; December at 41.50c.; January at 41.90c.; and February at 42c. Smoked sheets, spot, 41½c.; November, 41¼c.; January-March, 42¾c.; first latex crepe, 41½c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 39c.; specky brown crepe, 36¾c.; No. 2 amber, 40c.; Paras, Caucho Ball-Upper, 28 to 28½c.; up-river fine spot, 37½ to 38c.; Island fine, 32 to 32½c. London spot and November, 20 to 20¼d.; December, 20¾ to 20¾d.; Singapore spot, 19¾d.; December, 19¾d. To-day New York at one time was steady and prices unchanged to 40 points higher. Sales on the call were 3 lots of March at 42.70. London rose ¼ to ½d. Spot was quoted 20¾d.; November, 20¾d.; December, 20¾d.; January-March, 20¾d.; April-June, 21¼d. Singapore was quiet with prices ¼d. higher to ¼d. net lower. To-day New York closed with November 41.20c.; December and January, 41.90c.; March, 42.50c.; May, 43c.

HIDES.—Recently, it is said, 3,100 Argentine frigorifico sold at \$37 25 or 16 13-16c. City packer were quiet; steers, 16½c.; butts, 15½c.; Colorado, 15c.; cows, 14c.; bulls, 10¼c. Common dry hides quiet; Savannilla, 21c.; Antioquias, 24c.; Orinoco, 21c. New York City calfskins quoted at \$1 55 to \$1 60; \$1 90 to \$1 95 and \$2 70 to \$2 75.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—The coal rate has been \$4 to the West Indies December. Grain to the French Atlantic paid 30c.

CHARTERS included coal from Atlantic range to West Italy, \$9. November; from Mobile or Pensacola to West Italy, \$10 75. November; from Atlantic range to Atlantic Islands, \$8, United Kingdom 32s., Scandinavia 36s., Dec. 10 canceling; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 23s. first half January, 21s. if second half January; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 36s. 6d. Nov. 25 canceling; same, 26s. 4d. last half December; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 35s., November; from Atlantic range to Oslofjord, \$9, December; from Hampton Roads or Baltimore to Belfast, 33s., Dec. 10-25 canceling; from Baltimore to River Plate, 37s. 6d., Nov. 18-30 canceling; from Hampton Roads to Rio de Janeiro, 32s., December; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 35s., Nov. 30 canceling; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 27s., Dec. 31; from Atlantic range to Las Palmas, 38s. 9d., Nov. 15 canceling; from Hampton Roads to British West Indies, \$4, prompt; from Hampton Roads to West Italy, \$8 50, Dec. 31 canceling; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 30s., Dec. 31 canceling; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 26s. 6d., Dec. 31 canceling; from Baltimore to United Kingdom, \$8 90, prompt; from Comox, B. C., to United Kingdom, 47s. 6d., November; Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, \$8 50, November; Gulf to Santander, 45s., November; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 36s., Nov. 20 canceling; same, 35s., last half November; from Hampton Roads to West Indies, \$4, prompt; grain from Puget Sound to United Kingdom-Continent, 47s., December; from Columbia River to United Kingdom-Continent, 37s. 6d., mid-November; from San Francisco to United Kingdom-Continent, 42s. 6d., barley, Nov. 20-Dec. 20; from West St. John to Marseilles, 36c. one port, 37c. two ports, Dec. 28 canceling; from West St. John to Mediterranean not east of west coast of Italy, excluding Spain and North Africa, 36c. one port, 37c. two ports, Dec. 31; from Atlantic range to French Atlantic, 30c., December; 32,000 quarters from Montreal to United Kingdom, 8s. 3d. one port, 8s. 6d. two ports, Nov. 10-25 canceling; from West St. John to West Italy, 36c., Dec. 28 canceling; from Montreal to United Kingdom, 8s. 9d., November; Time charters: 1,029 net, 6 to 9 months West Indies trade, \$1 90, November; 1,311 net, 9 to 12 months West Indies trade, \$1 60, December; 1,283 net, trip down from Nova Scotia to north of Hatteras, \$1 75, prompt; 5,200 tons deadweight, 4 months, 4s. 6d., delivery Rotterdam, redelivery United Kingdom-Continent, Nov. 10; 1,300 tons deadweight, one round voyage delivery United Kingdom-Continent, redelivery Mediterranean (not east of Greece), via Newfoundland, £700 lump sum, prompt. Tankers: 3,836 net, Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent, 42s. 6d., November; 4,394 net,

one year's consecutive voyages, Gulf to United-Kingdom-Continent, 33s., January; 2,403 net, clean, Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent, 40s., January; 3,105 net, Abadan to United Kingdom-Continent, 55s., December-January; 3,097 net, clean, California to north of Hatteras, \$1 10, November-December; 3,797 net, clean, Abadan to United Kingdom-Continent, 55s., December; 3,934 net, Gulf to Boston, 45c. for 35 gravity to 49c. for 20, November; 4,673 net, Gulf to Baltimore, 38c., November; 4,408 net, fuel oil, Curacao to one port United Kingdom-Continent, 42s. 6d., November-December; sugar from Cuba to Kobe, \$9, November-December.

TOBACCO.—Trade might be better than it is. The low price of cotton is not helping Southern trade. Local business, however, is said to be rather good, with indications of improvement before long. Manufacturers generally are doing a fair business, it is said. Crop reports have been of variable tenor, some good, some not so good. Prices are considered steady. Pennsylvania broad leaf filling, 10c.; broadleaf binder, 15 to 20c.; Porto Rico, 75c. to \$1 10; 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. Bright tobacco opens at good prices.

COAL has advanced on a good demand. The trend has been plainly upward. There has been a scarcity of soft coal due to heavy forward sales of producers in September and to speculators holding coal off the market. Operations are as large as ever, with a better demand. Bituminous output was forecast by the National Coal Association for the Oct. 30 week at 13,125,000 tons, against 12,386,000 the week before. The range of Navy standard coal at Hampton Roads was from \$9 to \$10. Some coal was held at \$10 50. At New York the flat price of Navy standard was placed at \$9. Kanawha gas and steam products are also placed at a \$9 to \$10 range. The "Coal Age" index of spot bituminous coal points to \$3 45 as the average national value, an advance of 42c. for one, and of about \$1 for two weeks. Only a settlement of the British coal strike can stop the advance. Anthracite independent egg, \$9 to \$9 25; retail, \$14 50 to \$15; stove, \$9 50 to \$10; retail, \$14 75 to \$15 25; chestnut, \$9 20 to \$9 50; retail, \$14 50 to \$15. Later high and medium gas coal fell \$1 to \$1 50. Westmoreland run of mine was said to be obtainable at less than \$3 75. West Virginia run of mine gas of the best grade was to be had, it was stated, at \$3, against an average of \$4 last week. Low volatile at New York was tending downward. Hampton Roads on the piers was \$12, if it was Navy standard, it was asserted. The steady rise of late has led to a sort of revolt among buyers. Some call it a buyers' strike. You can lead a horse to water but you can't always make him drink.

COPPER has been rather quiet and weak at 14c. delivered to the Connecticut Valley. On the 2d inst. it was reported that it was possible to obtain prompt metal at 13.90c. delivered to the valley. The official price of the Copper Exporters, Inc., was 14.40c. c.i.f. European ports, but in the outside market that price is cut 10 to 15 points. In order to bring about higher prices it is the contention of authorities that consumption will have to increase 20%. This increase will have to come from Europe, it is stated, because the United States is now consuming the metal to its utmost limit. Standard copper in London on the 2d inst. declined 2s. 6d. to £57 12s. 6d. for spot and £58 10s. for futures; electrolytic unchanged at £66 10s. for spot and £67 for futures. On the 3d inst. London advanced 1s. 3d. to £57 16s. 3d. for spot and futures rose 2s. 6d. to £58 15s.; electrolytic unchanged. Later sales were reported at 137½c.; the highest is 13.95c. At the decline trade improved a little, it was said. Why the export price should be kept at 14.40c. c.i.f. Hamburg baffles everybody. On the 4th in London spot standard declined 6s. 3d. to £57 10s. and futures declined 7s. 6d. to £58 7s. 6d.; sales, 1,200 tons spot and futures.

TIN declined £2 in London and ¼c. here on the 1st inst. An increase in the world's visible supply had a depressing effect. Stocks at the end of the month were 14,841 tons, against 14,379 a month ago and 14,770 last year. A further increase is looked for in November. There was a good demand, especially from speculators. Spot Straits sold at 68c. on steamers at dock, November at 67c., December at 66 to 66½c., January at 65½c. and February at 65¼c. The United States visible supply at the end of October was 7,807, against 7,515 in the previous month. Tin deliveries to the United States were 5,955 tons; stocks were 529 tons and the amount landed was 1,025 tons. Standard spot in London on the 1st inst. was £293 10s. and futures £290 15s.; spot Straits, £301; Eastern c. i. f. London declined £3 10s. to £300 15s. On the 3d inst. spot standard in London advanced £2 15s. to £300 and futures rose 10s. to £294 5s. Prices here on that day advanced 1c. but business was less active. Most of the demand was from consumers for immediate requirements. Straits tin sold at 69½ to 69¾c. for spot, 68c. for November, 66¾ to 67c. for December, 66 for January and 65¾c. for February. Latterly trade has been dull. Spot Straits nominally 69c., November sold at 67½ to 68c.; December at 66¾ to 66½c.; January at 65¼ to 65½c. and February at 65¼c. In London spot standard tin rose 10s. on the 4th inst. to £300 10s.; futures off to £293 10s. Spot Straits rose £1 to £308 10s.; Eastern c. i. f. London up £1 to £302.

LEAD was reduced by the American Smelting Co. early in the week \$3 to 8.10c. New York. In the Middle West, 8c. East St. Louis was quoted. A break in London of £1 per ton had a weakening effect. There was a fair demand.

London spot on the 1st inst. was £29 5s., a decline of £1 1s. 3d., and futures, £29 5s., a decline of 18s. 9d. On the 3d inst. the big company at New York cut its price \$2 to 8c. Leading producers in the Middle West reduced their prices to 7.80 to 7.85c. Lead ore declined \$2 50 to \$100. Spot lead in London on the 3d inst. advanced 2s. 6d. to £29 15s. and futures advanced 5s. to £29 16s. 3d. Later the tone was steadier with prompt lead not very plentiful. The big company was quoting 8c. New York; another is selling at 7.80c. East St. Louis. Demand rather brisk for November. In London on the 4th inst. spot fell 6s. 3d. to £29 8s. 9d.; and futures off 5s. to £29 11s. 3d.; sales, 100 tons spot and 1,150 futures.

ZINC has been quiet and easier at 7.25c. East St. Louis. Some producers reported a steady business. Spot zinc at London on the 1st inst. declined 8s. 9d. to £33 12s. 6d., and futures fell 6s. 3d. to £33 12s. 6d. London on the 3d inst. advanced 1s. 3d. to £33 10s. for spot and £33 8s. 9d. for futures. Later prices weakened somewhat. Sales large to galvanizers. Prompt, 7.22½ East St. Louis, and 7.20c. for December. Brass special zinc 5 points over prime Western; high grade zinc, 9c. to 9¼c., delivered to New York. London on the 4th inst. fell 3s. 9d. to £33 6s. 3d. for spot and £33 5s. for futures; sales 450 tons spot and 1,600 futures.

STEEL has been quiet. Sales lag far behind output and shipments on old orders. In October sales of locomotives were 81 against 236 in October last year; of freight cars 2,975 against 6,051 in October last year. Finished steel has been declining in spite of a recent advance in raw material. October's sales were 7% under those for September. The steel industry is working at 75% or 10% less than in August and September. Youngstown predicts operations for the rest of the year of 70 to 75%. It admits that the situation is less favorable in sheets. Merchants bars, structural shapes and strip steel have been in only moderate demand. Lessened buying by auto concerns affects strip steel. Structural steel bookings over last week were only 15,000 tons, the lowest in fully six months. Tin plate however it is believed will be advanced from the present level of \$5 50. England is forced to buy tin plate in the United States owing to the British coal strike. They have been inquiring of late it is said for fully 100,000. One inquiry from England is for 1,000 tons of blooms which is something rare.

PIG IRON advanced 50c. to \$1 50, owing to fuel scarcity. The British coal strike was telling more plainly than ever. Coke was higher with little offering, and the situation acute at the close of last week. Massachusetts was quoted at \$21 at furnace. Eastern New York was \$20 to \$21. Boston received 1,320 tons of foreign iron. Foundry No. 2 plain, eastern Pennsylvania, \$21 50 to \$22 50; Buffalo, \$19 to \$19 50; Virginia, \$22 to \$23; Birmingham, \$20 to \$20 50; Chicago, \$21 to \$21 50; Valley, \$18 50; Cleveland, delivered, \$21 to \$21 50; basic, Valley, \$18 50 to \$19; eastern Pennsylvania, \$21 to \$21 50. Coke, Connellsville furnace, \$5 to \$5 50; Connellsville foundry, \$5 50 to \$6 50. The tone became firmer later. Uncertainty about fuel supplies accounted for that. Most of the eastern Pennsylvania makers are not offering. Pig iron production gained 2¼% in October over September, or 106,891 tons daily against 104,543 tons daily in September. Eastern Pennsylvania was \$21 50 to \$22 50. Low phosphorous silvery and basic pig rose. Several special brands of iron are \$1 higher. Producers of silvery iron and Bessemer ferro-silicon in Jackson County, Ohio, have marked up quotations that much. Low phosphorous iron, \$24 25 to \$24 75 furnace for the copper-free grade and \$25 furnace for copper-bearing iron. Basic pig iron in eastern Pennsylvania district, \$21 50 to \$22 50 delivered. Foundry No. 2 plain, eastern Pennsylvania, \$22 to \$22 50; Buffalo, \$19 to \$19 50; Virginia, \$22 to \$23; Birmingham, \$20 to \$20 50; Chicago, \$21 to \$21 50; Valley, \$18 50; Cleveland delivered, \$21 50 to \$22.

WOOL has been steady, but less active. Mills are holding off. Foreign markets have declined. Adelaide prices fell 5 to 7½%. Bradford has been dull. Continental markets are brisk, and prices there are steady. Cape and River Platte wools have declined. Texas has about finished shearing. Mohair has weakened with at least only a moderate business. The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 to Oct. 28, inclusive, were 170,226,000 lbs., against 146,268,000 for the same period last year; receipts from Jan. 1 to Oct. 28, inclusive, were 301,177,257 lbs., against 271,567,900 lbs. for the same period last year. Boston prices were as follows:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces: Delaine unwashed, 45 to 46c. ½ blood combing, 45 to 46c.; ¾ blood combing, 45 to 46c.; ¼ blood combing, 45c.; fine unwashed, 40 to 42c. Michigan and New York fleeces: Delaine unwashed, 43 to 44c.; ½ blood combing, 43 to 44c.; ¾ blood combing, 45 to 46c.; ¼ blood combing, 45c.; fine unwashed, 38 to 39c. Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England, ½ blood, 40 to 42c.; ¾ blood, 43 to 44c.; ¼ blood, 42 to 43c. Soared 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 country, 95c. to \$1; southern, 80 to 85c.; Oregon, northern, \$1 08 to \$1 12; fine and fine medium clothing, 90 to 95c.; Valley No. 1, 93 to 95c.; Territory Montana and similar, fine staple choice, \$1 10 to \$1 15; ¾ blood combing, \$1 to \$1 05; ¾ blood combing, 90 to 95c.; ¼ blood combing, 80 to 85c. Pulled, delaine, \$1 10 to \$1 12; AA, \$1 05 to \$1 10; fine A supers, 98c. to \$1 02; A supers, 92 to 95c.; mohairs, best combing, 75 to 77c.; best carding, 60 to 62c.

Wool consumption in the United States was larger as far as the returns show in September than it was either in August or in September, 1925 according to the Census Bureau. Reduced to its grease equivalent wool consumed

last month aggregated 45,769,612 lbs. against 40,850,854 in August and 44,382,694 in September, 1925. The amount consumed in September was larger than any other month this year, the next largest monthly consumption having been 43,931,000 lbs. reported for March. At Adelaide, Australia on October 29th of 31,500 bales offered 28,800 sold. Demand fair. Yorkshire the largest buyer. Best grades declined; good fleeces, good lambs, bellies, pieces and sundries about 5% lower than at the last sales on October 8th; inferior and faulty dropped 7½ to 10%.

At Melbourne wool sales on Nov. 1 prices averaged about 7½% lower than at the sale on Oct. 20. About 7,000 bales were offered. Selection fair. Clearance good. At Brisbane on Nov. 2 selection good of fine wools suitable for the Continent trade. Demand good. France and Germany bought the most freely. Prices as compared to those at the close of the September series for average to fine quality were unchanged to 5% lower. Average grades fell 5 to 10% and topmaking descriptions, 10%. On the 4th inst. Melbourne reported wool exports for the three-month period, July 1 to Sept. 30, as 282,000 bales from Australia, against 439,000 in the same last year and from New Zealand, 52,000 bales, against 30,000 last year.

COTTON.

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 508,763 bales, against 535,376 bales last week and 587,297 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1926, 5,083,154 bales, against 3,957,403 bales for the same period of 1925, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1926 of 1,125,751 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	20,578	18,950	8,428	18,558	11,341	12,075	119,930
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	8,182	8,182
Houston*	19,395	48,759	26,684	25,318	19,694	18,501	158,351
New Orleans	24,323	11,680	18,075	18,983	22,847	12,599	108,507
Mobile	6,435	1,688	5,562	1,493	4,319	3,301	22,798
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	—	1,225	1,225
Savannah	6,241	11,087	9,059	4,859	4,172	4,329	39,747
Charleston	3,546	2,694	4,131	3,198	2,478	3,869	19,916
Wilmington	858	62	982	—	1,661	551	4,114
Norfolk	2,918	3,025	4,518	2,557	2,984	7,661	23,663
New York	—	211	—	—	240	50	501
Boston	—	—	—	—	248	—	248
Baltimore	—	291	—	—	—	1,120	1,411
Philadelphia	—	50	—	120	—	—	170
Totals this week	84,294	98,497	107,439	75,326	69,794	73,413	508,763

* 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 Nov. 5.	1926.		1925.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1926.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1925.	1926.	1925.
Galveston	119,930	1,291,311	159,139	1,216,260	574,979	465,452
Texas City	8,182	38,549	—	—	20,444	—
Houston*	158,351	1,761,792	103,120	743,312	695,477	—
Port, Arthur, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	108,507	818,880	96,870	918,720	525,869	409,243
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	22,798	163,884	9,343	114,256	52,308	26,929
Pensacola	1,225	9,298	4,150	6,962	—	—
Jacksonville	—	146	—	14,909	485	421
Savannah	39,747	528,330	22,344	507,862	188,068	140,177
Brunswick	—	—	—	400	—	100
Charleston	19,916	254,956	8,834	143,211	113,423	54,661
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	4,114	45,896	8,245	62,962	23,439	38,508
Norfolk	23,663	143,137	22,438	210,647	90,228	129,809
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	501	3,598	1,449	4,179	92,864	42,685
Boston	248	4,035	135	4,061	1,352	797
Baltimore	1,411	18,293	932	9,112	1,785	890
Philadelphia	170	549	550	550	7,908	4,493
Totals	508,763	5,083,154	437,549	3,957,403	2,388,629	1,314,165

* Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a port basis. We are changing accordingly.

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	119,930	159,139	158,153	107,308	124,244	81,474
Houston, &c.*	158,351	103,120	86,041	16,700	51,348	30,764
New Orleans	108,507	96,870	74,337	48,085	61,024	33,205
Mobile	22,798	9,343	5,266	3,597	6,714	3,918
Savannah	39,747	22,344	15,347	19,026	10,604	13,170
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	605	—
Charleston	19,916	8,834	14,152	9,425	4,563	2,071
Wilmington	4,114	8,245	6,761	5,686	5,392	1,942
Norfolk	23,663	22,438	18,434	23,207	17,870	11,759
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	15
All others	11,737	7,216	4,767	2,558	11,863	6,287
Tot. this week	508,763	437,549	383,258	235,636	294,227	184,605
Since Aug. 1	5,083,154	3,957,403	3,408,926	2,905,292	2,730,229	2,475,744

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The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 478,862 bales, of which 169,612 were to Great Britain, 85,517 to France, 97,195 to Germany, 38,144 to Italy, 52,239 to Russia, 52,239 to Japan and China, and 36,155 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 478,623 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 2,784,116 bales, against 2,627,577 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Nov. 5 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	52,147	37,245	34,816	15,689	—	20,400	17,509	177,806
Houston	42,541	27,759	27,811	12,222	—	—	—	116,116
Texas City	8,400	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,400
New Orleans	17,179	13,563	19,834	8,568	—	14,277	5,025	78,446
Mobile	3,186	1,898	—	200	—	—	—	5,284
Pensacola	999	—	226	—	—	—	—	1,225
Savannah	22,375	—	14,208	—	—	2,500	900	39,983
Charleston	12,641	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,641
Norfolk	8,275	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,275
New York	650	3,277	300	1,465	—	103	6,938	12,733
Boston	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	100
Baltimore	—	1,075	—	—	—	—	—	1,075
Los Angeles	1,110	700	—	—	—	400	—	2,210
San Francisco	—	—	—	—	—	3,735	—	3,735
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	10,824	—	10,824
Total	169,612	85,517	97,195	38,144	—	52,239	36,155	478,862
Total 1925	165,594	76,601	108,616	35,572	—	45,843	46,397	478,623
Total 1924	107,836	54,636	95,936	21,229	—	12,692	47,183	339,512

From Aug. 1 1926 to Nov. 5 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	201,705	126,148	174,344	63,734	37,417	62,324	106,962	772,634
Houston	214,239	140,866	181,439	83,179	62,950	69,609	52,770	805,052
Texas City	11,718	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,718
New Orleans	70,935	30,834	71,895	45,454	17,506	95,126	30,358	362,108
Mobile	26,916	2,030	18,668	500	—	2,500	1,003	51,617
Pensacola	2,685	—	3,313	—	—	—	—	6,298
Savannah	95,551	100	192,492	4,300	—	9,300	11,158	314,471
Charleston	30,685	331	95,243	—	—	9,388	2,377	140,506
Wilmington	3,000	—	10,500	4,262	—	—	—	17,762
Norfolk	28,377	—	34,236	3,200	—	—	—	66,565
New York	27,408	17,340	28,983	10,962	—	103	31,901	132,058
Boston	320	—	100	—	—	—	938	1,358
Baltimore	—	1,275	52	400	—	—	—	1,727
Philadelphia	718	—	—	—	—	—	1,177	1,895
Los Angeles	5,512	1,250	3,550	—	—	2,850	—	13,162
San Francisco	—	—	—	—	—	39,901	8	39,912
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	45,073	200	45,273
Total	719,769	320,174	814,815	215,991	117,873	336,177	259,317	2,784,116
Total 1925	732,793	284,445	792,987	174,047	96,323	284,570	292,412	2,627,577
Total 1924	721,926	300,934	524,680	183,106	53,295	203,836	226,460	2,214,241

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, not cleared, at the ports named:

Nov. 5 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	12,000	6,200	7,000	17,800	9,000	52,000	522,979
New Orleans	7,076	15,065	6,578	38,568	387	67,674	458,195
Savannah	—	—	9,000	1,500	500	11,000	177,068
Charleston	—	—	—	—	1,882	1,882	111,541
Mobile	4,250	—	—	21,650	480	26,380	25,928
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	—	90,228
Other ports*	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	—	10,000	833,754
Total 1926	25,326	23,265	25,578	82,518	12,249	168,936	2,219,693
Total 1925	38,108	16,464	28,521	67,085	10,451	160,629	1,153,536
Total 1924	39,413	17,950	20,280	34,461	11,059	123,163	1,069,623

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been quiet at some decline in prices on the eve of the Government crop report on the 8th inst. It is expected to increase the estimate to something like 18,000,000 bales. On the 4th inst. private estimates appeared of 17,300,000 to 17,872,000 bales. And the estimated ginning up to Nov. 1 was variously put at 11,000,000 to 11,200,000 bales, as against 11,207,000 up to the same date last year. There was some increase in hedge selling on the 3d inst., but there was less of it on the following day. Still, there was more or less liquidation of December and other months. Some who sold out these deliveries took more distant ones. There has been a certain amount of liquidation during the week by people who had become tired of the sluggish action of the market. Spot prices have declined somewhat. At times Liverpool has been a seller. Wall Street and the West have sold. The principal seller at times, however, has been the South. The weekly Government report in some respects was favorable. As for holding back 4,000,000 bales, some think that whatever happens it will not be withdrawn from the market for 18 months as is proposed. It seems that it will be marketed through the co-operative associations. No new agency will be employed. It will be simply an amplification of old methods. Some assume that in the ordinary course of things the co-operative associations will gradually market the cotton as the opportunity offers, provided anything like what is regarded as a fair price is obtainable. In any case the effect of the holding movement has latterly diminished very materially. It is regarded with the same indifference in a sluggish market as the large crop estimates. Factors on opposite sides of the account, for and against the price, have to all appearance, for the time being at any rate, been largely discounted. Nothing seems to stir the speculation into anything like its old-time life and vigor. That is clear enough, whatever else may be disputed.

On the other hand, holding plans are progressing. The mills have bought steadily on declines. Large mill buying orders on a scale down are said to be in the market. Some buy for 1927 and 1928 delivery. Some European mills have

bought for five years ahead up to or including 1931. This has not been done before for some 15 years past. They would buy more for half a decade ahead, but the South is not anxious to sell ahead that far. Japanese have at times been good buyers of December. Investors have continued to buy. Shorts cover on declines. Moreover, nine States have organized loan associations with a total capital of \$16,000,000 and the Government will lend them ten times that sum. State corporations with a capital of \$1,000,000 each have been organized in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. Texas has one with \$5,000,000 capital; Oklahoma one with \$2,000,000; western Arkansas one with \$1,250,000; New Orleans one with \$1,000,000 and Memphis one with \$2,750,000. The aim, as already intimated, is to tie up 4,000,000 bales for 18 months. And though the crop is called 17,500,000 to 18,000,000 bales, it is believed by some that 1,000,000 bales will not be picked. Rains, frosts and killing frosts have lowered the grade. Much, it is said, will not pay to pick. Besides, labor is scarce and high. The Government is to lend, it seems, on the basis of 9c. per pound or on the basis of 2 or 3c. less on lower grades to the farmer.

That presents a problem to the farmer. Some are trying to induce him to plow under his remaining cotton. The Government expects him to reduce his acreage. Next year the boll weevil, which has been almost innocuous for three years, may strike again, may to all intents and purposes help to keep down the acreage by keeping down the crop. The weekly report said that in northeastern portions of the belt, particularly in the interior of North Carolina, heavy to killing frosts defoliated the plants but did little harm to bolls and will hasten opening, though rains caused lowering of grade in the north central and western portions of the belt and also in parts of the East Gulf States. The Egyptian Government, it is stated, will place before Parliament a new law limiting the Egyptian cotton acreage to one-third of normal for the next three years. Spot markets have been active if not quite so much so as recently. Large sales are reported here, including 21,000 bales on the 3d inst., supposedly for Southern delivery, but with the orders given here. The basis was reported firmer at one time. The Shipping Board has promised to send additional ships to the Gulf ports this month to relieve in part the congestion of cotton and grain which has piled up for Europe. Fifty steamers are promised later.

To-day prices ended a few points lower on very light trading. Crop estimates of 17,800,000 to 18,200,000 bales had comparatively little effect. There was some hedge selling, but not much. The market simply drifted. There were rumors of a lower basis in the Carolinas. Liverpool reported buying by London and Manchester. Manchester's advices stated that there was rather more demand for cloths, though not much actual business. Everybody is waiting for the Government report on Monday. Final prices show a decline for the week of 15 to 20 points. Spot cotton closed at 12.65c., the same as a week ago.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Nov. 4 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Nov. 11, 1926:

Middling fair	1.20 on	*Middling "yellow" stained	3.52 off
Strict good middling	.97 on	*Good middling "blue" stained	2.15 off
Good middling	.73 on	Strict middling "blue" stained	2.85 off
Strict middling	.50 on	*Middling "blue" stained	3.75 off
Middling	-----	Good middling spotted	.06 on
Strict low middling	.99 off	Strict low middling spotted	.19 off
Low middling	2.38 off	Middling spotted	1.02 off
*Strict good ordinary	3.85 off	*Strict low middling spotted	2.40 off
*Good ordinary	4.88 off	*Low middling spotted	3.93 off
Strict good mid "yellow" tinged	0.10 off	Good mid. light yellow stained	1.38 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged	.69 off	*Strict mid. light yellow stained	1.38 off
Strict middling "yellow" tinged	1.13 off	*Middling light yellow stained	3.00 off
*Middling "yellow" tinged	2.43 off	Good middling "gray"	.81 off
Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged	3.75 off	*Strict middling "gray"	1.24 off
*Low middling "yellow" tinged	5.22 off	*Middling "gray"	2.03 off
Good middling "yellow" stained	2.23 off		
*Strict mid. "yellow" stained	2.73 off		

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Oct. 30 to Nov. 5	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	12.85	12.85	Hol.	12.75	12.65	12.65

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1926 c.	12.65	1918 c.	30.70	1910 c.	14.65	1902 c.	8.60
1925	21.00	1917	28.90	1909	14.70	1901	7.94
1924	23.90	1916	18.95	1908	9.25	1900	9.56
1923	33.25	1915	11.90	1907	11.10	1899	7.56
1922	25.60	1914	-----	1906	10.30	1898	5.31
1921	18.90	1913	14.00	1905	11.40	1897	6.00
1920	20.85	1912	11.90	1904	10.15	1896	8.12
1919	39.85	1911	9.40	1903	10.75	1895	9.00

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	Steady, 20 pts. adv.	Steady	9,300	-----	9,300
Monday	Steady, unchanged.	Steady	5,400	500	5,900
Tuesday	-----	HOLIDAY	-----	-----	-----
Wednesday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Steady	21,000	-----	21,000
Thursday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Steady	3,200	-----	3,200
Friday	Quiet and unchanged	Quiet	5,700	-----	5,700
Total	-----	-----	41,600	500	45,100
Since Aug. 1	-----	-----	191,075	73,200	264,275

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Oct. 30.	Monday, Nov. 1.	Tuesday, Nov. 2.	Wednesday, Nov. 3.	Thursday, Nov. 4.	Friday, Nov. 5.
Nov.—						
Range	12.48	12.47	-----	12.22	12.14	12.11
Closing	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Dec.—						
Range	12.52-12.64	12.52-12.64	-----	12.26-12.60	12.20-12.34	12.17-17.24
Closing	12.58-12.60	12.57-12.60	-----	12.32-12.35	12.24-12.26	12.21-12.23
Jan.—						
Range	12.62-12.75	12.63-12.73	-----	12.38-12.67	12.31-12.45	12.27-12.35
Closing	12.68-12.71	12.67	-----	12.42-12.45	12.35-12.36	12.33-12.34
Feb.—						
Range	-----	-----	-----	-----	12.50-12.50	-----
Closing	12.80	12.79	-----	12.55	12.46	12.45
March						
Range	12.86-12.99	12.85-12.97	-----	12.63-12.88	12.57-12.68	12.55-12.58
Closing	12.92-12.93	12.92	-----	12.68-12.70	12.58-12.59	12.57
April						
Range	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Closing	13.04	13.03	-----	12.80	12.70	12.67
May						
Range	13.08-13.21	13.10-13.24	HOLIDAY	12.86-13.09	12.80-12.90	12.77-12.81
Closing	13.16-13.18	13.15-13.19	-----	12.92-12.94	12.81	12.78-12.79
June						
Range	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Closing	13.27	13.26	-----	13.03	12.93	12.90
July						
Range	13.34-13.45	13.34-13.45	-----	13.06-13.32	13.04-13.14	13.01-13.04
Closing	13.39-13.40	13.38-13.39	-----	13.15-13.17	13.05-13.06	13.03
August						
Range	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Closing	13.49	13.47	-----	13.25	13.15	13.08
Sept.—						
Range	13.55-13.70	-----	-----	13.36-13.56	13.30-13.30	-----
Closing	13.59	13.53	-----	13.36	13.25	13.20
October						
Range	-----	13.55-13.75	-----	13.35-13.60	13.27-13.36	13.23-13.28
Closing	-----	13.62-13.65	-----	13.42	13.30	13.23

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Nov. 5 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	-----	12.10 Oct. 26 1926 18.20 Feb. 5 1926
Dec. 1926	12.17 Nov. 5 12.64 Oct. 30 12.00 Oct. 25 1926 18.50 Jan. 4 1926	
Jan. 1927	12.27 Nov. 5 12.75 Oct. 30 12.10 Oct. 25 1926 18.28 Sept. 8 1926	
Feb. 1927	12.50 Nov. 4 12.50 Nov. 4 12.50 Nov. 4 1926 18.10 Sept. 1 1926	
Mar. 1927	12.55 Nov. 5 12.99 Oct. 30 12.35 Oct. 25 1926 18.50 Sept. 8 1926	
April 1927	-----	12.60 Oct. 22 1926 16.10 July 6 1926
May 1927	12.77 Nov. 5 13.24 Nov. 1 12.56 Oct. 25 1926 18.65 Sept. 8 1926	
June 1927	-----	12.92 Oct. 27 1926 16.00 Sept. 23 1926
July 1927	13.01 Nov. 5 13.45 Oct. 30 12.75 Oct. 25 1926 18.51 Sept. 2 1926	
Aug. 1927	-----	13.32 Oct. 29 1926 14.25 Oct. 14 1926
Sept. 1927	13.30 Nov. 4 13.70 Oct. 30 13.15 Oct. 22 1926 14.50 Oct. 15 1926	
Oct. 1927	13.23 Nov. 5 13.75 Nov. 1 13.23 Nov. 5 1926 13.75 Nov. 1 1926	

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Nov. 5—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Stock at Liverpool	841,000	557,000	341,000	375,000
Stock at London	-----	-----	1,000	2,000
Stock at Manchester	67,000	30,000	28,000	34,000
Total Great Britain	908,000	587,000	370,000	411,000
Stock at Hamburg	-----	-----	1,000	11,000
Stock at Bremen	227,000	246,000	67,000	61,000
Stock at Havre	139,000	83,000	75,000	89,000
Stock at Rotterdam	2,000	2,000	4,000	5,000
Stock at Barcelona	19,000	45,000	38,000	75,000
Stock at Genoa	22,000	26,000	32,000	5,000
Stock at Ghent	-----	-----	3,000	2,000
Stock at Antwerp	-----	-----	1,000	1,000
Total Continental stocks	409,000	402,000	221,000	249,000
Total European stocks	1,317,000	989,000	591,000	660,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	22,000	71,000	28,000	107,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	910,000	831,000	796,000	507,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe	145,000	155,000	145,000	90,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	273,000	231,000	200,000	245,000
Stock in Bombay, India	241,000	323,000	287,000	311,000
Stock in U. S. ports	2,388,629	1,314,165	1,192,786	832,879
Stock in U. S. interior towns	1,264,450	1,568,003	1,307,376	1,165,368
U. S. exports to-day	-----	-----	4,400	-----
Total visible supply	6,561,079	5,482,168	4,551,562	3,918,247

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Liverpool stock	479,000	269,000	203,000	191,000
Manchester stock	55,000	26,000	12,000	20,000
Continental stock	367,000	369,000	192,000	232,000
American afloat for Europe	910,000	831,000	796,000	507,000
U. S. port stocks	2,388,629	1,314,165	1,192,786	832,879
U. S. interior stocks	1,264,450	1,568,003	1,307,376	1,165,368
U. S. exports to-day	-----	-----	4,400	-----
Total American	5,464,079	4,377,168	3,707,562	2,948,247
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock	362,000	288,000	138,000	184,000
London stock	-----	-----	1,000	2,000
Manchester stock	12,000	4,000	16,000	14,000
Continental stock	42,000	33,000	29,000	17,000
Indian afloat for Europe	22,000	71,000	28,000	107,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat	145,000	155,000	145,000	90,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	273,000	231,000	200,000	245,000
Stock in Bombay, India	241,000	323,000	287,000	311,000
Total East India, &c.	1,097,000	1,105,000	844,000	970,000
Total American	5,464,079	4,377,168	3,707,562	2,948,247

Total visible supply 6,561,079 5,482,168 4,551,562 3,918,247
Middling uplands, Liverpool 6.88d. 10.49d. 13.25d. 19.02d.
Middling uplands, New York 12.65c. 21.00c. 23.75c. 33.35c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool 16.55d. 22.95d. 27.00d. 21.60d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool 13.25d. 23.00d. 21.00d. 20.00d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool 6.25d. 9.90d. 12.50d. 16.25d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool 6.8d. 10.30d. 13.05d. 17.40d.

Continental imports for past week have been 214,000 bales. The above figures for 1926 show an increase over last week of 413,027 bales, a gain of 1,073,911 over 1925, an increase of 2,009,517 bales over 1924, and an increase of 2,642,832 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 Nov. 5 1926.				Movement to Nov. 6 1925.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Nov. 5.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Nov. 6.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	6,000	35,873	6,000	12,557	6,712	45,033	5,685	12,543
Euflavia	1,500	14,693	1,000	7,500	3,000	32,791	2,000	17,000
Montgomery	3,852	77,712	1,963	25,375	2,623	75,483	2,245	26,722
Selma	4,063	56,682	2,949	34,566	2,937	68,531	2,832	31,411
Ark., Helena	5,642	45,473	4,623	39,851	4,212	48,523	3,308	28,534
Little Rock	11,949	110,736	8,774	68,043	10,902	113,925	9,379	44,065
Pine Bluff	12,459	86,724	7,936	62,146	13,907	83,499	6,364	52,920
Ga., Albany	466	7,226	224	3,943	56	7,518	40	2,457
Athens	1,468	17,360	1,150	9,922	962	17,517	475	12,380
Atlanta	17,357	108,043	9,266	77,806	8,516	94,097	5,429	49,275
Augusta	11,452	180,381	7,124	111,302	9,859	191,569	10,267	103,692
Columbus	2,079	22,190	857	7,803	4,139	38,308	4,658	16,027
Macon	4,245	57,041	3,418	15,790	1,303	46,561	2,209	26,929
Rome	6,724	21,650	2,150	18,290	2,344	24,028	1,850	12,022
La., Shreveport	6,892	82,709	3,639	41,585	9,042	117,099	5,741	37,902
Miss., Columbus	2,213	23,031	2,515	9,248	2,011	27,170	2,640	9,892
Clarksdale	9,731	93,694	7,962	94,650	6,727	109,871	6,437	69,017
Greenwood	11,000	88,617	8,000	87,442	10,000	118,115	8,000	65,190
Meridian	2,462	33,604	2,129	16,149	2,262	40,548	3,097	15,227
Natchez	1,796	22,750	1,465	10,271	1,397	37,284	1,102	15,579
Vicksburg	1,675	19,952	1,167	19,912	1,411	34,192	1,700	15,850
Yazoo City	147	20,340	1,098	20,842	1,096	34,748	2,412	20,081
Mo., St. Louis	26,594	144,426	27,004	8,051	32,239	178,987	31,186	1,732
N.C., Greensboro	1,500	8,016	200	7,350	286	4,608	300	569
Raleigh	9,427	27,983	6,156	11,778	9,064	34,334	8,623	11,494
Okl., Tulsa	11,204	39,935	7,247	12,854	11,363	50,651	11,062	14,894
Chickasha	8,971	36,072	7,373	18,109	9,572	42,906	6,811	12,941
Oklahoma	9,906	72,399	7,444	34,151	10,755	75,717	9,353	36,327
S.C., Greenville	655	2,765	32	2,162	261	3,651	137	3,418
Greenwood	112,441	634,255	82,247	302,773	70,919	504,701	55,402	157,718
Tenn., Memphis	589	3,240	432	817	176	1,733	95	532
Nashville	5,211	35,651	3,751	3,143	6,829	38,832	6,184	1,756
Tex., Abilene	769	16,830	549	6,947	85	3,266	50	4,221
Brenham	963	22,127	1,249	3,077	1,043	6,748	997	1,476
Austin	15,260	59,981	9,955	26,059	11,026	73,021	7,389	20,228
Dallas	3,949	25,494	2,642	3,658	7,371	72,799	8,230	6,756
Houston	1,310	48,115	723	3,804	1,500	19,200	1,500	1,717
Paris	7,999	38,497	5,381	10,074	5,962	33,460	3,435	7,701
Port Worth								
Total, 40 towns	344,292	2,456,448	245,350	1,264,450	516,348	4,928,461	46,648	1,568,003

* Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a port basis. We are changing accordingly.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 97,767 bales and are to-night 303,553 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 172,056 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:

Nov. 5—	1926		1925	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Shipped—	27,004	149,052	31,186	180,035
Via St. Louis	10,860	84,743	13,810	83,970
Via Mounds, &c.	482	2,738	1,191	6,197
Via Rock Island	2,668	13,296	2,067	14,374
Via Louisville	5,671	75,570	4,999	56,893
Via Virginia points	19,769	136,859	23,404	150,641
Via other routes, &c.				
Total gross overland	66,454	462,258	76,657	492,110
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	2,330	26,478	3,066	17,902
Between interior towns	617	6,044	593	6,516
Inland, &c., from South	16,332	192,291	13,867	106,770
Total to be deducted	18,979	224,813	17,526	131,188
Leaving total net overland*	47,474	237,445	59,131	360,922

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 47,484 bales, against 59,131 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 123,477 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1926		1925	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Nov. 5	508,763	5,083,154	437,549	3,957,403
Net overland to Nov. 5	47,484	2,377,445	59,131	360,922
Southern consumption to Nov. 5	110,000	1,378,000	90,000	1,270,000
Total marketed	666,247	6,698,599	586,680	5,588,325
Interior stocks in excess	97,767	6,698,527	51,904	1,403,235
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Oct 1		*79,328		140,990
Came into sight during week	764,014		638,584	
North in sight Nov. 5		7,315,798		7,132,550
North, spinners' takings to Nov. 5	67,725	611,690	64,769	539,988

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:			
Week	Bales.	Since Aug. 1	Bales.
1924—Nov. 8	607,012	1924	5,650,682
1923—Nov. 9	418,247	1923	4,979,893

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 Nov. 5.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thurs. day.	Friday.
Galveston	12.70	12.60	12.73	12.35	12.25	12.25
New Orleans	12.68	12.68	12.00	12.38	12.32	12.32
Mobile	11.85	11.85	12.00	11.70	11.65	11.65
Savannah	12.23	12.28	12.28	12.14	11.96	11.88
Norfolk	12.38	12.38		12.13	12.06	12.06
Baltimore		12.40		12.10	12.35	12.5
Augusta	12.13	12.13	12.19	11.94	11.88	11.88
Memphis	12.25	12.25	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50
Houston	12.60	12.60	12.65	12.35	12.25	12.25
Little Rock	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.00	11.90	11.90
Dallas	11.65	11.60		11.35	11.25	11.25
Port Worth		11.60	11.65	11.35	11.25	11.25

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. 30.	Monday, Nov. 1.	Tuesday, Nov. 2.	Wednesday, Nov. 3.	Thursday, Nov. 4.	Friday, Nov. 5.
November						
December	12.67-12.68			12.38-12.39	12.31-12.32	12.31-12.32
January	12.74		12.79-12.80	12.44-12.46	12.36-12.37	12.36
February			12.79			
March	12.88-12.90	HOLIDAY	12.95-12.98	12.63-12.64	12.53-12.55	12.53
April						
May	13.09		13.15-13.16	12.82-12.84	12.73	12.72-12.74
June						
July	13.24-13.26		13.30-13.32	13.00-13.01	12.93	12.90
August			13.30 bid			
September			13.30 bid			
October	13.48-13.52		13.54-13.56	13.20-13.22	13.10	13.07
November			12.53 bid			
December			12.73			
Tone	Steady		Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Spot	Steady		Barely st'y	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady			Steady	Steady	Steady

NORTH CAROLINA COTTON REPORT.—The United States Department of Agriculture at Raleigh, N. C., issued its cotton report for the State of North Carolina on Oct. 25 as of Oct. 18. Below is the report:

The North Carolina crop is 1,200,000 bales. No one is inclined to deny the fact that there is a tremendous crop in North Carolina this year. The condition is undoubtedly very good, and is making an enormous yield per acre. During the past two weeks, field men from the Department of Agriculture have made extensive investigations in all of the principal cotton counties, making actual boll counts and examining representative fields. This was supplemented by hundreds of farmers' reports. There is certainly more cotton than last year. Only a small percentage of the crop remains to open through some of the northern and eastern counties. The crop is all open in the southern coastal section. Had the weevil damage been less severe in these counties, usual would still be opening there. The lint is somewhat shorter than usual, the bolls are generally regarded as smaller and lighter than usual, and the crop is very late. The top crop is light but the middle crop was excessively heavy. The actual yield per acre, due to the good condition, will be on a parity to last year. The destructive agencies, like weevil, caterpillar, cotton hopper, lateness, &c., are sinking into the background in view of the large yield. October weather has been ideal for cotton harvesting. In fact the entire season has been ideal for the crop.

It must be recognized that an appreciable percentage of the locks in the cotton that has been picked were damaged by boll weevils. Many of the late bolls were entirely damaged by rot, due to boll weevil punctures. The extra dry weather since September 1 has held the boll weevil damage to a minimum in October, permitting much of the late cotton that was expected to be destroyed by weevils to develop practically unharmed.

There were 497,101 bales, or 41.4% of this year's crop picked on Oct. 18 in North Carolina. There was reported 60% of the crop picked by that date. From 7 to 8 bolls per plant were considered by farmers as safe to date and may be counted on to open.

The yield is expected to average 282 pounds of lint per acre and about 3.80 pounds of seed cotton. This is about 8% better than the 261 pounds harvested last year.

The abandonment of cotton acreage in the State from all causes was estimated at about 1.5% of that planted and this will leave 2,036,000 acres to be harvested.

The expected yield per acre of 282 has been exceeded only three times in the State's history: 1923, 1914 and 1911.

GEORGIA COTTON REPORT.—The State Department of Agriculture at Atlanta, Ga., issued on Oct. 25 its report for the State of Georgia as of Oct. 18. The report is as follows:

Continued improvement in cotton crop prospects since Oct. 1 led, on Oct. 18, to an indicated total production for the State of 1,470,000 bales, an increase of 10% over the indications on Oct. 1. Practically all parts of the State report production is greater than was expected earlier in the season.

A yield of 179 pounds per acre is indicated, compared with 155 pounds harvested in 1925 and 157 pounds in 1924. Fairly uniform yields are being realized and it is the absence of large areas of low return, together with a material increase in acreage, which places indicated production above final ginnings for any year since 1919.

Weather conditions during the period Oct. 1 to 18 continued largely favorable, advancing maturity of the late crop in the northern districts and favoring picking in all parts of the State. Except for late bolls in the northern districts, cotton has opened rapidly in all sections. Scarcity of pickers was a common complaint and much open cotton was in the fields, particularly in the central belt. In the northern territory the early crop had been picked but very little of the late crop was open. In the southern districts cotton was practically all open and a large percentage picked.

The present estimate for this State and for the United States refers to indicated total ginnings for this season and is subject to some uncertainty with regard to how much of the crop produced will be harvested. Because of low price of cotton, farmers are discouraged and may not be disposed to pick the last remnants of the crop, even if they can do so. In consequence of the element of uncertainty regarding harvesting, the total cotton crop indicated on Oct. 18, ginned and to be ginned, may vary somewhat from the final figures.

WEATHER REPORT BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather during the week has been generally favorable for gathering cotton in all parts of the cotton belt except in some of the Gulf States, where picking was interrupted by rains. Heavy frosts in the northeastern portion of the belt defoliated plants but did little damage to bolls.

Mobile, Ala.—Cotton picking is practically over.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Texas	3 days	1.86 in.	high 80	low 48	mean 64
Abilene	3 days	0.68 in.	high 66	low 36	mean 51
Brownsville	5 days	0.22 in.	high 84	low 52	mean 68
Corpus Christi	4 days	1.50 in.	high 84	low 50	mean 67
Dallas	2 days	0.78 in.	high 74	low 40	mean 57
Del Rio	2 days	2.86 in.	high	low 44	mean 55
Palestine	2 days	1.08 in.	high 68	low 38	mean 53
San Antonio	4 days	2.02 in.	high 76	low 44	mean 60
Taylor	3 days	2.01 in.	high	low	mean 64
New Orleans, La	3 days	1.61 in.	high	low	mean 59
Mobile, Ala.	4 days	0.55 in.	high 77	low 41	mean 59
Savannah, Ga.	4 days	1.43 in.	high 78	low 43	mean 60
Savannah, Ga.	2 days	0.71 in.	high 78	low 43	mean 60
Charleston, S. C.	7 days	0.47 in.	high 79	low 46	mean 63
Charlotte, N. C.	1 day	0.06 in.	high 76	low 35	mean 54

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:

	Nov. 5 1926.	Nov. 6 1925.
	Feet.	

ceipts 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.
Aug. 6--	53,306	41,207	13,558	542,251	150,547	183,738	22,217	31,149	14,747
13--	73,869	43,254	49,702	522,013	164,545	158,959	53,631	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	333,026	339,292	1,078,125	1,385,045	1,057,209	688,020	500,706	498,150
29--	535,376	376,061	388,465	1,166,683	1,516,099	1,196,181	625,934	507,115	527,437
Nov. 5--	508,763	437,549	383,258	1,264,450	1,568,003	1,307,376	606,530	489,453	494,453

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1926 are 5,580,532 bales; in 1925 were 5,358,686 bales, and in 1924 were 4,532,251 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 508,763 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 606,530 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 97,767 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 489,453 bales and for 1924 they were 494,453 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1926.		1925.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Oct. 29	6,148,052	3,646,413	5,193,976	2,342,887
Visible supply Aug. 1	764,014	7,315,798	638,584	7,132,550
American in sight to Nov. 5	6,000	164,000	23,000	187,000
Bombay receipts to Nov. 4	7,000	107,000	13,000	130,000
Other India ships to Nov. 4	80,000	388,400	68,000	501,200
Alexandria receipts to Nov. 3	15,000	259,000	20,000	269,000
Other supply to Nov. 3 * b				
Total supply	7,020,066	11,880,611	5,956,560	10,562,637
Deduct—				
Visible supply Nov. 5	6,561,079	6,561,079	5,482,168	5,482,168
Total takings to Nov. 5 a	458,987	5,319,532	474,392	5,080,469
Of which American	355,987	4,096,132	376,392	3,868,269
Of which other	103,000	1,223,400	98,000	1,212,200

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,378,000 bales in 1926 and 1,270,000 bales in 1925—takings not being available—and the aggregate amount taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 3,941,532 bales in 1926 and 3,810,469 bales in 1925, of which 2,718,132 bales and 2,598,269 bales American. b American.

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:

Nov. 4. Receipts at—	1926.		1925.		1924.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	6,000	164,000	23,000	187,000	8,000	91,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1926	---	---	---	---	1,000	67,000	134,000	202,000
1925	---	3,000	6,000	9,000	9,000	100,000	103,000	212,000
1924	---	6,000	5,000	11,000	14,000	41,000	171,000	226,000
Other India:								
1926	---	7,000	---	7,000	7,000	100,000	---	107,000
1925	---	3,000	10,000	13,000	28,000	102,000	---	130,000
1924	---	1,000	2,000	3,000	5,000	32,000	---	37,000
Total all—								
1926	---	7,000	---	7,000	8,000	167,000	134,000	309,000
1925	---	3,000	13,000	6,000	22,000	37,000	103,000	342,000
1924	---	1,000	8,000	5,000	14,000	19,000	171,000	263,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 17,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 15,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 35,000 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, November 3.	1926.		1925.		1924.	
Receipts (cantars)—						
This week	4 ⁰ .000		340,000		380,000	
Since Aug. 1	1,938,346		2,510,963		2,685,214	
Exports (bales)—						
This Week.						
Since Aug. 1.						
To Liverpool	9,600	46,259	8,250	45,917	10,250	52,272
To Manchester, &c.	---	34,129	11,000	42,309	11,750	57,095
To Continent and India	6,000	68,877	8,000	71,315	14,750	84,875
To America	12,000	24,127	9,750	20,740	500	10,246
Total exports	27,000	173,392	37,000	180,281	37,250	204,668

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Nov. 3 were 400,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 27,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in cloth is firm and in yarns steady. Demand for both cloth and yarn is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Aug.—	1926.				1925.			
	32s Cop Twists.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'l'g Upl'ds		32s Cop Twists.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'l'g Upl'ds	
d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.
15 @ 16 1/2	13 0 @ 13 2	9.74	20 1/2 @ 21 1/2	16 3 @ 16 6	13.35			
13--	14 1/2 @ 15 1/2	13 0 @ 13 2	9.35	20 @ 21	16 3 @ 16 6	12.93		
20--	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 2 @ 13 4	9.58	20 @ 21	16 3 @ 16 7	13.07		
27--	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 2 @ 13 4	10.17	20 @ 21	16 2 @ 16 6	12.60		
Sept.—								
3--	15 1/2 @ 17	13 4 @ 13 6	10.07	19 1/2 @ 20 1/2	15 5 @ 16 1	12.51		
10--	15 1/2 @ 17	13 4 @ 13 6	10.16	20 @ 21	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 1/2	12 6 @ 12 8	7.79	19 1/2 @ 21	15 5 @ 16 1	12.72		
8--	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 0 @ 12 4	7.09	18 1/2 @ 20 1/2	15 2 @ 15 6	11.53		
15--	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 2 @ 12 6	7.35	18 @ 19 1/2	14 6 @ 15 2	11.54		
22--	13 @ 14 1/2	12 0 @ 12 3	6.70	18 @ 19 1/2	14 6 @ 15 2	11.27		
29--	12 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 0 @ 12 3	6.85	17 1/2 @ 19	14 2 @ 14 6	10.35		
Nov.—								
5--	12 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 0 @ 12 2	6.88	17 @ 18 1/2	14 1 @ 14 5	10.49		

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 478,862 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

NEW YORK—To Havre—Nov. 1—La Savoie, 1,195	1,195
To Bremen—Nov. 1—President Roosevelt, 100	100
To Gothenburg—Oct. 30—Stockholm, 438	438
To Barcelona—Nov. 1—Cabo Villana, 350	350
To Liverpool—Oct. 29—Samarra, 650	650
To Genoa—Nov. 3—Istria, 165	165
To Naples—Nov. 3—Istria, 1,000	1,000
To Bombay—Nov. 1—City of Athens, 6,000	6,000
To China—Nov. 3—City of Bedford, 103	103
To Havre—Oct. 29—De Grasse, 1632	1,632
To Bremen—Oct. 29—Luetzow, 200	200
To Genoa—Oct. 29—Conte Rosso, 300	300
To Piraeus—Oct. 28—Carnia, 150	150
NEW ORLEANS—To Bremen—Oct. 27—West Gumbo, 9,427	9,427
Oct. 29—Elna, 5,494	5,494
Oct. 30—Wildwood, 4,913	4,913
To Port Barrios—Oct. 30—Sarmacia, 8,568	8,568
To Liverpool—Oct. 30—Collegian, 100	100
To Manchester—Oct. 30—Collegian, 16,212	16,212
To Havre—Oct. 30—Carplaka, 6,733	6,733
To Dunkirk—Oct. 30—Montana, 3,280	3,280
To Antwerp—Oct. 30—Montana, 850	850
To Ghent—Oct. 30—Carplaka, 1,900	1,900
To Barcelona—Oct. 29—Cardonia, 1,175	1,175
To Japan—Oct. 29—Silver Pine, 14,277	14,277
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Oct. 30—Abercos, 8,048	8,048
Colorado Springs, 2,073	2,073
Pilar de Larrinaga, 9,854	9,854
Nov. 1—Nitonian, 17,281	17,281
To Manchester—Oct. 30—Abercos, 700	700
Colorado Springs, 319	319
Pilar de Larrinaga, 3,666	3,666
Nov. 1—Nitonian, 600	600
To Barcelona—Nov. 1—Mar Blanco, 3,166	3,166
To Havre—Oct. 30—Endicott, 14,378	14,378
Oct. 30—Jacques Cartier, 13,381	13,381
To Antwerp—Oct. 30—Endicott, 50	50
To Ghent—Oct. 30—Endicott, 2,567	2,567
To Bremen—Oct. 30—Deer Lodge, 15,778	15,778
Oct. 30—Tenbergen, 12,033	12,033
To Genoa—Nov. 4—West Celeron, 12,222	12,222
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Nov. 2—Philadelphia, 16,702	16,702
Oct. 29—Colorado Springs, 13,793	13,793
Ramon de Larrinaga, 6,296	6,296
Pilar de Larrinaga, 2,079	2,079
To Manchester—Nov. 2—Philadelphia, 1,207	1,207
Oct. 29—Colorado Springs, 2,541	2,541
Ramon de Larrinaga, 6,071	6,071
Pilar de Larrinaga, 3,458	3,458
To Havre—Oct. 29—Missouri, 12,832	12,832
Edgemoor, 16,340	16,340
Lancaster Castle, 2,450	2,450
Eelbeck, 2,850	2,850
Jacques Cartier, 2,773	2,773
To Antwerp—Oct. 29—Edgemoor, 650	650
Lancaster Castle, 350	350
To Ghent—Oct. 29—Edgemoor, 1,657	1,657
Lancaster Castle, 4,330	4,330
To Rotterdam—Oct. 29—Eelbeck, 472	472
To Bremen—Oct. 28—Anatolia, 6,248	6,248
Oct. 29—Maria de Larrinaga, 5,548	5,548
Rio Panuco, 7,842	7,842
Cockapontset, 15,178	15,178
To Genoa—Oct. 29—West Celeron, 4,059	4,059
Maddalena Odero, 6,156	6,156
Oct. 28—Monvisa, 1,918	1,918
To Barcelona—Oct. 29—Mar Blanco, 6,575	6,575
To Venice—Oct. 28—Gilda, 3,378	3,378
To Trieste—Oct. 28—Gilda, 178	178
To Japan—Oct. 26—Radnor, 2,625	2,625
Oct. 27—Naples Maru, 10,525	10,525
Oct. 29—Belgium Maru, 5,100	5,100
To Leghorn—Oct. 28—Monviso, 450	450
To Oporto—Oct. 27—West Chatala, 3,025	3,025
To China—Oct. 26—Radnor, 2,150	2,150
NORFOLK—To Manchester—Nov. 1—Artigas, 1,375	1,375
Nov. 2—Caledonia, 2,400	2,400
To Liverpool—Oct. 30—Bellflower, 2,200	2,200
Nov. 1—Artigas, 2,300	2,300
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Oct. 29—Sundance, 6,380	6,380
Oct. 30—Merican, 7,795	7,795
To Manchester—Oct. 29—Sundance, 2,450	2,450
Oct. 30—Merican, 5,750	5,750
To Bremen—Oct. 30—Rapot, 12,409	12,409
West Alsek, 100	100
To Hamburg—Oct. 30—Nauplin, 1,624	1,624
West Alsek, 75	75
To Rotterdam—Oct. 30—West Alsek, 600	600
To Antwerp—Oct. 30—West Alsek, 300	300
To Japan—Oct. 30—Silverash, 2,500	2,500
CHARLESTON—To Liverpool—Oct. 29—	

	High Density.	Standard.		High Density.	Standard.		High Density.	Standard.
Liverpool	1.00	1.30	Oslo	.60c.	.75c.	Shanghai	.67½c.	.82½c.
Manchester	1.00	1.30	Stockholm	.55c.	.70c.	Bombay	.75c.	.90c.
Antwerp	.45c.	.60c.	Trieste	.60c.	.75c.	Bremen	.50c.	.65c.
Ghent	.52½c.	.67½c.	Flume	.60c.	.75c.	Hamburg	.60c.	.75c.
Havre	.45c.	.60c.	Lisbon	.40c.	.55c.	Piraeus	.75c.	.90c.
Rotterdam	.70c.	.85c.	Oporto	.65c.	.80c.	Salonica	.75c.	.90c.
Genoa	.40c.	.55c.	Barcelona	.30c.	.45c.	Venice	.60c.	.75c.
			Japan	62½c.	77½c.			

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Oct. 15.	Oct. 22.	Oct. 29.	Nov. 5.
Sales of the week	43,000	52,000	41,000	44,000
Of which American	22,000	30,000	22,000	24,000
Actual exports	3,000	5,000	3,000	3,000
Forwarded	56,000	69,000	65,000	54,000
Total stocks	778,000	768,000	821,000	841,000
Of which American	380,000	380,000	434,000	479,000
Total imports	83,000	67,000	125,000	94,000
Of which American	59,000	44,000	97,000	87,000
Amount afloat	306,000	360,000	317,000	437,000
Of which American	221,000	289,000	243,000	331,000

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.	Moderate demand.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.	Quiet and unchanged.
Mid. Up'ds	6.98	7.04	7.02	7.06	6.88	6.88
Sales	6,000	8,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Futures Market opened	Steady unchanged to 3 pts. adv.	Q't but st'y unchanged to 2 pts. adv.	Quiet to 4 pts. adv.	Quiet to 4 pts. decline.	Steady to 7 pts. decline.	Quiet, unchanged to 2 pts. adv.
Market, 4 P. M.	Very steady 15 to 17 pts. adv.	Quiet to 6 pts. adv.	Steady to 8 pts. adv.	Barely st'y to 6 pts. decline.	Quiet to 6 pts. decline.	Steady 1 pt. to 3 pts. dec.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Oct. 30 to Nov. 5.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12½ p. m.	12½ p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.								
November	d.	6.80	6.84	6.75	6.77	6.82	6.81	6.69	6.68	6.63	6.68	6.64
December		6.84	6.88	6.78	6.81	6.86	6.85	6.72	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.65
January		6.90	6.94	6.84	6.87	6.92	6.91	6.78	6.76	6.72	6.76	6.72
February		6.92	6.96	6.86	6.89	6.94	6.93	6.80	6.78	6.74	6.78	6.74
March		6.96	7.01	6.91	6.95	6.99	6.98	6.86	6.84	6.81	6.84	6.80
April		6.98	7.03	6.93	6.98	7.01	7.00	6.88	6.86	6.83	6.86	6.82
May		7.05	7.09	7.00	7.05	7.08	7.07	6.95	6.93	6.90	6.92	6.88
June		7.07	7.11	7.02	7.07	7.10	7.15	7.03	7.01	6.98	7.00	6.96
July		7.13	7.17	7.08	7.13	7.15	7.09	6.97	6.95	6.92	6.94	6.90
August		7.15	7.19	7.11	7.16	7.18	7.18	7.06	7.04	7.01	7.03	6.99
September		7.17	7.22	7.14	7.19	7.21	7.21	7.10	7.08	7.05	7.07	7.02
October		7.21	7.25	7.18	7.22	7.25	7.24	7.13	7.11	7.08	7.10	7.05
November 1927		7.21	7.25	7.18	7.23	7.26	7.24	7.13	7.11	7.08	7.10	7.05

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Nov. 5 1926.

Flour has been in only moderate demand when it has not been dull. Shipping directions, the mills report, have been light. Wheat has recently declined. That fact led buyers to adhere, if anything, more tenaciously than ever to the policy of buying from hand to mouth. The quality of the receipts of wheat has not been satisfactory. It is said that only about 60% has been of milling quality. Mixing may be imperative. Export trade has been quiet. When the coal strike is ended foreign demand for flour may improve. There is certainly plenty of room for improvement. There have been fair-sized clearances on old business. New business is another matter. Liberal supplies and limited consuming demand have held mill feed prices early in November at the lowest level for this time since 1921, states the Department of Agriculture at Washington. Bran is selling at \$3 to \$5 per ton lower than a year ago, and generally \$125 below current prices two years ago, when a brisk export demand for flour was increasing the output of mill feeds. Shorts and middlings are around \$4 cheaper than a year ago and are approximately \$3 lower than at this time in 1924. Chicago millers report fair inquiry, few sales being made. Prices were weak. Minneapolis was steady, with a fair trade. Shipments were 47,000 bbls. Kansas City was fairly active and steady. St. Louis was steady, with a moderate trade.

Wheat declined, owing partly to a larger estimate of the Canadian crop and increasing stocks. The United States visible supply increased last week 645,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of 2,114,000 bushels; a striking difference. The total is 72,034,000 bushels, against 48,920,000 last year. And Canadian stocks are also increasing. The decline in corn and the big receipts of that grain also tended to depress wheat. Canadian wheat visible stocks increased 8,561,000 bushels for the week. The increase in the United States was a surprise. It was the subject of much comment. A rather sharp decrease had been expected. It makes the United States visible supply 28,000,000 bushels larger than last year. The Canadian visible supply increase was emphasized by big Canadian marketing in the teeth of wintry weather. Also, favorable crop reports came from Australia and Argentina. Liverpool cabled: "The trade is coming to realize the importance of the present outlook in the Argentine and in Australia, taken in conjunction with the supplies in Canada and the United States still available for export. The Southern Hemisphere, excluding India, may possibly have over 250,000,000 bushels for sale to Europe this year if weather conditions continue as they have been during November and December. Exports from these countries during the present season have amounted

to only 150,000,000 bushels owing to the short crop in New Zealand and Australia and the poor quality in Argentina this time a year ago." Canada is estimated at 374,280,000 bushels, or 172 bushels per acre. On the 2d Liverpool was higher than due at first, but reacted later. Later came a rally on the 3d inst., owing to sales of 1,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat to Europe and delayed seeding operations in the Southwest. This came after a decline early, with Liverpool weak owing to rumors of an approaching coal strike settlement. Very much of an increase of 15,378,000 bushels this week in the world's available supply of wheat was in Canada. A year ago the increase was only 2,483,000 bushels. Hedging sales also told. A good deal of liquidation was done by tired bulls.

In Kansas and Nebraska the weather has delayed seeding of winter wheat. During the past ten days much progress was made, but the crop is going in very late, and acreage east of the Missouri River is not likely to exceed the reduced breadth of last year, and the crop will need an extended period favorable for fall growth if it is to go into winter quarters in normal condition. Acreage in the Southwest generally shows an increase, and with local exceptions conditions have been favorable.

Liverpool stocks on the 3d inst. were 592,000 bushels, compared with 603,000 a month ago and 936,000 last year. London reported the sale of a parcel of No. 1 Manitoba wheat for Nov. 11 shipment at 61s. 3d. and Nov. 13 shipment at 61s. 4½d. per 480 pounds. Buenos Aires on the 2d inst. was ½ to 1c. lower. Reports of ideal weather crop conditions continued to be received from its important provinces. November weather is largely the determining factor as to the size of the crop. Chicago houses have sent crop experts to report on the progress in Argentina. On the 3d inst. Liverpool was 1½d. lower than due. The weather was generally favorable for marketing in the United States and Canada. Visible supplies on this continent are increasing, and indications point to further increases. A constant demand is needed, it is believed, or prices will fall. There is larger sale for the surplus in producing countries, but unless crops south of the equator get a serious setback lower prices are expected. On the 4th inst. prices advanced on rumors of an approaching settlement of the British coal strike, that is within two weeks. But export demand was slow and Argentine crop reports were favorable.

To-day prices ended ½ to ½c. higher at New York, ¼c. higher at Chicago and 1½ to 1½c. higher at Winnipeg, with Minneapolis ¼c. lower. Cables were considerably lower on reports of the ending of the coal strike as imminent. Export sales on this side were only 300,000 to 400,000 bushels of durum, red winter and Manitoba. Italy was said to have canceled some durum. Early prices here were lower in sympathy with the cables. Later came a rally of 2 to 2½c. on reports of rust in Argentina. Parts of that country had 1 to 5 inches of rain. They are likely to do harm. The marked firmness of Winnipeg was another feature. It is said that 60% of the Canadian receipts are either tough or damp. That caused covering. Germany took some durum and France some red winter. Later on Argentine cables denied reports of rust. World's shipments this week look like 13,000,000 bushels, including 111,000,000 from North America. Coal strike news will dominate Liverpool for the time being. Final prices show a decline in Chicago for the week of 1½ to 2c.

CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC WHEAT AT NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	cts. 144½	144½	Holi-144½	145	145½	
May	150	149½	day-149½	150	150½	
July	144	143	142½	143	143½	

CLOSING PRICES AT NEW YORK FOR WHEAT IN BOND.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	cts. 147	147	Holi-146½	147½	147½	
May	148½	147½	day-148½	148½	149½	

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 152	149½	Holi-151½	151½	152½	153½	

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator	cts. 140½	139½	Holi-139½	140½	141	
May delivery in elevator	145½	144½	day-144½	145½	145½	
July delivery in elevator	138	137½	137½	137½	137½	

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October delivery in elevator	cts. 144½	144	138½	138½	139½	
December delivery in elevator	139	138	142½	143	143½	
May delivery in elevator	142½	142½	142½	143	143½	

Indian corn declined, owing to increasing supplies, rather large country offerings and liquidation. New low levels for the year were reached on the 1st inst. Corn sympathized with wheat. It was also affected by the dulness of the cash trade. Moreover, the United States visible supply increased last week 3,627,000 bushels, against a decrease last year of 531,000, a difference of 4,100,000 bushels. Speculation was pessimistic. A rally at one time was due to wet weather, that is bad weather for drying. The surplus of the old corn is considered the chief cause of the decline. Liquidation has been heavy. Husking returns were disappointing, but large receipts are selling slowly. B. W. Snow said: "The quality of the crop is much below normal and damage from mold and rot unusually severe. The stock of old corn still on farms is larger, both in percentage and in volume, than has been reported in more than 25 years, except in 1921, following the record crop of 1920. Farm reserves are reported at 6.4%, with a total carry-over of 187,000,000 bushels on farms. Last year the reserve was 61,000,000, and in 1924,

following a crop in size similar to that of last year, the carry-over was 102,000,000 bushels."

To-day prices closed 1/2 to 1c. lower. New low levels were reached. Hedging sales were an outstanding factor. There was general selling as well. December ended 8 3/4 c. under May. That excited comment. Cash demand was nothing important. Cash prices were lower. Receipts were fair. The country sold old corn to some extent to arrive overnight. About the only buying was covering. Final prices show a decline for the week of 4 to 4 1/2 c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 90 1/4	Mon. 88 3/4	Tues. Hol.	Wed. 88 3/4	Thurs. 88 3/4	Fri. 87 3/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	Sat. 74 1/4	Mon. 72 1/4	Holi.	Wed. 72 1/4	Thurs. 71 3/4	Fri. 70 3/4
May delivery in elevator	82 1/4	80 3/4	day	80 3/4	80 1/4	79 1/2
July delivery in elevator	84 3/4	83 1/4		82 3/4	82 3/4	82

Oats declined because of the weakness of other grain. The United States visible supply, too, increased last week 678,000 bushels, against an increase last year of 348,000 bushels. The total, it is true, is still only 48,097,000 bushels, against 64,946,000 a year ago. And there were rallies from time to time. But the downward pull of corn was too strong to be resisted. So the general trend was towards a lower level. On the 3d inst. prices advanced 3/4 to 1c., owing to a rise in Winnipeg of 2 to 3c. On the 4th inst. Chicago advanced with Winnipeg up 1 1/2 to 3c.

To-day prices ended practically unchanged, though with a rise from the low of the day of 1/4 to 3/8 c. Trade was rather more active. Winnipeg was still firm on reports of damage to the crop in Canada. On the other hand, receipts were large. Cash demand lacked snap. Cash prices were only about steady. Final prices were practically unchanged from those of a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat. 53 1/2	Mon. 53 1/4	Holi.	Wed. 54	Thurs. 54	Fri. 53 3/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	Sat. 43 1/4	Mon. 42 1/2	Holi.	Wed. 43 1/4	Thurs. 43 1/2	Fri. 43 1/2
May delivery in elevator	47 1/4	44 3/4	day	45 3/4	48	48
July delivery in elevator	46 3/4	46 1/2		47	47 1/4	47 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

October delivery in elevator	Sat. 60 1/2	Mon. 59 1/2	Tues. 59 1/2	Wed. 59 1/2	Thurs. 59 1/2	Fri. 60
December delivery in elevator	54 3/4	54 1/4		57 1/4	59 1/2	60
May delivery in elevator	56 1/4	56 1/8		58	58 1/2	59 1/2

Rye declined under the influence of lower prices for other grain, especially wheat. No export demand appeared. It is missed. The United States visible supply increased last week 453,000 bushels, against 896,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 12,828,000 bushels, against 9,976,000 a year ago.

To-day prices closed unchanged to 1/8 c. lower, owing to a decline in wheat. But earlier in the day prices were 3/4 to 7/8 c. lower. A rally came later, when export sales were reported of 200,000 bushels cash rye. Final prices show a decline for the week, however, of 1 1/2 to 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	Sat. 105 3/4	Mon. 104 1/2	Holi.	Wed. 104 1/2	Thurs. 104 1/2	Fri. 104 1/2
May delivery in elevator	105	104 1/2	day	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
July delivery in elevator	100					

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN

Wheat, New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red f.o.b. new 1 53 1/4	No. 2 white 53 3/4
No. 1 Northern 1 62 3/4	No. 3 white 52 1/4
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b. 1 56 1/4	Rye, New York—
Corn, New York—	No. 2 f.o.b. 106 1/4
No. 2 yellow (new) N. Y. 87 3/4	Barley, New York—
No. 3 yellow (new) 85 3/4	Malting as to quality 82 1/2 @ 84 1/2

Spring patents \$7 40 @ \$7 90	Rye flour patents \$6 10 @ \$6 40
Cleats, first spring 7 00 @ 7 40	Semolina No. 2, lb. 5 1/2 c
Soft winter straights 6 25 @ 6 65	Oats goods 2 80 @ 2 85
Hard winter straights 7 25 @ 7 65	Corn flour 2 35 @ 2 45
Hard winter patents 7 65 @ 8 00	Barley goods—
Hard winter clears 6 25 @ 7 00	Coarse 3 75
Fancy Minn. patents 9 20 @ 10 05	Fancy pearl Nos. 2, 3 and 4 7 00
City mills 9 15 @ 9 85	

All the statements below regarding the movements of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years.

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Chicago	284,000	445,000	5,868,000	1,576,000	266,000	254,000
Minneapolis	—	2,837,000	168,000	562,000	301,000	99,000
Duluth	—	1,791,000	—	64,000	108,000	329,000
Milwaukee	50,000	107,000	317,000	451,000	178,000	34,000
Toledo	—	164,000	90,000	140,000	2,000	2,000
Detroit	—	49,000	32,000	36,000	—	8,000
Indianapolis	—	71,000	520,000	224,000	—	15,000
St. Louis	124,000	736,000	511,000	530,000	49,000	—
Peoria	45,000	28,000	761,000	257,000	15,000	3,000
Kansas City	—	1,749,000	434,000	83,000	—	—
Omaha	—	474,000	431,000	108,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	624,000	304,000	25,000	—	—
Wichita	—	55,000	127,000	32,000	3,000	—
Sioux City	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total wk. '26	506,000	9,377,000	9,574,000	4,093,000	922,000	744,000
Same wk. '25	474,000	6,722,000	3,343,000	3,758,000	1,100,000	418,000
Same wk. '24	480,000	19,101,000	3,401,000	7,042,000	2,244,000	3,593,000
Since Aug. 1						
1926	6,534,000	156,882,000	54,047,000	53,194,000	16,221,000	15,936,000
1925	6,376,000	146,747,000	46,058,000	103,152,000	33,259,000	11,537,000
1924	6,786,000	277,300,000	64,486,000	124,450,000	29,179,000	35,441,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Oct. 30, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
New York	295,000	2,410,000	30,000	40,000	420,000	11,000
Philadelphia	40,000	220,000	—	55,000	—	2,000
Baltimore	34,000	406,000	8,000	27,000	—	5,000
Newport News	5,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans*	69,000	545,000	136,000	30,000	—	—
Galveston	—	355,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	80,000	2,767,000	16,000	21,000	187,000	—
Boston	62,000	235,000	11,000	22,000	1,000	—
Total wk. '26	585,000	6,938,000	201,000	195,000	608,000	18,000
Since Jan. 1 '26	21,237,000	194,069,000	6,220,000	5,425,000	27,662,000	28,850,000

Week 1925	495,000	8,182,000	244,000	1,367,000	1,536,000	44,000
Since Jan. 1 '25	20,755,000	185,531,000	6,898,000	67,441,000	35,212,000	28,622,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 30 1926, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
New York	1,350,593	—	107,253	2,000	—	280,180
Boston	128,000	—	17,000	—	—	—
Philadelphia	418,000	—	5,000	—	—	—
Baltimore	116,000	—	6,000	—	—	—
Newport News	—	—	5,000	—	—	—
New Orleans	645,000	92,000	85,000	4,000	—	—
Galveston	—	—	12,000	—	—	—
Montreal	3,468,000	—	144,000	—	388,000	—
Total week 1926	6,125,593	92,000	381,253	6,000	388,000	280,180
Same week 1925	8,816,016	106,000	493,197	2,451,565	169,000	2,451,325

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1926 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Oct. 30 1926.	Since July 1 1926.	Week Oct. 30 1926.	Since July 1 1926.	Week Oct. 30 1926.	Since July 1 1926.
United Kingdom	158,351	1,512,184	1,815,156	43,599,836	—	198,610
Continent	147,812	2,126,902	4,225,437	65,469,320	—	17,000
So. & Cent. Amer.	28,000	229,980	9,000	2,820,000	57,000	973,000
West Indies	13,000	200,000	—	11,000	35,000	458,000
Brit. No. Am. Cols.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other countries	34,090	239,215	76,000	299,350	—	—
Total 1926	381,253	4,308,281	6,125,593	112,199,506	92,000	1,646,610
Total 1925	483,197	4,399,675	8,816,016	89,117,194	106,000	284,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Oct. 30, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
New York	778,000	130,000	755,000	102,000	46,000
Boston	76,000	6,000	53,000	2,000	—
Philadelphia	1,251,000	27,000	135,000	24,000	2,000
Baltimore	3,016,000	48,000	170,000	71,000	4,000
Newport News	—	—	—	2,000	—
New Orleans	1,103,000	171,000	73,000	—	—
Galveston	2,010,000	—	—	—	—
Fort Worth	2,569,000	90,000	1,409,000	185,000	8,000
Buffalo	4,086,000	2,165,000	2,867,000	169,000	189,000
afloat	567,000	—	570,000	—	50,000
Toledo	2,070,000	74,000	289,000	51,000	5,000
Detroit	205,000	12,000	60,000	14,000	—
Chicago	5,632,000	11,631,000	7,351,000	2,676,000	584,000
Milwaukee	1,062,000	372,000	2,075,000	476,000	181,000
Duluth	8,133,000	13,000	9,230,000	4,620,000	667,000
Minneapolis	9,621,000	1,116,000	18,032,000	3,823,000	2,727,000
Sioux City	455,000	330,000	314,000	8,000	8,000
St. Louis	4,073,000	1,039,000	341,000	33,000	44,000
Kansas City	14,267,000	1,736,000	659,000	297,000	6,000
Wichita	3,963,000	1,000	—	—	—
St. Joseph, Mo.	980,000	495,000	106,000	44,000	—
Peoria	13,000	582,000	750,000	—	—
Indianapolis	1,482,000	242,000	295,000	4,000	—
Omaha	3,620,000	1,514,000	2,473,000	219,000	55,000
On Lakes	743,000	422,000	84,000	—	—
On Canal and River	259,000	42,000	—	—	149,000

Total Oct. 30 1926	72,034,000	22,258,000	48,097,000	12,828,000	4,799,000
Total Oct. 23 1926	71,389,000	18,630,000	47,419,000	12,375,000	4,779,000
Total Oct. 31 1925	43,920,000	1,790,000	64,946,000	9,976,000	5,610,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 50,000 bushels; Buffalo, 189,000; Duluth, 30,000; total, 269,000 bushels, against 258,000 bushels in 1925. Barley, New York, 77,000 bushels; Buffalo, 1,965,000; Buffalo afloat, 68,000; Duluth, 219,000; on Canal, 618,000; on Lakes, 275,000; total, 3,225,000 bushels, against 335,000 bushels in 1925. Wheat, New York, 1,817,000 bushels; Boston, 214,000; Philadelphia, 332,000; Baltimore, 559,000; Buffalo, 4,937,000; Buffalo afloat, 1,749,000; Duluth, 287,000; on Canal, 570,000; on Lakes, 1,294,000; total, 11,759,000 bushels, against 9,117,000 bushels in 1925.

Canadian—

Montreal	1,770,000	—	3,220,000	216,000	1,530,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	25,648,000	—	1,422,000	1,829,000	3,614,000
Other Canadian	11,610,000	—	1,146,000	674,000	1,491,000

Total Oct. 30 1926	39,028,000	—	5,788,000	2,719,000	6,635,000
Total Oct. 23 1926	32,668,000	—	5,326,000	2,574,000	7,199,000
Total Oct. 31 1925	30,250,000	129,000	3,391,000	1,523,000	7,203,000

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED NOV. 2.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Nov. 2 follows:

Early in the week warmer weather prevailed over the interior States and about the middle there was a substantial rise in temperature over the eastern portion of the country. In the meantime, however, an extensive high pressure area had overspread the Northwest, attended by colder weather, which advanced eastward and reached the more eastern States near the close of the period.

Fair weather was the rule during the first few days of the week, except for showers in the Ohio Valley and parts of the Lake region about the 29th. The last half had widespread rain in the Southwest and in practically all sections from the Mississippi Valley eastward, with some moderately heavy falls in parts of the west Gulf area, Tennessee, and the Middle Atlantic States.

Chart 1 shows that the week was moderately cool in the central and southern Rocky Mountain districts and also quite generally from the Mississippi Valley eastward, with the minus departures from normal temperature ranging mostly from 1 degree to 3 degrees or 4 degrees. In most sections west of the Rocky Mountains it was warmer than normal, and decidedly so in some parts with the plus departures of temperature running as high as 6 degrees or 7 degrees. In the East, freezing weather extended as far south as the southern Appalachian Mountain localities, but in the central valleys freezing did not occur farther south than the lower Ohio Valley and southeastern Missouri.

The totals of rainfall for the week were again moderately heavy in the immediate Ohio and central Mississippi Valley districts, the west Gulf area, and locally in the Middle Atlantic States. Elsewhere the amounts were generally light to moderate, with most sections west of the Rocky Mountains receiving little or no rain. (See Chart II.)

Frequent and, in places, rather heavy rains in the immediate lower Ohio Valley and more generally in the upper valley section, and also in much of the middle Atlantic area, were unfavorable for farm operations and the housing of crops made slow progress in those districts. In other sections of the northern half of the country the generally light precipitation was favorable and progress of seasonal farm operations made good advance, especially in the States west of the Mississippi River.

In the South the first half of the week had generally favorable weather, but frequent rainfall the latter part delayed work quite generally in the central and west Gulf area, although the moisture was favorable for fall truck and pastures. More rain is needed in the interior of the South Atlantic States. West of the Rocky Mountains conditions were mostly favorable, except for continued severe drought in much of the Great Basin, especially in Utah and Nevada. In the Southwest generous rains were beneficial to the range.

There was some slight, scattered damage by frost to tender vegetation during the week, but harm from this cause was not material. The southern progress of the first freeze this fall was still somewhat behind the average in most sections, especially east of the Mississippi River. In an average year, by November 1, killing frost overspreads practically all of North Carolina and extends nearly to the central portions of Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi.

SMALL GRAINS.—Some wheat was still being seeded in the Ohio valley, but there has been a considerable curtailment of intended acreage east of the central and upper Mississippi Valley States by reason of the unfavorably wet weather for field work. The crop has generally come up to a good stand, however, except on some wet lowlands, and is growing nicely. West of the Mississippi River, seeding made fairly good progress in the southern Plains, with some still being sown in southeastern Kansas. Conditions are mostly favorable in this area, with the crop furnishing pasturage in the Southwest, although the weather continued unfavorably dry in the west-central Plains and Great Basin. Buckwheat has been badly damaged by rain in the Northeast, and dry weather is needed for threshing rice in central Gulf districts.

CORN.—Continued moist weather in southern Illinois, much of Indiana, and quite generally in the upper Ohio Valley districts and in the northern section of the middle Atlantic area was unfavorable for drying out corn and very little husking was accomplished. West of the Mississippi River conditions were much more favorable and the crop dried out rapidly, with generally good progress in husking. It was especially favorable in Iowa where the cool nights, dry weather, and breezy days were ideal.

COTTON.—The weather was mostly favorable for gathering the cotton crop, except for interruption by rain the middle part of the week in the central-northern sections and generally from the middle Gulf States westward the latter part. In the northeastern portion of the belt, particularly in the interior of North Carolina, heavy to killing frosts defoliated plants, but did little harm to bolls and will hasten opening. Rains caused lowering of grade in the north-central and western portions of the belt and also locally in parts of the east Gulf States. Picking and ginning made slower progress than would be expected with the prevailing weather conditions, principally because of low prices and a shortage of labor in some sections.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures moderate and rainfall light. Good progress in farm work under favorable conditions. Wheat sowing in progress and mostly finished; early-sown wheat up to good stand. Some cotton still in field; favorable for picking. Fall truck crops in good condition.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Favorable for housing crops. Little rain on coastal plain; some showers in north and west. Favorable for sowing and germinating wheat and other small grains. Heavy to killing frost in interior on 27-28th; little damage. Frost killed cotton leaves over considerable area, but little damage to bolls and will hasten opening; progress in picking rather slow.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Early in week nights rather cool, but latter part more seasonable; light, scattered showers. Cotton picking progressing, but one-third to one-half in Piedmont not picked and ginning rather slow. Truck on coast improved, but needs rain.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Light rains at beginning and end of week slightly interrupted harvesting. Lower temperatures and light frosts checked cotton opening and damaged some unopened top bolls in north; picking made good progress and about completed in south, except for few scattered fields.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Light to heavy frosts in interior on two mornings damaged truck locally. Most of week favorable for farm work. Condition of corn and sweet potatoes mostly good; harvesting good progress. Sowing oats progressing rather slowly. Cotton nearly all picked in south and west and well along in northeast; heavy rains damaged unpicked cotton locally in northeast.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Favorable weather to Friday or Saturday; light to moderate precipitation thereafter. Progress in picking cotton and housing corn mostly satisfactory, except for some labor shortage in north and central.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Favorable for harvesting until Saturday when rain interrupted work. Good progress in picking and ginning cotton. Dry weather needed for threshing rice. Cool weather favored ripening of sugar cane; preparations for grinding under way, but some factories will not operate account small crop.

Texas.—Houston: Fore part of week warm and sunshiny; latter part cloudy and cool with light to excessive rains. Farm work made fair progress fore part, but standstill at close. Progress and condition of pastures, truck, and early wheat and oats generally very good. Picking cotton retarded by rain, which lowered grade and damaged open crop.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Temperatures seasonable; heavy to killing frosts in north and west, but no serious damage. Weather favorable and most of cotton open, but generally slow progress in picking, mainly account shortage of pickers and low price; lint mostly low grade. Excellent progress in seeding wheat, except in extreme northwest where still dry; early-planted being pastured.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Slight damage to cotton and picking delayed by moderate to heavy rains at middle of week; favorable remainder of week; late bolls opening nicely since frost. Weather favorable for gathering corn, digging potatoes and sweet potatoes, and plowing and growth of wheat, oats, and rye.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Normal temperatures with good rains beneficial for fall-sown grains. Late corn crop matured and mostly gathered; average condition fair to excellent. Picking cotton delayed by rain, which lowered grade; killing frost stopped further growth in west. Wheat condition excellent, but seeding delayed by rain.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Friday Night, Nov. 5 1926.

Markets for textiles were less active during the week. This was attributed largely to the interruption of Election Day and its rather disappointing results. With the weakening of the Republican ranks, many viewed the prospects for next year with less certainty. This served temporarily to hold back many orders for future delivery in various divisions until a more definite idea of business prospects could be had. Some factors, on the other hand, were inclined to minimize the probable effects of the election and believed the inactivity was due to natural causes. They pointed out that with the termination of the height of the jobbing season it would be normal for buying to fall off in certain directions. For instance, in the woolen division buyers were noticeably less interested in offerings. Besides this, prices for raw wool in foreign markets eased off. Previously this would have resulted in a sympathetic decline in domestic prices, but owing to the strong statistical position of the industry prices have continued relatively firm. Preparations are now under way for the new overcoating season and factors look forward to a good volume of business. As to silks, prices for the raw product in primary markets have continued to decline. Locally, business in finished lines has been hesitating and manufacturers have been putting forth their best efforts to liquidate fall stocks. While supplies of the latter are not abundant, prices have been reduced to a point where sentiment has been sympathetically affected. Factors, however, continue to view prospects for the new spring season with much optimism.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Although markets for domestic cotton goods maintained a steady undertone during the week, buyers were generally less inclined to place orders. With another Government cotton crop report due next week, some withheld commitments, believing that there might be a further reaction in prices for the raw material. Furthermore, jobbers were in their inventory period and they were not taking any more than was necessary. Nevertheless, considering these influences, a fair amount of business was put through and merchants continued to view the future optimistically. Numerous filling-in orders were received, and the best business was said to have been placed in gingham, denims, print cloths and certain of the medium and heavy weight cloths. Gingham, however, were easily the outstanding feature, as a wide variety of stylings were wanted. It was claimed that the call was so active for certain classes of merchandise that deliveries could not be made for from ten to twelve weeks. Although these were extreme cases, it has been some time since gingham has sold in such substantial quantities. The bulk of orders were for prompt shipment. While fancies were active, they lacked the snap of staples. As to heavy weight goods, it was reported that bag manufacturers were paying more attention to these as a substitute for burlaps. It was held probable that if present prices for jute are maintained, they will buy their season's requirements in cotton goods. As on most other lines, while orders calling for future delivery were more or less limited, the demand for immediate shipment was considered good. Print cloths 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 5¼c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 4¾c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 7½c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 9½c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Markets for woolens and worsteds, which have been active for some time, quieted down the past week. Although this was more or less expected, as rush orders for supplementary lots have been satisfied, it is recognized that there is still a lot of business to be done. It is expected that this will manifest itself during the next cold spell. Reports from various clothing manufacturing centres state that while retailers have been buying sparingly for future delivery, they have done a good deal of sampling on the new colored lines for men's wear. Talk of price advances for these goods has been dropped for the time being. In the women's wear division reports indicate that there has still been a fair business transacted in some of the new dress goods for spring.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Demand continued comparatively active and linen markets presented a firm appearance. One of the features was the noticeable return of confidence in dress linens. Many new and attractive designs have appeared which should bring them back to popular favor. Besides this, reports from Paris indicate that modistes there are featuring this fabric. Factors claim that there has been less price cutting in the domestic market owing to the fact that much of the distress stocks have been cleared up. It was said locally that the trade expects to take advantage of the improvement and intends to advance prices in keeping with costs. As the situation broadens, it is hoped that fresh importations will show a profit, as previously these imported goods have been selling at a loss. Burlap prices continued to decline. Domestic traders offered substantial concessions owing to indications of the substitution of cotton goods. Light weights are quoted at 7.15c., and heavies at 8.80c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN OCTOBER.

Long-term State and municipal borrowings were somewhat smaller in volume during October than in the previous month. The aggregate awards for October amounted to no more than \$94,654,616, which compares with \$134,651,731 in September. The amount borrowed in October a year ago was \$79,237,656.

The largest bond disposal of the month was made by the City of Philadelphia, Pa., which sold to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York \$25,000,000 50-year bonds as 4 1/4s at 100.16, a basis of about 4.24%. The State of Pennsylvania disposed of \$5,955,000 4% highway bonds to various purchasers at slightly above par, being the remaining portion of the \$10,000,000 issue offered on Sept. 23, of which only \$4,045,000 bonds were sold on that date.

Other large issues marketed were as follows:

Two issues of Philadelphia School District, Pa., bonds, aggregating \$4,000,000. \$2,250,000 4 1/4% bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by the Bankers Trust Co., New York, at 100.0596, a basis of about 4.24% and \$1,750,000 4% bonds taken by the Finance Committee of the School District at par.

Twelve issues of 4% Boston, Mass., bonds, aggregating \$3,922,000, sold to a syndicate headed by R. L. Day & Co. of Boston at 100.03, a basis of about 3.99%.

Five issues of 4 1/4% Grand Rapids, Mich., bonds taken by a syndicate headed by the Guardian Detroit Co. of Detroit at 100.05, a basis of about 4.24%.

\$2,000,000 State of Oregon Veterans' State Aid gold bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York, taking \$1,775,000 as 4 1/4s and \$225,000 as 4 1/4s at 100.0005, a basis of about 4.29%.

Five issues of Syracuse, N. Y., bonds, aggregating \$1,625,000, disposed of to a syndicate headed by Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, at 100.01, a basis of about 4.05%, taking \$250,000 as 3 3/4s, \$420,000 as 4 1/4s and three issues amounting to \$1,180,000 as 4s.

Six issues of Asheville, No. Caro., bonds, awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. of New York and associates as 4 1/4s at 101.715, a basis of about 4.62%. \$1,463,000 5% Houston Independent School District, Texas, bonds sold to H. L. Allen & Co. of New York and associates at 101.89, a basis of about 4.70%.

Three issues of 4 1/2% Savannah, Ga., bonds, aggregating \$1,400,000, purchased by Eldredge & Co. of New York and others at 102.27, a basis of about 4.28%.

Two issues of Atlantic City, N. J., bonds, aggregating \$1,365,900, awarded to syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corp. of New York as 4 1/4s at 101.14, a basis of about 4.42%.

\$1,600,000 State of West Virginia road bonds taken by the State Sinking Fund Commission.

\$1,000,000 4 1/2% Chicago Lincoln Park District, Ill., bonds, awarded to Taylor, Ewart & Co. of Chicago at 102.409, a basis of about 4.26%.

There were also placed during October by the Territory of Hawaii, \$1,805,000 4 1/2% 20-30 year (optional) series B public improvement bonds. They were awarded to a syndicate headed by Barr Bros. & Co. of New York 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.

Temporary loans negotiated during October totalled \$41,315,813, of which New York City contributed \$35,345,000. New York City also issued during October \$1,500,000 3% general fund bonds for taking up surplus revenues of the sinking fund.

Canadian bond disposals for the month of October reached \$9,631,435.

The following is a comparison of all the various forms of loans put out in October of the last five years:

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Perm't. loans (U.S.)	94,654,616	79,237,656	92,070,368	84,988,615	71,333,536
*Temp. loans (U.S.)	41,315,813	92,700,203	112,064,727	70,867,234	63,018,000
Temp. loans (Canada)	850,000	1,298,000			
Can'n loans (perm't):					
Placed in U. S.	6,000,000				25,989,884
Placed in Canada	3,631,435	2,302,385	2,530,700	192,186,95	2,805,794
Bonds of U. S. Poss. and Territories	1,805,000	2,790,900	195,000	3,750,000	111,000
Gen. fd. bds. (N. Y. C.)	1,500,000			1,250,000	
Total	149,756,401	178,328,244	206,869,795	353,042,344	163,258,214

* Including temporary securities issued by New York City, \$35,345,000 in 1926 \$88,505,000 in 1925, \$104,500,000 in 1924, \$59,990,200 in 1923, and \$59,128,000 in 1922.

The number of municipalities in the United States emitting long-term bonds and the number of separate issues made during October 1926 were 342 and 495, respectively. This contrasts with 395 and 546 for September 1926 and 441 and 649 for October 1925.

For comparative purposes we add the following table, showing the aggregate disposals of long-term obligations by States and municipalities in the United States for October and the ten months for a series of years:

Year	Month of October	For the Ten Months	Year	Month of October	For the Ten Months
1926	\$94,654,616	\$1,102,071,799	1908	\$14,078,829	\$257,319,946
1925	79,237,656	1,174,724,056	1907	9,793,358	209,516,322
1924	92,070,368	1,230,504,969	1906	14,819,277	167,971,622
1923	84,988,615	850,952,400	1905	7,915,496	148,937,223
1922	71,333,536	990,188,429	1904	10,299,995	208,221,652
1921	114,098,373	868,392,996	1903	12,196,885	123,942,878
1920	80,933,284	570,109,507	1902	5,488,424	123,167,279
1919	62,201,397	581,871,151	1901	9,799,197	109,103,198
1918	7,609,205	454,789,038	1900	16,421,185	113,615,626
1917	24,750,015	202,828,939	1899	9,314,854	104,342,291
1916	34,160,231	402,448,332	1898	4,906,607	88,057,166
1915	28,332,219	434,829,038	1897	6,872,293	113,259,756
1914	15,126,967	423,171,790	1896	4,688,463	60,917,879
1913	39,698,091	327,902,805	1895	6,697,012	98,950,928
1912	27,958,999	345,871,920	1894	6,685,435	99,140,271
1911	26,588,621	341,092,191	1893	11,839,373	25,813,959
1910	27,037,207	258,958,249	1892	11,766,420	75,350,254
1909	16,377,836	288,767,287			

In the following table we give a list of October 1926 loans in the amount of \$94,654,616, issued by 342 municipalities. In the case of each loan reference is made to the page in the "Chronicle" where accounts of the sale are given:

Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
1904	Adrian Cons. S. D., Ga.	5 1/2	1928-1953	\$40,000	100	5.50
2292	Ainsworth, Neb. (2 iss.)	4 3/4		52,500		
1904	Alameda County, Calif.	5		500,000	104.34	
2423	Albert Lea, Minn.	4 1/2	1928-1942	90,000	101.48	4.30
2423	Allen County, Ind.	4 1/2	20 years	r112,500	102.96	
2423	Allen County, Ohio	5	1927-1946	101,332	101.32	4.73
2292	Allison Sch. Dist., Calif.	5 1/2	1935-1949	23,000	106.12	4.80
2021	Amityville, N. Y.	5	1927-1936	10,000	104.97	4.88
1904	Anamosa, Iowa	5	1927-1931	3,181	100.62	4.75
2423	Andover, Mass.	4	1927-1931	50,000	100.28	5.90
2423	Antlers, Okla.	6		23,000	101.08	
2162	Ashville, N. C. (6 iss.)	5	1929-1936	1,590,000	101.715	4.62
2161	Ashland, Ore.	5		20,741	102.95	
2423	Ashley, Pa.	5 1/2	1928-1929	50,000	100.71	5.06
2021	Atlantic City, N. J. (2 issues)	4 1/2		1,365,000	101.14	4.42
2292	Augusta, Ga. (3 issues)	4 1/2	1927-1956	400,000	102.26	4.29
2292	Augusta Water Dist., Me.	4	1927-1956	300,000	98.32	4.18
2423	Avalon, N. J. (2 issues)	6	1927-1932	173,000		
2292	Bailey Co. C. S. D. No. 12, Texas	6		17,000	100	6.00
2162	Baker Co. Sch. Dist. No. 1, Ore.	5 1/4	1929-1946	40,000	103	4.94
1904	Bartholomew Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1936	9,000	101.67	4.13
2423	Bay, Ohio	5	1928-1937	78,282	100.13	4.97
2423	Beattyville Gr. S. D., Ky.	6	1939-1946	16,000	101.31	4.89
1905	Bedford, N. Y.	4.40	1928-1942	75,000	100.15	4.38
2423	Bell County, Tex.	5	1928-1944	165,000		
2423	Bellingham, Wash.	5	1928-1946	170,000	100	5.00
2423	Bellingham, Wash.	4 3/4	1928-1941	r50,000	100	4.75
2162	Belmont, No. Caro.	5	1927-1951	25,000	100.29	4.96
2162	Belmont, N. C.	5	1927-1946	175,000	100.17	4.98
1905	Beloit, Wis.	4 1/2	1927-1939	25,000	100.76	4.37
2423	Beloit, Wis.	4 1/2	1927-1939	25,000	100.70	4.37
2292	Berlin, Md.	5	1928-1937	10,000	100	5.00
2292	Binghamton, N. Y. (3 issues)	4 1/4	1927-1951	680,000	100.92	4.14
2292	Birmingham, Mich.	4 1/2	1927-1931	98,000	100.009	4.49
2292	Birmingham, Mich.	5 1/2	1927-1931	62,600		
2292	Blacksburg, No. Caro.	5 1/2	1927-1931	30,000		
2292	Blawnox, Pa.	4 1/2	1930-1946	115,000		
2292	Bonifay, Fla.	6	1927-1935	31,000	96.25	
2022	Boston, Mass. (12 iss.)	4	1927-1971	3,922,000	100.03	3.99
2424	Bowling Green, Fla.	6	1928-1936	130,000		
2292	Bradford, Fla.	6	1931-1956	450,000	95	
2022	Bristol, Tenn.	5 & 6	serially	13,500	102.09	
2424	Brunswick Co., No. Caro.	6	1931-1952	160,000	107.34	5.32
2162	Burlington, Iowa	4 1/2	1928-1936	79,000	101.48	4.24
2022	Cambria County, Pa.	4 1/2	1927-1949	400,000	100.12	4.24
2022	Canton, Ohio (3 iss.)	5	1928-1937	36,986	101.78	4.66
2162	Carbondale, Ill.	5		100,000		
2022	Carroll County, Ohio	5	1927-1936	32,000	101.90	4.59
2424	Carter Sch. Twp., Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1940	30,000	103.05	4.05
2424	Cedar Falls S. D., Iowa	4 1/2	1934-1940	r35,000	102.18	
2292	Chariton, Iowa	4 1/2		5,500		
2292	Chariton S. D., Iowa	4 1/2	1927-1941	r150,000	101.13	4.33
2292	Chattanooga, Tenn. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1956	545,000	100.31	4.48
2292	Cherryvale, Kan.	5		17,558	100	5.00
2162	Chicago Lincoln Park Dist., Ill.	4 1/2	1927-1946	1,000,000	102.409	4.20
2292	Clare, Mich.	4 1/2	1956	22,000	101.53	4.41
2424	Clarksville, Tex.	6	1966	50,000	100	5.00
2424	Clawson, Mich. (2 iss.)	6	1927-1930	39,000		
2424	Clay County, W. Va.	5 1/2		35,000	100	5.50
2022	Clayton Graded S. D., No. Caro.	5 1/2	1945-1954	10,000	106.39	5.03
2424	Cliffside Park, N. J.	5	1927-1936	223,000	100.32	4.93
2424	Cliffside Park, N. J.	5	1928-1951	100,000	101.204	4.87
2022	Clifton, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1946	296,000	100.03	4.49
2022	Clifton, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1959	165,000	100.06	4.49
2022	Clifton, N. J.	5 1/4	1931	339,000	100.02	5.74
2424	Coldwater, Mich. (2 iss.)	4	1929-1935	r7,000	100	4.00
2424	Coldwater, Mich. (2 iss.)	4	1927-1931	15,000	100	4.00
1905	Colorado (State of)	5	1933-1945	500,000	104.76	4.62
2162	Concord, N. H.	4 1/2	1944-1947	110,000	100.94	4.17
2424	Cordell S. D., Okla.	4 1/2		40,000		
2162	Corona, Calif.	5	1927-1946	70,000		
2162	Covington, Tenn.	5 1/4	1927-1946	105,000	100.04	5.24
2162	Cowlitz Co. Diking Dist. No. 13, Wash.	7		22,000	90	
2292	Cranford S. D., N. J. (2 issues)	5	1928-1966	545,000	100	
2293	Crawford Co., O. (2 iss.)	5	1927-1934	69,000	101.506	
2293	Crawford County, Ohio	5	1927-1931	26,000	100.92	4.67
2023	Crest, Ill.	6	1927-1936	10,000	100	6.00
2293	Crosby, N. D.	7	1928-1946	37,500		
2023	Dallas, No. Caro.	5 1/2	1928-1937	15,000	100.04	5.49
2293	Danville, Ind.	5	1927-1936	10,000	103.37	4.27
2424	Depew, N. Y. (2 issues)	4.60	1927-1936	30,000	100.03	4.59
2293	De Soto Parish S. D., La.	6	1928-1946	145,000	102.50	5.24
2293	De Soto Parish S. D., La.	6	1928-1946	45,000	102.50	5.49
2163	Deschutes Co. Un. High S. D. No. 2, Ore.	6		65,000	100.007	
2163	Devine, Tex.	6	1927-1966	40,000		
2023	Dillon Co. High S. D., No. 2, So. Caro.	5	1-20 years	65,000	100.34	4.96
2163	Dormont Sch. Dist., Tex.	5	1946-1954	50,000		
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2163.	Hamilton Co., Tenn. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1956	725,000	100.76	4.45	2295.	North Little Rock, Ark.	5	1927-1951	400,000	97	5.32
2293.	Hammond, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1938	3,600			2166.	North Olmstead, Ohio	5 1/2	1927-1932	75,000		
2293.	Hancock Co., Ohio	5	1928-1933	19,000	101.32	4.67	2427.	North Tonawanda, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1936	32,000	100.449	4.64
2293.	Hancock Co., Ohio	5	1928-1931	15,250	100.83	4.74	2295.	Oakwood Vill. S. D., Ohio	5 1/2	1928-1947	28,500	105.16	4.67
2293.	Hancock Co., Ohio	5	1928-1929	8,100	100.45	4.80	2166.	Ocean City, N. J.	4 1/2	1928	335,000	100.099	4.45
2163.	Hanover Twp. S. D., N. J.	5	1927-1937	10,500	100.02	4.99	2295.	Oceanside S. D., Calif.	5 1/2	1929-1946	21,000	101.25	4.86
2425.	Harlingen, Tex.	5 1/2	1929-1966	63,000			2295.	Olney, Neb.	6	1927-1966	27,500	102.03	
2023.	Harrison Co., Miss.	5 1/2		665,400	100	5.50	2295.	Olney, Tex. (3 issues)	6	1927-1966	80,000	102	
2023.	Harvey, Ill.	6	1927-1936	200,000	100	6.00	2166.	Olney Ind. S. D., Tex.	5 1/2	1966	75,000	101.13	
2163.	Havaya, Fla.	6	1931-1950	65,000	100	6.00	2166.	Oregon (State of)	4 1/2	1951	1,775,000	100.000	4.29
2024.	Hempstead Com. S. D.						2025.	Orlando, Fla. (6 issues)	5	1927-1946	580,000	96.31	
	No. 18, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1951	175,000	101.599	4.33	1907.	Ottawa County, Ohio	5	1927-1935	44,000	101.61	4.60
2293.	Hendersonville, No. Car.	5 1/2	1929-1941	200,000	100	5.25	2427.	Ovid, Colo.	5 1/2	1941	55,000	100.17	5.48
2293.	Hendersonville, No. Car.	5 1/2	1929-1956	150,000	100.42	5.12	2025.	Palisades Park S. D., N. J.	5	1927-1966	45,000	100.13	4.99
2425.	Hendersonville, No. Caro. (2 issues)	5 1/2		350,000			2427.	Palm Beach County, Fla.			35,000	95	
2024.	Henry Twp. S. D., Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1940	62,000	100	4.50	2295.	Palm Beach Co. Spec. Tax S. D. No. 1, Fla.	5 1/2	1928-1954	800,000	100.05	5.24
2163.	Herkimer, N. Y.	4 1/2	1953	27,000	100	4.25	2295.	Palm Beach Co. Spec. Tax S. D. No. 3, Fla.	6	1928-1952	100,000	100.20	5.98
2024.	Hinds Co., Miss. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1951	500,000	100.69	4.69	2295.	Palm Beach Co. Spec. Tax S. D. No. 6, Fla.	6	1928-1953	50,000	101.12	5.89
2024.	Holmes County, Ohio	5	1927-1931	27,667	100.86	4.65	2427.	Palmetto, Fla.	6	1932-1946	30,000	95	6.58
2024.	Holmes County, Ohio	5		26,218	100.86		2025.	Pacifica, Calif.	4 1/2		39,600	100.68	
1906.	Houston, Texas	5	1931-1941	1,463,000	101.89	4.70	2166.	Pelham Union Free S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4.30	1936-1964	260,000	100.319	4.28
2024.	Howard County, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1936	6,195	101.25	4.24	2025.	Pell City, Ala.	4	1928-1955	56,000	90	
1906.	Humphrey Co. Central Sep. Rd. Dist., Miss.	5 1/2		75,000	100.62		2025.	Pennsylvania (State of)	4		5,955,000		
2164.	Huntington Beach Un. H. S. D., Calif.	5	1926-1935	150,000	101.42		2166.	Perth Amboy, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1956	298,000	100.88	4.66
2164.	Huntington Un. Fr. S. D. No. 3, N. Y.	4 1/2	1931-1955	475,000	102.266	4.30	2166.	Perth Amboy, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1935	69,000	100.01	4.74
2164.	Jacksonville, Fla.	5	1928	100,000			2166.	Perth Amboy, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1936	30,000	100.02	4.74
2164.	Jacksonville, Fla.	5	1935	100,000	101.50	4.56	2166.	Perth Amboy, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1936	10,000	100.02	4.74
2425.	Jackson Twp., Ohio	6	1928-1930	50,000			2427.	Peru, Neb.	5	10-years	8,000		
2024.	Jefferson Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1936	89,000			2166.	Philadelphia, Pa.	4 1/2	1976	25,000,000	100.16	4.24
2164.	Jefferson S. D., Ohio	6	1927-1931	5,523	100.89	5.67	2295.	Philadelphia S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1937-1956	2,250,000	100.059	4.24
2294.	Jenkintown, Pa.	6	1927-1931	39,000	100.41	4.47	2295.	Philadelphia S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1937-1956	1,750,000	100	4.00
2294.	Joppa S. D., Ill.	4 1/2	1931-1956	240,000	100.41	4.47	2166.	Pinebluffs County, Fla.	4		50,000	100.01	
2024.	Keansburg S. D., N. J.	5	1927-1946	85,000	100.40	4.96	1908.	Pipestone, Minn.			61,000		
2294.	Kenmore, N. Y. (3 iss.)	5	1931-1956	145,775	102.599	4.65	1908.	Pittsfield-Ann Harbor Drain. Dist., Mich.	5 1/2	1928-1941	770,000		
2425.	Kennett Square, Pa.	4 1/2	1956	180,000	95.55		1908.	Plainfield, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1956	559,000	101.419	4.37
2425.	Kingsville, Texas	5	1927-1936	25,000	100.30	4.44	2025.	Pleasant Rd. Dist., W. Va.	5 1/2	1927-1937	114,000	100.50	5.39
2024.	La Crosse, Wis.	4 1/2	1927-1937	35,000	105.45	3.97	2295.	Pleasantville Fire Dist., N. Y. (2 issues)		1927-1935	35,000	100	
1906.	Lake Co., Ind.	5	1928-1937	175,000	103.87	4.20	2295.	Pocahontas, Iowa	4 1/2	1927-1932	5,800	100	4.75
2024.	Lake County, Ind.	5	1927-1937	35,000	105.45	3.97	2295.	Point Pleasant, N. J.	5		90,000	100.50	
2164.	Lake County, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1936	142,500	101.73		2025.	Polk County, Fla. (3 iss.)	6	1927-1936	540,000		
2294.	Laramie Co. S. D. No. 3, Wyo.	5	1936-1946	11,000	103.45	4.69	2295.	Pomello Drain. Dist., Fla.	6		237,000		
2294.	Larchmont, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1939	13,000	100.13	4.23	2025.	Pomona, Calif.	5		850,000	106.29	
2294.	Laurens, So. Car.	4 1/2	1931-1955	34,000			2295.	Pontiac, Mich.	4 1/2		21,000	101.13	
2164.	Lebanon, Ore.	5 1/2		9,703	101.12		2166.	Port Lavaca, Tex.	4 1/2	1927-1936	20,000	101.55	4.17
1906.	Lee Co. Bridge Dist. No. 2, Ark.	5 1/2	1927-1946	125,000	101.42		2166.	Port Lavaca, Tex.	4 1/2	1927-1936	25,500		
2164.	Leon S. D., Iowa	4 1/2	1932-1946	40,000	101.76	4.33	2025.	Preston Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1941-1951	25,000	100	4.50
2294.	Lexington, No. Car. (3 issues)	5	1927-1967	300,000	101.11	4.90	2025.	Princeton S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1965	42,500	101.61	4.38
2024.	Lima, Ohio (4 issues)	5	1928-1949	58,725	102.30	4.70	2025.	Prospect Spec. Tax S. D., Fla.	6	d1941-1954	4,000	85	7.26
1906.	Lincoln Park, Mich.	5 1/2	1927-1931	20,000	100.005	5.49	2025.	Pulaski County, Ind.	6	1931	4,543	101.05	
2294.	Lincoln Park, Mich.	5 1/2	1927-1932	43,000	100.13		2025.	Pulaski Co., Ind. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1936	39,800	101.34	4.22
1906.	Linden, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1941	168,000	100.92	4.61	2166.	Putnam County, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1936	4,000	101.25	
2426.	Little Rock, Ark.	4 1/2		34,200	100.45		2026.	Quincy, Mass. (5 issues)	4	1927-1936	287,500	100.229	3.95
2164.	Louisiana (State of)	4 1/2	1932	500,000	100.629	4.38	2026.	Reading, Pa.	4 1/2	1927-1946	850,000	100.51	4.19
2426.	Louisiana (State of)	4 1/2	1932	500,000	100.62	4.39	2026.	Redford, Livonia and Farmington Twp. Frac. S. D. No. 5, Mich.	4 1/2	1956	22,000	101.53	4.41
2164.	Lower Lake Un. H. S. D., Calif.	5	1929-1951	45,000			2427.	Reserve Township, Pa.	4 1/2	1941-1955	20,000		
2164.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1936	81,634	102.19	4.57	2295.	Rhea County, Tenn.	5	1946	20,000		
2164.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1937	79,247	102.19	4.50	2166.	Rockville Centre, N. Y.	4.35	1927-1941	75,000	100.044	4.34
2164.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1933	12,076	101.25	4.68	2026.	Rocky Mount Graded S. D., No. Caro.	4 1/2	1928-1962	350,000	100.21	4.73
2164.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1932	12,952	101.16	4.68	2026.	Rocky River, Ohio	5	1928-1936	17,950	101.33	4.73
2164.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1933	10,460	101.02	4.72	2166.	Rose and Huron Central S. D. No. 2, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1966	200,000	100.198	4.46
2164.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1935	33,357	101.95	4.58	2166.	Roswell, N. Mex.	6	1934	55,000		
2164.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1932	12,672	101.19	4.69	2026.	Rowan County, No. Caro.			230,000		
2164.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1932	10,831	100.94	4.73	2166.	Royal Oak, Mich. (3 iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1956	115,000	100.008	4.49
2164.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1931	6,617	100.19	4.93	2166.	Royal Oak, Mich. (15 iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1936	236,925	100.01	4.74
2164.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1932	7,770	100.46	4.83	2428.	St. Francis Subsidiary Drain. Dist., Ark.	5	1931-1946	173,000		
2164.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1932	8,707	100.47	4.84	2428.	St. Helens, Ore.			3,051	102	
2164.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1931	5,233	100.19	4.94	2026.	St. Joseph, Mo.	4 1/2	1931-1945	300,000	101.95	4.29
2426.	McCammion, Idaho	5 1/2	d1936-1946	6,000	100	5.00	2128.	St. Paul, Minn.	4 1/2	1927-1946	100,000	100	4.25
2294.	McCook, Neb.	5	d1931-1946	155,000	100	5.00	2295.	St. Peter S. D., Minn.	4 1/2	1927-1941	130,000	100	4.25
2294.	McCook, Neb.	5	d1931-1946	105,000			2428.	Salem, Ore.	6		30,451	103.45	
2294.	McNary County, Tenn.	5 1/2	1931-1946	120,000			1908.	Salem Twp., O. (2 iss.)	6	1927-1929	10,000	100	6.00
2164.	Madison County, Ind.	4 1/2	1928-1937	27,000	101.60	4.17	24	Sarasota, Fla.	6	1931-1956	680,000	96.25	
2164.	Maine (State of)	4 1/2	1941-1950	500,000	99.54	4.03	2428.	Sarasota, Fla.	6	1956-1957	50,000	100	6.00
2294.	Manatee, Fla.	6	1927-1936	99,000	90	8.30	2295.	Sarasota, Fla. (2 iss.)	6	1927-1936	148,000	93	
2024.	Manchester, N. Y.	5	1927-1930	4,000			2296.	Savannah, Ga. (3 iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1956	1,400,000	102.27	4.28
2024.	Mansfield, Ohio	6	1927-1931	25,250	100	6.00	1909.	Scarsdale, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1946	75,000	100	4.25
2024.	Mansfield, Ohio	6	1927-1929										

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2027	Warsaw, Ill.	4½	1928-1941	14,000	100.16	4.48
2027	Waterville, Me.	4	1927-1941	45,000	99.20	4.12
2428	Waynesburg, Pa. (2 iss.)	4½	1927-1955	250,000	100.04	4.24
2429	Wenona S. D., Ill.	4¾	1930-1944	100,000	100	4.75
2297	West Concord, Minn.	5		25,000		
2429	West Milwaukee S. D.	4½				
	Wis.	5	1927-1941	50,000		
2027	West New York, N. Y.	5	1927-1943	390,000	101.36	4.82
2027	West New York, N. Y.	5	1927-1937	153,000	100.68	4.87
2027	West Orange S. D., N. J. (3 issues)	4½	1928-1956	134,000	100.27	4.47
2297	Weymouth, Mass. (2 iss.)	4	1927-1936	40,700	100.08	3.98
2027	West Virginia (State of)			1,000,000		
2027	White Beaver Lake, Minn.	5½	1927-1936	165,000		
2027	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	5		53,400		
2027	Williamson, W. Va.	5	1927-1948	150,000	100.95	4.90
1910	Windsor S. D., Pa.	4½	1926-1951	19,000	103.05	4.24
2297	Winter Park, Fla.	6	1928-1937	310,000	95.69	6.91
2297	Wood Co., Ohio (3 iss.)	5	1928-1932	38,000	101.33	4.62
2429	Wyandotte, Mich.	5	1927-1931	18,000		
2297	Yakima County, Wash.	6	1944	10,000	93.50	
2167	Ypsilanti, Mich.	4½	1927-1934	15,000	100.34	4.43

Total bond sales for October (342 municipalities, covering 495 separate issues) \$94,654,616

d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later years. k Not including \$41,315,813 temporary loans. r Refunding bonds. y And other considerations. * But may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

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2163	Hawaii (Territory of)	4½	d1946-1956	\$1,805,000	103.19	4.31

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The following items included in our totals for previous months should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for these eliminations may be found.

Page.	Name.	Amount.
2022	Baldwin City, Kan. (September list)	\$106,000
1532	Clarinda, Idaho (September list)	r17,000
2293	Glades County Road & Bridge Dist., Fla. (February list)	767,000
2163	Greenfield, Iowa (August list)	16,000
2024	Jefferson County Sch. Dist. No. 47, Colo. (Sept. list)	48,000
2165	Miami Beach, Fla. (August list)	475,000
2295	Princeton Sch. Dist., N. J. (July list)	42,500
2166	Riverside Co. Sch. Dist., Calif. (2 issues) (July list)	1,050,000

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

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2165	Allegheny Sch. Dist. No. 16, No. Dak. (Aug.)	5	*1936	4,000	100	5.00
2292	Alto, Tex. (2 issues)	4.60		57,000	100	6.00
2292	Baldwinsville, N. Y.	4.60	1927-1945	19,000	100.13	4.58
2022	Baldwin City, Kan.	4½	1927-1936	106,032		
2165	Barton S. D. No. 8, No. Dak. (Jan.)	5	*1945	2,300	100	5.00
2022	Beardsley Aqua Fria Water Conserv. D., Ariz.	6		3,325,000		
2165	Beaver Creek S. D. No. 19, No. Dak. (March)	5	*1936	3,500	100	5.00
1905	Benton Harbor, Mich.	4¾		96,760	100.69	
2424	Bolivar S. D., Mo.	5	1931-1940	10,000	103.50	4.58
2165	Brooklyn S. D. No. 78, No. Dak. (March)	5	*1936	4,000	100	5.00
2165	Cleves S. D. No. 123, No. Dak. (May)	5	*1946	4,800	100	5.00
2424	Corpus Christi, Tex. (3 iss.)	5	1927-1946	200,000	100	5.00
2165	Crosby S. D. No. 82, No. Dak.	5	*1946	2,000	100	5.00
2293	Croton, N. Y.	6		15,000	100.25	
2023	Crystal River, Fla.	6		120,000	95	
2165	Defiance S. D. No. 32, No. Dak. (March)	5	*1936	4,000	100	5.00
2165	Divide Co. Ind. S. D. No. 37, No. Dak. (May)	5	*1946	2,900	100	5.00
2163	Dodgen S. D. No. 62, No. Dak. (Feb.)	5	*1946	9,500		
2163	Dover, Ohio (3 iss.) (June)	5½	1927-1936	33,850	103.99	4.72
2163	Dubuque, Tex.	5½		38,000	100.26	
2163	Dunn, No. Caro. (2 iss.)	5¼	1928-1966	70,000	100.78	5.17
2163	East Fork S. D. No. 5, No. Dak. (July)	5	*1946	6,500	100	5.00
2163	East Franklin Twp. S. D., Pa. (Aug.)	5	d1928-1946	35,000	100	5.00
2163	East Lansdowne S. D., Pa. (June)	4½	d1936-1956	40,000	101.78	4.39
2163	Eden Valley S. D. No. 1, No. Dak.	5	*1946	24,000	100	5.00
2163	Falls Creek, Pa. (July)	6	1927-1931	32,000	101.15	5.58
2163	Farrall S. D. No. 62, No. Dak. (Feb.)	5	*1945	5,000		
2424	Forty Fort, Pa. (July)	4½	1931-1936	150,000	100	4.50
2163	Foster S. D. 2, No. Dak.	5	*1946	40,000		
2165	Grenz S. D. No. 21, No. Dak. (Aug.)	5	*1936	2,000	100	5.00
2163	Hoffningsthal S. D. No. 25, No. Dak. (July)	5	*1941	6,000	100	5.00
2293	Hood Co. Com. S. D. No. 5, Texas	5	1927-1946	6,500	100.76	
2024	Island Creek & Steubenville Twp. Ind. Rural S. D. No. 2, Ohio (July)	5	1927-1946	69,500	100.12	4.98
2294	Jefferson Davis Par. Rd. Dist. No. 1, La.	4½	1927-1951	70,000	100	
2024	Knox Co. Ind.	4½	1928-1937	150,000	101.61	4.19
2024	Knoxville S. D., Pa. (July)	4½	1931-1951	26,000	102.41	4.29
2294	Lacassine Rd. Dist. No. 1, La.	5	1927-1956	30,000	100.58	
2165	Lake Washington S. D. No. 49, No. Dak.	5	*1936	3,000	100	5.00
2165	La Moure S. D. No. 45, No. Dak. (Aug.)	5	*1946	2,800	100	5.00
2164	Lenoir Graded S. D., No. Caro. (June)	5	1929-1953	100,000	102.22	4.78
2164	Lincoln S. D. No. 1, No. Dak. (April)	5	*1946	5,800	100	5.00
2164	Linton Spec. S. D. No. 36, No. Dak. (April)	5	*1946	27,500	100	5.00
2165	Long Creek S. D. No. 2, No. Dak. (Jan.)	5	*1945	2,500	100	5.00
2165	Loretta S. D. No. 108, No. Dak.	5	*1936	4,000	100	5.00
2426	Lower Paxton Twp. S. D., Pa. (August)	5	1927-1931	15,000	102	4.28
2164	Lucca Spec. S. D. No. 85, No. Dak. (July)	5	*1946	20,000	100	5.00
2164	McClusky S. D. No. 19, No. Dak. (May)	5	*1946	45,000	100	5.00
2024	Mackinaw and Wawatam Twp. S. D. No. 1, Fractional, Mich. (June)	4¾	1927-1954	50,000	100.74	4.44
2165	Manheim S. D. No. 3, No. Dak. (May)	5	*1946	2,500	100	5.00
2165	Maple River S. D. No. 36, No. Dak. (July)	5	*1946	10,000	100	5.00

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2165	Miranda Ind. S. D., Tex.	6	1927-1936	8,000	100	6.00
2024	Mitchell, Ind.	5	1930-1936	12,000	104.04	4.25
2024	Muleshoe, Tex. (July)	5½	1927-1966	40,000	98.50	
2166	North Dakota (State of) (Jan.)	4½	*1954	600,000	100	4.50
2166	North Fork S. D. No. 20, No. Dak. (July)	5	*1946	8,000	100	5.00
2166	Odessa S. D. No. 1, No. Dak. (July)	5	*1946	4,500	100	5.00
2025	Osceola, N. Y.	5	1927-1934	8,000		
2166	Otis S. D. No. 80, No. Dak. (March)	5	*1946	5,000	100	5.00
2427	Payne Co. S. D. No. 98, Okla. (August)	5	1929-1932	60,000	100.77	4.81
2166	Raleigh S. D. No. 23, No. Dak. (Aug.)	5	*1946	7,000	100	5.00
2166	Raney S. D., No. Dak. (Feb.)	5	*1936	3,000	100	5.00
2166	Rhame S. D. No. 17, No. Dak.	5	*1945	10,000	100	5.00
2296	Riviera, Fla.	6		158,000	100	
2166	Roosevelt S. D. No. 51, No. Dak. (June)	5	*1946	30,000	100	5.00
2166	Ross S. D. No. 119, No. Dak. (April)	5	*1946	3,000	100	5.00
2167	Salem S. D. No. 16, No. Dak. (July)	5	*1946	5,000	100	5.00
2167	Selfridge S. D. No. 8, No. Dak. (May)	5	*1946	24,000	100	5.00
2167	South Euclid, Ohio	5	1928-1937	61,805		
2167	Stark Co., Ohio (3 issues) (June)	4½	1928-1936	192,000	100.65	4.38
2167	Strasburg S. D. No. 7, No. Dak. (July)	5	*1936	10,000	100	5.00
2167	Underwood S. D. No. 8, No. Dak. (Jan.)	5	*1946	35,000	100	5.00
2428	University Heights, Ohio	5		51,242	101.04	
2296	Vernon, Tex. (Aug.) (2 issues)	5½	1966	80,000	103.49	5.31
2428	Walden, Colo.	4¾	1932-1961	r15,000		
2167	Waller S. D. No. 15, No. Dak.	5	*1946	10,000	100	5.00
2167	Washburn, No. Dak. (May)	5	*1946	20,000	100	5.00
2167	Weller S. D. No. 119, No. Dak. (May)	5	*1946	25,000	100	5.00
2167	Winfield, N. Y. (Aug.)	5	1929-1950	22,000	103.15	4.66
2167	Wood Lake S. D. No. 32, No. Dak. (Aug.)	5	*1946	12,400	100	5.00
2028	York, Pa.	5	1956	50,000	99.30	5.05
2167	York Twp. S. D., Ohio	6		3,000	104.06	
2167	Zavalla Co. Com. S. D. No. 14, Tex.	5	serially	36,000	100	5.00

r Refunding bonds. * But may be redeemed two years from date of issue

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for September. These additional September issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$134,651,731.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN OCTOBER.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2028	Alberta (Province of)	4½	1956	\$6,000,000	92.75	4.965
2297	Bellefonte, Ont.	5	10, 20 & 30 inst.	115,931	99.41	
1910	Brantford, Ont.	5	1-10 years	16,000	98.86	5.24
2297	Brantford, Ont.	5		90,000		
2297	Cobalt, Ont.	5	1927-1956	30,000	99.03	5.09
1910	Dartmouth, N. S.	5	20 years	45,000		
2429	Duncan, B. C.	5	10 years	3,900		
2028	Essex Border Utilities Commission, Ont.	5½	30 install.	695,000	99.30	5.57
2167	Essex County, Ont.	5	10 install.	40,000	99.80	5.03
2297	Hull, Que.	5	1927-1956	200,000	97.18	5.29
2429	Kenogami, Que.	5	20 years	136,000	97.07	5.23
2168	Lanark County, Ont.	5	20 install.	76,700	99.93	5.01
2297	Laval Sur Le Lac, Que.	5½	10 years	56,000	97.50	5.78
2028	Manitoba Drain Dist., Man.	5	30 years	115,000	99.78	5.02
2429	North Bay, Ont.	5	20 install.	339,254	101.10	5.12
2429	North Bay, Ont. (2 iss.)	5	10 & 20 inst.	129,350		
2424	Port Alfred, Que.	5	30 years	80,000		
2429	Port Moody, B. C.	5½	1936	100,000	98.33	5.72
2028	Prince Rupert, B. C. (2 issues)	5	5 & 10 years	81,660	96.32	5.94
2297	Riviere Du Loup, Que.	5	30 years	130,000	95.22	5.47
2028	St. Catharines, Ont. (3 issues)	5	1927-1956	393,685	99.65	5.04
2429	St. Joseph d'Alma, Que.	5½	25 years	75,000		
2429	Ste. Marie De Saybee, Que.	5½	20 years	12,900	99.12	5.62
2008	St. Zotique, Que.	5½	1927-1956	200,000	100.115	5.49
2429	Saskatchewan Sch. Dist., Sask.	6	10 years	1,500		
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Honduras (Republic of).—\$500,000 *External Gold Bonds Offered.*—H. C. Burt & Co. of New York offered and sold on Thursday, Nov. 4, \$500,000 7% national highway external gold bonds of the Republic of Honduras at 98½ and accrued interest, to yield about 7.75%. Date July 1 1926. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Due Jan. 1 1929. Callable at par on any interest-paying date. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, New York City, in gold coin of the United States of America. Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

Hungarian Consolidated Municipal Loan.—\$6,000,000 *External Loan Floated.*—Speyer & Co. of New York offered and quickly sold on Oct. 29 (the issue being oversubscribed) \$6,000,000 7% 20-year secured sinking fund gold bonds of the Hungarian Consolidated Municipal Loan. Date Sept. 1 1926. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal. Prin. and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable in New York City in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, free from all Hungarian taxes, present or future, at the office of Speyer & Co., fiscal agents of the loan. Due Sept. 1 1946; redeemable as a whole or in part on any interest date upon not less than three months' previous notice at 102 up to and including July 1 1929, thereafter at 101 up to and including July 1 1931, and thereafter at par. Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" in our last week's issue, page 2206.

New York (State of).—*Governor Smith Re-elected—Vote on Other Officials.*—On Nov. 2 Alfred E. Smith, Democrat, was re-elected Governor of this State, defeating his Republican opponent, Ogden L. Mills. Returns from both State and city, with 36 scattered districts unreported, give Smith 1,515,147 votes to 1,265,536 for Mills, a plurality of 249,611. The complete gubernatorial vote for New York City is 838,287 for Smith and 354,896 for Mills. The Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor and State Comptroller were also elected, according to present returns. The vote for Lieutenant-Governor, with 84 election districts still missing, stands 1,389,940 for Edwin Corning, Democrat, to 1,276,759 for Seymour Lowman, Republican. The vote for Comptroller, with 231 election districts still missing, is 1,339,860 for Morris S. Tremaine, Democrat, and 1,237,418 for Vincent Murphy, Republican.

According to latest returns, the present State Attorney-General, Albert Ottinger, was re-elected over Benjamin Stolz, Democratic candidate. With four districts still missing, the vote is 1,331,896 for Ottinger and 1,323,099 for Stolz.

In the contest between Judge Robert F. Wagner, Democrat, and Senator James W. Wadsworth Jr., Republican, for United States Senator, the vote, with 44 election districts missing, gives Judge Wagner a plurality of 121,495. Franklin W. Cristman, running as a prohibition candidate for United States Senator, received a vote of 223,885. The vote was: Wagner, 1,320,249; Wadsworth, 1,198,754; Cristman, 223,885.

Vote on State Referendum for Modification of Volstead Act.—With 378 election districts unreported, the vote on the prohibition referendum was 1,685,489 for to 543,920 against. The question balloted on was: "Should the Congress of the United States modify the Federal Act to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment so that the same shall not prohibit the manufacture, sale, transportation, importation or exportation of beverages which are not in fact intoxicating as determined in accordance with the laws of the respective States?" This question was submitted under authority of Chapter 850, Laws of 1926.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS
this week have been as follows:

ABERDEEN, Grays Harbor County, Wash.—*BOND ELECTION.*—An election will be held on Dec. 4 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$120,000 junior high school bonds.

AKRON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Summit County, Ohio.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Irene M. Moses, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Nov. 22 for \$540,000 4½% school bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$27,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1946, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Central Savings & Trust Co., Akron, or at the Hanover National Bank, New York. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, is required.

ALBANY COUNTY (P. O. Albany), N. Y.—*BOND SALE.*—Farson, Son & Co. of New York have purchased an issue of \$45,000 4½% refunding bridge bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1941, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

ALBERT LEA, Freeborn County, Minn.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$90,000 coupon sewer bonds offered on Oct. 23—V. 123, p. 2021—were awarded to Paine, Webber & Co. of Minneapolis as 4½s at a premium of \$1,340, equal to 101.48, a basis of about 4.30%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$6,000 Oct. 1 1928 to 1942, incl. Interest payable A. & O.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$112,500 4½% refunding bonds offered on Oct. 23—V. 123, p. 1904—were awarded to the First National Bank of Fort Wayne at a premium of \$3,333 33, equal to 102.96. Due in 20 years.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Lima), Ohio.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$15,896 46 5% Lowell and Wendell Ave. improvement bonds offered on Oct. 28—V. 123, p. 2021—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$210, equal to 101.32, a basis of about 4.73%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due \$800 March and Sept. 1 1927 to March 1 1936, incl., and \$696 48 Sept. 1 1936.

AMITE, Tangipahoa County, La.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$30,000 6% street impt. bonds offered on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 2161—were awarded to the Amite Bank & Trust Co. of Amite at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.33. Interest payable A. & O.

ANDOVER, Essex County, Mass.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$50,000 4% coupon memorial hall library bonds, offered on Oct. 29—V. 123, p. 2292—were awarded to the H. C. Grafton Co. of Boston at 100.28, a basis of about 3.90%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$10,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1931, incl.

ANTLERS, Pushmataha County, Okla.—*BOND SALE.*—Calvert & Canfield of Oklahoma City have purchased an issue of \$23,000 6% water works bonds at a premium of \$250, equal to 101.08.

ASHLEY, Luzerne County, Pa.—*BOND SALE.*—\$50,000 5½% coupon borough bonds, offered on Oct. 28—V. 123, p. 2165—were awarded to the First National Bank of Ashley at a premium of \$355, equal to 100.71, a basis of about 5.06%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due \$25,000 Jan. 1 1928 and 1929.

ASHEVILLE, Buncombe County, No. Caro.—*INTEREST RATE.*—The six issues of improvement bonds aggregating \$1,590,000 awarded to a syndicate headed by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York City at 101.715, a basis of about 4.62%.—V. 123, p. 2161—all bear interest at the rate of 4¾%.

AUGUSTA, Richmond County, Ga.—*BIDS.*—Following is a complete list of other bids received for the three issues of 4½% coupon or registered general improvement bonds aggregating \$400,000, awarded on Oct. 25 to the Citizens & Southern Co. of Atlanta at 102.26, a basis of about 4.29%—V. 123, p. 2292:

Bidder—	Price Bid.
South Carolina National Bank.....	\$405,839 60
Guaranty Trust Co., New York.....	400,359 00
Harris, Forbes & Co., New York; Courts & Co., Atlanta, and T. D. Carey & Co., Augusta.....	402,480 00
Old Colony Corporation, Boston, and the Detroit Co., Detroit.....	407,403 87
Estabrook & Co., Boston, and W. E. Bush & Co., Augusta.....	405,761 00
Bell, Speas & Co., the Robinson-Humphrey Co. and the Trust Company of Georgia, all of Atlanta.....	407,220 00
Empire Trust Co., Atlanta.....	403,980 00
Eastman, Dillon & Co. and Gibson, Leefe & Co., Inc., both of New York City.....	406,630 00
W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., New York City.....	407,756 00
Phelps, Fenn & Co., New York City.....	408,800 00
J. H. Hilsman & Co., Inc., Atlanta.....	408,701 00

Financial Statement.

Actual values (estimated).....	\$76,418,930 00
Assessed values, 1926.....	51,612,620 00
Total bonded debt (incl. this issue).....	\$3,598,000 00
Less waterworks and sinking fund.....	597,617 68
Net debt.....	\$3,000,382 32
Population 1920, 52,548.	

AUSTIN Travis County Texas.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Adam R. Johnson, City Manager, will receive sealed bids for \$150,000 school bonds.

AVALON, Cape May County, N. J.—*BOND SALE.*—R. M. Grant & Co. of New York have purchased the following bonds, aggregating \$173,000: \$148,000 6% temporary improvement bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 1932. 25,000 6% tax title bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due \$5,000 Aug. 1 1927 to 1931 inclusive.

Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank of Sea Isle City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York.

BAY, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$78,282 42 5% special assessment street improvement bonds offered on Oct. 26—V. 123, p. 2162—were awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$108, equal to 100.13, a basis of about 4.97%. Date Oct. 1 1926. 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 42 in 1937.

BEATYVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Beatyville), Lee County, Ky.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$16,000 6% school bonds offered on Oct. 5—V. 123, p. 1905—were awarded to Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger of Cincinnati at a premium of \$210, equal to 101.31, a basis of about 4.89%. Due \$2,000 1939 to 1946, incl.

BEAUMONT, Jefferson County, Tex.—*BOND SALE.*—The following seven issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$1,250,000 offered on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 2292—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Geo. H. Burr & Co., H. L. Allen & Co., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co. and A. B. Leach & Co., all of New York City, and H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston, at 101.639, a basis of about 4.83%:

- \$325,000 street and highway bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1927 to 1936 incl.; \$6,500, 1937 to 1946 incl.; \$9,500, 1947 to 1956 incl., and \$13,000, 1957 to 1966 incl.
 - 300,000 city hall and auditorium bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1936 incl.; \$6,000, 1937 to 1946 incl.; \$9,000, 1947 to 1956 incl., and \$12,000, 1957 to 1966 incl.
 - 250,000 sewerage bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1936 incl. \$5,000, 1937 to 1946 incl.; \$7,000, 1947 to 1956 incl., and \$10,000, 1957 to 1966 incl.
 - 150,000 fire department bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1936 incl.; \$3,000, 1937 to 1946 incl.; \$4,000, 1947 to 1956 incl., and \$6,000, 1957 to 1966 incl.
 - 100,000 police department bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1936 incl.; \$2,000, 1937 to 1946 incl.; \$3,000, 1947 to 1956 incl., and \$4,000, 1957 to 1966 incl.
 - 100,000 public park bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$,000, 1927 to 1936 incl.; \$2,000, 1937 to 1946 incl.; \$3,000, 1947 to 1956 incl., and \$4,000, 1957 to 1966 incl.
 - 25,000 market house bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$500, 1927 to 1956 incl., and \$1,000, 1957 to 1966 incl.
- Dated Dec. 1 1926.

BELL COUNTY (P. O. Belton), Tex.—*BOND SALE.*—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$165,000 6% funding bonds. Due serially, 1928 to 1944, incl.

BELLINGHAM, Whatcom County, Wash.—*ORIGINAL PURCHASER.*—The original purchaser of the two issues of refunding bonds aggregating \$250,000 reported sold to the First National Bank of Seattle—V. 123, p. 2162—was the Marine National Bank of Seattle. The price paid was par.

BELOIT, Rock County, Wis.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$25,000 4½% coupon storm sewer bonds offered on Oct. 29 (V. 123, p. 2292) were awarded to the Beloit State Bank at a premium of \$175, equal to 100.70, a basis of about 4.37%. Dated Nov. 1 1926. Due \$2,000 1927 to 1938 inclusive and \$1,000 1939.

BESSEMER, Jefferson County, Ala.—*BOND SALE.*—The following two issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$122,000 offered on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 2162—were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville as follows: \$92,000 public improvement bonds at 102.05, a basis of about 5.56%.: Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1936. 30,000 sewer bonds at 106.10, a basis of about 5.58%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 1956.

BEXLEY EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bexley), Franklin County, Ohio.—*BOND OFFERING.*—J. L. Henney, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Nov. 24 for \$300,000 4½% school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$6,000 April and Oct. 1 1927 to Oct. 1 1951 incl. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds is required.

BINGHAMTON, Broome County, N. Y.—*BIDS.*—Following is a list of other bids received for the three issues of 4½% coupon bonds, awarded on Oct. 26—V. 123, p. 2292—to a syndicate composed of Redmond

& Co.; Phelps, Fenn & Co. and Pulley & Co., all of New York, and the Peoples Trust Co. of Binghamton at 100.92, a basis of about 4.14%:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.	Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.,	100.8397	State Bank of Binghamton,	100.3299
New York.		Binghamton.	
J. A. De Camp & Co., N. Y.	100.5857	W. A. Harriman & Co., N. Y.	100.299
A. B. Leach & Co., N. Y.	100.539	Manufacturers & Traders	
Equitable Tr. Co., N. Y.	100.44	Trust Co., Buffalo.	100.2199
Eastman, Dillon & Co., N. Y.	100.3491	National City Co., N. Y.	100.059

BOLIVAR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Polk County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Sept. 27 (V. 123, p. 1659) were awarded to the Polk County Bank of Bolivar at a premium of \$350, equal to 103.50, a basis of about 4.58%. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1931 to 1940 incl. Int. payable A. & O.

BOWLING GREEN, Hardee County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—Farnson, Son & Co. of New York have purchased an issue of \$130,000 6% street impt. bonds. Dated June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows \$17,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$14,000, 1933 to 1935 incl., and \$12,000, 1936. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, Chicago.

BRAINTREE, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—The Town Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Nov. 19 for the following bonds, aggregating \$146,000:
\$96,000 school bonds. Due 1927 to 1941, incl.
50,000 water main and stand pipe bonds. Due 1927 to 1936, incl.
Date Dec. 1 1926.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston were awarded on Oct. 28 a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.76% discount basis plus a premium of \$3.25. Due April 18 1927.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY (P. O. Southport), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$160,000 6% road and bridge bonds offered on Oct. 25—V. 123, p. 2022—were awarded to the Drake-Jones Co. of Minneapolis at a premium of \$11,750, equal to 107.34, a basis of about 5.32%. Date March 1 1926. Due March 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1942 incl. and \$10,000, 1943 to 1952 incl.

CALHOUN COUNTY (P. O. Anniston), Ala.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$100,000 5% coupon county bonds purchased by Ward, Sterne & Co. of Birmingham at par—V. 122, p. 777—are described as follows: Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1931, incl.; \$2,000, 1932 to 1936, incl.; \$3,000, 1937 to 1941, incl.; \$4,000, 1942 to 1946, incl., and \$5,000, 1947 to 1956, incl. Int. payable M. & N.

CAMERON COUNTY (P. O. Brownsville), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Oscar G. Dancy, County Judge, will receive sealed bids until Dec. 15 for \$100,000 4½% road bonds. Due \$20,000, 1961 to 1965 incl.; optional after 10 years. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank, New York City. These are the bonds mentioned in V. 123, p. 1785.

CAMERON COUNTY (P. O. Harlingen), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held in January for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$6,000,000 road bonds.

CARTER SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Dale), Spencer County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 4½% school building bonds offered on Oct. 2—V. 123, p. 1659—were awarded to the Dale State Bank of Dale at a premium of \$915, equal to 103.05, a basis of about 4.05%. Date June 22 1926. Due each six months as follows: \$1,000, July 1 1927 to July 1 1938 incl.; \$1,500, Jan. and July 1 1939, and \$2,000, Jan. and July 1 1940.

CASEY COUNTY (P. O. Danville), Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Sept. 25 the voters authorized the issuance of \$200,000 road bonds by a count of 2,117 for to 229 against.

CEDAR FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Black Hawk County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cedar Falls has purchased an issue of \$35,000 4½% refunding school bonds at 102.18. Due \$5,000 Nov. 1 1934 to 1940 incl. In V. 123, p. 2163, we incorrectly reported the amount purchased to be \$75,000.

CLARKSVILLE, Red River County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% coupon street improvement bonds registered on Oct. 7 (V. 123, p. 2022) were awarded to S. L. Austin & Co. of Austin at par. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially to 1966. Int. payable M. & S.

CLAWSON, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of special assessment bonds, aggregating \$39,000, offered on Oct. 26 (V. 123, p. 2162) were awarded to Bumpus & Co. and W. E. Moss & Co., both of Detroit, jointly as follows:
\$3,500 street bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$500, 1927, and \$1,000, 1928 to 1930, inclusive.
35,500 street bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$8,500, 1927, and \$9,000, 1928 to 1930, inclusive.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Clay), W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The State Sinking Fund Commission has purchased an issue of \$65,000 5½% road bonds at par.

CLEARWATER, Pinellas County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 6% special assessment bonds, aggregating \$166,000, offered on Nov. 1—V. 123, p. 2162—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, at 95.615, a basis of about 6.91%:

\$130,000 improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$13,000 April 1 1928 to 1937 incl.
36,000 improvement bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1931 incl., and \$4,000, 1932 to 1937 incl.

CLIFFSIDE PARK (P. O. Cliffside), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of bonds offered on Oct. 25 (V. 123, p. 2022) were awarded as follows:

\$223,000 (\$223,000 offered) assessment bonds as 5s at a premium of \$726, equal to 100.32, a basis of about 4.93%. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$19,000, 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$22,000, 1931, and \$25,000, 1932 to 1936 incl.

To Kountze Bros. of New York;
To R. M. Grant & Co. of New York;
\$100,000 (\$101,000 offered) public impt. bonds as 5s, paying \$101,204.93, equal to 101.204, a basis of about 4.87%. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1946 incl., \$5,000, 1947 to 1950 incl., and \$4,000, 1951.

The above supersedes the report given in V. 123, p. 2292.

CORDELL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washita County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Calvert & Canfield of Oklahoma City have purchased an issue of \$40,000 school bonds.

COLDWATER, Branch County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following 4% bonds, aggregating \$12,161.58, were sold to local investors at par: \$7,000 00 refunding sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 Sept. 1 1929 to 1935, incl.

4,090 40 Park Ave. paving special assessment bonds. Due \$818.08 March 1 1927 to 1931, incl.
1,017 17 West Pearl St. paving special assessment bonds. Due March 1 1927 to 1931, incl.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry H. Turner, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 17 for \$530,500 4½% special assessment bonds. Date Nov. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$500. Due March 1 as follows: \$53,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$54,000, 1934 to 1937 incl., and \$54,500, in 1938. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the fiscal agency of the City of Columbus in N. Y. City. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Nueces County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$200,000, registered on

Sept 23—V. 123, p. 2023—were awarded to Sutherland, Barry & Co. of New Orleans at par:

\$100,000 street improvement bonds.
50,000 water works extension bonds.
50,000 sewer extension bonds.
Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, 1927 to 1946 incl.

CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. Bucyrus), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,000 5% bridge bonds offered on Oct. 29 (V. 123, p. 2162) were awarded to the State Teachers' Retirement System at a premium of \$240, equal to 100.92, a basis of about 4.67%. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1930 incl., and \$6,000 in 1931.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following six issues of 5½% impt. bonds, aggregating \$129,634.36, offered on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 2023—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$4,654, equal to 103.59, a basis of about 4.68%:

\$25,844.90 Akron Gardens bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and one for \$844.90. Due \$2,844.90, Oct. 1 1927; \$2,500, April and Oct. 1, 1928 to Oct. 1 1931, incl., and \$3,000, April 1 1932.

4,915.40 Elmwood Ave. bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$415.40. Due \$415.40, Oct. 1 1927 and \$500, April and Oct. 1 1928 to April 1 1932, incl.

22,958.68 Gaylord Heights bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$958.68. Due \$1,958.68, Oct. 1 1927; \$1,000, April and Oct. 1 1928 to April 1 1936, incl., and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1936 and April 1 1937.

5,620.95 Lawton Ave. bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$620.95. Due \$620.95, Oct. 1 1927; \$500, April and Oct. 1 1928 to Oct. 1 1931 and \$1,000, April 1 1932.

3,866.48 River Way and Ruggles Road bonds. Denom. \$200, except one for \$66.48. Due \$66.48, Oct. 1 1927, and \$200, April and Oct. 1 1928 to April 1 1937, incl.

66,427.95 Harrison Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$427.95. Due \$4,279.50, Oct. 1 1927; \$4,000, April and Oct. 1 1928; \$3,000, April and Oct. 1 1929 to Oct. 1 1925, incl.; \$4,000, April and Oct. 1 1936 and April 1 1937.

Date Oct. 1 1926.

DARIEN, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 4½% coupon high school bonds offered on Nov. 1 (V. 123, p. 2293) were awarded to R. L. Day & Co. of Boston at 101.659, a basis of about 4.25%.

DEPEW Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood & Merrifield of New York were awarded on Oct. 4 the following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$30,000, as 4.60s at 100.03, a basis of about 4.59%:

\$20,000 sewer bonds.
10,000 fire apparatus bonds.
Date Sept. 1 1926. Due serially 1927 to 1936 inclusive.

DETROIT, Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—Voters of this city gave their approval on Nov. 2 to the issuance of \$30,000,000 water improvement and extension bonds.

DONNA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hidalgo County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—Taylor, Ewart & Co. of Chicago, have purchased an issue of \$50,000 5% school bonds. Due serially in 20 to 28 years.

EATON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Preble County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles E. Michael, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 20 for \$325,000 4¾% school building bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1927 to 1933 incl.; \$15,000, 1934; \$14,000, 1935 to 1941 incl.; \$15,000, 1942; \$14,000, 1943 to 1948 incl. and \$15,000, 1949. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at office of the Eaton National Bank. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, is required. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland.

ELM CITY GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wilson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% school bonds offered on Nov. 3—V. 123, p. 2292—were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$563, equal to 101.40.

ENTERPRISE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles) Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 15, for \$65,000 5% school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1941, incl., and \$3,000, 1942 to 1956, incl. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. All bids submitted must be for the total amount of issue and accrued interest. Each bid must be for par and accrued interest to date of delivery, premiums if any, to be stated separately. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, required.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—The County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 12 for the purchase on a discount basis of \$40,000 tuberculosis hospital maintenance notes. Date Nov. 15 1926. Due April 15 1927.

EUFAULA, Barbour County, Ala.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$175,000 6% coupon series E public impt. bonds awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at par—V. 122, p. 3369—are described as follows: Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 1936, optional \$17,500 June 1 1927 to 1936, incl. Int. payable J. & D. Marx & Co., Steiner Bros. and Ward, Sterne & Co., all of Birmingham, were in joint account with the above named purchaser.

EXPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BONDS OFFERED.—G. R. Speer, Secretary Board of Education, received sealed bids until Nov. 5 for \$15,000 5% school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931, 1935 and 1938.

FARGO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cass County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 school bonds offered on Oct. 28 (V. 123, p. 2023) were awarded to L. B. Hanna of Fargo as 95. Dated July 1 1926. Due \$40,000 July 1 1931 to 1935 incl. Legal opinion and printed bonds to be furnished by purchaser.

FARMERVILLE, Union Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Stancil Jr., Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Dec. 14 for \$52,000 6% public improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,600 1927 to 1946 incl. A certified check for \$2,000 required. Legality to be approved by Charles & Rutherford, St. Louis, and B. A. Campbell, New Orleans.

FERGUS FALLS, Otter Tail County, Minn.—WARRANT OFFERING.—H. J. Collins, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$2,220 not exceeding 6% impt. warrants. Date Oct. 27 1926. Denom. \$275. Due \$275, 1928 to 1935, incl. Rate of interest to be named by bidder. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at the option of successful bidder. A certified check for \$150, required.

FLORHAM PARK, Morris County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Nov. 15 by the Mayor, for an issue of 5% coupon or not to exceed \$14,825 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$14,825, registered fire bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$500, except one for \$325. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1938, incl.; \$1,500, 1939, and \$1,325 in 1940. Legality to be approved by Mills & Burke of Morristown. Prin. and int. A. & O. payable in New York exchange at the First National Bank of Madison. A certified check for 2% of amount bid for is required.

FORT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Peach County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—A. C. Riley, President School District, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 30 for \$180,000 5% school bonds. These are the bonds offered on Sept. 15 (V. 123, p. 1276).

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The Fort Worth National Bank, has purchased an issue of \$175,000 4½% street impt. bonds at par.

FORTY FORT, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4½% paving and sewer bonds offered on July 6 (V. 123, p. 3633) were awarded to the Second

National Bank of Wilkes-Barre at par. Due \$25,000 June 7 1931 to 1936 inclusive.

FRANKLINTON, Franklin County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 water bonds offered on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 1263—were awarded as 5½s, to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati at a premium of \$7, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 5.49%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$600 Oct. 1 1928 to 1947, incl.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Camp Chase), Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Wallace B. King, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 20 \$4,150 6% notes. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$830. Due \$830. Dec. 1 1927 to 1931, incl. A certified check for \$250 is required.

FREDERICKTOWN, Knox County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred Levering, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 20 for \$17,596 14 5% coupon special assessment bonds. Denom. \$880, except one for \$876 14. Due \$880 April 1 and Oct. 1 1928 to 1936, incl.; \$880, April 1 1937, and \$876 14, Oct. 1 1937. Prin. and int. payable at the Village Clerk's office. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Riverton), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—A. B. Carlson, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Nov. 10 for \$2,000 6% school bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due in 1951, optional after 1931.

GARFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Glenwood), Colo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—Benwell & Co. of Denver have purchased an issue of \$3,000 school bonds subject to being voted at a coming election.

GARDNER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 4% coupon sewer bonds offered on Oct. 28—V. 123, p. 2293—were awarded to Merrill, Oldham & Co. of Boston at 100.12, a basis of about 3.98%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1941, incl.

TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Gardner Trust Co. of Gardner has purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.97% discount basis plus a premium of \$1.75.

Financial Statement, Oct. 8 1926.

Net valuation for year 1925	\$22,664,535 00
Debt limit	512,513 03
Total gross debt, including this issue	548,650 00
Exempted Debt: Water bonds	\$129,500
Other bonds	190,650
	320,150
Net debt	\$228,500 00
Borrowing capacity	\$284,013 03

GIBSON, Scotland County, No. Caro.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by Lawrence T. Gibson, Town Clerk, that the \$22,000 6% street impt. bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 123, p. 1786—have not been sold.

GOLDSBORO, Wayne County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. G. Spence, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 15, bonds, aggregating \$160,000:

- \$6,100 sanitary sewer bonds.
- 38,000 water supply system bonds.
- 35,000 street extension and storm sewer bonds.
- 26,000 sidewalk curb and gutter bonds.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1933, incl.; \$5,000, 1934 to 1938, incl.; and \$7,000, 1949 to 1958, incl. Rate of interest to be named by bidders and must be in multiples of ¼ of 1%. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable in New York City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washbury, New York City.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 2023—the voters authorized the issuance of \$400,000 bridge bonds by a count of 7,769 for to 2,744 against.

GRAPEVINE, Tarrant County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—H. C. Burt & Co. of Dallas, have purchased an issue of \$39,000 sewer bonds.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Catskill), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Wendell S. Sherman, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 9 for \$380,000 not exceeding 4½% coupon highway bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 to 1934, incl.; \$10,000, 1935 to 1942, incl.; \$20,000, 1943 to 1949, incl.; and \$25,000, 1950 to 1954, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National City Bank, New York City, or at the office of the County Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Clay & Dillon of New York. A certified check for \$7,600 is required.

GREENLEAF, Washington County, Kan.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the two issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$105,000 awarded to the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas—V. 123, p. 2163—was 98.25. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

HADDON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Haddon Heights), Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 14—V. 123, p. 1787—were awarded to the Haddon Heights Bank & Trust Co., taking \$15,000 (\$15,000 offered) at par. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due \$500 Sept. 1 1928 to 1957, incl.

HARLINGEN, Cameron County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, has purchased an issue of \$63,000 5½% municipal impt. bonds. Date Sept. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1929; \$4,000, 1932; \$5,000, 1937; 1940 and 1945; \$6,000, 1948, 1953 and 1956; \$9,000, 1961; \$11,000, 1964 and \$3,000, 1966. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley, Chicago.

Financial Statement.

Actual valuation, estimated	\$6,000,000
Assessed valuation, 1926	3,390,804
Total debt, including this issue	794,100
Less: Water and light bonds	\$158,500
Sinking fund	17,000
Net debt	618,600
Population (official est.), 8,000.	

HENDERSONVILLE, Henderson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, has purchased the following two issues of 5½% bonds, aggregating \$350,000: \$200,000 street impt. bonds. \$150,000 water and sewer bonds.

HIGHLAND, Clay County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Womble, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 30 for the following not exceeding 6% coupon bonds, aggregating \$45,000:

- \$30,000 water works bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1945, incl., and \$3,000, 1946 to 1950, incl.
- 15,000 town hall bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1931 to July 1 1945, incl.

Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be named by bidders in multiples of 1%. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City.

HOUSTON, Harris County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—O. F. Holcombe, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Dec. 6 for the following 13 issues of 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$3,112,000:

- \$935,000 water works revenue bonds. Dated June 15 1926. Due serially June 15 1928 to 1951 incl. Int. payable J. & D.
- 652,000 roadways to turning basin bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$24,000, 1929 to 1951 incl., and \$20,000, 1952 to 1956 incl. Int. payable J. & D.

- 308,000 street improvement bonds. Dated July 15 1926. Due serially July 15 1929 to 1951 incl. Int. payable J. & D.
- 234,000 street improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1929 to 1951 incl., and \$10,000, 1952 to 1956 incl. Int. payable J. & D.
- 230,000 roadways to turning basin bonds. Dated July 15 1926. Due \$10,000 July 15 1929 to 1951 incl. Int. payable J. & J.
- 140,000 park improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Due \$5,000 Dec. 1 1929 to 1956 incl. Int. payable J. & D.
- 140,000 gravel pavement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Due \$5,000 Dec. 1 1929 to 1956 incl. Int. payable J. & D.
- 138,000 drainage sewer bonds. Dated July 15 1926. Due \$6,000 July 15 1929 to 1951 incl. Int. payable J. & J.
- 138,000 subway bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Due \$6,000 Dec. 1 1929 to 1951 incl. Int. payable J. & D.
- 92,000 macadam pavement bonds. Dated July 15 1926. Due \$4,000 July 15 1929 to 1951 incl. Int. payable J. & J.
- 46,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Due \$2,000 Dec. 1 1929 to 1951 incl. Int. payable J. & D.
- 44,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Dated July 15 1926. Due \$2,000 July 15 1930 to 1951 incl. Int. payable J. & J.
- 15,000 general improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1948, and \$4,000, 1949 to 1951 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Bids to be submitted for "all or none" of the bonds. Prin. and int. payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond or Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, both of New York City.

Financial Statement.

Estimated value of all property for taxation (1926)	\$450,000,000 00
Assessed valuation of all property for taxation (1926)	230,000,000 00
Amount to be received from taxation (1926)	4,000,000 00
Amount to be received from miscellaneous sources (1926)	1,600,000 00
Bonded debt and sinking fund:	
Bonded debt—General	19,431,750 00
Bonded debt—Water works	1,487,000 00
Total bonded debt	\$20,918,750 00
Sinking funds	2,558,419 00
Net bonded debt	\$18,360,331 00
Water works mortgages	1,977,000 00
Population 1926 (estimated), 248,000.	

Statement of Water Department.

Revenue from Jan. 1 1926 to Oct. 1 1926	\$449,910 50
Operating expenses and departmental improvements, Jan. 1 1926 to Oct. 1 1926	298,531 13
Revenue over expenses, &c., Jan. 1 1926 to Oct. 1 1926	\$151,379 37
Value of water-works plant, including amount to be expended out of bonds	4,586,340 00

Financial Statement of Magnolia Park, Annexed to the City of Houston, Oct. 16 1926.

Estimated valuation of all property for taxation (1926)	\$14,000,000 00
Assessed valuation of all property for taxation (1926)	10,000,000 00
Amount to be received from taxation (1926)	200,000 00
Amount to be received from miscellaneous sources (1926)	17,000 00
Bonded debt—General	1,159,500 00
Bonded debt—Water-works and gas	484,500 00
Floating debt (warrants)	724,509 19

Total bonded and floating debt	\$2,368,509 19
Sinking funds	9,500 00
Net debt	\$2,359,009 19
Population 1926 (estimated), 12,000.	

HUTCHINSON, Reno County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—H. R. Obee, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4:30 p. m. Nov. 9 for the following three issues of internal impt. bonds, aggregating \$58,292 36:

- 36,605 57 4½% paving bonds. Denom. \$500.
- 11,508 97 5% sidewalk bonds. Denom. \$200, \$100.
- 10,077 82 4½% sewer bonds. Denom. \$500.

Date Nov. 1 1926. Due serially 1927 to 1931, incl. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Morris Mather & Co. of Chicago were awarded on Nov. 3 the following bonds, aggregating \$199,000, as 4½s at a premium of \$1,360, equal to 100.68: \$100,000 general bonds. 99,000 special assessment bonds.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson) Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing \$800,000 court house bonds submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 1661—failed to carry.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Findlay Route 5) Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,100 6% coupon road impt. bonds offered on Oct. 27—V. 123, p. 2164—were awarded to the American First National Bank of Findlay at a premium of \$33, equal to 101.57, a basis of about 5.55%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$525 Nov. 1 1928 to 1932, incl.

JACKSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jackson), Jackson County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$700,000 school building bonds offered on Nov. 3—V. 123, p. 2294—were awarded to the Security Trust Co. of Detroit and associates as 4½s at a premium of \$9,113, equal to 101.30, a basis of about 4.35%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$28,000, 1928 and 1929; \$30,000, 1930; \$31,000, 1931; \$32,000, 1932; \$34,000, 1933; \$35,000, 1934; \$36,000, 1935 and 1936; \$38,000, 1937; \$41,000, 1938; \$42,000, 1939; \$44,000, 1940; \$46,000, 1941; \$47,000, 1942; \$48,000, 1943; \$51,000, 1944, and \$53,000, 1945.

JEFFERSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Jose) Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry F. Pfister, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 15 for \$100,000 5% coupon school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$4,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1951, incl. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% of the amount offered is required.

KEMORE, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. D. Willis, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 26 for \$6,200 5% coupon municipal building bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$200. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1932, incl., and \$1,200, 1933. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

KENNETT SQUARE, Chester County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 4½% improvement bonds offered on Oct. 26 (V. 123, p. 2024) were awarded to Schibener, Boening & Co. of Philadelphia at 100.29. Date Nov. 1 1926.

KINGSVILLE, Kleberg County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$180,000 5% street impt. bonds offered on Oct. 21—V. 123, p. 2164—were awarded to Garrett & Co. of Dallas at 95.55. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially to 1956.

LAKELAND, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. L. Davis, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 12 for the following seven issues of bonds aggregating \$953,000:

- \$500,000 5½% sewer bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due \$20,000 June 1 1931 to 1955, incl. Interest payable J. & J.
- 150,000 5½% municipal improvement bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due \$15,000 June 1 1936 to 1945, incl. Interest payable J. & J.
- 116,000 6% street improvement bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$11,000 1927, 1929, 1932 and 1934; \$12,000 1928, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1935 and 1936. Interest payable M. & N.

77,000 6% street improvement bonds. Date Nov. 10 1926. Due Nov. 10 as follows: \$7,000 1927, 1930 and 1933, \$8,000 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1935 and 1936. Interest payable M. & N.

50,000 5½% park bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due June 1 1944. Int. payable J. & J.

30,000 5½% park bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due June 1 1946. Interest payable J. & J.

30,000 5½% fire fighting equipment bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due June 1 1941. Interest payable J. & J.

Bidders are required to state their bids in a percentage of par value, plus accrued interest to date of delivery and to bid upon each issue separately. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds offered, drawn upon a bank or trust company doing business under the laws of the State of Florida, and payable to the city of Lakeland, required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation 1926—Real estate.....	\$49,130,840 00
Personal.....	5,579,776 00
Total.....	\$54,710,616 00
Actual value, estimated.....	\$75,000,000 00
Bonded Debt (Including This Issue)—	
General (payable from taxes):	
Gross debt.....	\$4,456,500 00
Less—Unexpended balances.....	\$737,701 89
Sinking funds.....	61,790 36
	799,492 25
Net general debt.....	\$2,704,007 75
Light and water (payable from light & water revenue):	
Gross debt.....	\$1,457,000 00
Less—Sinking fund balance.....	33 58
Net light and water debt.....	\$1,456,966 42
Street improvement (payable from special assessments):	
Gross debt.....	\$2,576,689 46
Less—Unexpended balances.....	\$85,049 99
Sinking fund balances.....	53,100 63
	138,150 62
Net balance (offset by liens and certificates held by city).....	\$2,438,538 84
Floating debt (light and water).....	\$58,137 96
Population, estimated.....	30,000

LAKEVIEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Battle Creek), Calhoun County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Orwin Adams, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Nov. 8 for \$80,000 4½% school bonds. Date Nov. 15 1926; due \$2,000 1931 to 1936 incl., \$3,000 1937 to 1947 incl., \$4,000 1948 to 1952 incl., and \$5,000 1953 to 1955 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Peoples State Bank, Detroit. Successful bidder to furnish printed bonds and legal opinion. A certified check for \$800 is required.

LANCASTER COUNTY (P. O. Lancaster), So. Caro.—NOTE SALE.—The \$100,000 5% notes offered on Nov. 1 (V. 123, p. 2164) were awarded to the Bank of Lancaster of Lancaster at a premium of \$1,240, equal to 101.24. In V. 123, p. 2164, the amount offered was incorrectly given as \$50,000.

LITTLE ROCK STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 444, Pulaski County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,200 street improvement bonds offered on Oct. 30—V. 123, p. 2294—were awarded as 5½% to M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock at 100.45. Date Nov. 15 1926.

LOS ANGELES (City and County of), Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 2 the voters authorized the issuance of the following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$8,750,000: \$8,500,000 University of California bonds for buildings, new site, construction and erection of State offices. 250,000 hospital bonds.

LOUISIANA (State of).—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 4½% coupon State gold improvement bonds offered on Oct. 20 (V. 123, p. 2024) were awarded to the Wm. R. Compton Co. and Curtis & Sanger, both of St. Louis, jointly, at a premium of \$3,149.50, equal to 100.62, a basis of about 4.39%. Dated Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1932.

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Harrisburg R. F. D. No. 3), Dauphin County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Aug. 16 (V. 123, p. 742) were awarded to S. W. Fitzgerald of Harrisburg at 102, a basis of about 4.28%. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due \$3,000 Aug. 1 1927 to 1931 inclusive.

LUZERNE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Brownsville), Fayette County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—A. M. R. Jacobs, Secretary Board of Road Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 16 for \$150,000 4½% road improvement bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$15,000 Jan. 1 1928 to 1937 incl. A certified check for \$1,500 required.

LYNDHURST TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lyndhurst), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Dominick J. Livelli, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 15 for the following 4½% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$125,000:

\$100,000 water bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1938, incl. and \$3,000, 1939 to 1964, incl.

25,000 town hall bonds. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1928 to 1952, incl.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. Prin. and int. A. & O. payable at the First National Bank of Lyndhurst. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

MCCCLUSKY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sheridan County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—L. F. Dickenson, Clerk of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 10 for \$12,000 certificates of indebtedness. A certificate check for 2% of the amount offered required.

MCCOOK, Red Willow County, Neb.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$155,000 5% coupon paving district No. 2 bonds, purchased by the United States Trust Co. of Omaha (V. 123, p. 2164) at par, are described as follows: Dated Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1946, optional after Oct. 1 1927. Int. payable A. & O.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Rolla, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 15 for the following 5% bonds, aggregating \$568,040 85:

\$46,077 05 Midlothian Boulevard road impt. bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$1,077 05. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,077 05 in 1928, \$3,000, 1929; \$5,000, 1930 to 1934, incl., and \$6,000, 1935 and 1936. A certified check for \$2,500 is required.

8,832 00 Argyle Ave. road impt. bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$832. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$832, 1928, and \$1,000, 1929 to 1936, incl. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

62,218 61 Poland sewer district No. 4 bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$218 61. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,218 61, 1928; \$4,000, 1929 to 1935, incl., and \$5,000, 1936 to 1941, incl. A certified check for \$3,000 is required.

358,298 70 Poland sewer district No. 4 bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$298 70. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$25,298 70, 1928; \$25,000, 1929 to 1933, incl., and \$26,000, 1934 to 1941, incl. A certified check for \$15,000 is required.

46,716 16 Boardman sewer district No. 1 bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$716 16. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,716 16, 1928; \$5,000, 1929 to 1934, incl., and \$6,000, 1935 and 1936. A certified check for \$2,500 is required.

45,898 33 Boardman sewer district No. 1 bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$898 33. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,898 33, 1928; \$5,000, 1929 to 1935, incl., and \$6,000, 1936. A certified check for \$2,500 is required.

MAPLE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bedford R. F. D.), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing \$200,000 school bonds submitted to the voters at the election held on Nov. 2 (V. 123, p. 1662) was defeated, the vote cast being 24 for 312 against.

MARCUS HOOK, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Cambridge Trust Co. of Chester purchased Oct. 30 an issue of \$40,000 street improvement bonds at 100.87.

MELBOURNE, Brevard County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 6% coupon special assessment bonds, aggregating \$271,000, offered on Oct. 25 (V. 123, p. 1907), were awarded to M. K. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock, and Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, jointly, at 95, a basis of about 7.89%:

\$233,000 street impt. bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1926. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$46,000, 1927 to 1930 incl., and \$49,000, 1931.

\$8,000 street impt. bonds. Due \$7,600 Sept. 1 1927 to 1931 incl.

MELROSE, Curry County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 coupon water construction bonds offered on Nov. 1 (V. 123, p. 1662) were awarded to James H. Causey & Co. of Denver at par. Dated Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1956, optional Nov. 1 1936. Rate of interest of given.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Baldwin County, Ga.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$60,000 6% street impt. bonds purchased by John W. Hutchinson, Milledgeville, at 98 (V. 123, p. 2165) are described as follows: Dated Nov. 15 1926. Due \$6,000 1927 to 1936 incl. Int. payable Nov. 15.

MILLVALE, Cumberland County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4½% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$178,000, offered on Oct. 9—V. 123, p. 1907—were awarded as follows: To Rufus Waples & Co. of Philadelphia:

\$133,000 (\$135,000 offered) general improvement bonds paying \$135,181 20, equal to 101.64, a basis of about 4.62%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1952, incl.; \$5,000, 1953 to 1958, incl., and \$3,000, 1959.

To C. W. Whitis & Co. of New York: \$45,000 (\$45,000 offered) water bonds at a premium of \$540, equal to 101.20, a basis of about 4.64%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1933, incl., and \$1,000, 1934 to 1966, incl. Date Oct. 1 1926.

MINERAL WELLS, Palo Pinto County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$68,000 5% refunding bonds registered on Oct. 14 (V. 123, p. 2165) were awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita.

MINNEHAHA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 81 (P. O. Sioux Falls), So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of South Dakota has purchased an issue of \$4,000 school bonds.

MISSOULA, Missoula County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Carl Jones, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 9 for \$189,400 not exceeding 6% amortization or serial funding bonds. Date Nov. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. If serial bonds are issued they will mature annually as follows: Nov. 15 1931 to 1946, incl. Bidders to name rate of interest and must be in multiples of ¼ of 1%. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at the City Treasurer's office, or in New York City. A certified check for \$3,500 required. These are the bonds mentioned in V. 123, p. 2165.

MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—S. H. Hendrix, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 16 for \$500,000 4½% funding bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 1946. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, New York City. Legal expense to be paid by purchaser. A certified check for \$5,000 payable to the City, required.

MOONACHIE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Carlstadt), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,000 5% registered school bonds offered on Oct. 28, V. 123, p. 2165—were awarded to the New Jersey Fidelity & Plate Glass Insurance Co. of Newark at a premium of \$1 05, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 4.99%. Date Dec. 1 1926. Due \$1,000, Dec. 1 1927 to 1947, incl.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Henry County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 public library building bonds offered on Oct. 27—V. 123, p. 2165—were awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport at 4½% at a premium of \$5 66, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 4.48%. Due \$1,000, Nov. 1 1927 to 1934, incl.

MUSCATINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Muscatine), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 4½% coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 30—V. 123, p. 2295—were awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport at a premium of \$1,752 50, equal to 103.50, a basis of 4.24%. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due Aug. 1 1946.

MUSCOTAH, Atchison County, Mo.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$35,000 5% paving bonds purchased by the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City—V. 123, p. 2165—was 98.25. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, 1927 to 1936, incl.

MUSKOGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Ida L. Christiansen, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Central standard time) Nov. 8 for \$126,500 4½ or 4¼% coupon improvement bonds, Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due as follows: \$11,500, 1927; \$13,000, 1928; \$11,500, 1930; \$13,500, 1931; \$12,500, 1932; \$12,000, 1933; \$13,000, 1934; \$12,500, 1935; and \$14,000, 1936. Alternative bids are requested on 4¼ and 4½% basis, prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Successful bidder to furnish bonds. Legality will be approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

NASHVILLE, Berrien County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 coupon paving bonds offered on Oct. 30—V. 123, p. 2295—were awarded as 6s, to J. H. Hillsman, Atlanta, at a premium of \$300, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 5.90%. Date Nov. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 15 1956. Interest payable Nov. 15.

NEW MILFORD, Bergen County, N. J.—The following two issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$197,000, offered on Nov. 3—V. 123, p. 2295—were awarded as follows:

\$105,000 (\$106,000 offered) public impt. bonds to R. M. Grant & Co. of New York as 5s, paying \$106,325, equal to 101.26, a basis of about 4.84%. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1938, incl.; \$5,000, 1939 to 1942, incl., and \$7,000 in 1943.

92,000 (\$92,000 offered) assessment bonds to Batchelder, Wack & Co. of New York as 5s at a premium of \$524 50, equal to 100.57, a basis of about 4.88%. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$8,000, 1927 to 1932, incl.; \$10,000, 1933 and 1934, and \$12,000, 1935 and 1936. Dated Oct. 15 1926.

NEW ORLEANS, Orleans Parish, La.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Nov. 30 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$7,500,000 public improvement bonds.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—BOND SALE.—The Aquidneck National Exchange Bank & Savings Co. of Newport was awarded on Oct. 28 an issue of \$150,000 4½% city hall rebuilding bonds at 100.096, a basis of about 4.24%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$6,000, Nov. 1 1927 to 1951, incl. Prin. and int. M. & N. payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the First National Bank of Boston, at option of holder. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

NEW ROCKFORD, Eddy County, No. Dak.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$34,000 5½% coupon water works bonds awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago—V. 123, p. 2165—at 100.37, are described as follows: Date Oct. 15 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, 1931 to 1946, incl. Interest payable A. & O.

NEW SALEM, Morton County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—Paine, Webber & Co. of St. Paul, has purchased an issue of \$15,000 5% impt. bonds. Due in 20 years.

NEW YORK CITY.—TEMPORARY LOANS ISSUED DURING OCTOBER.—The City of New York issued short term securities in the aggregate of \$35,345,000, consisting of special revenue bonds and bills, tax notes and corporate stock notes during October as follows:

Table with columns: Special Revenue Bonds of 1926, Revenue Bills of 1926, Tax Notes of 1926, Corporate Stock Notes of 1926. Includes sub-sections for Various Municipal Purposes, School Construction, and Assessment Bonds, Sec. 181.

GENERAL FUND BONDS.—The city also issued on Oct. 22 \$1,500,000 3% general fund bonds, maturing Nov. 1 1930.

NIAGARA FALLS, Niagara County, N. Y. BOND OFFERING.—W. D. Robbins, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 10 for the following not exceeding 4 1/2% coupon bonds, aggregating \$346,000:

\$260,000 water, series A, bonds. Due \$26,000 Dec. 1 1941 to 1950, incl. \$6,000 sewer, series C, bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$18,000, 1960 and 1961; \$16,000, 1962, and \$34,000 in 1963.

Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York. Rate of interest to be in multiples of 1-20 of 1% and be the same for all of the bonds. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, New York. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the City Clerk, is required.

NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Northampton County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$275,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Nov. 3—V. 123, p. 3025—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York at 102.07, a basis of about 4.37%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, and 1951 and \$25,000 in 1956.

NORTH TONAWANDA, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$32,000 4 1/2% coupon paying bonds awarded to the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo at 100.449—V. 123, p. 2166—a basis of about 4.64 and are described as follows: Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$200. Due \$3,200, Oct. 1 1927 to 1936, incl. Interest payable A. & O.

OREGON (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas B. Kay, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 20 for \$53,500 district interest bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due as follows: \$900, July 1 1936; \$3,000, Jan. 1 1946; \$19,500, July 1 1946; \$12,000, Jan. 1 1947; \$3,150, July 1 1947; \$12,000, July 1 1951, and \$3,000, July 1 1952. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon, New York City. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for required. Legality approved by Teal, Winifree, Johnson & McCulloch of Portland.

OVID, Sedwick County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The United States Bond Co. of Denver has purchased an issue of \$55,000 5 1/2% water extension bonds at a premium of \$98.40, equal to 100.17, a basis of about 5.48%. Due in 1941. Legality approved by Pershing, Nye, Tallmadge & Bosworth, Denver.

PALESTINE, Anderson County, Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 2025—the proposition of issuing \$125,000 hospital bonds failed to carry.

PALM BEACH COUNTY (P. O. West Palm Beach), Fla.—BOND SALE.—Prudden & Co. of Toledo have purchased an issue of \$35,000 bridge bonds at 95.

PALMETTO, Manatee County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 6% coupon electrical machinery installation bonds offered on Oct. 26—V. 123, p. 1789—were awarded to the Taylor, Wilson Co., Inc. of Cincinnati at a discount of \$1,500, equal to 95, a basis of about 6.58%. Date, Nov. 1 1926. Due \$2,000 Nov. 1 1932 to 1946, incl.

PASSAIC, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—A. D. Bolton, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 16 for the following 4 1/2 or 4 3/4% coupon registered bonds, aggregating \$1,164,000:

\$1,100,000 improvement bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$40,000, 1927 to 1933, incl.; \$50,000, 1934 and 1935, and \$60,000, 1936 to 1937, incl.

64,000 Passaic Valley sewer bonds. Due \$2,000 Dec. 1 1928 to 1959, incl.

Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Passaic National Bank, Passaic, or at the Equitable Trust Co., New York. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bonds bid for is required.

PAYNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 98 (P. O. Yale), Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% school bonds offered on Aug. 31—V. 123, p. 2166—were awarded to the Security National Bank of Oklahoma City, at a premium of \$465, equal to 100.77, a basis of about 4.81%. Due \$1,000, 1929 to 1932, incl.

PERU, Nemaha County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Carson National Bank of Aurora has purchased an issue of \$8,000 5% road bonds. Due in ten years.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,000 4 1/2% fire department bonds offered on Oct. 25—V. 123, p. 2025—were awarded to A. C. Allyn & Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$237.30, equal to 101.13.

PORT JERVIS, Orange County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$6,812.76 6% certificates of indebtedness offered on Oct. 29—V. 123, p. 2166—were awarded to the National Bank & Trust Co. of Port Jervis at par. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Feb. 1 1927.

PORT LAVACA, Calhoun County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The J. Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$62,500 6% refunding bonds.

PRINCETON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Princeton), Mercer County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 29—V. 123, p. 2166—were awarded to Edward C. Rosa & Co. of Trenton, taking \$42,500 (\$43,000 offered), paying \$43,187.55, equal to 101.61, a basis of about 4.38%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1955, incl.; \$1,500, 1956 to 1964, incl., and \$1,000 in 1965.

PENNSYLVANIA (State of).—PURCHASER OF \$10,000,000 HIGH-WAY BOND ISSUE.—We are now in receipt of the following complete list of the purchasers of the \$10,000,000 4% coupon or registered Series G highway bonds offered on Sept. 23 (V. 123, p. 1536), \$4,045,000 of the total issue being sold on that date (V. 123, p. 1789) and the remaining portion, \$5,955,000 disposed of at a later date (V. 123, p. 2025). The bonds were sold at slightly above par:

Table listing purchasers of Pennsylvania highway bonds from 1934 to 1954. Columns include Purchasers, 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, and Total amounts.

The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1926. Due \$2,000,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1934, 1939, 1944 and 1954.

PUTMAN COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Palatka), Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by J. W. Hart, County Manager, that the following two issues of 5 1/2% coupon bonds, aggregating \$1,750,000 offered on Oct. 12—V. 123, p. 1536—have not been sold:

\$1,250,000 highway bonds. 500,000 memorial bridge bonds.

A letter received from Mr. Hart, dated Oct. 13, is quoted in part as follows: "The law under which the trustees came into existence provides that bonds issued by the Board must sell for par. The present market will hinder the improvements the county is bound to make, it is not considered that this section has to pay a premium for an unfounded rating as gauged by the present bond market."

RAMSEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. New Canada), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry C. Speiser, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 8 for \$13,000 5% school bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1929 to 1941, incl. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Merchants National Bank, St. Paul. Certified check payable to the Treasurer Board of Education for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required. Legality approved by Ambrose Tighe, St. Paul.

RESERVE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Northside), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 4 1/2% coupon improvement bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 1908—were awarded to J. H. Holmes & Co. of Pittsburgh. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due \$5,000 Aug. 1 1941, 1946, 1951 and 1955. Prin. and int. F. & A., payable at the Workingmen's Savings Bank & Trust Co., North Side, Pittsburgh.

Financial Statement table with columns: Real value, Assessed valuation for taxation, 1926, Total bonded debt, Cash in sinking fund, Net debt (including this issue).

RHODE ISLAND (State of).—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 2295—the voters authorized the issuance of the following bonds, aggregating \$7,685,000:

\$3,000,000 Washington Bridge bonds. 600,000 Rhode Island State College improvement bonds. 660,000 Rhode Island College of Education building bonds. \$75,000 court house bonds. 925,000 State Office Building bonds. 500,000 bridge construction bonds. 1,125,000 penal and charitable institution bonds.

RIVER ROUGE, Wayne County, Mich.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$198,220.50 not exceeding 6% special assessment street paving bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 123, p. 2295—were rejected.

RIVERSIDE, Riverside County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Oct. 28 the voters authorized the issuance of \$1,050,000 school bonds.

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Burlington County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William S. Davis, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 15 for an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed \$30,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$30,000. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, June 1928 to 1957, incl. Principal and interest, J. & D., payable at the Peoples Trust & Guaranty Co. of Hackensack. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York were awarded on Nov. 4 the following four issues of City of Rochester notes, aggregating \$950,000, on a 3.94% discount basis plus a premium of \$700.

\$700,000 overdue tax notes. Due Jan. 8 1927.
150,000 subway railroad notes. Due Feb. 8 1927.
75,000 water impt. notes. Due Feb. 8 1927.
20,000 municipal hospital notes. Due Feb. 8 1927.

ROOSEVELT IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Roosevelt) Gila County, Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Oct. 26 the voters authorized the issuance of \$3,065,000 bonds by a count of 78 for to 3 against.

ST. AUGUSTINE, St. Johns County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,000 6% first series impt. bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 123, p. 1790—were awarded to Assel, Goetz & Moerlein of Cincinnati at a premium of \$132.30, equal to 101.31, a basis of about 5.86%. Date March 1 1926. Due March 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1927 to 1930, incl., and \$10,000, 1931.

ST. FRANCIS SUBSIDIARY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Corning) Clay County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—The Federal Commerce Trust Co. of St. Louis, has purchased an issue of \$173,000 5% drainage bonds. Date Aug. 2 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1931; \$8,000, 1932 to 1934, incl.; \$9,000, 1935 and 1936; \$10,000, 1937 and 1938; \$11,000, 1939 and 1940; \$12,000, 1941; \$13,000, 1942 and 1943; \$14,000, 1944, and \$15,000, 1945 and 1946. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis. Legality approved by Rose, Hemingway, Cantrell & Loughborough, Little Rock.

ST. HELENS, Columbia County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland recently purchased an issue of \$3,051 04 street improvement bonds at 102.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$100,000 coupon airport bonds purchased by the City Sinking Fund at par—V. 123, p. 2166—as 4 1/4s are described as follows: Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, Sept. 1 1927 to 1946, incl., Int. payable M. & S.

SALAMANCA, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,000 registered school bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 123, p. 2167—were awarded to Redmond & Co. of New York as 4 1/4s at 100.41, a basis of about 4.43%. Due \$1,000, Dec. 1 1927 to 1939, incl.

SALEM, Marion County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland have purchased an issue of \$30,451 06 6% impt. bonds at a premium of \$1,052 78, equal to 103.45. Int. payable A. & O.

SAN DIEGO, San Diego County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At an Election held on Oct. 19 the voters authorized the issuance of \$2,000,000 4 1/2% water bonds by a count of 16,417 for to 1,381 against.

SANTA CRUZ IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Espanola) Rio Arriba County, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary Board of Directors for \$250,000 6% irrigation bonds. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due serially, 1937 to 1946, incl. A certified check for \$7,500, required.

SARASOTA COUNTY (P. O. Sarasota), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$730,000, offered on Oct. 4 (V. 123, p. 1537) were awarded as 6s to the John J. George Co. of Cherryville as follows:

\$680,000 highway bonds (\$1,361,000 offered) at 96.25, a basis of about 0.00%. Dated May 1 1926. Due May 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1931 to 1938 incl.; \$20,000, 1939 to 1943 incl.; \$25,000, 1944 to 1946 incl.; \$30,000, 1947 to 1950 incl.; \$35,000, 1951; \$40,000, 1952 and 1953; \$45,000, 1954; \$50,000, 1955, and \$55,000, 1956. Int. payable M. & N.
50,000 court house bonds at par. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due \$25,000 Aug. 1 1956 and 1957.

SAVANNAH, Chatham County, Ga.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—We are now in receipt of the following financial statement in regard to the sale of three issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$1,400,000, to a syndicate headed by Eldredge & Co. of New York on Oct. 25 at 102.27, a basis of about 4.28% (V. 123, p. 2296):

Financial Statement.	
Actual values (estimated).....	\$180,000,000
Assessed values, 1926.....	77,247,456
Total bonded debt (incl. this issue).....	\$4,717,500
Less sinking fund.....	\$291,125
Less water works bonds.....	250,000
	541,125
Net debt.....	\$4,176,375
Population, 1920, 85,252; population now (est.), 105,000.	

SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Leon G. Dibble, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 12 for the following seven issues of not exceeding 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$700,000:

- \$50,000 park bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1936 incl., and \$2,000, 1937 to 1946, incl.
- 10,000 isolation hospital bonds. Due \$2,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1931, incl.
- 30,000 sewer bonds. Due \$6,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1936, incl.
- 200,000 public impt. bonds. Due \$20,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1936, incl.
- 70,000 industrial center bonds. Due \$5,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1940, incl.
- 240,000 boulevard bonds. Due \$12,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1946, incl.
- 100,000 water bonds. Due \$5,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1946, incl.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Bidders have the privilege of bidding for all of said bonds at the rate of 4 1/4%. Bidders may also bid for all of the bonds at a less rate of interest than 4 1/2% stated in a multiple of 1-10 of 1%. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Chase National Bank, New York or at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York. Bidders must bid for all of the bonds and state a single rate of interest for all of the bonds and will not be permitted to bid different rates of interest for separate issues or portions of an issue. A certified check for \$14,000 payable to the City Treasurer is required.

SEBRING, Highlands County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—A. M. Wolfe, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 13 for \$83,000 6% street bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

SECAUCUS, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Adrian Post, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 16 for the following 5% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$202,000:

- \$125,000 sewer and street bonds. Due \$5,000 Nov. 15 1928 to 1952, incl.
 - 77,000 assessment bonds. Due \$11,000 Nov. 15 1927 to 1933, incl.
- Date Nov. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. M. & N. payable at the First National Bank, Secaucus. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

SIERRA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Ana), Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 5% school bonds offered on Oct. 26—V. 123, p. 2026—were awarded to the William R. Staats Co. of San Francisco at a premium of \$431, equal to 101.53, a basis of about 4.85%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1953, incl.

SILER CFTY, Chatham County, No. Caro.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by J. C. Gregg, Town Clerk, that the two issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$180,000 offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 1909—have not been sold.

SOLOON RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Solon), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. E. Gildard, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 6:30 p. m. Nov. 26 for \$30,000 5% school bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 Oct. 1 1928 to 1942 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Chagrin Falls Banking Co., Chagrin Falls. A certified check for 2% of amount of bid, payable to the District Treasurer, is required.

SOUTH EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$104,990 5% coupon tree improvement special assessment bonds offered on Oct. 18 (V. 123, p. 1791) were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, at a premium of \$1,445, equal to 101.37—a basis of about 4.75%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,990 in 1928; \$11,000, 1929; \$10,000, 1930; \$11,000, 1931; \$10,000, 1932; \$11,000, 1933; \$10,000, 1934; \$11,000, 1935; \$10,000, 1936, and \$11,000 in 1937.

SOUTH FULTON (P. O. Fulton, Ky.), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The First National Co. of Birmingham and Caldwell & Co., Nashville, jointly, have purchased an issue of \$40,000 5 1/2% sewer bonds. Int. payable M. & N. Purchasers to pay all expenses.

SPARTA, Monroe County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee, has purchased an issue of \$7,500 water works system bonds, at a premium of \$450, equal to 102.25. Due \$2,000 March 1 1927 to 1936, incl.

SPRINGFIELD, Lane County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—Pierce, Fair & Co. of Portland, have purchased an issue of \$7,500 6% fire truck bonds, at 101.25, a basis of about 5.71%. Due in 1931.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Old Colony Corporation of Boston was awarded on Nov. 1 the \$300,000 temporary loan offered on that date (V. 123, p. 2296) on a 3.94% discount basis plus a premium of \$2 50.

SULLIVAN COUNTY (P. O. Sullivan), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 12 for \$10,190 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds.

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The five issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$1,625,000, offered on Oct. 29—V. 123, p. 2167—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., Roosevelt & Son, Eastman, Dillon & Co. and Pulley & Co. all of New York at 100.01, a basis of about 4.06% as follows:

- \$560,000 water bonds. Due \$14,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1936, incl.
 - 520,000 school bonds. Due \$36,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1946, incl.
 - 100,000 refunding bonds. Due \$5,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1946, incl.
- The above three issues were awarded as 4s.
(4) \$420,000 general bonds as 4 1/4s. Due \$21,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1946, incl.
(5) 25,000 traffic signal bonds as 3 3/4s. Due \$5,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1931, inclusive.

Date Nov. 1 1926. Other bidders were:

Bidder—	Prem.	Int. Rates Bid on the Various Issues.				
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Kean, Taylor & Co. and Eldredge & Co.	\$541 13	4	4 1/4	4	4	4
Sherwood & Merrifield and First Trust & Deposit Co.	23,123 75	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4
Estabrook & Co.; Robert Winthrop & Co.; Wm. R. Compton & Co.; W. A. Hartman & Co. and Hallgarten & Co.	2,429 38	4	4	4	4 1/2	4
Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; Equitable Trust Co.; Remick, Hodges & Co. and Barr Bros. & Co.	104 50	4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4	4
First Nat. Bank, N. Y.; Redmond & Co.; Salomon Bros. & Hutzler; the Detroit Co. and Phelps, Penn & Co.	(*)	4	4	3 1/2	4 1/2	4
Harris, Forbes & Co.; National City Co.; Bankers Trust Co.; Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co.	1,933 75	4	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	4

* Bid par.

TISHOMINGO COUNTY (P. O. Iuka), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Central National Bank of Memphis has purchased an issue of \$20,000 6% road bonds at a premium of \$400, equal to 102. Due serially 1927 to 1946, inclusive.

TONAWANDA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,000 4 1/2% improvement bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 123, p. 2167—were awarded to Roosevelt & Son of New York at 100.23, a basis of about 4.48%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$1,000, July 1 1933 to 1951, incl.

TOPEKA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Shawnee County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on Oct. 28—V. 123, p. 1791—were awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, and the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, jointly, at a premium of \$3,300, equal to 101.11, a basis of about 4.35%. Date March 1 1926. Due March 1 as follows: \$36,000, 1927; \$14,000, 1928 to 1945, incl., and \$12,000, 1946.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered public impt. bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 123, p. 2296—were awarded to Pulley & Co. of New York at 103.17, a basis of about 4.12%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$5,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1946, incl.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—David H. Wick, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Nov. 19 for \$150,000 4 1/2% tuberculosis hospital bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$4,000 April and Oct. 1 1927 to 1929, inclusive; \$4,000 April 1, and \$5,000 Oct. 1 1930 to 1943, inclusive. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Elizabeth), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of coupon or registered park bonds offered on Nov. 3 (V. 123, p. 2296) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., and the Bankers Trust Co., all of New York, taking \$484,000 (\$500,000 offered) as 4 1/4s at 103.309—a basis of about 4.27%. Date Nov. 15 1926. Due Nov. 15 as follows: \$10,000, 1928 to 1971, inclusive; \$12,000, 1972 to 1975, inclusive, and \$6,000 in 1976.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland) Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Oct. 12 Geo. W. York & Co., Inc. of Cleveland were awarded the following 5% bonds, aggregating \$114,600 at a premium of \$1,485, equal to 101.29:

- \$84,400 street impt., series H bonds.
 - 30,200 street impt., series I bonds.
- BOND SALE.**—On Sept. 21 the Herrick Co. of Cleveland purchased an issue of \$51,242 12 5% sewer impt. bonds at a premium of \$534, equal to 101.04.

VANCOUVER, Clarke County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—D. E. Crandall, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 13 for \$35,000 not exceeding 5 1/2% funding bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$100 or multiples. Due serially in equal amounts including interest from 1928 to 1946, incl. Rate of interest to be named by bidder. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

WALDEN, Jackson County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Peck, Brown & Co. of Denver, purchased on Sept. 25 an issue of \$15,000 3 1/4% coupon refunding bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927 and March 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, 1932 to 1961, incl. The above supersedes the report given in V. 123, p. 2027.

WAYNESBURG, Greene County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$250,000, offered on Oct. 25—V. 123, p. 2167—were awarded to the Bank of Pittsburgh of Pittsburgh at a premium of \$110, equal to 100.04, a basis of about 4.24%:

- \$126,800 funding bonds. \$123,200 impt. bonds.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Due 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 in 1955.

WENONA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marshall County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago has purchased an issue of \$100,000 4½% school bonds at par. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1934, incl.; \$7,000, 1935 to 1939, incl., and \$8,000, 1940 to 1944, incl.

WEST FELICIANA PARISH CONSOLIDATED ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. St. Francisville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Richardson, President of Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Dec. 16 for \$110,000 6% public impt. bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1927 to 1966, incl. A certified check for \$5,000 required. Legality to be approved by Charles & Rutherford, St. Louis, and B. A. Campbell, New Orleans.

WESTFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$100,000 temporary loan offered on Nov. 1 (V. 123, p. 2297) was awarded to Hampden National Bank of Westfield on a 3.83% discount basis plus a premium of \$1 75. Due Oct. 6 1927.

WEST MILWAUKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—Hill, Joiner & Co. of Chicago have purchased an issue of \$50,000 4½% school site and building bonds. Date July 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1930, incl., \$2,000, 1931; \$1,000, 1932 and 1933; \$3,000, 1934; \$2,000, 1935; \$3,000, 1936; \$7,000, 1937; \$6,000, 1938 and \$7,000, 1939 to 1941, incl. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker of Chicago.

WICHITA FALLS, Wichita County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Guaranty Co. of New York, Edlredge & Co. of New York and A. J. McMahon, of Oklahoma City, have purchased \$750,000 4¾% city impt. bonds at par. Date Nov. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, Nov. 15 1927, to 1966, incl. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable in New York City.

WINDSOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Dimondale), Eaton County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—C. V. Hetrick, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 8 for \$50,000 4½% or 4¾% school bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1935, inclusive; \$1,500, 1936 to 1944, inclusive; \$2,000, 1945 to 1951, inclusive; \$2,500, 1952, and \$3,000, 1953 to 1956, inclusive. Purchaser to pay cost of printing the bonds and attorney's fees.

WYANDOTTE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 5% lateral sewer construction special assessment district No. 17 bonds offered on Oct. 26 (V. 123, p. 2167) were awarded to the Wayandotte Savings Bank. Purchaser agreed to furnish legal opinion. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 and 1928, and \$4,000, 1929 to 1931, inclusive.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

COOKSHIRE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—A. W. Pratt, Sec.-Treas., will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. Nov. 10 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, Cookshire, Sherbrooke and Montreal. A certified check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for is required.

These are the bonds scheduled to be sold on Nov. 3—V. 123, p. 2167.

DUNCAN, B. C.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$3,900 5% 10-year local improvement bonds was sold to Pemberton & Son of Vancouver.

ETOBICOKE TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Council passed a \$15,000 school debenture by-law.

FORD, Ont.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Separate School Board has passed a \$64,000 5¼% 30-installment bond by-law.

KENOZAMI, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$136,000 school bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 123, p. 2028—were awarded to the Corporation de Prets of Quebec as 5s at 97.07, a basis of about 5.23%. Due in 20 years.

LONDON, Ont.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$850,000 5% 6 months' Treasury bills has been awarded to the Bank of Montreal at par. Other bidders were as follows:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.	Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	99.80	Gairdner & Co.	99.75
Wood, Gundy & Co.	99.77		

MOUNT ROYAL, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—The School Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 9 for the purchase of \$40,000 5¼% 40-year serial bonds dated June 1 1926 and payable at Montreal. The bonds are in \$1,000 denominations. M. L. Roy, Secretary-Treasurer.

NORTH BAY, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The following bonds, aggregating \$468,604, offered on Oct. 30 (V. 123, p. 2297), were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto at 101.10—a basis of about 5.12%: \$339,254 5¼% improvement bonds. Due in 20 annual installments. 111,850 5% improvement bonds. Due in 20 annual installments. 17,500 5% local improvement bonds. Due in 10 annual installments.

PETROLIA, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—J. McHattie, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$100,000 5% town bonds. Due in 20 equal annual installments.

PORTALFRED, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 5¼% 30-year serial school bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 123, p. 2028—were awarded to La Corporation de Pret de Quebec.

PORT MOODY, B. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5¼% improvement bonds offered on Oct. 27 (V. 123, p. 2168), were awarded to Victor W. Odium & Co. of Vancouver at 98.33—a basis of about 5.72%. Date Feb. 2 1926. Due in 1936.

ST. JOSEPH D'ALMA, Que.—BOND SALE.—Versailles, Vidricaire & Boulais, Ltd., were awarded the \$75,000 5¼% 25-year serial school bonds offered on Oct. 16—V. 123, p. 1792—Date July 1 1926.

ST. MARIE DE SAYBEC, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,900 5¼% improvement bonds offered on Oct. 11—V. 123, p. 1910—were awarded to the La Credit Municipal of Toronto at 99.12, a basis of about 5.62%. Due serially in 20 years.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—BOND SALES.—The following, according to the "Monetary Times" of Toronto, dated Oct. 29, is a list of school district bonds reported sold by the Local Government Board from Oct. 16 to 23: Pretty View, \$1,500 6% 10-years to G. Moorehouse & Co.; Princeton, 2,000 5¼% 10-years to C. C. Cross & Co.

SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP (P. O. Birchcliff), Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,288 07 5% township bonds offered on Nov. 1 (V. 123, p. 2168) were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto at 99.20.

SHAWVILLE, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5¼% improvement bonds offered on Oct. 7—V. 123, p. 1665—were awarded to Hanson Bros. of Ottawa at 100.51, a basis of about 5.47%. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 1961.

SOUTH VANCOUVER DISTRICT, B. C.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$194,928 5¼% 10, 30 and 40-year bonds has been sold to Royal Financial Corp., Ltd. of Vancouver.

WESTON, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$126,015 34 5% coupon improvement bonds offered on Oct. 29—V. 123, p. 2297—were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto at 98.69, a basis of about 5.17%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one odd amount. Due in 20 annual installments.

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