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The Administration's Plan for Income Tax Reductions.

The plans of the Washington Administration for income tax reductions have been rapidly unfolding the past week. The conclusions of the President seem to have been reached independently and, as is usually the case with him, they go unerringly to the mark. Government revenues are running far in excess of expectations and this leaves a large surplus which he feels should be immediately returned to the tax paying public, inasmuch as it represents taxes collected in excess of current requirements. As the burden of taxation at present rests most heavily upon income taxpayers he has proposed a flat cut of 10@15% in the income taxes payable during 1926 and based, of course, upon the incomes of 1925, the cut to apply to the tax on corporations and individuals alike. Only the last installment of the 1926 taxes remains to be paid, namely that due on Dec. 15, and accordingly Mr. Coolidge would let the refund apply as a credit on the taxes to be paid at that time, and if the amount exceeded the taxes then still due, have the Treasury remit the difference.

A very simple enactment would suffice for the purpose—merely a very short bill giving effect to the slice in taxes contemplated, and this, the President opines, could be promptly passed on the re-assembling of Congress, making the reductions available in time to apply on the Dec. 15 installment of the taxes. This is a very simple arrangement, and if there were not other considerations involved, and the views and desires of Congress coincided with

those of Mr. Coolidge, there would be every reason for wishing the President speed in his task. But, though the President's proposition was outlined in the newspapers only last Saturday morning, it has already become manifest that the matter is not to be so easily disposed of.

Mr. Mellon, the Secretary of the Treasury, approaches the subject in a somewhat different manner. He is in entire accord with the President, but would have the proposed cut in the income taxes, which he sets at the definite figure of 12½%, apply as a credit on the income taxes payable in 1927. He does not think that a bill could be speeded through Congress in time to make the reduction apply against the taxes due Dec. 15 and he sees many Treasury complications and much involved work for the Department in anything in the nature of a plain refund of taxes. He suggests, instead, that the cut be made to apply as a credit against the quarterly installment of the 1927 taxes payable in March and June. Like the President, he would make the reduction apply only for this single occasion and not become a permanent part of the tax structure, the result, of course, being that the relief afforded would be only temporary, and not enduring, which last must always be the chief desideratum. Mr. Mellon believes that the income yield of the 1926 Revenue Act should be further tested before relying too implicitly upon its revenue producing capacity, and, above all, he deems it important to keep ever in mind the possibility of a big drop in the income tax yield should the country unfortunately have to contend with a period of business prostration.

All these are prudent considerations which must be given due weight, all the more so as they come from the man at the Treasury helm, and they certainly should not be lightly dismissed. It is proper to add that the Secretary in his statement furnishes a very candid exposition of Treasury policy, in which he emphasizes the importance of letting amortization of the debt go hand in hand with tax reduction and never letting tax reduction, however desirable in itself, be attained at the expense of debt retirement and cancellation. In this last particular the Secretary presents the arguments in favor of the continuance of the existing Treasury policy with such convincing force and incontrovertible logic, that what he says will always rank with the ablest

of the papers that have emanated from the Treasury Department.

With all due respect, however, to both President Coolidge and Mr. Mellon—the one possessed of an inestimable fund of clear grit and hard common sense, attributes of inestimable value, and the other pre-eminent as a banker and financier as well as a high administrative official—we find ourselves unable to agree fully with the position and attitude either of the President or that of the Treasury head. In the first place we cannot persuade ourselves that the reduction which may be made should be limited to a single year, and in the second place we cannot get ourselves to believe that the best way to achieve the end sought will be to make a flat reduction of a given percentage. No tax reduction should be so heavy as to invite the possibility of a Treasury deficit. At the same time, in judging of the possibility of a deficit judgment should be guided not by simple fear and apprehension, but by the actual facts of the situation, as far as these can be determined from available information, and by looking into the future with reasonable calm and not too many misgivings. Doing this, ample warrant appears to exist for making the reduction permanent, rather than merely transient. We discussed the subject quite at length in the leading article in our issue of two weeks ago (Oct. 30), and it will be helpful on this occasion to cite again some of the figures given in that article. All accounts agree in saying that under the Revenue Act put upon the statute book last February tax reductions were made in the aggregate sum of \$387,000,000. Some of the tax reductions did not become effective until July 1. But taking fully into account those that would be operative during the fiscal year ending June 30 1926 (including, of course, the lower normal and surtaxes on the income tax installments payable March 15 and June 15 1926) it was estimated that Government surplus for the fiscal year of 1925-26 would amount to \$130,541,756. Actually the surplus reached nearly a quarter of a billion dollars more than this preliminary estimate, amounting in exact figures to \$377,767,816.

It is this surplus of \$247,226,060 in excess of estimates that furnishes the basis for the refund which the President now proposes. But in the current or new fiscal year the surplus has been piling up even more rapidly. The figures for the September quarter, as made public in the daily papers on Sunday morning, Oct. 24, threw a flood of light on the situation in that particular. As stated in our previous article, all the reduced tax rates were in effect in this first quarter of the new fiscal year and the taxes eliminated by repeal also disappeared in that quarter and more particularly the repeal of the capital stock tax which always counted for its full amount in the September quarter, settlement of this tax in full having always been required in a single payment. Nevertheless, total internal revenue receipts in this September quarter of 1926 were actually somewhat larger than in the corresponding quarter

of the previous year, being \$693,702,427, against \$691,701,061. The miscellaneous internal revenue receipts were only \$161,118,571, against \$267,372,008, the abolition of the capital stock tax constituting the biggest item in the falling off. But the income tax collections for the period from July 1 to Sept. 30 in 1926 increased no less than \$108,254,803 over those for the corresponding three months of the previous year, notwithstanding the lower tax rates in force, the 1926 income tax collections having been \$532,583,856, as against \$424,329,053 in 1925. Corporation tax receipts, we were told, alone accounted for more than \$85,000,000 of the increased income tax collections, this following in no small part from the raising of the Corporation income tax from 12½% to 13½%. In the remaining three quarters of the current fiscal year the increase in the income tax collections, which we have seen for the September quarter amounted to \$108,254,803, will not be offset by the loss of the capital stock tax, and therefore will count for their full amount, giving an increase for the three quarters combined of, roughly, \$300,000,000—provided, of course, that taxes are not reduced, as now proposed. Thus the Treasury's position is absolutely assured for the fiscal year ending June 30 1927, be the immediate future of trade and business what it may, good or bad.

But the Treasury position is also assured for the succeeding fiscal year, the year ending June 30 1928, and that is the point which both Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Mellon appear to have failed to take into account. The tax payments during the calendar year 1927 will be based on the incomes of 1926 and will not be dependent upon what may happen later. The year 1926 is now so near its close that no adverse development of sufficient importance to impair the prosperous results which have marked its course from the beginning can occur. From a business standpoint this calendar year 1926 has been not only fully as good as the calendar year 1925, upon which tax payments are now being made with such happy results, but a great deal better. It follows that the 1927 income tax collections being based on a larger income, will themselves be larger if the existing tax rates and tax schedules are continued. Besides this, the corporation income tax will be 13½% instead of 13%, only ½% out of the extra 1% having counted in the payments required during 1926. Accordingly, there is the prospect that Treasury income tax collections (unless tax rates are lowered) for March 1927, June 1927, September 1927 and December 1927 (these last two quarters forming the first half of the fiscal year 1927-28) will be even heavier than present tax collections, and these latter, we have seen, are running at the rate of \$100,000,000 a quarter better than those of the preceding year. As to the March 1928 and June 1928 payments, nothing positive can be said at this time, since they are dependent upon the business of the calendar year 1927, the condition of which has yet to be determined. But even if some falling off in the income tax installment

payable in March 1928 and September 1928 should occur there will still remain the indisputably large tax collections of September and December 1927 (on the basis of present tax rates) and the general result for the fiscal year complete could be but slightly affected. Thus we have the assurance of a large surplus under existing rates for three successive years, namely 1925-26, 1926-27 and 1927-28, constituting a valid and a perfect argument in favor of a permanent cut in taxes, rather than merely a temporary one. Beyond 1928 the Treasury Department cannot reasonably be expected to look at this time.

Summed up, the situation is this: The Government collected far too much from the taxpayers in the fiscal year which ended on June 30 1926. This appears clearly from the statements of both Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Mellon and furnishes the reason why they now propose to return to the taxpayers the excess by means of a refund or credit. The tax collections for the September 1926 quarter make it no less plain that if the present tax rates are continued, there will be an equally large, if not still larger excess of revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30 1927. Furthermore, as the tax payments during the calendar year 1927 will be based on the incomes of the calendar year 1926, and as it is known that business and Corporation incomes in that year were even better than for the calendar year 1925, all the indications support the conclusion that unless tax rates are reduced, the fiscal year ending June 30 1928 will likewise yield a very considerable excess of revenues.

There remains, therefore, nothing to consider, as far as the income taxes are concerned, except the extent to which the collection of *back* taxes may be reduced, which, as Secretary Mellon shows, is necessarily a diminishing item. But this can easily be allowed for, and unquestionably should not be ignored. A permanent cut in tax rates would doubtless have to be somewhat smaller than the temporary cut which the Administration has in mind—in order to err on the safe side—and any possible deficiency should by all means be avoided. But the certainty of permanently lower taxes would outweigh any advantage that any mere transient reduction would give, no matter how considerable in amount.

We cannot persuade ourselves, either, that a flat cut of a certain percentage is the best means of dealing with the situation. It is to be remembered that, as shown in our article of Oct. 30, what Congress has to deal with is not alone inordinately high and very burdensome taxes, but also with gross inequalities. Under the tax revision of 1926 some income taxpayers got a much larger tax reduction than was their due; some others got very much less than they should have received, while still others, and particularly the proprietors of small corporations, had their taxes actually increased—a most inequitable proceeding at a time when tax reduction was made to an aggregate of \$387,000,000. If now a flat reduction of, say, 12½% should be given,

those who have already obtained too much will obtain still more, while full justice will fail to be done to those who were treated unfairly in the first instance.

The income tax rates should be changed so as to remove the inequities and inequalities of the existing law, and this can be as quickly and as readily done as by pushing through a measure for a flat reduction applicable to all incomes alike—provided, of course, the revision is confined to the income taxes and to the income taxes alone. A general revision of the Revenue Act of 1926 is out of the question at the short session of Congress which we are now approaching, and moreover is not called for. Some are urging abolition of the admission tax to places of amusement and of the automobile sales tax. No propositions of that kind should be entertained for a single moment. There is no tax now on admissions where the admission charge is 75 cents or less, the exemption having been raised under the Act of 1926 to that figure from 50 cents.

No hardship is imposed by the amusement tax where tickets sell at high figures. Up on Broadway, where they have the nude shows, the custom at some theatres is to charge as much as \$50 a seat for a first night performance. Is there any sense in relieving those people of the further charge of \$5 through the payment of the 10% tax? Even in the case of the ordinary charge of \$5, where the 10% tax amounts to 50 cents additional, is it not reasonable to assume that those who can afford to pay that price for a seat can afford to pay the 50 cents additional. And the same remark applies where the charge is \$2 50 a seat and the amusement tax involves an additional payment of 25 cents, or even where the charge is simply \$1 and the tax adds 10 cents to the price. The amusement tax is simply a luxury tax, and, as it now stands, with the low-priced admissions exempt, should be allowed to continue so long as any of the burdensome income taxes, which are plainly an obstruction to business, remain.

Similar comment appertains to the automobile sales tax. Does this tax interfere with the sale of the low-priced cars made by Mr. Ford? The answer is furnished by the enormous numbers of these cars disposed of every year and which meet the eye wherever one goes. Or does the automobile tax obstruct the sale of high-priced cars? Let the income statement of the General Motors Corporation furnish the answer in that case. This company on Oct. 26 gave out a statement saying that its earnings for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1926 had not only exceeded those of any corresponding nine months in the company's history, but amounted to more than the earnings of any previous full calendar year. Including the Corporation's equity in subsidiary companies the net earnings for the nine months of 1926 reached \$149,317,553, as against \$80,921,018 for the first nine months of 1925.

No, that is not the direction in which relief is needed, and needed most imperatively. The require-

ment is for a reduction of the burdensome income taxes, corporate and individual, just as indicated by the President and Mr. Mellon, and whatever changes are made in the Revenue Act of 1926 should be limited entirely, as already stated, to these income taxes. It would be a sheer piece of folly to attempt to rewrite the Revenue Act from beginning to end, inviting lengthy debate and discussion as to what sections and provisions should be altered. It is to the income taxes that the knife must be applied, and nothing should be allowed to interfere with this purpose. We wish also again to emphasize the burdensomeness of these taxes. This is a feature of the tax question that has never yet received the consideration which its importance demands. These taxes are simply crushing in their magnitude, particularly in the case of those whose income is derived from corporate entities and more especially the proprietors of the numerous small corporations which are in enjoyment of moderately large profits. The Federal corporation tax is now $13\frac{1}{2}\%$, having been raised another 1% last February, after having been boosted several times previously. This $13\frac{1}{2}\%$ applies to all corporations, large and small, and to the entire net income, whatever its extent, except that an exemption of \$2,000 is allowed to corporations whose net does not exceed \$25,000.

In addition, here in New York there is a State corporation income tax of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, making a total of 18% exacted by the Government. This 18% must be turned over to these two Government jurisdictions, Federal and State, before a dollar can be paid out in dividends. But that is not all. If after the payment of these heavy corporation income taxes (which, of course, are independent and apart from real estate and other taxes) it is considered prudent to distribute in the shape of dividends the remainder or a portion of the profits remaining the Federal Government again steps in and makes further heavy exactions in the shape of a graded schedule of surtaxes. These surtaxes begin very low down in the scale of incomes, applying on all taxable income in excess of only \$10,000. The surtax rate starts at 1% and mounts up with great rapidity until a maximum of 20% is reached on incomes in excess of \$100,000. The previous maximum of 40% did not apply except on the income in excess of \$500,000 and the lowering of the maximum from \$500,000 to \$100,000 constitutes one of the discriminations against the income taxpayers in the so-called lower brackets.

If now we add the 20% maximum surtax to the uniform corporation taxes of 18%, we have total taxes of 38% assessed against corporation proprietors on amounts in excess of \$100,000. But even that is not all. In this State there is also the State income tax on individuals. This, too, is graded according to the size of the income and runs from 1% to 3%, with the maximum of 3% applying on all income in excess of \$50,000. Including, therefore, this 3%, the unfortunate proprietors of corporations in New York State must pay a grand total of income

taxes of 41% where the amount of the income runs in excess of \$100,000. This means, for example, that where a taxpayer is so fortunate as to have an income of \$200,000 he has to turn over to Government \$41,000 out of the second \$100,000, in addition to the large amount that he has to pay on the first \$100,000 of taxable income. As the tax schedules are now arranged, a taxpayer in New York getting his income exclusively from the profits of corporations has to pay 34% of his taxable income, even on the amount between \$48,000 and \$52,000 and 30% on the amount between \$36,000 and \$40,000.

Will anyone seriously argue that business can long continue to prosper while Government makes these large tax exactions? Remember, too, that full eight years have elapsed since the signing of the armistice, which ended hostilities in the World War. And while this journal would be the last to want to minimize what has been accomplished in the way of tax reduction in the eight years since the termination of the war, do not the figures which we have cited show that the country still has a great way to go before it will have adequate relief from the tax burdens which have grown out of that great conflict?

Nor, in face of the figures given, can there be the slightest question where relief must be applied. We wish to repeat, therefore, that the imperative need is the reduction of these inordinate and excessive income taxes and to reiterate that the relief must be permanent, not transient. This is not an occasion where a mere sop thrown out for the benefit of aggrieved taxpayers, will suffice. Relief should be liberally extended, within the limitations already indicated, and not grudgingly doled out. As to the method of relief, that is a matter where opinions may differ. Moreover, whatever the extent of the permanent reduction Congress may now see wise to make it must be merely the prelude to still further reduction later on when conditions warrant it, which means that it must be the aim to lower Government expenditures and Congressional appropriations. The one regrettable feature in Secretary Mellon's admirable statement is that he holds out little encouragement in that direction. For ourselves, we feel certain that public opinion will force further reductions in the expenditures. It is not our purpose to indicate the precise method of relief. But certain propositions come inevitably to mind in considering the means by which the reduction in the income taxes, so imperatively required, may be brought about. The extra 1% added to the Federal income tax on corporations should, of course, be removed, both because it is not needed by the Government and because as a substitute for the capital stock tax, which has been repealed and should not be re-enacted, it operates very unfairly and unevenly, benefiting the big corporations, with large tangible assets, and bearing heavily on the small ones, having little or no tangible assets, and whose capital is based mainly on good-will. These small corporations not only got no relief under the 1926 tax revi-

sion, but actually in many instances had their taxes increased by the addition of the extra 1% to the Federal corporation tax in substitution for the capital stock tax. At a conference of industrial organizations the present week the elimination of this extra 1% was strongly urged, and, as a matter of fact, public sentiment, as far as we can judge, seems to be absolutely unanimous on that point. The American Mining Congress even thinks a reduction from 13½% to 10% could be made, but that seems hardly possible at this time.

Then the surtax rates should be revised, so as to give greater relief to the taxpayers in the lower schedules, which was denied them under the 1926 Revenue Act. That is another particular in which those in enjoyment of moderately large incomes were discriminated against. Those with incomes in excess of \$500,000 had their tax cut in two on the excess by the reduction in the maximum surtax from 40% to 20%. Those with incomes running between \$100,000 and \$500,000 got much less than a 50% reduction in their tax (owing to the inexcusable lowering from \$500,000 to \$100,000 of the amount at which the maximum rate applies), but got very substantial reductions, nevertheless. Those in receipt of incomes aggregating less than \$100,000 fared much less well, while in the case of incomes running less than, say, \$50,000 or \$60,000, the reductions, at least to corporation proprietors, who do not share in the cut made in the normal tax on individuals, were so trivial as hardly to deserve mention. These inequalities and positive discrimination should be corrected. This might be done by again fixing the maximum of the surtax (now 20% against the previous 40%) at \$500,000 instead of the present \$100,000, and then fix the surtax rates at just one-half those in the Revenue Act of 1924 all along the line of incomes from \$10,000 up, instead of cutting in twain only the tax rate on incomes above \$500,000. This would make the reduction uniform at all points of the surtax schedule. Another way to give relief to those in the lower brackets would be to let the surtaxes begin higher up. They now begin, as already stated, on amounts of income running over \$10,000. They might begin with amounts of taxable income in excess of \$50,000. However, these are details which Congress in consultation with the Treasury Department can best determine.

One other change is called for, and this is as imperative as the reduction of the corporation tax on incomes. We refer to the big difference between the normal tax on individuals and the Federal income tax on corporations. The normal tax on individuals has been steadily reduced and now is only 1½% on the first \$4,000 of taxable income, 3% on the next \$4,000 and 5% on the remainder of the taxable income. The corporation proprietor does not get the benefit of this reduction in the normal tax on individuals, since he pays the corporation tax instead, and this corporation income tax has been, as just stated, steadily raised.

Even if the 1% added the present year shall be remitted, the corporation tax will still stand at 12½%, which is 7½% more than the 5% normal tax at the highest. This is rank discrimination against those who derive their incomes from incorporated business, in contradistinction to those who conduct business in the unincorporated form or derive their income from investments. The discrimination is all the time becoming greater, as the normal tax rates on individual incomes are reduced. Something ought to be done to remove the discrimination, especially in the case of the proprietors of the smaller corporations.

But the three things mentioned are all that is really needed at this time and all that should be undertaken. That is (1) the Federal corporation tax on incomes should be reduced by the 1% added the present year; (2) the surtax schedules should be revised or differently graded; and (3) the discrimination between those who pay the normal tax on individuals and those who, instead, pay the corporation income tax, should in some way be removed. This could all be accomplished by means of a very short bill. If the House Committee on Ways and Means should immediately proceed to frame such a bill, fixing the details and provisions according to their best judgment with the guidance of the Treasury, and should introduce it at the opening of Congress, we are sure that very little difficulty would be encountered in securing its passage in the House. The measure would then reach the Senate in the early days of the session, and we are no less confident that that body also could be persuaded to see the wisdom of enacting it, possibly with some changes, into law. In that way proper relief could be obtained even at this short session of Congress and the reductions put into effect in ample time to be available when the period for the March installment of the 1927 tax payments comes around.

Perhaps it might be possible at the same time to correct one of the anomalies of accounting practice. By this we mean that the tax ought to be reckoned on a man's real income and not his supposed or theoretical income. The real income is what remains after all taxes are paid. The Federal law, however, does not allow him, the individual, or the corporation either, to deduct his Federal income and surtaxes, or the excess profits taxes. Thus he is taxed on an income (or profit) far above that which remains after the payment of the Federal taxes referred to. For instance, the income or profit which an individual or concern will have in the calendar year 1926 is what remains after he or it has paid the income taxes levied on the profits of the previous year. Nevertheless, he is not permitted to make any deduction for these income taxes. This is as if the tax played no part in cutting down the income. Congress does allow the deduction of the State income taxes, but remains blind to the fact that its own income taxes operate in the same manner to reduce net income or profit,

on which alone taxes should be based. We heard of a case, a few years ago, where a concern by reason of an exceptional transaction netted an unusual amount of profit in a certain year, which made it liable to a Federal income tax of \$60,000 for that year, payable, of course, in the next year. In this next year profits dropped back to normal, the business yielding only just enough to pay this \$60,000 tax. That left absolutely nothing for distribution, and yet this concern had to pay taxes in the following year on the theoretical profit of \$60,000, that existed before the deduction of the tax referred to. Accounting practice seems to favor this treatment of the matter, but the United States might well lead the way in inaugurating a departure, especially as it would be in the line of a real and much needed reform. Conjuring up profits which have no existence, as a basis for taxes, obviously has nothing to recommend it.

The Financial Situation.

The security markets are of continuous interest, reflecting as they do the changing fortunes and the new developments concerning corporations, as well as developments of more general interest. Attention during the past week has largely been centred on developments bearing on the corporations themselves, rather than with the effect of the election as during the previous week. It is also a feature of some interest that New York Stock Exchange seats have the present week sold at new high figures, two sales having been announced on Wednesday, one at \$158,000 and another at \$160,000, comparing with a previous high of \$155,000.

More attention, however, has been concentrated upon the report of brokers' loans by the New York Stock Exchange. Two sets of figures are now available, one giving the loans to brokers and dealers by Federal Reserve member banks in New York City, these figures being announced weekly on Monday, and the other showing brokers' loans held by members of the New York Stock Exchange, the latter figures being announced by the Exchange as of the last of each month. The Federal Reserve totals which had reached a low for the year on May 19 of \$2,408,695,000, had from that point advanced to a recent high on Sept. 15 of \$2,820,382,000, this advance probably being one of the important causes of the recent decline in the stock market. The advance, however, had apparently been checked on Sept. 15, after which time there was a sharp falling off to Oct. 27, the reduction amounting to \$218,186,000. This had led to expectation of a large reduction in the total to be reported by the New York Stock Exchange, as of the 31st of October. The figures, however, when first given out on Friday, Nov. 5 showed a decline of only \$27,600,085. It was difficult to account for this wide discrepancy. The matter was explained, though, by an announcement on Monday, the 8th, from the Stock Exchange, that a mistake had been made in the computation, and that the actual decline during the month in the figures had been \$107,760,085. There can be little question but that the market was adversely affected by the earlier announcement and favorably affected by the correction made three days later. The New York

Stock Exchange is to be commended for its courage in promptly correcting the mistake when discovered.

Developments in corporation news included the probable rearrangement of the Van Sweringen merger, with Chesapeake & Ohio as the controlling company, big equipment orders, and a number of dividend increases, by far the most important of these being the \$4 extra declared upon General Motors stock on Thursday after the close of Stock Exchange operations. The payment of this dividend by one of the world's most important corporations, the single extra involving approximately \$35,000,000, is a matter of significance as evidencing confidence among important business leaders regarding the general business situation, and particularly that in the motor industry. There had been much speculation as to the likelihood of any extra distribution at all this time, in view of the recent increase in the stock through a 50% stock dividend. Notwithstanding this 50% increase in the stock the extra is the same as that paid on July 1 last. Nearly one-quarter of this dividend will be paid the Du Pont de Nemours Co., which is expected to pass it along to its own stockholders.

Freight loadings have again broken all records, the cars loaded during the week ended Oct. 30 having been 1,216,432, an increase of 6,269 over the previous record during the week of Oct. 16, and an increase of 91,994 cars over the record prior to the present year. The Irving Fisher weekly index of wholesale commodity prices shows a rather remarkable gain for the week ended Nov. 5 in view of the comparatively small fluctuations during recent weeks and months. The index for Nov. 5 stood at 153.5, as compared with 150.0 on Oct. 29; the averages during the past four months having been 147.6, 148.2, 148.5, 148.4, respectively. This sharp advance may not be very permanent, but at least it gives some evidence that the low price level of the past four months is not at present showing signs of declining further.

Money continues in ample supply, the call rate in New York, which has been 4½% for some time, having declined to 4¼% on Tuesday, though recovering to 4½% yesterday. Prices of investment bonds continue to advance, the Dow-Jones average for 40 corporation bonds now standing around 95.60, a gain of ½ point during the last few weeks. The stock market has again been developing strength. The undertone yesterday was particularly strong.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has given the cotton crop figures for the current year another boost. This is in line with precedent. It occurred at the same time a year ago as well as in the preceding year. It seems to characterize the late reports of each year in which there is a heavy production. Apparently no adequate means exists for determining the ultimate yield when the acreage is large and conditions favorable. The Crop Reporting Board in its latest estimate, issued on Monday of this week, still expresses uncertainty as to the quantity of cotton that will be left unpicked. Later information regarding this phase of the situation may add somewhat to the production from current year's growth. Condition figures are again omitted in the latest report of the Department. It may be that they could not be adequately expressed, in view of the present indications as to yield. The latter is now placed at 17,918,000 bales, which is 464,000 bales

above the indicated yield two weeks earlier, and 1,814,000 bales larger than the final ginning returns for the 1925 crop.

Ginnings now exceed those of a year ago at this time, amounting to 11,259,038 bales up to Nov. 1 of this year, against 11,207,197 bales ginned to Nov. 1 1925, for the crop of that year. In 1925, after the Nov. 1 report, 717,000 bales were added to the estimate of the size of the crop. For the 1924 yield, there was an addition of 811,000 bales over and above the quantity allowed for by the Nov. 1 1924 condition report. On the other hand, the 1923 crop was somewhat reduced, showing a decline of 109,000 bales under the Oct. 25 1923 estimate of yield. There seems a very good prospect that the final ginning returns for the current year will show a crop in excess of 18,000,000 bales.

Texas and Oklahoma lead all the other States of the cotton belt in the latest estimate of yield over that issued two weeks earlier. Production in Texas is now put at 5,550,000 bales, which is 150,000 bales larger than was indicated two weeks prior to the latest report. There is likewise a gain of 120,000 bales for Oklahoma above the earlier estimate of Oct. 16. The other leading cotton States, with only two or three exceptions, are also given considerable advances, among them Mississippi with 80,000 bales more; Alabama with 50,000 bales increase, Georgia and Arkansas 20,000 bales more each, and North Carolina 10,000 bales increase. There is a gain for Missouri, a small cotton State, while Tennessee and Louisiana are unchanged and South Carolina shows a decline.

The cereal crops this year will make a good showing, according to the November report of the Department of Agriculture issued at Washington on Wednesday of this week. Summing up the season's results, October as a whole was favorable to the late crops. Corn, which earlier in the season did not promise so well, was helped materially, and a yield of 2,693,963,000 bushels is now indicated. This is considerably under seven of the ten preceding years, contrasting with 2,905,053,000 bushels last year, and with practically 3,000,000,000 bushels or more in at least four of the ten years referred to. The estimate made for the corn crop of the current year by the Department of Agriculture a month earlier than that just issued was for a yield of 2,679,988,000 bushels, so that conditions during October, in the judgment of the Department, added 13,975,000 bushels to the prospective yield from this year's harvest. Of the big corn States, the additions during October affect chiefly Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa. About one-third of this year's corn crop is accredited to these three States, the first and last mentioned naturally leading by a large margin. These three States promise 21,487,000 bushels larger production now than a month ago.

There is also a small increase shown for Indiana and Ohio. On the other hand, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas are given a materially smaller production than a month earlier. Contrasted with the corn crop of 1925, the reduction in yield this year applies to practically every one of the leading corn States. The loss is heavy for Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Ohio and Indiana. South Dakota, however, which is not one of the leading producers, had a yield this year better than in 1925.

The quality of the corn raised this year is higher than was promised earlier in the season, thanks to the October weather, though it is still below most of the preceding years. The Department now places the quality this year at 72.6%. For 1925 it was 83.6%, which is nearer to the customary condition. The carry-over of old corn on the farms Nov. 1 is estimated at 181,000,000 bushels, as against only 58,000,000 bushels a year ago.

The white potato crop also shows some improvement in the latest Government report and a yield of 360,727,000 bushels is now indicated for this year. This is nearly 10,000,000 bushels larger than the estimate issued a month earlier, and compares with 325,902,000 bushels raised in 1925. The improvement is very largely in Maine and Michigan, though New York and Pennsylvania also show a slightly larger yield than was indicated earlier. The yield of tobacco this year is now placed at 1,304,494,000 pounds, which is practically 10,500,000 pounds larger than the October estimate, but 70,000,000 pounds smaller than was raised in 1925. Apples promise a larger crop than last year by more than 40% and the yield of rice this year will exceed the crop of 1925 by 21%, the production now being placed at 40,809,000 bushels. The crop of sweet potatoes will also exceed the earlier estimates and is now given as much larger than last year. The Department fixes the total production of all crops this year 2.9% better than last year and 7.3% above the average for the past five years.

Italy and Benito Mussolini, her Premier and Dictator, with iron will and o'erleaping eagerness for power, have figured prominently again in the European cable dispatches of the week. As noted in our last week's issue, the Italian Cabinet Council, on Nov. 5, "approved a long series of emergency measures of extraordinary severity," all of which were aimed at "the enemies of the Fascist regime." Because of the world-wide comment that their adoption has caused it may be well to present the following brief summary of the chief features, as given in a special wireless message to the New York "Times" on Nov. 5. The correspondent said that "they include the death penalty for anyone attempting the life of the sovereign or the head of the State, or any one guilty of treason, espionage or armed rebellion; dissolution of all parties, associations or organizations carrying on activity against the Fascist regime, with three to ten years' imprisonment for any one attempting to reconstitute such parties, associations or organizations after their dissolution, and two to five years' imprisonment for any one belonging to them, and a similar penalty for any one spreading their programs or doctrines; five to fifteen years' imprisonment for any one spreading abroad false or exaggerated news about conditions in Italy."

It was explained in the same dispatch that "all these measures fall under three separate and distinct headings. One group is directed especially against organized political opposition to the Fascist regime, another is intended chiefly for the defense of the State and the third was approved in order to facilitate police surveillance over individuals belonging to subversive or opposition organizations. Under the third heading, or the measures intended to facilitate police surveillance of subversive elements, come measures relating to passports, to forced domi-

cile, etc. In addition to all these there is the institution of the special office of political investigation which will have its finger in all pies. This office will be run by the Fascist militia and will, therefore, be purely a party organization and quite independent of the police and magistrature. It will probably derive its strength chiefly from this very fact, which will give it far greater freedom of action." Attention was directed especially to the fact that "all these measures, it is specifically stated in the bill, will come into force when, after their approval by Parliament, they will appear in the official 'Gazette' and will cease five years from that date."

Announcement likewise was made that "considerable changes in the present Cabinet were decided upon at the afternoon sitting of the Cabinet Council. Premier Mussolini will take over the Ministry of Internal Affairs, which makes him the direct chief of all the Italian police forces and will enable him personally to supervise the application of the measures approved in the morning sitting." It was added that "Mussolini now holds six portfolios out of the total of thirteen. He is in addition Premier, President of the Council of Ministers, Commander-in-Chief of the Fascist Militia and Duce of the Fascist Party."

Commenting on the further material increase in Mussolini's power, the Associated Press representative in Rome said in a dispatch on Nov. 6 that "Italy to-day is virtually under martial law so far as moral or physical offenses against the regime and its leader are concerned, with Premier Mussolini possessing the powers of a commander-in-chief of the army in time of war. The newly-created courts for trial of crimes against the regime and the special political police force intended to watch for plots here and abroad are both controlled by the Fascist militia. Thus Mussolini is doubly in command, as Minister of the Interior and commander of the militia. Having added the Ministry of the Interior to his responsibilities, the Premier called upon his cohorts to support him in carrying into effect two of his favorite maxims—'two eyes for one eye and for one tooth an entire set of teeth' and 'the best way to defend is to attack.'"

A still more adequate idea of the comprehensiveness of the most recently adopted measures were given in part as follows in a special Rome dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" on Nov. 5: "Meanwhile the whole Fascist organization seems to have constituted itself into one immense detective force determined to follow up relentlessly all the ramifications, immediate or remote, which may have any connection whatever with the succession of attempts to end the supreme leader's life. House searchings have become the order of the day and they are being carried out with characteristic Fascist thoroughness in an attempt to find out just who is a friend and who is a foe of the regime, everybody falling into one or the other of these categories."

Prompt action on the measures adopted by the Cabinet Council on Nov. 5 was taken by the Italian Chamber of Deputies. The Associated Press correspondent in Rome cabled on Nov. 9 that "Mussolini's defense law, including the institution of capital punishment for attempts against the lives of the members of the royal family or the Premier, was ap-

proved by the Chamber of Deputies to-day, 295 to 8." Announcement was made also of the taking of another radical step by the Chamber. The correspondent said that "the Chamber approved a motion by Augusto Turati, Secretary-General of the Fascist Party, canceling the membership in the Chamber of the Opposition Deputies who have not participated in Parliament since the kidnaping and slaying of the Socialist Deputy Matteotti in 1924. The membership of all the Communist Deputies was also canceled, although they have recently participated in the Parliamentary sessions."

In describing further the opening of the session, the Associated Press correspondent said: "The Chamber opened to-day with one of the most imposing demonstrations of loyalty to Premier Mussolini that has ever occurred in an Italian Parliament. As the Premier, heading all the members of his Cabinet, entered the Chamber, all the members present, as well as the crowded galleries, sprang to their feet and applauded him for more than five minutes. 'Viva Mussolini! Viva Il Duce!' sounded through the hall repeatedly. All the galleries, including those reserved for diplomatic representatives, were filled. The United States was represented by Warren D. Robbins, Counselor at the American Embassy."

In an interview with Mussolini in the Chigi Palace in Rome with a representative of the United Press, on Nov. 10, the Dictator of Italy was quoted as saying, "we are repeating the history of the Caesars. I have his bust before me all the time. I keep that there as my constant inspiration. Yes, dictators sprang up periodically in those glorious days. We need a dictator now to reorganize the nation, to revivify the State from the wrongs in which democracy plunged her. We are doing things now in Italy, marching forward, producing, building." As for his own health, the Italian leader said: "You see me to-day. I am robust and full of fight and strength." The correspondent declared, "Mussolini never appeared to be in better health than he was to-day. His eyes gleamed, the clearness of his face was tinged with the glow of outdoor exercise. His frame is massive and his strong, muscular person seemed to emit the vibrations of his forceful will. Mussolini seems to be happy. His demeanor is that of a happy man. Even the burden of six Cabinet portfolios and the weight of the entire machinery of State was unable to hide the playful grace with which he directs the affairs of the nation and then finds time to converse in a leisurely manner. He seemed a man of stupendous energy and personality, not to be compared with any other ever encountered by this correspondent."

In the course of a series of three articles based on an interview with Premier Mussolini, the Rome correspondent of the New York "Evening Post" said: "It is one of the almost incomprehensible facts of the Fascist regime that henceforth there can be no strikes or lockouts in Italy. Mussolini's exhortations to his people ring with the word 'labor,' which in Italian is both a noun and a verb, as in English, and the economic principle involved is production. In Italy, as in no other country in the world, the affairs of capital and labor are regulated by decree. The instrument of this law is the Fascist labor corpora-

tions, in which fifteen nation-wide syndicates, representing every form of productive occupation, is grouped. The Fascist regime put over this program. Capital and labor may have grievances, but they agree to constitute themselves the impartial judges of any question at issue. For this there is but one appeal, the Magistrate of Labor. All have agreed to abide by this decision. The system denies employers the use of the lockout or the summary exclusion of a single man from his labor, except it be from flagrant insubordination or incompetence. Extraordinary diligence on the part of the Government is the guarantee of the fairness of the corporation, and Mussolini, in this case, is the Secretary of Labor."

As for Mussolini's ideas, expressed in his characteristic way, the "Evening Post" correspondent quoted the Italian leader in part as follows: "You can say to the American people that that is the least of my worries. I am here to stay. This Fascist regime is here to stay. It has made its impress not only on Italy but on the world. Fascism is not only a party, a political philosophy; it is a new patriotism. There has been a profound revolution in Italy: it is Fascism; it has succeeded, it has given Italy new life; it has once more enlightened the shores of the Mediterranean with a renascent Latin race; under the impulse of Fascism, the Italian people are moving, working, building, saving, increasing, observing their honorable obligations to other nations and pursuing a clear-sighted, uncompromising, realistic program, militantly straightforward in its preference for peace. I assert now that any Italian who is an anti-Fascist is a traitor to his country."

The so-called "Garibaldi affair," which was briefly outlined in these columns last week, has continued to attract much attention. It will be recalled that "Colonel Ricciotti Garibaldi confessed late last night [Nov. 5] to M. Chiappe, head of the French Secret Service, according to the 'Petit Parisien,' that for the last eight months he has been the chief secret agent in France for Signor Federzoni, Italian Minister of the Interior, who has just resigned. During that period he received 400,000 francs directly from Minister Federzoni, he is said to have admitted."

The Italian Government was brought into an embarrassing position with the French Government by reason of various political outbreaks that were regarded by the French as decidedly unfriendly to them. As for Garibaldi and his part in these affairs, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled on Nov. 6 that "Premier Mussolini, through his Embassy in Paris, has asked the French Government to withhold any conclusions regarding Colonel Ricciotti Garibaldi's confession that he was a Fascist agent provocateur for another two days, as at the end of that time the Italian Government would be in a position to offer satisfactory explanations. Meanwhile the Duce has forwarded a written apology to Rene Besnard, French Ambassador at Rome, for the anti-French accidents in Tripoli. The soldiers and militant Fascisti who took part in the incident have been the subject of 'disciplinary measures,' while five or six soldiers who invaded the Consulate have been handed over to the judicial authorities. Mussolini is awaiting final reports on the Ventimiglia and Benghazi incidents before replying to the French protests."

The correspondent also suggested that "it is now incumbent upon the Duce, in the view of observers here, to make frank admission and apology for the dangerous activities of Colonel Garibaldi and prevent future efforts of this kind. In fact, it is explained in official quarters that an avowal of this sort will be demanded by France, whether it take the form of a written communication to M. Briand or be made orally through diplomatic channels, and that to obtain such action it only remains for M. Briand to write Italy to the effect that the discovery of Garibaldi's role in France brings conclusive proof that the charges that France has winked at the hatching of anti-Mussolini plots on French soil are entirely unfounded. Twenty-two hours of grilling questioning by the Chiefs of the French Secret Service has weaved such a thick web of convicting evidence around Colonel Garibaldi that no doubt now remains of the war hero's role during the last sixteen months as the leading secret agent in France for the Fascist Government."

That the French Government did not let the matter drop was shown by the statement in a United Press dispatch from Paris on Nov. 8, which stated that "France to-day formally protested to the Italian Government against the anti-French incidents which occurred at Ventimiglia, on the Franco-Italian border, a few hours after the recent attempt to assassinate Premier Mussolini in Bologna. Ambassador Besnard presented the note of protest to the Italian Government in Rome, explaining that it was based upon facts ascertained by the official investigation."

Evidently the very same day the Italian Government took steps to satisfy the French Government. It was stated in a special cable dispatch from Rome to the New York "Times" that evening that "the Garibaldi sensation entered upon a diplomatic phase to-day when Baron Romano Avezzana, Italian Ambassador to France, called on Foreign Minister M. Briand late this afternoon and discussed at great length the recent Franco-Italian incidents and revelations growing out of the Garibaldi affair. The Italian diplomat expressed the profound regret of Italy that such an unhappy development should disturb public opinion in both countries and made it clear that it was the desire of the Italian Government that the whole matter be forgotten as soon as possible." The "Times" correspondent said also that "so far as Colonel Garibaldi's plotting on French soil is concerned, the Italian Ambassador, while disapproving all such machinations, explained it was a police affair of which the Italian Government was not cognizant, and that Premier Mussolini had shown his attitude by the prompt manner in which he dealt with those responsible." He stated, likewise, that "the French Government replied that this was not sufficient because the nature of the incident warrants some special form of apology from Italy. There the situation remains for the present, but no doubt further conversations between the two Powers will bring forth a mutually agreeable solution."

On the other hand, in a special Paris dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune," also on Nov. 8, it was claimed that, "meanwhile the first reports reaching Paris through other channels than the censored dispatches passed by the Fascist Government indi-

cate that Fascism is inaugurating the severest iron rule yet attempted in order to uphold the Mussolini regime and crush all opposition. It is apparent that extreme Fascism is sweeping Italy, intent on holding its power and maintaining itself at all costs. The press, therefore, is hailing the death penalty and martial law measures as a new chapter in progress." That correspondent added that "it is said here that Garibaldi's latest admissions, obtained after an hour's grilling, declare that Mussolini himself was familiar with his activities. This startling charge has not been sustained in all its details as yet, but it is known to be receiving the serious attention of the French Surete Generale. The theory of some French officials and of many political observers here is that Mussolini has been drawn much closer to the affair than he could wish, and is accordingly greatly concerned that the blow to his prestige which has already resulted in part may go much further."

"All's well that ends well." Announcement was made in an Associated Press dispatch from Paris on Nov. 9 that "formal written expressions of regret for the anti-French incidents at Ventimiglia and Benghazi were handed to the French Ambassador in Rome to-day by Premier Mussolini in the form of an 'aide memoire.' The French Foreign Office announces that in view of this action and the satisfactory nature of Foreign Minister Briand's talk with the Italian Ambassador in Paris yesterday, the Government considers the incident 'closed.' This visibly eases the situation between Paris and Rome, as the Colonel Ricciotti Garibaldi affair, involving anti-Fascist activities and the participation of Italians in the Catalan plot, are considered police questions." It was suggested also that "Mussolini's action in giving a written declaration to Ambassador Besnard was spontaneous, the French Government having refrained from making any pressing demands." According to a special Paris cable dispatch to the New York "Times," also on the evening of Nov. 9, "Mussolini's note is not published here in full, but its substance is fully significant. To his apologies and regrets the Duce adds that the Fascist who invaded the French Consulate at Ventimiglia has been handed over to justice and that the Italian Colonel who, at Benghazi, somewhat too emphatically insisted that the Italian flag should be run up beside the French tricolor over the Consulate has been 'severely reprimanded.'" It was predicted in a Paris dispatch on Nov. 11 that Garibaldi would be deported by the French Government when formal action was taken on his case. According to an Associated Press dispatch from Paris last evening, "Minister of Interior Sarraut announced after a Cabinet meeting this morning that the papers in the cases of Ricciotti Garibaldi and Francisco Macia, allegedly involved in the recent unsuccessful Catalan plot, would be turned over to the Minister of Justice. He formally denied published reports that a decree of expulsion from France had been issued against Garibaldi, who was brought here from Nice to be questioned in connection with the anti-Fascist activities along the Riviera."

The Italian Government has adopted what are generally regarded in financial circles in the leading world centres as heroic measures for funding the country's debt. Finance Minister Volpi was

quoted in Rome dispatches as characterizing them as "one of the greatest financial operations ever attempted in any country." The New York "Times" correspondent in the Italian capital said that the plan would result in a speedy consolidation of more than 20,500,000,000 lire of the floating debt. Announcement was made in Rome on Nov. 7 that "the King has signed the decree authorizing the Treasury to issue a new loan bearing 5% interest, which holders of the ordinary Treasury bonds, maturing in five or seven years, will be obliged to take in exchange for their bonds." The "Times" correspondent outlined the chief features of the plan as follows: "The exchange will be made on the basis of 116 lire 50 centesimi of the new loan for every 100 lire of ordinary Treasury bonds; 113 lire of the new loan for every 100 lire of the five-year Treasury bonds; 112 lire of the new loan for every 100 lire of the seven-year Treasury bonds. From Thursday, when the decree will go into effect, all ordinary Treasury bonds, therefore, and five and seven-year Treasury bonds, will be automatically converted into the new loan. Holders of the nine-year Treasury bonds have the option of converting their bonds into the new loan at the rate of 107 lire 50 centesimi of the loan for every 100 lire of bonds. The new loan also will be offered to the public at 87 lire 50 centesimi for each nominal 100 lire of the loan. In order to provide an immediate large market for this new loan the decree provides that a syndicate shall be formed, composed of the Bank of Italy, all savings banks and insurance companies in Italy, and all financial institutions which by law or charter must invest all or part of their funds in Government securities. All these institutions are obliged to invest half of all the sums at their disposal between Nov. 11 1926 and Dec. 1 1927 in the new loan. The money thus raised will be used in credit operations on the security of the new loan or in redeeming short-term Government debts." It was suggested also that "by this means that part of Italy's floating debt which is represented by short-term Treasury bonds is to be automatically abolished and replaced by the consolidated loan. The net result will be to increase somewhat Italy's internal debt but to free the Treasury of the burden of having to find ready cash to redeem its bonds when they fall due."

According to a Rome dispatch from the New York "Herald Tribune" correspondent on Nov. 7, "reduced to its simplest terms, the loan—part of which is obligatory and part voluntary—has a twofold purpose; to postpone for ten years the cash retirement of the short-term Treasury bonds of imminent maturity, amounting to something over 20,500,000,000 lire, and to provide large sums of ready cash which the Government needs for the defense of the lira and for the development of the economic projects now under way. What it amounts to is that the Government has decided that it is feasible thus to go further in debt to the Italian people to attain these necessary ends."

Features not already touched upon in other cable dispatches were discussed by the Rome representative of "The Sun" in a dispatch on Nov. 8 and were at variance somewhat with statements by other correspondents. He asserted that "the primary consideration in dictating the new law was not any immediate weakness in the lira, which has been

easily held at its present high level by rigid restriction of note circulation and especially by restriction of credits and also by opportune Government support. The primary aim of the new law is to loosen credit for the country's legitimate commercial needs without issuing new currency. But a sweeping program for funding the whole floating debt of more than twenty billion lire was necessitated by a credit stringency which impelled investors in short-term Government bonds to convert them into cash at maturity instead of renewing them as previously. Postal savings banks, insurance societies and similar institutions will be compelled to invest all or part of their deposits in new Government consolidated bonds at net 6%, while private investors will be invited to do the same. Bonds thus bought will then be accepted by the Bank of Italy as collateral for business loans, the cash for which is furnished by the investor himself. Essentially, the Government's ambitious undertaking to concentrate all the nation's liquid capital in the hands of the Bank of Italy constitutes a typically Fascist attempt to resolve by bold, direct measures the uneasiness created in business circles by the Government's rigid restriction of credit. Since early in September when the Government instructed the Bank of Italy to refuse all but the most essential and soundest business loans, business has complained that it was hampered."

The finances of the French Government appear to have been improved considerably just recently. Announcement was made in an Associated Press dispatch from Paris on Nov. 8 that "the Bank of France, acting for the French Treasury, has bought sufficient foreign exchange to meet all payments of the Government abroad during 1927, which will run considerably beyond the equivalent of \$100,000,000. More than half will go in interest and sinking funds on the bonded debts held by individuals abroad, and \$30,000,000 in an installment debt payment to the Washington Treasury, assuming the Berenger-Mellon settlement is ratified by both sides. Most of the remainder will go to the British Government."

Word was received from Paris on Nov. 5 that "France's record budget of nearly 40,000,000,000 francs received final approval to-day by the Finance Commission of the Chamber and will be discussed and voted on during the short session which begins next Friday, Nov. 12, and should close Dec. 20. Premier Poincare declared in a statement to the Commission this afternoon that the budget satisfied amply the needs of the moment. It was perfectly balanced, and provided the largest possible contribution to the sinking fund, he said. The figures finally approved show a revenue of 38,591,000,000 francs and expenditure of 39,260,000,000, thus leaving a deficit of 699,000,000. During 1927 there will be set aside 8,174,000,000 francs for sinking fund purposes, and this amount, the Premier declared, is the irreducible minimum. In contrast to the tragic days of last July, the Premier stated that the situation of the Treasury was now comfortable, a statement which would mark a curious contrast to the borrowing of 800,000,000 francs from the Bank of France last week if it were not known that special circumstances attached to that operation." Further light was thrown on recent developments with regard to French finances, in a special wireless message from Paris to the New York "Times" on Nov. 10. It was

stated that "the important question as to where the Government obtained the money with which it bought considerable reserves of foreign currency to meet all State obligations for this and next year was answered in financial circles here by the statement that all funds devoted to this end were taken from the normal sources of revenue." According to the dispatch also, "so far as gold and silver purchases by the Bank of France are concerned, the same explanation was given. To a lesser degree loans floated in Switzerland and Holland were included in the foreign currency reserves, but most of the funds were obtained from tax payments by citizens or from subscriptions to national defense bonds by Frenchmen and foreigners."

The French Chamber of Deputies met yesterday. The New York "Times" correspondent in Paris cabled that its members were "subdued and so docile as to be scarcely recognizable as the wild men who last spring carelessly and joyously threw Government after Government out of office." According to an Associated Press dispatch from Paris last evening, "the Poincare Cabinet received a vote of confidence from the Chamber of Deputies on the reopening of Parliament to-day. The Chamber upheld the Premier's demand for immediate discussion of the 1927 budget and postponement of all interpellations."

Marshal Pilsudski, Dictator of Poland, has had a hard road politically to travel in recent days, as has been true ever since he seized control of the Government. The idea has prevailed that he was aiming toward the establishment of a monarchy, of which he would be the head. In a special wireless message from Warsaw to the New York "Times" on Nov. 5 it was stated that "a regency in Poland, if not an actual monarchy, is believed to be nearer to-day than it was after the congress of Monarchists and Marshal Pilsudski at Nieswiez two weeks ago, when the Dictator was asked to assume the crown. The situation to-day arises from the fact that the Lower House has gotten itself into a tangle, which may have already shattered the Constitution, by dallying sixteen days over the meeting to consider the budget for next year. According to the Constitution, the Sejm should have met between Oct. 20 and Nov. 1, but party squabbles prevented agreement on the date until 11.59 on the night of Oct. 31, when President Moscicki issued a summary decree ordering the session. The parties again began a series of trivial arguments, first over whether they would obey Premier Pilsudski's order that members stand up when the Presidential decree was read. Failing to settle this, the members were ordered by the Premier to go to the President's Palace to hear the decree read and then march across the city to the House of Parliament to go to work."

In another dispatch from Warsaw to the "Times" on the same date announcement was made that "Marshal Pilsudski will ride at the head of the parade which will honor him instead of celebrating the end of the Great War on Nov. 11. Armistice Day, however, will be celebrated jointly, although the occasion is far more important to Marshal Pilsudski personally, because on that date he was released from prison in Magdeburg, Germany, after two years' captivity, for intrigues against the Central Powers as a member of the Austrian Army. On

the same date the Poles arose and began disarming the Germans in Warsaw, thus making Nov. 11 actually the first day of independence of the new republic."

The program for Armistice Day in Warsaw, as already outlined, was fully carried out. The New York "Times" correspondent said that, "despite the fact that he was plain target from the scores of windows surrounding the square from which shots might have been fired the Marshal remained like a statue throughout the review, one of the greatest military gatherings in Poland since the war."

Some days before (Nov. 7) Dictator Pilsudski took a step that did not add to his popularity, to say the least. The Warsaw representative of the New York "Times" cabled that evening that, "as though foreshadowing stirring events to come within the Polish Government, Marshal Pilsudski, through his President, to-night issued a decree gagging the press in a manner equaled only in Russia and Italy, and virtually smashing another constitutional provision. Imprisonment is provided for three specific offenses, Government officials themselves being empowered to impose fines or jail sentences without the aid of courts or juries. The decree goes into effect to-morrow." The correspondent further said that "in their complaint the Socialists declare that the action is not only a plain abrogation of the right of free speech in the press stipulated by the Constitution, but is also the second occasion upon which the Government has deliberately flouted the basic law, the first being the failure to open the session of Sejm within the prescribed time limit. The decree, coming at a time when the air is still full of talk over Pilsudski's alleged aim toward a monarchy, has caused a great furore in Republican circles, it being pointed out that during the recent extension of the powers of the Dictator even the Opposition papers have been unusually silent. Therefore it is argued that the abolishment of the free press is not the result of past attacks upon the Dictator and his associates, but is apparently in preparation for an impending radical move on his part."

Parliamentary elections were held in Greece on last Sunday, Nov. 7. The returns were slow in coming in and being counted. Both the Republicans and the Monarchists claimed a victory. On Nov. 10, according to a special cable message from Athens from the New York "Times" correspondent at that centre, "to-day's returns for Sunday's elections for the Chamber, although not final, reduce the Republican Party's strength to 152 seats, distributed among the Liberal Unionists, Republican Unionists and Independent Republicans. The Opposition parties now have 124, divided among the Royalist Popular, Metaxists and Independent Anti-Venzelists. The Communists have eight seats and the Independent Agrarians two." It was stated also that "some unimportant changes may be effected in these lists on the receipt of the few remaining returns, and after the process of counting the second and third preferences. The difficulty of forming a Cabinet is still acknowledged on both sides, as no party has a working majority. The formation of a coalition Ministry would be welcomed by public opinion, but this presents many difficulties. In some Government circles the possibility of an early dissolution

of the new Chamber is already discussed and it is suggested that a different electoral system will have to be introduced to provide the resultant Government with a working majority. In that case a system similar to Yugoslavia's might be adopted in order to avoid the disintegration of the Republican parties during the new election." Quite a different story was furnished by the Associated Press correspondent at Athens on Nov. 10. He said: "Premier Kondylis to-day gave out what he declared to be absolutely correct figures in the recent Parliamentary elections. He announced that 693,823 voters were in favor of the maintenance of the present regime, as compared with 186,304 for the Monarchist Party. This, he said, was a striking victory for the Republicans. The Liberal and Republican unions, which had claimed a majority of more than 20 votes in the Parliament over all other parties, said the Premier, could form a Government by themselves, if a coalition Government, which is desirable for the solution of the difficult problems facing the country, should for the moment become impossible."

The German Cabinet, of which Herr Marx is Chancellor, came near defeat on Nov. 9. According to a special Berlin cablegram to the New York "Herald Tribune" on that date, "a decision of the Socialist Party to-day not to vote with the Nationalists and Communists against the Marx Cabinet in the Reichstag averted, temporarily at least, a Government crisis. The Socialists' decision foiled a cleverly laid plot of Count Kuno von Westarp, leader of the Nationalists, to upset the Cabinet, which seemed to have a chance of success yesterday when the Socialists, Communists and Nationalists put the Government parties in a minority by voting to raise the unemployment dole by 30%." It was stated, however, that "this resolution was considered by the Government only as an expression of opinion by the Reichstag and not as a vote of lack of confidence requiring the Cabinet's resignation. The Reichstag resolution will be referred to a committee, where it will be given decent burial. The need of placating the Socialists, however, induced the Government to-day to hurry through the Reichsrat a project for raising the unemployment pay to the jobless to the extent of 15%. This increase, which goes into effect at the end of this week, it is estimated will raise the expense of the unemployment dole to the Government by about \$2,500,000 monthly, whereas the Socialist proposal adopted by the Reichstag yesterday with the aid of the Nationalists would have added, of course, more than double that sum to the Government's monthly budget."

The outlook for an early settlement of the British coal miners' strike has brightened up. According to a special London cablegram to the New York "Times" early yesterday morning, "the coal strike seemed closer to an end than ever before since it began, exactly 28 weeks ago, when a conference between strike leaders and the Cabinet Coal Committee ended at 3.30 o'clock this morning, after several hours' discussion. At that time a 'memorandum of settlement' had been drafted which will be submitted to-day by the leaders participating in the discussions to the miners' national delegate conference. If the latter accepts the conditions of the memorandum the longest coal strike in British history will finally

terminate. The principal points in the memorandum include an undertaking on the part of the Miners' Federation to do all in its power to promote an immediate resumption of work in the coal fields by means of district settlements embodying an understood national principle—the hours to be worked not being excluded from the district negotiations—and a promise by the Government that as soon as it is satisfied that the above condition has been complied with it will introduce legislation by which district agreements not conforming to the national principle may be the subject of appeal by either party to a national arbitral authority. There is a strong feeling that the 'memorandum of settlement' will be the actual basis of the strike settlement, though the miners' delegates have still to be heard from and the mine owners may still have something to say."

London cable advices received up to the time of going to press did not indicate that a settlement actually had been reached. To the contrary, it was stated in an Associated Press cablegram that "revived negotiations for a settlement of the British coal strike took a dramatic turn to-day when a statement was issued from 10 Downing Street indicating the mine owners were not in accord with the projected terms of settlement. The statement said if the miners should accept the terms offered by the Government the Baldwin Ministry would proceed with legislation to make them effective despite the mine owners' objections."

Apparently except for the British coal miners' strike economic conditions in Europe would be considerably better than they are. Certainly they would be in England and in the British Isles. In a speech at the Guildhall banquet, on the evening of Nov. 9, "which brought to a climax, as it does every year, the festivities of Lord Mayor's Day," Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, displayed "optimism, blended with a thorough realization of the difficulties confronting present-day Europe." The London correspondent of the New York "Times" said that, "after declaring that the Imperial Conference now in progress had been surpassed by none in good feeling and harmonious spirit, Mr. Baldwin said to the eagerly listening audience: 'When we met at this table three years ago there was scarcely a State in Europe which was not faced by almost insoluble problems. French and Belgian troops were in occupation of the Ruhr. Germany was threatened by economic ruin and political disintegration. Unrest was rife throughout the East and the Near East. It was one of the darkest moments since the war. To-night I am able to describe foreign affairs as essentially more satisfactory than at any time since the war. There has been a definite tangible advance toward more settled and more stable conditions. You have now France, Italy, Germany and ourselves working together for reconstruction and reconciliation. France and Germany are trying to eliminate any remaining causes of friction by the wise policy of mutual concessions, and on all sides there is evidence in Europe of a clearer understanding that it is only by co-operation and good-will that an era of peace and stability can be realized.' After this burst of optimism, the British Prime Minister spoke of far less satisfactory matters—the British general strike of last spring and the coal strike still dragging along.

These, he said, are causes for deep humiliation to Britons. 'Whatever consolation we may draw from the defeat of the general strike,' he continued, 'it will remain forever a stain on the annals of our country, which, as Mr. George Trevelyan has recently reminded us, has hitherto led the world in reconciling three things which every nation has found difficult to do—executive efficiency, popular control and personal freedom.'"

The British Parliament is in session again for five weeks. It resumed on Nov. 9 and the London correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" declared that "Parliament's opening session to-day was remarkable for dulness." He added that "the attendance was poor and many of the House of Commons notables were among the absentees. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labor Party, is on his vacation in Africa, and David Lloyd George, leader of the Liberals, is suffering from a heavy cold." It was stated in the dispatch also that "Prime Minister Baldwin outlined his program, placing the electricity bill first on the list of measures the Government hopes to pass before Christmas. Among other bills he mentioned as early objectives were small holdings and allotments, housing for rural workers overseas, betting, Roman Catholic relief, and the supplementary estimate for the relief of unemployment."

The British trade statement for October made an unfavorable showing in comparison with October of last year. Compared with September of this year there were increases in exports—£2,490,000 in British products and £2,278,000 in foreign goods. Imports, however, were £9,286,000 larger. As against October a year ago exports of British products decreased £13,911,000 and re-exports of foreign goods decreased £3,017,000. The excess of imports expanded £19,101,000. The figures for October and for the first ten months of this year compare as follows with the corresponding periods of last year:

| | 1926—October—1925. | | 1926—Jan. 1—Oct. 31—1925. | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Imports..... | £111,010,000 | £108,838,924 | £1,016,396,000 | £1,074,262,947 |
| Exports, British goods..... | 53,170,000 | 67,081,986 | 549,114,000 | 646,340,392 |
| Re-exports, foreign goods..... | 10,360,000 | 13,377,420 | 103,062,000 | 126,228,235 |
| Total exports..... | 63,530,000 | 80,459,406 | 652,176,000 | 772,568,627 |
| Excess of imports..... | 47,480,000 | 28,379,518 | 364,220,000 | 301,964,320 |

No change has been noted in official discounts at leading European centres from 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. Open market discounts in London were firm and closed a trifle higher, at 4¾% for short bills and three months' bills, as against 4 11-16 @4 13-16% last week for short bills and 4 13-16% for three months' bills. Call money in London advanced to 4¾%, but finished at 3⅝%, the same as a week ago. In Paris and Switzerland open market discount rates continue to be quoted at 7½% and 2 11-16%, respectively.

The Bank of England continues to lose gold and this week reported a decline of no less than £746,548, although as note circulation decreased £703,000, the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department sustained only a small reduction—£44,000—while the proportion of reserve to liabilities advanced to 27.30%, in comparison with 27.01% last

week. A year ago the ratio stood at 21½% and in 1924 at 21%. Reductions were again revealed in deposits; public deposits decreased £520,000 and other deposits £905,000. Loans on Government securities rose £775,000, but loans on other securities were reduced £2,100,000. The Bank's stock of gold now stands at £152,060,534. This compares with £148,058,069 last year and £128,494,253 in the year prior to that (before the transfer to the Bank of England of the £27,000,000 gold formerly held by the Redemption Account of the Currency Note Issue). Reserve totals £32,977,000, as against £26,288,904 in 1925 and £25,373,933 a year earlier. Loans amount to £69,365,000, in comparison with £74,422,075 and 72,821,486 one and two years ago, respectively, while note circulation is £138,834,000, against £141,519,165 last year and £122,870,320 a year earlier. The Bank's official discount rate remains at 5%, unchanged. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £863,972,000, as against £877,041,000 a week ago and £794,216,000 last year. 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. 10. | 1925. Nov. 11. | 1924. Nov. 12. | 1923. Nov. 14. | 1922. Nov. 15. |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Circulation <i>b</i> | £ 138,834,000 | £ 141,519,165 | £ 122,870,320 | £ 124,204,155 | £ 121,901,960 |
| Public deposits..... | 18,637,000 | 13,168,592 | 15,862,522 | 14,885,309 | 12,854,839 |
| Other deposits..... | 102,163,000 | 109,199,348 | 105,493,522 | 105,804,208 | 109,505,988 |
| Government securities | 36,210,000 | 39,402,794 | 40,898,443 | 43,718,506 | 49,967,519 |
| Other securities..... | 69,365,000 | 74,422,075 | 72,821,486 | 71,489,488 | 66,143,276 |
| Reserve notes & coin | 32,977,000 | 26,288,904 | 25,373,933 | 23,231,871 | 23,989,056 |
| Coin and bullion <i>a</i> | 152,060,534 | 148,058,069 | 128,494,253 | 127,686,026 | 127,441,016 |
| Proportion of reserve to liabilities..... | 27.30% | 21¼% | 21% | 19¼% | 19½% |
| Bank rate..... | 5% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 3% |

The Bank of France in its weekly report issued yesterday (Nov. 12), showed a contraction of 723,-871,000 francs in note circulation, which is in sharp contrast with the expansion of 1,072,588,000 francs the previous week. Total notes outstanding now aggregate 54,926,903,995 francs, as compared with 47,681,701,045 francs the same time last year, and 40,365,940,175 francs in 1924. The Government repaid 500,000,000 francs to the Bank during the week and total indebtedness to the Bank now amounts to 36,050,000,000 francs. Last year advances to State stood at 31,350,000,000 francs and the year previous at 23,000,000,000 francs. Gold holdings gained 1,000 francs, thus bringing the total of that item up to 5,548,794,500 francs, as compared with the totals for the corresponding periods in 1925 and 1924, of 5,547,609,603 francs and 5,544,-560,526 francs, respectively. Other changes reported in the Bank's weekly statement were: Silver increased 1,000 francs; Treasury deposits, 31,-990,000 francs, and trade advances, 117,234,000 francs. On the other hand, bills discounted were decreased 1,795,360,000 francs and general deposits fell off 179,217,000 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and with corresponding dates in both 1925 and 1924 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

| | Changes for Week. | Status as of | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | Nov. 10 1926. | Nov. 12 1925. | Nov. 13 1924. |
| Gold Holdings— | | Francs. | Francs. | Francs. |
| In France..... Inc. | 1,000 | 3,684,473,593 | 3,683,288,695 | 3,650,239,618 |
| Abroad..... Unchanged | | 1,864,320,907 | 1,864,320,907 | 1,864,320,907 |
| Total..... Inc. | 1,000 | 5,548,794,500 | 5,547,609,603 | 5,544,560,526 |
| Silver..... Inc. | 1,000 | 339,056,157 | 311,373,577 | 304,029,605 |
| Bills discounted. Dec. | 1,795,360,000 | 4,193,219,385 | 3,232,338,395 | 4,630,671,902 |
| Trade advances Inc. | 117,234,000 | 2,244,334,182 | 2,665,706,002 | 2,838,410,007 |
| Note circulation Dec. | 723,871,000 | 54,926,903,995 | 47,681,701,045 | 40,365,940,175 |
| Treas. deposits. Inc. | 31,990,000 | 47,753,547 | 44,578,209 | 16,316,186 |
| General deposits. Dec. | 179,217,000 | 3,220,798,783 | 2,484,286,632 | 6,850,549,009 |
| Adv. to State..... Dec. | 500,000,000 | 36,050,000,000 | 31,350,000,000 | 23,000,000,000 |

Changes in the statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany, issued under date of Nov. 6, were less spectacular than those of the week preceding, and indicated that funds had commenced to return to their normal channels. Note circulation was reduced 141,059,000 marks, although this was offset by expansion in other maturing obligations of 149,-207,000 marks, while other liabilities increased 4,541,000 marks. On the assets side there was a decline in holdings of bills of exchange and checks of 67,034,000 marks, and of 32,013,000 marks in advances. Reserve in foreign currencies fell 25,000 marks and investments 52,000 marks. On the other hand, increases occurred in the following items: Silver and other coins 1,390,000 marks, notes on other banks 9,539,000 marks, and other assets 79,-963,000 marks. Another large increase in gold and bullion holdings was reported, namely 20,921,000 marks, bringing the total stocks of the precious metal up to 1,736,976,000 marks, against 1,206,897,-000 marks, last year and 694,288,000 marks in 1924. Outstanding note circulation amounts to 3,184,775,-000 marks, in comparison with 2,677,644,000 marks in 1925.

The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve banks, issued at the close of business on Thursday, indicated contraction in rediscounting. In fact, decreases were revealed in nearly all of the leading items at the same time that gold stocks increased. The Reserve banks as a whole increased their gold holdings \$34,500,000. Rediscounts of bills secured by Government obligations fell \$59,700,000, and of "other" bills \$34,800,000. Holdings of bills bought in the open market, however, increased \$7,900,000. In total bills and securities (earning assets) a contraction of \$88,700,000 was shown and there was a reduction of \$11,600,000 in deposits. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation declined \$4,700,000, but member bank reserve accounts were augmented \$11,300,000. At New York similar conditions prevailed. Gold holdings rose \$60,800,-000. Rediscounting of all classes of bills decreased \$56,400,000; as a result the total of bills discounted dropped to \$116,038,000, as compared with \$153,136,-000 at this time a year ago. Open market purchases of the New York Reserve Bank were smaller—\$7,200,000. Total bills and securities declined \$63,-600,000, although deposits expanded \$16,300,000. Here, also, a decrease occurred in Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation (\$6,500,000), but member bank reserve accounts increased \$21,100,000. The effect of smaller deposits and additions to gold holdings was, of course, to raise the reserve ratios. At New York the ratio increased 4.4%, to 84.5%, while for the System as a whole there was an increase to 74.0%, up 1.2%.

Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was featured by a large contraction in deposits, a somewhat smaller reduction in the loan item and falling off in surplus reserve. Net demand deposits fell off no less than \$75,642,000, to \$4,309,068,000. This total, however, is exclusive of \$32,712,000 in Government deposits. In time deposits there was an expansion of \$16,840,-000, to \$624,678,000. Loans declined \$38,299,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank expanded \$745,000, to \$48,009,000, which,

however, does not count as reserve. Reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults increased \$605,000, while reserves kept by these institutions in other depositories moved up \$587,000. Member banks drew down their reserves in the Federal Reserve institution to the extent of \$15,638,000, hence the scaling down in surplus, in the face of reduced deposits, to \$12,606,210, a loss for the week of \$5,060,030. The surplus is on the basis of legal reserves of 13% against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve, but not including \$48,009,000 cash in vault held by these members on Saturday last.

Continued ease has been the outstanding feature of the local money market. Call loans dropped to 4 1/4% in the loan department of the New York Stock Exchange and were quoted at 4% in the outside market. Yesterday afternoon there was an upturn to 4 1/2% in the regular market. The supply was reported by the Stock Exchange as being well in excess of the demand from day to day. Time money was quiet and easy also at practically unchanged rates. There was considerable gossip among speculators until after the close of business on the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday to the effect that the New York Federal Reserve rediscount rate would be reduced from 4% to 3 1/2%. Such information was not forthcoming in banking circles. On the contrary, it was understood to be the opinion of Federal Reserve authorities that the general money market and loan position did not justify such action at this time. At all events the reduction did not occur and the rate is still at 4%. Naturally, there was considerable discussion in financial circles of the proposals with respect to rebates on tax payments. The increase in the offerings of new securities was mentioned as additional evidence of the expectation of a continuance of easy conditions in the money market. Prosperity on the part of corporations this year and the expectation of its continuance were reflected in the declarations of a considerable number of increased and extra dividends. Most conspicuous among the latter was a distribution of 4% on General Motors common shares, in addition to the regular quarterly cash dividend of 1 3/4%. Special emphasis was placed also on the reported proposal of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey to issue \$200,000,000 bonds with which to retire its 7% preferred stock. Official announcement was made Thursday afternoon that "Monday, Nov. 15, the Government will withdraw \$12,572,000 from depository institutions in this district representing 30% of the amount remaining on deposit of 3 1/2% certificates of indebtedness. The call for the entire country will amount to \$44,990,000. After the above withdrawal there will remain on deposit in the Second District \$29,336,000."

As regards specific rates for money, call loans this week ranged between 4 1/4 and 4 1/2%, which compares with a flat rate of 4 1/2% for the two preceding weeks. On Monday and Tuesday all call funds were put out at 4 1/2%, this being the high, the low and the ruling figure on both days. By Wednesday, however, easier conditions prevailed and there was a decline to 4 1/4%, which again was the only quotation named. There was no range on Thursday and call money continued to be negotiated at 4 1/4%. Friday

the renewal basis was still 4 1/4%, and this was the low, but before the close there was an advance to 4 1/2%.

For fixed date funds also a generally relaxing tendency was observed and toward the latter part of the week time money declined to 4 1/2@4 3/4% for all periods from sixty days to six months, in comparison with 4 3/4% for sixty and ninety days and 4 7/8% for four, five and six months last week. Funds were in freer supply, but the demand continues light and the market was exceptionally quiet.

Commercial paper rates have not been changed from 4 1/2% for four to six months' names of choice character, with names not so well known still requiring 4 3/4%. Country banks were again in the market as buyers and prime names were in active demand. Offerings, however, continue restricted; hence trading was light. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names are still being dealt in at 4 1/2%.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were likewise easier and open market quotations on the longer maturities moved down 1/8 of 1%. The market was inactive, however, and trading was dull and featureless. 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 3 3/4% bid and 3 5/8% asked for bills running 30 days, and the same for 60 days; 3 7/8% bid and 3 3/4% asked for 90 days; 4% bid and 3 7/8% asked for 120 days, and 4 1/8% bid and 4% asked for 150 days, and 180 days. Open market quotations follow:

| SPOT DELIVERY. | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| | 90 Days. | 60 Days. | 30 Days. |
| Prime eligible bills..... | 4@3 3/4 | 3 3/4@3 3/4 | 3 3/4@3 3/4 |
| FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS. | | | |
| Prime eligible bills..... | | | 3 3/4 bld |
| Eligible non-member banks..... | | | 3 3/4 bld |

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 12 1926.

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

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

A slightly firmer tendency developed in sterling exchange this week and price levels hovered alternately above and below 4 84 1/4 for demand bills, or well above the so-called gold import point, then closed strong at 4 84 5/8. In the early part of the previous week, a decline in demand sterling to 4 84 caused a small flurry and led to excited predictions that a movement of gold from London to New York was imminent. It later appeared, however, according to the best banking opinion, that it would be necessary for the pound sterling

to decline to about $4\ 83\frac{3}{4}$ before gold could be shipped at even a small profit. The rallying movement that set in at the close of last week was predicated not only on hopes of a settlement of the British coal strike, but on buying on the part of South American interests who were said to be making purchases of sterling for investment purposes. Moreover, the French banking houses who had figured so prominently in the selling, turned buyers. Offerings of bills were promptly absorbed, although trading was usually quiet and featureless. As a matter of fact during the week just closed a general falling off in both buying and selling developed and the market, though relatively steady, was colorless with the volume of business small. Quotations covered a range of $4\ 84\ 3-16$ to $4\ 84\ \frac{5}{8}$. Reports that settlement of the coal strike in Great Britain was in prospect appeared with increasing frequency, but as very little of a definite nature was forthcoming, the market failed to reflect the "good news" until yesterday, when the prospects improved to the extent of sending rates to the highest point of the week. Taken all in all, there was not much in the way of important new developments, except with regard to the strike situation. Although the market is being closely watched, there is virtually no speculative activity and large operators continue to turn their attention elsewhere in the matter of trading for profits.

As to the more detailed quotations, sterling exchange on Saturday last was firmer and demand moved up to $4\ 84\ \frac{3}{4}@4\ 84\ 13-32$ and cable transfers to $4\ 84\ \frac{3}{4}@4\ 84\ 21-32$; the volume of business transacted, however, was light. Monday's market was still firmer, notwithstanding a small week-end accumulation of commercial offerings; rates were $4\ 84\ 9-32@4\ 84\ \frac{3}{8}$ for demand and $4\ 84\ 25-32@4\ 84\ \frac{7}{8}$ for cable transfers. A fractional loss occurred on Tuesday that carried demand bills off to $4\ 84\ \frac{1}{4}@4\ 84\ 5-16$ and cable transfers to $4\ 84\ \frac{3}{4}@4\ 84\ 13-16$; trading was quiet. On Wednesday continued ease prevailed; the range consequently was lowered to $4\ 84\ 3-16@4\ 84\ \frac{1}{4}$ for demand and $4\ 84\ 11-16@4\ 84\ \frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers; trading was still inactive. Firmness featured Thursday's trading; after opening unchanged London sent higher cables which in turn sent prices up and demand ranged at $4\ 84\ 5-16@4\ 84\ 19-32$ and cable transfers at $4\ 84\ 13-16@4\ 83\ 3-32$. Friday trading was quiet but the undertone was strong and rates moved up to $4\ 84\ 19-32@4\ 84\ \frac{5}{8}$ for demand and $4\ 85\ 3-32@4\ 85\ \frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations were $4\ 84\ \frac{5}{8}$ for demand and $4\ 85\ \frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $484\ \frac{1}{2}$, sixty days at $480\ \frac{1}{2}$, ninety days at $4\ 78\ \frac{5}{8}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4\ 80\ \frac{3}{4}$ and seven-day grain bills at $4\ 83\ \frac{7}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $4\ 84\ \frac{1}{2}$.

Notwithstanding numerous rumors of a heavy movement of gold soon to begin, no gold engagements were reported this week. The Bank of England was more than usually active in its gold transactions, releasing sums in varying amounts to an aggregate of £1,600,000, part of which is to be set aside for account of the South African Reserve Bank. Exports of £250,000 in sovereigns to Canada were reported.

Irregular weakness marked trading in the Continental exchanges, with sharp reactionary movements in last week's leaders that converted recent advances into losses for a time. French francs suffered

severely. After opening at $3.32\ \frac{3}{4}$, persistent selling caused a series of declines that brought the quotation down to 3.15, although later on there was a rally to $3.33\ \frac{1}{2}$. According to bankers here, the recession was due mainly to liquidation of long accounts on the part of holders nervous over the unpleasant possibilities of a diplomatic clash between French and Italian authorities. When the incident had been closed, the market steadied materially. It is claimed that Paris, and to some extent New York, is long of francs, and as French banks are believed to be short of sterling and dollars, further sales of francs were quite possible. Nevertheless, the franc market waited on the reopening of the Chamber of Deputies on Friday, which long has constituted an important element of uncertainty in determining values, and dealers refused to take any active position in the market until the outcome of the session was determined. On Friday optimistic reports of the favorable reception accorded M. Poincare, also promise of a reduction in army costs, sent franc prices up sharply. Optimism continues the keynote, since it is claimed that Premier Poincare's position is a fairly stable one. Rumors were rife that the French Budget Committee contemplated recommending stabilization of the franc at \$.0320, which probably explained the fact that the quotation was held at so near that figure notwithstanding repeated selling attacks and the many uncertainties that still prevail in the political situation. Some talk was heard of the probability that a large French stabilization loan was to be offered; if true, this would indicate that France's debt settlements are soon to be ratified. Amicable adjustment of the Franco-Italian incident aided in the late rally and served as a steadying factor.

Italian lire also sagged and the trend was sharply downward, with the quotation showing a decline from 4.27 to $4.14\ \frac{3}{4}$ on realizing sales which represented liquidating of long accounts. No especial significance was attached to the movement, it being regarded as the natural or inevitable reaction from a too rapid and extended rise. In July last the lire was selling at 3.16, while by October the quotation was up to 4.52.

Another interesting feature of an otherwise dull and uncertain week was the sudden and unexpected drop in the rate on Reichsmarks, which resulted in forcing the quotation down to 23.72, as compared with 23.75 at the opening. There were some who estimated that the gold shipping point for Berlin was about 23.64, but considerable doubt is expressed as to whether Germany will actually send any of the precious metal this way. In the minor Central European markets changes were insignificant and trading narrow and perfunctory. Greek exchange remains at or close to 1.20.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 145.50, which compares with 146.80 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at $3.30\ \frac{1}{2}$, against $3.29\ \frac{3}{4}$; cable transfer at $3.31\ \frac{1}{2}$, against $3.30\ \frac{3}{4}$ and commercial sight bills at $3.29\ \frac{1}{2}$, against $3.28\ \frac{3}{4}$ last week. By common consent Belgian currency quotations have been restored to the old franc, and the new belga dropped. Antwerp francs finished at 2.78 for checks and $2.79\ \frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, or their equivalent 13.90 for belga checks and 13.95 for cable transfers, against $13.90\ \frac{3}{4}$ and 13.91 a week earlier. Reichsmarks closed at 23.73 for checks and at 23.75 for cable transfers. This compares with $23.75\ \frac{1}{4}$ and $23.77\ \frac{1}{4}$ last week. Austrian schillings

Progress and Reaction in Italy.

In commenting from time to time on the course of events in Italy, we have endeavored to give full and cordial recognition to the remarkable achievements with which the Mussolini Government is to be credited, while reserving judgment regarding the ultimate effects of the dictatorial methods which have been relied upon to bring about desired reforms, and the general political policy which has been forced upon the country. There has been the more reason for making such a discrimination because of the fact that some of the greatest accomplishments of the Fascist regime, in the field of economic reorganization particularly, have been accompanied by, and at times closely related to, political incidents of a nature to inspire doubt or regret.

The past two weeks have afforded a striking illustration of the way in which the Italian Government mixes the good and the bad. Until a formal apology on the part of the Italian Government to France made it possible for diplomacy to regard the incident as officially closed, friendly relations between the two countries were for some days near to the breaking point over what appears to have been a gross invasion of French rights by Italian officials and citizens, at the same time that the Italian Government was enacting laws and regulations of marked severity for the protection of the Fascist regime, and promulgating a large financial program which seems likely to ease the financial situation appreciably and facilitate the recovery and extension of industry and trade. Even the familiar figure of the olive branch and the sword hardly does justice to a succession of events so kaleidoscopic in character.

The increased rigors which have been decreed for the punishment of those who shall hereafter menace the life of the head of the Italian State, or attempt to subvert the Fascist regime, owed their inspiration to the attempt on Sunday, Oct. 30, to assassinate Premier Mussolini at Bologna. Whether or not the youth who fired at the Premier acted for anybody save himself is not clear, and the would-be assassin was beaten and trampled to death on the spot by an infuriated crowd, but the repercussions of the incident were immediate and drastic. If Mussolini himself felt any reluctance about applying the strong hand, which is doubtful, the attitude of party leaders and the Italian populace clearly indicated the course which he must take. By the rapid and essentially arbitrary process which has now become familiar in Italian politics, severe measures of repression and punishment were framed, enacted into law, and officially decreed, all in the course of a few days, with only the merest semblance of discussion and hardly a trace of even formal opposition. Trial by military tribunals, imprisonment, death, confiscation, loss of citizenship, enforced domicile, revocation of passports, suppression of newspapers and societies, censorship of the press, surveillance in public and private—such are the penalties which, varied only by circumstances, await the Italian subject who henceforth, whether at home or abroad, shall become implicated in any conspiracy or outbreak, or who shall venture to criticize the Fascist regime or its policies or acts. Fascism is to be upheld, not merely by the repression of lawlessness or rebellion, but also by complete elimination of dissent. The only political thought that may safely be

expressed by Italians anywhere is to be that which Mussolini and his associates themselves entertain and approve.

Rather curiously, the establishment of the new policy of "thorough" coincided in time with the exposure of a dark political intrigue which aimed, apparently, at embroiling Italy and France, and for whose support officials of the Italian Government appear to have given aid. It seems the very irony of fate that the chief go-between in this disreputable affair should have been a grandson of the famous Garibaldi, the Italian patriot whom France as well as Italy delights to honor. The facts are obscure, in spite of the minute investigations of the French police and the reported admissions of Colonel Garibaldi himself, but in substance they appear to show that Garibaldi, while posing as an anti-Fascist leader, was being paid by the Italian police to foment plots against Mussolini in France, with the object of embroiling France with Italy when the fake plots should be exposed. If the implications of the published story are correct, they offer a peculiarly unsavory explanation of the numerous anti-Fascist manoeuvres which have taken place on French soil during the past two or three years, and against which Mussolini, only a few months ago, launched a vigorous protest and veiled threat. It does not appear that France has at any time wished for any save the most friendly relations with Italy, or that the French Government has failed to do its utmost to curb the anti-Fascist activities within its own borders, but the spectacle of an Italian officer drawing money from Italian official sources, occupying at the same time a place of high standing and regard among the opponents of Fascism, and all the while plotting to sell out the cause with which he was nominally identified, at the cost of a quarrel and possibly a war between Italy and France, is one well calculated to arouse distrust of the political morals of the Fascist regime and bring the Mussolini Government under a cloud.

Press dispatches report that Garibaldi, who was detained in custody at Paris without being formally arrested, may perhaps be put on trial in France, and that his membership in the Legion of Honor will be terminated. Mussolini, in turn, has made amends for the attacks upon French citizens and officials in the French Riviera and Tripoli, and has promised that the guilty parties shall be punished. M. Briand, the French Foreign Minister, is understood to have warned the Italian Ambassador in no uncertain language of the danger that lurks in any connivance on the part of the Italian Government at plots against the peace of the two countries, the invasion of French territory by Italian police as if the territory were their own, or attacks upon French subjects, and the incident has been closed. If the outcome, when all the facts are known, shall prove to have been a victory of diplomacy and national restraint against threats and sword-rattling, the Poincaré Government and its Foreign Minister will be entitled to praise, but the ending of the formal phase of the episode will not dissipate the bitter taste that remains with the French people. The French have long memories for intrigues and conspiracies directed against France, and suspicion of unfriendliness, once aroused, is not easily allayed.

The elaborate plan of financial reorganization which was to have gone into effect on Thursday is

in striking contrast to the political indirection and legal and administrative harshness of the events just referred to. The entire floating debt of Italy, aggregating upwards of 20,500,000,000 lire, has been consolidated by Government fiat into a new 5% loan, by the automatic conversion of the ordinary Treasury bonds, together with the five-year and seven-year bonds, into a new issue. For the marketing of the bonds a syndicate, composed of the Bank of Italy, all savings banks and insurance companies, and all other institutions which are required by law to invest in Government bonds, has been created, the member institutions being required to invest in the new loan to the extent of one-half of the funds at their disposal between Nov. 11, the date at which the plan was to go into operation, and Dec. 1 1927. Taking into account, it would seem, the premiums which are to be paid on the old bonds, it is estimated that the original amount of the debt will be increased to about 27,560,000,000 lire, but no maturities will have to be met until 1931, so that the Treasury will obtain the benefit of a kind of moratorium for five years, during which time, it is hoped, substantial progress will have been made in restoring the currency and reorganizing industry and trade. The new bonds, it is stated, will in the meantime be available as collateral for loans at the Bank of Italy.

Italian dispatches represent the plan as an application in the financial field of the same drastic policy of national protection which has been inaugurated in the repression and punishment of political opposition. It is a pity to try to link the two schemes in such a fashion, for the less politics has to do with finance the better, and the mere suggestion that the two policies have some connection one with the other is disturbing. On its face the financial program appears to promise useful results. Notwithstanding reported Treasury advances of some 3,500,000,000 lire in business credits since Jan. 1, the rise of the lira and the growing demands of industry and trade have brought about a credit stringency which it is expected the new plan will relieve. Whether, in a country whose political system of one-man power can apparently be maintained only by increasing resort to force, economic life may be expected to prosper when public finance is subjected to similar forcible procedure, is a question in regard to which the teachings of history are not clear, but the financial world will certainly watch with sympathetic attention the working of any plan which proposes to set Italy's financial house in better order, even if the politics of the Italian Government seem ill-adapted to the development of self-government among the Italian people.

Labor—And Leisure.

Henry Ford's five-day week attracts universal attention. But President Green says it does not mean six days' pay for five days' work. Looking forward to a continued increase in the invention and use of labor-saving machinery, the working day of the laboring man becomes an important feature of this ramifying problem. Initiative and enterprise being free, wants and needs of consumers ever changing, what we term higher standards of living rising, either these must cause constant new outlets for work, both common and skilled, or the labor-saving machine must provide a new leisure never before attained. On the one hand we are wont to consider

this leisure as profitable to workingmen in its cultural possibilities, while on the other we are compelled to confront increasing unemployment. There is another form of counterbalance we must note. It is that while needs cannot be increased beyond a certain point, needs of sustenance, clothing and shelter, the wants for luxuries and pleasures may and are likely to increase indefinitely, consuming a machine-enforced leisure in forms of work such as prevail today. Yet it is a reasonable assumption, since the use of leisure is a personal problem, that the machine will lessen the need for work faster than the new standards of life will consume it.

In a way labor leaders seem to sense this condition and seek to offset it by limiting the hours of labor constituting a day's work. This, however, has a reaction that is fatal in that an arbitrary day's work, either in hours or service, is contrary to the necessary increase in production demanded by civilization, and only serves to accelerate the machine work and thus diminish the hand or human work. And if the machine does not tend to unemployment it may in the end tend to lower wages. This is now denied by a number of large employers. And as a temporary fact wages are relatively high in plants using the largest quota of machinery. On the other hand, it is argued that this condition can continue in only a few lines of manufacture, and that the gross result of the use of the machine must be a displacement of labor, the net result of which will be more leisure for the workingman. How this leisure is to be used is one of the indeterminate factors with which an advancing world must contend. Will it result in a more stable or more unstable life?

Leisure is of no value unless well spent. Two contradictions appear. The natural increase in luxuries, while it offers new employment, also tends to extravagance in living and a waste of time in non-improving pleasures. Granting that the net result is an increase in leisure, how is this to be spent, and is there any law upon which to predicate a higher scale of living? Naturally, we deal with an equation of varying quantities. It is possible to discover some of the tendencies in conditions of to-day. There are at least two of the leading industries of the present time that were non-existent practically 25 years ago, which, while they employ what we may term new labor, consume in time and expense much of the leisure obtained from the total of the use of machinery. They, by increasing acceptance and use, are semi-necessaries, but for the most part they are luxuries. Each has its cultural aspect; but again for the most part each appeals to pleasure more than it does to solid or educational improvement.

We are compelled, therefore, to contrast frugality with extravagance, saving with spending, and thrift with prodigality, in order to arrive at the elements of the so-called "higher life." If one result of labor-saving machinery is to increase machinery that ministers to the idle pleasures of leisure then the latter is defeated of its benefits. Work for wages to be scattered in leisure, though the wage be high, cannot conduce to happiness and contentment. And if the workingman cannot be educated in the principles of right living at the same time that his wage and leisure are increased it cannot be argued that he is benefited. But initiative and enterprise being free, and being necessary to man's full development, we cannot stop the labor-saving machinery, and we must

find a way to profitably use the leisure and the higher wage. Education will do much. Philosophy, ethics and religion will aid. Yet the only real solution, since man and work are free and should remain so, lies in a new estimate to be placed upon the benefits of work itself. Work measured by wage and a stop-clock, alone, takes on the aspect of a penalty, when philosophically it is a blessing.

We do not discover among the theories promulgated by union labor one that stresses the advantage that this leisure of the short day is to be used in other work either for self or for employer. In fact, the tendency of the teaching is that of curtailing the *amount* of the work. This is evidenced by a refusal to let non-union labor work in place of the union; by the restrictions attempted to be placed upon the product or turn-out of the shortened day; and by the requirements controlling the number of apprentices allowed in the trades; and by the attempt to secure by law double train crews for the same work. The workingman by this teaching and practice is to have an increased enforced labor, without attempting to suggest a wise use for it. No such scheme will ever make up to the workingman the difference in human labor caused by the machine. As said, competition of products in the open marts forces the employer more and more to supplant human labor by machine labor. In the United States at the present time, with wages near the peak of war payments, the silent transition does not seem to be noticed, but it is going on all the while, and the day must come when it will become a more pressing question. We are compelled to conclude that a leisure that is idle, that leads to inordinate spending for mere pleasure is not altogether a boon to the workingman.

Hand work *may* be increased by the demands of society. But if so it must be independent of mass production. The worker must regard his leisure as opportunity to "turn his hand" to other things. He must cultivate skill in work that produces articles of artistic value. He must seek to add variety to production, using his spare time for his own profit in usefulness. He must be willing to recognize the fact that the changes in uses, in taste, in progress, compel him to change his occupation. In this he must separate himself from the union or organization which sees in him not an individual, but a member of a class. The skilled coal miner, by order of his organized craft strikes—and then sits down in idleness to await the settlement of his demand for higher pay. Usually he couples this with a demand for shorter hours. But he does not feel impelled to do other work while he is waiting. So with the carpenter, the brick mason and the plasterer. Can leisure thus be of benefit to individual or class? On the contrary, it becomes a positive detriment to his well-being. And it is not an answer to say that only by this practice he can preserve his trade—in fact he is destroying it.

No organization can control the continuous changes in the modes and customs of social life. Not a day passes but some new invention in machinery increases the general output. Whether this is always a benefit to mankind may well be questioned; but this form of progress cannot be controlled. Nor is it an answer to say that each new machine, in its construction and operation, makes more work. The new work thus created does not equal the old work

it displaces. Yet leisure in which to cultivate the spiritual things of life is one of the greatest boons of progress. Now, and always, there will be the necessity of shifting position and occupation. And the sooner teachers and leaders of labor recognize this, the sooner the individual workingman will learn to utilize this new freedom of increased leisure. Creation of class distinctions and organisms to herd men together to make demands in wages, working conditions and hours that are contrary to the flow of industry and the demands of social advance, only cabin the workingman in false chains.

Of what value is leisure to any man—save to order his own independent employment, save to cultivate self in the study of science, letters and art, save to gain true joy out of the simple things of life that are without cost or price, save to give himself in love for those who are near and dear. This leisure that comes through growing mass production is a responsibility as well as a blessing. It is to be spent in a beneficial way, not frittered away in idle amusement. Some are bold enough to say, because of high wages and the obsequious attitude of law and Government, that "labor is now on top," and must remain there. It will do well to realize that things transient are not things permanent. It will do well to meet the larger issue of continuous advance by amenability to the laws of that advance. All work is subject to the general progress as well as to the local machine. Organization for the purpose of creating a *status quo* at any time or place is the enemy of continuous employment and well used leisure.

Osler of Johns Hopkins, a Public Benefactor.

"The beloved physician" has survived as a cherished term for some 2,000 years since first used of Luke, of whom little else is known, by his friend, the Apostle Paul. The family doctor has a place all his own. He allays disabling pain, arrests destructive disease, and preserves the lives of those in whom the hearts of others are bound up.

Physicians are also remembered among the world's great benefactors. From Galen, Esculapius, and Hippocrates, among the founders of modern civilization, to Jenner and Harvey, and Lister, Pasteur and Virchow, of yesterday, their names stand out and are many. To-day the life of one who but now was with us is told as combining both characters in a rare degree. It will be widely read and his memory will long be cherished; it is well worth the attention of busy men absorbed in other lines of life who might otherwise pass it by as only of professional interest.

"The Life of Sir William Osler," which so busy a man as Dr. Harvey Cushing of the Harvard Medical School has felt it worth while to write and which is published by the Oxford University Press, with its interesting and ample details, is perhaps sufficiently described when it is said to be worthy of its subject. Our purpose is attained if we can secure for it the attention it deserves.

The path is long by which William Osler, the youngest son of nine children, born in 1849 to an English clergyman and his wife who came from Cornwall twelve years before, traveled from the home in which he was born and brought up, until in 1889 in his 40th year he was called to a professorship in the Medical School of Johns Hopkins University in Bal-

timore; where he was to live and work for 15 years, achieving his great reputation before he was called to the Regius Professorship in Oxford in 1904—for the brilliant autumn of his career.

That career we may here only glance at, noting his service as a public benefactor, leaving the interesting and instructive detail and the abundance of its wisdom to be sought in the book.

First we would place the value of his direct and varied public service. He attacked with intelligent and persistent vigor the prevalence in the community about him of the chief destroying diseases, which then were typhoid fever and tuberculosis. He strove to awaken the authorities and the public to the supreme importance of the recently discovered bacteriological and germ origin of much disease and the necessity of its application to the diseases raging in particular places, as, for example, typhoid in Baltimore. He kept abreast of the advance of the new knowledge and practice everywhere, and lived to see the complete extirpation of various terrible scourges in many areas. He did all in his power to enforce the new methods and spread their application. His contribution to the public well-being in this direction was in the line of his constant effort to maintain and extend the growth of the American mind in medicine since the starting of the colonies. He points out that three great strains of influence have blended into the broad stream of American medicine on which we float. With their characteristics of adaptiveness, lucidity and thoroughness in combination they have given to medicine on this continent its distinctive eclectic quality. In an address in 1902 before the Canadian Medical Association, after denouncing a narrow, illiberal spirit wherever shown, he described as the four great features of the Guild, its noble ancestry, its remarkable solidarity, its progressive character and as distinguished from all others, its singular beneficence.

To the same end of emphasizing their value to the State he pressed the importance of the best possible education for physicians. It was an ever present theme with him and to it he gave the support both of his own practice and his teaching. He had the opportunity of joining in the organization of the Medical School of Johns Hopkins, and he based its system upon bedside instruction. Of course, books and lectures are necessary. He was an omnivorous reader and a generous collector and bestower of books. But the doctor must himself *see* and *feel* and *know*. Without abundant reading the doctor is a man going to sea without a chart; without clinical observation he is one going to sea and not knowing where to go. The business of the medical school is not to make chemists, or physiologists, or anatomists, but to teach men how to learn to recognize disease and how to become practical physicians. This must then be the line of their constant study and the key to their success. Two further truths he pressed upon them. One is that no diseased organ is to be treated as if it were isolated. It is part of a complex whole; and to show that there is to-day no excuse for forgetting this, he pointed out that Plato long ago said to the bright friends of Socrates in the words he put in Socrates's mouth: "I dare say that you have heard eminent physicians say to a patient who comes to them with bad eyes that they cannot cure the eyes by themselves, but that if his eyes are to be cured his head must be treated; and then, again,

that to think of curing the head alone and not the rest of the body also, is the height of folly." Again, when he would secure a better method of teaching than by trying to cram it all into a professional course of even four years he turns once more to Plato and the fundamental principle he laid down, that education is a life-long process in which the student can only make a beginning in his student days. In the insistent demand to-day for specialists, one must keep up with the times, but no physician can know everything even in medicine. It is well for him, therefore, to set careful bounds to the expression of his judgments which he was himself always careful to do.

But back of all and perhaps chief of all the contributions he made to the public was the influence of his personal character. It was not so much what he said and what he taught as what he did and what he was. He was an example and an inspiration as well as a guide to those with whom he came in contact. His was the charm of the bearing that comes with freedom from all thought of self. He never drove, he led. He sought the need; then he suggested the opportunity and gave the privilege of meeting it to another; content always that the honor or the reward should go to the one who achieved the result, never seeking, or apparently thinking, of any praise for himself.

Through all his life he was an eager student of nature, and never ceased to hold fast his loving connection with the older friend who had taught him as a lad the significance and the attraction of its minutest form of life. It opened his heart and his eyes to discern worth and beauty and even what is lovable everywhere and in all. His own personality gained if it did not originally acquire in this pursuit its outstanding feature, its abounding life. This was always in evidence. It was overflowing; no anxiety was too great, no disappointment was too disheartening, no sorrow, to himself or his friends, was too repressive to hold back the ebullient spirit which expressed itself in its desire to spread brightness and cheer and friendliness everywhere.

All were his friends. His only enemies were disease and ignorance. These he withstood with all his might. The one occasion on which he was known to break forth in anger was at a public meeting in Baltimore called to arouse the authorities and the city to the need of better sewage and water supply and to clean itself up. When, after the case had been presented, the Mayor arose and made light of it, congratulating the city upon its many excellencies, Dr. Osler sprang to his feet and denounced the Mayor to his face, charging him and his fellow officials with responsibility for the hundreds of both adults and children in families of every class in Baltimore who at that moment were going down to inevitable death by disease which might be entirely eradicated. It was final, and sufficient. The reform was undertaken and he lived to see the desire of his heart largely attained. Nowhere was he more ardently loved; and when at last he was called away the whole city joined in expression of its sense of loss.

He had taught them how to live while living among them engaged in teaching students coming from far and near; and when in his teaching he had said "Live the best life you can, but live it so as not to give needless offense to others; do all you can to avoid

the vices, follies and weaknesses of your neighbors, but take no needless offense at their divergence from your ideal," they knew that he had lived among them in that way himself.

We recall that Motley, the historian of the Dutch Republic, says that when William of Orange died

"the little children cried in the streets." When news came that Dr. Osler had died that might be said of the children in many homes in Ontario, in Maryland, and even in England, for above all, the last word may well be that widely as he was known, the children everywhere loved him.

Foreign Loans and Credits—The Case of Germany

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Among the many paradoxes which arise from the present topsy-turvy condition of international finance, one of the most interesting is the embarrassment produced or threatened to those countries which find themselves swamped with foreign credits and long-term loans.

The most obvious example, of course, is Germany, where the President of the Reichsbank in the course of evidence given before the Economic Inquiry Committee of the Reich laid special stress on the difficulties arising out of the foreign loans and credits which have been so freely taken up.

As reported in the "Times" of Oct. 23, Dr. Schacht said that Germany's obligations in interest and sinking fund were being steadily augmented by the stream of foreign credits. Those who took up the credits were not in a position to provide, in the way of their own business, the amount of foreign currency required to meet the interest and sinking fund charge and relied for it on the general body of trade. "For that reason alone foreign credits must not be allowed to increase beyond the limits of foreign profits and the prospects thereof. The bank could not stand by and suffer an arbitrary increase of these credits."

The case of Germany is peculiar, in the first place because the high reputation of her citizens as hard-working and efficient industrialists makes her an area to which available foreign capital is attracted with special ease, while at the same time this flood of foreign capital tends to warp the working of one of the safeguards provided in the interests of Germany, her creditors and of international trade, by the Dawes plan. As everyone remembers, an ingenious feature of the scheme, which gave it the stamp of real originality, was the arrangement by which the Dawes indemnity, which inevitably had to be collected in marks, should only be transferred to the Allied creditors as long as the transfers could be carried out without endangering the stability of the mark. International trade had suffered so much by the violent fluctuations and depreciation of the old mark, that the stability of the new one was to be secured even at the risk of a reduction, or temporary cessation, of the payments under the plan.

The effect of this provision has been nullified by the stream of foreign credits into Germany. It was meant to secure that if Germany was not able to meet the Dawes payments out of a surplus of foreign currency created by her trade activities, they should be reduced or cease for the time being, and it was pointed out at the time that this provision had made the whole question of payments by Germany more or less problematical. Now, the readiness of foreigners to lend and of Germany to borrow, has provided such a store of foreign currency that this test of German ability to pay breaks down altogether. As Dr. Schacht pointed out, the Reichsbank's holding of foreign exchange had been piled up, through foreign credits to a figure which "both in respect of the prescribed note cover and of the stability of the mark was much too high. If the Agent-General for Reparations Payments were to ask whether the position of the Reichsbank was such as to permit the surrender of

foreign exchange for purposes of transfer, he would have to answer that it was."

In this respect Germany's position is peculiar, but the problem of the exchange difficulties produced by too much foreign borrowing and of the greater burden involved by the service of a foreign, as opposed to a domestic debt, is as old as international finance, and concerns all countries which resort to foreign credits, that is to say all the countries that are economically civilized and many that can hardly be so described. The United States is still a big lender on balance, but before the war she was a borrower and some of her own citizens are already foreseeing the day when the stream of capital will once more flow into her borders, though it is rather difficult for outsiders to see how this is going to happen.

For a young and undeveloped nation, with rich resources awaiting exploitation, an obvious short cut to prosperity lies through an influx of foreign capital, which enables it to pay for equipment at once, instead of waiting for the slow process of paying for it by exports of such products as it can spare, in gradually increasing volume as its productive power increases. But from the quite legitimate use of foreign capital for the blameless purpose of equipment for production, it is a short step to its abuse, when it is converted to objects which will not increase the productive power of the borrower. Moreover, the distinction between legitimate and illegitimate uses of foreign capital is not always easy to detect. When a country borrows abroad in order to provide itself with a railway service which shall carry immigrants and equipment into its interior and then carry to the seaboard for export the goods which have been brought into being by these acquired transport facilities, the object and the result are alike satisfactory to the borrower and the lender. The goods exported provide the exchange required for the service of the loan and the operation is self-liquidating, as long as the railway is judiciously planned and is not, for political or other reasons, run across a barren wilderness into a mudswamp.

Among purposes for which foreign borrowing is illegitimate, the most obvious are the financing of budget deficits, because the country has not the courage to tax its own citizens, or to reduce expenditure or the creation of armies and navies on a scale which can confer no benefit but flattered pride and a tendency to sabre-rattling. But between these extremes of good and bad there are many fine gradations. It may seem tempting to improve the water supply and sanitation of cities with money borrowed abroad and it may be possible to justify the process by arguing that the inhabitants will be more efficient productively if they live in healthy conditions. Such tendencies, however, on the part of foreign borrowers have to be watched very carefully, for if over-indulged, they are apt to be a serious source of weakness. For the service of foreign loans can only be met by the provision of a surplus of goods and services for export, and any foreign capital that is borrowed for purposes which will not assist the provision of this surplus, will inevitably lay a burden on the country's exchange without doing anything to help to carry it.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Nov. 12 1926.

Taking the trade of the country at large, it is good in some few sections, but no better than fair as a rule. A year ago trade was brisk. Comparisons with that period naturally suffer to some extent. In the country as a whole colder weather has latterly had a certain bracing effect on trade in clothing, shoes, coal, etc. There is no disguising the fact that car loadings are very large, but bank clearings are declining. The exhibits of chain stores and mail order concerns are on the whole encouraging, employment is on a satisfactory scale, and the use of electric power clearly reveals a degree of activity in manufacturing, taking the country as a whole, fully as great as at this time last year. Business may be more or less "spotted." Automobile production has declined. Export coal trade has fallen off, as the prospects brighten for a settlement of the British strike. Woolen goods have been quiet. There is dulness in the silk trade and Japanese raw silk has declined. Mail order sales in October were some 10% smaller than in the same month last year. Pig iron has been quiet, though with prices reported firmer, owing to the recent advance in coke. Some finished steel has advanced \$1 and production is still large and unfilled orders show an increase. Taking the wholesale trade by and large, the crest of the activity is supposed to have passed in September. But iron and steel business is better than it was a year ago. The same is true of building materials, coal, tobacco manufacturing and clothing. And the bituminous coal output for the last week of October was unprecedentedly large, and that for the entire month was the largest in five years. With the advent of seasonable weather it is not unreasonable to expect some increase in business. Much of the recession of trade in the United States in recent weeks was due to stormy conditions.

Wheat markets have declined of late, as the Canadian and Argentine crop outlook has seemed more favorable. To-day wheat declined some three cents. This coincided with lower foreign markets and the increasing probability that the British coal strike was at last in very truth nearing its end after lasting for nearly seven months and doing untold injury, both to the British industry and to the miners themselves. The prospects now point to lower ocean freight rates, which have already begun to decline. Shipping taken up with exports of coal to Great Britain will now be released for grain, cotton, and so forth. Meantime, the world's available supply of wheat increased 11,626,000 bushels last week and is now 218,920,000 bushels, compared with 170,175,000 bushels a year ago. English markets have a downward tendency, with larger imports ahead. Corn has declined, as the receipts are large and the demand poor. New low prices have been reached. The crop turns out to be larger than had been expected, i. e. close to 2,700,000,000 bushels, though this is 200,500,000 bushels smaller than that of last year, but the supplies on the farms are 180,000,000 bushels, or far in excess of those of a year ago. And although prices are down to a new low level for the season, with No. 2 Yellow 15 cents a bushel lower than a year ago, there is no export demand. The Iowa farmer gets, it is said, little more than 35 cents a bushel. Of course, export trade in wheat and rye has lagged. It may shortly increase. Cotton has latterly advanced, particularly to-day, when the indications pointed to an early ending of the British coal strike. In fact, in the cotton trade they seem to take it as a matter of course that the ending of this regrettable trouble is almost an accomplished fact. In any case, there was a rise to-day of about \$150 a bale here. It was concurrent with rising prices at the South, especially for the higher grades, which exporters find some difficulty in buying.

Meanwhile progress is reported in the plan to set aside 4,000,000 bales of cotton on loans on the basis of 9 cents for middling $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch white cotton, with the usual allowances for grades above and below that quality. It will take \$162,000,000 to finance this cotton. Already there are some complaints among the farmers that no more than 9 cents a pound is being advanced on their cotton. Latterly there has been some skepticism expressed here as to the outcome

of the scheme, which savors not a little of valorization. Some outspoken critics take the ground that it would have been better to have sold the cotton, meeting the market, taking the bitter at first and the sweet later, for undoubtedly a decline to a lower level than that now prevalent would have stimulated trade and speculation in accordance with the familiar economic law and brought about an upward turn of prices. But this is not the view of the South, nor, indeed, of everybody here. The indications point to a large consumption of American cotton this year. By far the greater proportion of the cotton imported at this time at Liverpool is American. Investors are buying here, and there is London buying in Liverpool that may probably be put down to the same element. Manchester reports a better demand. In this country many of the cotton mills are running on a working schedule noticeably greater than at this time last year. The cotton mills also have cheap cotton. Their product has not declined in anything like the same ratio as the raw material. There seems to be an increasing demand for cotton mill shares in New England. It is declared that cotton yarns and cloths are 30 to 50% higher, respectively, than on the average just before the war, while raw cotton is down to pre-war prices. Evidently the profit margin for the mills is much wider than it was a year or two ago. Coffee has declined as exchange rates in Brazil tend downward. There is no great demand in this country for the commodity; that is roasters are buying on a cautious scale hoping for lower prices. Raw sugar has been firm, with, as a rule, no great activity. Refiners are not doing much new business, but withdrawals are large. Sugar was firm to-day, and it is evident that with ocean freights declining as they have been of late, the prospects are brighter for a British outlet for Cuban sugar in the near future. Rubber has of late been quiet and more or less depressed, with increasing stocks in London where trade has also been quiet, pending further developments.

The stock market has latterly been stronger and to-day had a noticeable rise, in spite of the fact that money on call advanced to 4½% after lending earlier in the week at 4¼. Foreign exchanges were firm. Bonds were in steady demand and new high record prices were reached for United States Treasury 4s and 4¼s. London was cheered by growing hopes, apparently not without foundation, that the seven months' coal strike in Great Britain is about to end. French francs being higher, this increases the buying power of France in foreign markets, though it naturally militates to a certain extent against the French export trade. But there is, on the whole, general progress in Europe back towards normal conditions. The friction between France and Italy is not very easy to understand on this side of the water, but for that matter half of the European quarrels are not easily comprehensible to America. The speech of Mr. Coolidge at Kansas City in which to all intents and purposes he abandons the idea of entering the World Court will meet with the approval of the great mass of the American people. They have been unable, rightly or wrongly, to rid themselves of the idea that membership in the Court would tend sooner or later to embroil this country in the quarrels of Europe. At all events, the United States will not enter this tribunal except on terms which seem compatible with its own interests, and in harmony with the unforgotten principle of Washington, "Friendly relations with all, entangling alliances with none."

It appears that an early settlement of the British coal strike depends on the decision of the miners' conference regarding extension of hours of labor beyond the seven daily, which was the standard before the stoppage began. The miners' executive committee is divided upon the issue and the decision is doubtful.

As to general trade it is significant surely that car loadings during the week ending Oct. 30 were a high record, according to the American Railway Association, which made the total 1,216,432, or an increase of 6,269 cars over the previous high record established for the week ending Oct. 16.

At Fall River, Mass., the No. 3 mill of the Chase mill, which has been shut down for the past three years, will resume operation next Monday. The resumption at this plant, it is said, will place the Chase mills at 100% produc-

tion. The demand for cloths there has increased. The cotton mills of the United States, it is stated, are running on 12 to 15% greater time than a year ago.

In New York cloak makers have signed a wage agreement with 30,000 workers. This is believed to mean an early ending of the strike. It has lasted four months. Workers, it seems, are to receive an increase of \$2 to \$4 above the rate recommended by the Governor's Commission. There is to be a 42-hour week for 18 months and 40 hours thereafter. The strikers abandoned the demand for a 36-hour week. It is said that the strike has cost the union workers \$30,000,000 in wages and \$2,500,000 in disbursements of union funds. At Passaic, N. J., the strike of the Passaic worsted spinning mills ended on Nov. 11. This is the first break in nine months, as one of nine firms reaches an agreement. The union wins recognition, but loses the increase in wages demanded. The company is assured that a closed shop will not be demanded. Arbitration is to settle trouble in future. This sounds like common sense. Rochester, N. Y., wired that the volume of business booked on spring clothing during the first month following the opening of their lines, shows that manufacturers of men's ready-to-wear are much encouraged as to the prospects for the coming season.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and B. F. Goodrich Co., it was reported, have cut prices 10% on their general lines of tires, effective Nov. 15. It is expected that this will be followed by other companies. In the tire fabric industry favorable reports are the rule. Mills continue to book new contracts. Milwaukee jobbing houses report that although business is normal compared with other years, trade for the first week of November did not come up to expectations, nor compare favorably with October. Due to the colder weather a good increase in business is expected for next week.

Further increases in the sales of chain store systems were reported for October and for the ten months of 1926 as compared with corresponding periods last year. Total sales of 13 organizations amounted to \$67,111,854 during October, a gain of \$5,861,868 over the same month last year. For the ten months the total is \$510,216,369, showing an increase of \$60,335,579.

It was mild here early in the week. On the 9th inst. came rain with thunder and lightning. On the 10th inst. it turned off cold. The thermometer fell 11 degrees between 8 a. m. and 2 p. m., from 53 to 42. Frosts occurred below central Texas. The front of freezing temperature extended through western New York, western Pennsylvania and southward along the Appalachian Highlands to Tennessee and to northern Mississippi, northern Louisiana and northern Texas. Rains have occurred in all Atlantic coast and Appalachian sections, turning to snow along the zone of freezing. East of the Mississippi River temperatures fell 20 to 30 degrees. Freezing was indicated for New York on the night of the 10th inst. At Chicago over the 9th inst. it was 22 to 40 degrees, at Cincinnati 28 to 60, at Cleveland 30 to 62, at Kansas City 20 to 38, at Milwaukee 20 to 30, at St. Paul 12 to 24, at New York 52 to 64, at Boston 62 to 66, at Philadelphia 52 to 70 degrees. On the night of the 10th inst. 37 degrees was recorded here, a fall of 24 degrees in 24 hours. The wind reached a maximum velocity of 65 miles. It had died down by the morning of the 11th inst. The cold belt extended from Quebec southward, shifting toward the Atlantic Ocean, where it will be broken by the Gulf Stream. At Buffalo, N. Y., it was 26 degrees. Niagara Falls had snow flurries. Rochester, N. Y., and vicinity had snow; other parts of the State had snow storms or snow flurries. For several days past the weather here has been quite cold, but it moderated to-day, and the forecast is for fair and warmer to-morrow. The range here was 26 to 40 degrees. It has been snowing in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana. Chicago in the last 24 hours was 26 to 32, Cincinnati 26 to 34, Cleveland 22 to 32, Kansas City 42 to 52 and St. Paul 22 to 34.

Industrial Activity as Measured by the Use of Electrical Energy—Plant Operations, Based on Consumption of Electricity, 7.4% Higher Than Last Year.

That the high degree of general industrial operations was continued in October is indicated from reports of electrical energy consumption by manufacturing plants scattered throughout the country, "Electrical World" will say. October manufacturing activity in general was 7.4% higher than that reported for October of last year and 15.3% above the average monthly rate for the past three years. Increased

productivity over September occurred in the metal and textiles industries, but October operations in the automotive, leather, lumber and stone, clay and glass industries were slightly below those of the preceding month.

The textile plants of the nation reported materially increased activity in October, operations being 9.7% over those of September and 14% higher than in October of last year. This is the highest degree of activity in the textile plants for any month in the past four years. October operations in the metal industries were 5.5% higher than in September, the same companies reporting energy consumption during the month of 184,071,708 k. w. hrs., as against 174,722,786 k. w. hrs. in September, both months having the same number of working days. October activities in the metals industry, however, were about 5.4% under those of last March, which was the peak month of general industrial activity so far this year.

Operations in the automotive industry declined to the extent of 6.6% from the September basis and 12.6% from the August figure. The activities in the automobile manufacturing plants were approximately 15% below those of October a year ago. Industrial activity in the United States in October (average monthly for past three years equals 100), with a comparison, follows:

| | Oct. 1926. | Sept. 1926. | Oct. 1925. |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| All industry..... | 115.3 | 114.0 | 107.3 |
| Metal industries group..... | 119.6 | 115.2 | 96.0 |
| Rolling mills and steel plants..... | 120.5 | 116.1 | --- |
| Metal fabricating plants..... | 118.4 | 114.0 | --- |
| Leather..... | 96.4 | 98.9 | 108.5 |
| Textiles..... | 119.7 | 109.2 | 104.5 |
| Lumber..... | 106.4 | 113.2 | 102.0 |
| Automotive..... | 115.8 | 124.2 | 136.3 |
| Stone, clay and glass..... | 141.4 | 124.0 | 106.7 |

The rate of industrial activity is based on the monthly electrical energy consumption of more than 1,800 plants in various industries and scattered throughout the country. The plants consume 8,000,000,000 (8 billion) kilowatt-hours of energy per annum.

Increase in October Radio Sales—Gain of 15 to 25%.

October sales in the radio industry were larger than in September and from 15 to 25% higher than in the corresponding month of last year, "Radio Retailing" reports. The buying movement, both wholesale and retail, is fully 30 days earlier than in 1925 and has been stimulated by the broadcasting of sporting events. Despite the increase in the demand for socket-power units, it is stated, the sale of batteries continues to show healthy gains in all of the important markets. The past month has witnessed marked activity in higher priced sets, batteries, tubes and power devices. Rigidity of construction, steadier production schedules and careful testing methods of manufacturers have cut dealers' service costs materially. The first of the year is expected to bring fewer "outlet sales." Under-production rather than over-production is being stressed this season.

Factory Employment Drops Behind 1925 in New York State.

Although factory employment was still increasing in New York State, the early vigor of the upward movement was not apparent in the October reports, according to the statement issued Nov. 11 by Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton. The preliminary tabulation on which it was based included 1,400 firms employing 485,000 workers. These manufacturers represented both the industries and localities of the State. The index number for October was 100, whereas a year ago it had reached 101. The September index stood at 99. Commissioner Hamilton says:

Employment advanced scarcely 1% less than half the gain of Sept. or Oct. 1925 and for the first time in 1926 manufacturers were employing smaller forces than a year ago. The estimated loss over the year period for all the factories of the State was approximately 13,000 workers.

This change in pace was especially significant as it was caused by an interruption in the upward course of the metal industries. The October gains in steel and a few other lines were offset by the reductions which began to appear in the rest of the metals. It appears improbably at present that the metals will be able to equal last year's gains for the rest of the year for this would mean a duplication of the high activity of the spring. Since September the margin of gain over 1925 has been reduced from 6 to 2% and anything less than a 3% advance in November will cut that further. The result is the metals group will be no longer effective in keeping employment at approximately the level of 1925 and the lowered employment in some textiles and in the clothing, shoe and food products industries will be brought out more clearly.

Conflicting Movements Throughout Metals.

The advance for the metal industries was brief, for in October productions were numerous enough to prevent any further rise in employment. The gains of the month were only important in their immediate effect upon the employment situation and not as indications of the future course of the metal industries. One of the largest was in the steel industry where the reporting mills showed a 4% increase in working forces. Another gain occurred in the railroad repair industry after the lowered operations of the

summer. Manufacturers of agricultural implements made rather a late start on their fall season and structural iron firms reported an improvement after the dullness of the last few months. Holiday orders probably accounted for a large part of the increase in the instruments and appliances division and the jewelry houses and for the higher earnings of cutlery workers.

The most severe curtailment was made in the heating apparatus shops where working schedules were cut as well as employment. One report stated that production for the year had been completed. The automobile industry started downward although individual manufacturers were still increasing production and the railroad equipment industry reported a further contraction in October. Machinery and brass and copper goods were irregular and electrical equipment did not continue upward as it has in preceding years.

Moderate Increase in Textiles.

The October improvement in the textile groups failed to include the silk goods industry which had been involved to a serious degree in the recent recession. The gain for the group amounted to 2%, a little less than the increase of last October, when conditions were better than they are now. The knitting mills made the best advance if the month, almost 5%. Woolen manufacturers reported a general increase in working forces and cotton mills were still taking on workers. Finishing mills followed the line of general improvement. The carpet factories have now taken back most of the workers released this summer and earnings are moving steadily higher.

Clothing Important in Recent Gains.

The activity in the clothing trades after the steady decline of the spring and summer has been more of a factor than usual in the September and October increases this year. The strike was still going on in the women's cloak and suit factories but more individual settlements were made. These manufacturers and also makers of dresses took on additional operatives in October and increased overtime. Men's and women's furnishing shops again reported a good advance in October and the up-State shirt factories were busier. Losses predominated in the men's clothing shops of New York City but none were as large as a year ago and in the rest of the State some plants had already started on a new season. Manufacturers of handkerchiefs and novelty goods were working on Christmas orders.

The shoe industry moved irregularly and gains in some of the up-State factories were offset by the permanent closing of one plant. Leather turned upward after a sharp decline of three months duration. Overtime increased in the fur shops as some were operated on this basis Columbus Day.

The furniture industry was very uneven and failed to show any gain in October. Operations of the piano factories increased, however, though more slowly than in September. Some manufactures, such as miscellaneous wood products and leather goods, were not stimulated further by holiday demands while others, paper goods and boxes, toilet articles, soaps and candles were decidedly busier in October. Household drugs and certain industrial chemicals also shared in the increased activity of the month.

Food products declined generally with the exception of the candy factories which reported the usual large gain. Although biscuit factories were employing a few more workers in October, hours were being reduced.

Building supply industries were slowing up further, particularly the brick yards and plaster mills.

New York City's Increase Equals Last Year's.

Employment in New York City advanced almost 2% in October after the 4% increase of September. Both these gains were slightly larger than a year ago though not enough to bring employment even with 1925.

The reductions in some of the metals which partly checked the upward course of industry for the total State were almost entirely outside of New York City. The only losses here were a few scattered decreases in hardware and stamped ware and a seasonal slowing up in the automobile repair shops. Makers of instruments, appliances and brass products were busier on the whole and jewelers were still taking on employees for the holiday trade. A large increase here as in the rest of the State was in the railroad repair shops.

The clothing trades were again important in sending up total employment in this city. The October gain amounted to about 4% in contrast to a loss last year. All branches of these industries were busier with the exception of men's clothing factories and millinery houses. Even these, however, were not reducing operations as abruptly as a year ago. The strike continued in the cloak and suit industry but more workers were taken on during the month. Textiles, excepting knit silk wear, moved upward with clothing. Reports from the shoe factories were varying but the usual decrease for the industry was not shown.

Chemicals were busier, particularly the soap factories, and paper goods and printing made a further gain over 1925. Wood manufactures which are usually stimulated by holiday demands stayed even with September. Food products lost after a previous improvement.

Four of the up-State cities shared in the October increase. Rochester reported no change from September and Syracuse lost slightly. The absence of the large gains of 1925 reduced the lead of all the cities for this year with the exception of Binghamton and Rochester. Binghamton is gradually regaining the activity which characterized 1925 and Rochester's factories are running almost 6% higher at present.

Binghamton reported the largest gain of the month, 2½%. Production in the shoe factories of this district has risen steadily since the low point of June and the improvement in other lines which began in September was continued. The gains in the metals and furniture factories were particularly large.

Practically all of the larger industries of the Buffalo district were busier in October and employment advanced 2%. The metal industries were better off than in other parts of the State for though a few of the reductions were in the Buffalo plants, most of the large increases occurred here also. The loss in the heating apparatus shops was more than balanced by extended operations in the steel mills, electrical equipment plants and railroad repair shops. The slowing up in railroad equipment affected hours rather than employment. Automobile factories were employing more workers than in September. Manufacturers of chemicals, wood products, printing and paper goods were busier. Food products stayed even.

Employment in the Albany-Schenectady-Troy district rose 1% in October. The metals were somewhat irregular but there was a net gain of almost 1%. Some of the iron and steel mills continued the improvement of September and railroad equipment factories started up again. The loss in machinery and electrical apparatus was only small. There was a small net gain in the shirt and collar factories and a good increase in the textiles, which are well ahead of last year. Printing and paper goods shops were busier and chemical plants enlarged their forces substantially.

A further increase in the textile mills of Utica sent employment 1% above September, though the metal industries just held their own. Conditions among the various metals were very irregular and increases and decreases were reported for the same industry. There was a further loss in the leather

and leather goods factories and seasonal reductions in the food and clothing industries.

The October loss in Syracuse was almost negligible. An increase in the chemicals and some of the smaller industries offset a decrease in the metals and the seasonal loss in the clothing factories. Automobile plants began slowing down again after the activity of September, though there was no decrease in employment as yet, and foundries making castings reduced forces somewhat. Steel mills were employing a few more workers but other metals tended downward. Shoe factories started work on spring goods.

There were various changes among the different industries of the Rochester district though total employment remained the same as in September. The most serious reduction occurred in the shoe industry as a result of a liquidation. Fluctuations in the metals were not large and gains were most frequent in the instruments factories. Railroad equipment lost very slightly. Chemicals were steady. Some of the men's clothing factories started work on the new season. Textile mills reported a good improvement and there was a further increase in the canneries.

Industrial Conditions in Illinois During October— Little Change in Level of Factory Operations.

October brought little change in the general level of factory operations in Illinois. Although the upward swing which was so pronouncedly in evidence during September had spent its force, the consequent curtailment in employment resulted in the loss of jobs of no more than 5-10 of 1% of the total number of factory workers. Of the 15,000 workers who were put to work during September, it appears that 11,500 still are at work. Of the remainder who were laid off, a considerable number took jobs only for short time in seasonal industries such as canning. This statement is made by Reuben D. Cahn, Chief of the Bureau of Industrial Accident and Labor Research, of the Illinois Department of Labor, in his review of October made public yesterday (Nov. 12). In his further survey he says:

With the cold blasts of winter already bringing a reminder of the rigorous weather of the ensuing months, 27,000 more people are employed in the factories of this State than a year ago at this time and 46,000 more than at this time in 1924. If present indications furnish any criterion for judging, suffering on account of poverty should be less during the coming winter than of any since 1923.

Active fall trade for the retail stores is indicated by several indexes to the situation. Not only are more people receiving wages than in either 1924 or 1925, but the average weekly earnings of factory workers is higher than in any fall month in five years. For 294,091 factory workers, the average weekly pay envelope had \$28.92 in it, that of the male employes averaging \$31.88, while among the female workers the average was \$17.55.

The labor market continued active through-out the month, the placement record for the free employment offices of the state amounting to 17,771, or a full thousand ahead of the aggregate of placements a year ago, 6,000 ahead of Nov. 1924, and 500 more than in the same month in 1923. Farmers came to the offices operated by the State in increasing number to get hands to harvest the corn crop. Corn huskers were reported being paid 5 cents per bushel in several localities. Although most of the free employment offices did a brisk business in their agricultural departments, the aggregate placement record totaled only 733, which was 150 less than a year ago.

Employers at Bloomington and Cicero reported the greatest gains in employment in the month, approximately 10% being added to the payrolls in the former city and 8% in the latter. The improvement was substantial also at Danville, Joliet, Peoria and Rockford. The reductions in the volume of factory operations were fairly substantial at Aurora, East St. Louis and Quincy. At Chicago, Decatur, Moline, Rock Island and Springfield, the change as shown by the statistics was almost imperceptible.

Several factors have combined to bring a very considerable improvement in the operations of the coal mines, and consequently in the condition of the people in the coal mining communities. The coming of cold weather, the prospect of a suspension of operations on April 1 of next year, and the demand for coal for export purposes, have greatly stimulated coal production in this State in the past thirty days. Announcements came to the attention of the Department of Labor of Illinois of twenty-two more mines having been put in readiness for operating and most if not all of these mines are probably hoisting coal by this time. What is more significant, several of the re-opening mines have been completely idle for two or three years. The Bureau of Mines of the United States Department of Commerce reports that weekly production of Illinois mines reached 1,624,000 tons in the week of Oct. 23. This was a gain of 160,000 tons during the week, and was well ahead of the corresponding week of October 1924, although slightly behind the same week last year. Only Pennsylvania and West Virginia are producing more coal than Illinois, Kentucky lagging 300,000 tons behind in the week of Oct. 23.

Builders during the month were running a race with the weather. Road contractors were anxious to get as much done as possible while the weather permitted and on building construction the aim has been to get a roof on, so that the work could be conducted irrespective of snow, rain or low temperatures. At the opening of the month there was some stimulation in the completion of buildings for occupancy as soon as possible after Oct. 1, the usual deadline on the fall renting season. Forecasts of the end of the building boom were not borne out by the operations of the local building offices during October. Projects in a goodly volume are still being recorded. Of 20 principal cities of the State, 12 issued permits which aggregated more than in October 1925. In Chicago, Cicero, Decatur, Peoria and Oak Park, the gain over a year ago was particularly marked.

The metal, machinery and conveyances group as a whole showed an expansion of 2-10 of 1% in employment. Iron and steel continued to gain, with 2-10 of 1% more workers on the payrolls. The most conspicuous individual gain in any industry was found in this group when the tools and cutlery plants added 17.1% more employees to their forces. Other important increases were made by the instrument firms and electrical apparatus manufacturers, who have 3.1 and 2.9% more workers, respectively. Gains were also made by sheet metal plants, cooking and heating apparatus manufacturers, and machinery firms. Agricultural implements had a gain of 1.6%. Employment in car building took a bigger drop than usual, with a loss of 12% of the employees who were at work in September. Automobile and accessory plants continue to lose ground, with 2.6% fewer employees. The index of employment for the metals group as a whole is now 111.8—nearly 5 points higher than in October of last year.

The building materials group more than recovered from its decline of last month by adding 1.2% to its payrolls. Expansion in the miscellaneous minerals, and glass manufacturing accounted for the recovery. Employ-

ment in lime and cement, and in brick, tile and pottery has fallen off during the month, decreases in these forces amounting to 2.2% in the former and 1.5% in the latter. The index number of 133.7 for the group as a whole is well above that of October 1925, which was 124.9.

The wood products group has continued to gain ground with an increase of 2.8%. Saw and planing mills were the only plants not sharing in this upward trend. Their payrolls showed 3.6% fewer employees. Furniture factories continue to hire help freely and have 4.5% more employees than they had last month. This was the largest gain made in the wood products group.

Employment in the fur and leather goods classification continues to hold its own with 4-10 of 1% more workers. As was the case last month, the shoe factories were the only ones in the group that did not make an advance. They reported 1.7% fewer employees at work. Tanneries made a further advance with 6% more workers. Miscellaneous leather goods added 9.4% more employees and fur manufacturers 4.1%.

The upward trend in the chemical, oils and paint group was general except for firms in the miscellaneous classification. Oil refineries gained the most ground, continuing their increase of last month by adding 7.9% more workers to the payrolls. Drugs and paints both made good gains. The index number for the whole group is 130.2, which is the highest index for any of the nine major classifications.

The seasonal slump in job printing brought a decline amounting to 4.8% of the September employment. This had its effect on the printing and paper goods group as a whole, making it show a loss of 1.2%, although all the other industries in the group gained. Paper box manufacturers and edition bookbinders recovered the ground lost last month, and the newspaper publishers continued their expansion.

The textile group was the only one in which every industry gained. Thread mills added 5.4% more workers and knitting mills 4.5%. Cotton mills also gained and the advance for the group as a whole was 3.6%. The index number for textiles is now 113.1, well above the index for Oct. 1925.

The trend in the clothing group was mixed and resulted in a net change of 7-10 of 1% in a downward direction. The seasonal decline in the men's ready-to-wear houses continued with a further drop of 1.5%. Women's apparel factories had about the same percentage of loss, 1.4% after the upward spurt of last month. Millinery showed the largest loss in this group, with 13.5% fewer employees. The decline in the clothing industry did not affect the specialty lines. Both men's and women's furnishings showed good gains. Employment in men's furnishings increased 8.3% and in women's 10.4%. Manufacturers of men's hats also made considerable additions to their forces, amounting to 8.3% of the September employment. The index number for the group (67.0) continues to lag behind the others. It is still the only one of the nine major groups that is not ahead of the 1925 figure for the current month.

Food, beverages and tobacco showed the biggest loss of any of the major groups. There were 5.9% fewer workers in this group than there were last month. The sharp drop in canning of 71.4% was to be expected with the end of the canning season. Further declines in beverages, cigars, ice and ice cream also contributed to the downward trend. Candy factories took an unexpected turn for the worse with a decrease of 12.1%. Their index is still well above the figure for last October. Meat packing firms, flour mills, dairy plants and bakeries all showed improvement over last month.

Business Summary of Canadian Bank of Commerce.

According to the "Monthly Commercial Letter" for November of the Canadian Bank of Commerce there is definite improvement to note in business conditions for while retail trade has been adversely affected by the weather and therefore has not been brisk in all sections, the reports from our representatives and from other sources are for the most part more favorable than those towards the end of September. The letter continues:

At this stage it is well to consider certain seasonal events which have an important influence on the prospects for business during the winter. The harvest results, the most important of these, are dealt with in the next section of this letter, but it may be recorded here that judging by present indications there will be little falling off, if any, in the aggregate purchasing power of the farmers. The mining industry, excepting some of the coal mines in the west and those producing silver, has in prospect a steady demand for its increasing output. The fishermen on the Pacific Coast have enjoyed a profitable season, and those on the Atlantic seaboard have also secured a large catch, although prices of eastern fish continue to be low. Lumbering, while still conducted under difficult conditions which will take some time to correct, is in a slightly better position; in the east a step in the right direction has been taken by curtailing the output, while British Columbia expects an improvement in the trade with Japan and Australia. A movement towards the consolidation of several large companies on the Pacific Coast is under way and this would benefit the industry as a whole. At present the western mills are well employed but prices are still low.

One of the most favorable signs is the activity in manufacturing which, in some of the more important branches, is greater than last month when, allowing for seasonal tendencies, industrial operations were regarded as satisfactory. The production of iron in September was 9% and the output of steel 29% above that of August; the market for these products has recently displayed a stronger tone and some of the mills have orders which will keep them employed on their present scale for some months. The plants now commencing the manufacture of farming equipment for the next season are operating on heavy production schedules. The demand for Canadian pulp and newsprint is still strong and the mills continue to operate close to capacity. Two of the leading companies recently announced their opening prices for newsprint for the season, and as these were the same as have been quoted for some time past, a steady market is indicated for some months at least. The automotive industry turned out in September a large number of machines than in August, and as business conditions are favorable in several of the countries importing Canadian automobiles, foreign as well as domestic sales should continue in satisfactory volume. The manufacture of rubber products is also on a more extensive scale. The early reports are favorable regarding orders for winter and spring delivery of practically all classes of goods.

The value of the construction contracts awarded in the last few months showed a seasonal decline, but the October figures are more than double those for September and are nearly 50% above the total reported in Oct. 1925. There are definite signs of overbuilding in some residential areas, but the expansion of building for commercial purposes continues and as large projects are under way or in contemplation the building programme for the winter should be greater than that of last year.

At this season the unemployment situation becomes an important factor and it is gratifying to note from the last Government reports that more

workers were employed than in Oct. 1925. Comparatively few people have been out of work this year, and while there will probably be a reduction in the number of workers required during the next few months, it is improbable that this will be so marked as in previous years.

It will be seen from the foregoing that business in general is now satisfactory and that it could be conducted on an extensive scale for some months. This solid foundation may, of course, be weakened later by unfavourable developments, and in some sections of the country adverse conditions prevail, but at present it would seem that any change should be in the direction of improvement.

National Industrial Conference Board Finds Increased Living Costs to Farmers Absorbed Gain in Income.

While the average farmer's income in the United States has improved during the crop year 1925-26 by about 4%, the farmer's cost of living during the same period also increased, rising almost enough to cancel the gain in income, according to the National Industrial Conference Board, 247 Park Ave., New York. The Conference Board's analysis of the agricultural industry's balance sheet for the crop year just ended shows that the average return for the labor and management applied to the farm by all farm operators, that is, owners and tenant farmers combined, amounted to \$679 per farm operator for the year, which includes the food, fuel and shelter supplied by the farm. But the farmer who owns and operates his own farm should receive a return on his money invested in the farm as well as a return on his labor, the Board's study points out. Taking the farm owner-operators as a group by itself, and allowing them out of their farm income a return of 5½% on their investment—which is the lowest rate of interest their money would earn if invested in farm mortgages—the remaining income from the farm representing return on labor and management, averaged only \$440 per farm owner-operator for the latest crop year. This sum amounts to less than half the tenant farmer's average income, and less than a third of the average annual earnings per worker of other occupational groups for the same period. It is less than the average annual earnings of hired farm help, which were \$575 not including board. The Board on Nov. 8 goes on to say:

These comparisons are based on average figures arrived at by dividing the total net farm income by the number of farm operators and upon the average earnings of employed workers in other than agricultural pursuits, and do not take into account earnings of either group from other sources.

The return on the total capital invested in farms in the United States for the crop year 1925-26 was little more than 5¼%. Inasmuch as more than half of this represents interest on farm mortgages at higher average interest rates than 5¼%, the average return on money invested by farm owner-operators in their own farms was bound to be much less. For the fiscal year 1925-26, according to the Conference Board's analysis, it was less than 2½%.

In the following table are given the index numbers of the average return to farm operators, owners and tenants combined, on their labor expended on the farm, compared with the average earnings of workers in other occupational groups including industrial wage earners, railroad workers, clerical help, public employees, clergymen and school teachers, and the effect of the cost of living in city and country as affecting the purchasing power of their respective earnings.

| Crop Years— | Average Labor Return per Farmer. | Average Earnings, Other Workers. | Farmer's C. of L. Index.* | Urban C. of L. Index.* | Farmer's Ave. Real Labor Earnings. | Other Workers' Ave. Real Earnings. |
|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1914- ---- | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1924-25- - | 150.0 | 204.2 | 164.3 | 164.9 | 91.0 | 123.8 |
| 1925-26- - | 156.5 | 209.6 | 169.7 | 169.2 | 92.0 | 124.0 |

*Average for crop year.

Gain in Wholesale and Retail Trade in Atlanta Federal Reserve District During September—Damage to Crops Through Hurricane.

Gains in both wholesale and retail sales are reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta in its monthly "Business Review" issued under date of Oct. 31. The review also refers to the damage to the citrus field and truck crops suffered in the hurricane of September, saying:

The tropical hurricane which swept across the lower part of Florida on Sept. 18 passed out into the Gulf of Mexico, and turned north, passing inland at Pensaco and Mobile. Citrus field and truck crops in the path of the storm were greatly damaged. The citrus crop was damaged to the extent of 2,000,000 boxes of fruit, according to a revised estimate by the Department of Agriculture. Increased production over that of 1925, however, is indicated in the Department's estimate of potatoes, peanuts, and oats, while smaller crops of corn, cotton, sugar cane and tobacco are indicated by the reports. Reports for other States in the district issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, show probable increases over last year in the production of corn in Georgia and Mississippi, but decreases in Louisiana and Tennessee. Decreases in production of tobacco are shown in Georgia, Louisiana and Tennessee.

As to trade conditions the "Review" says:

Retail trade in the sixth district was in larger volume in September this year than in the same month of any year since 1920. Sales by 45 department stores were 5.7% greater than in September 1925, and for the first nine months of 1926 sales by these stores have averaged 6.8% greater than in the same period of 1925. The stock turnover for this period, however, has been a little slower than a year ago. Wholesale trade was seasonally greater in September than in August, but was in

smaller volume than in September 1925. The volume of loans and discounts by member banks in selected cities on Oct. 13 was greater than a month earlier, but was about 5 1/2 millions less than a year ago.

percentage of increase. Reno, Nevada, with 22.44% increase, was second, while Springfield, Ill., with an increase of 15.66% ranked third. The summary follows:

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

Table with columns: Office, October 1926, October 1925, Increase, Per Ct. 1926 over 1925, Per Ct. 1925 over 1924, Per Ct. 1924 over 1923. Lists 50 industrial offices and their postal receipt data.

Increase in Postal Receipts at Fifty Selected Cities.

Total postal receipts at fifty selected cities throughout the country for the month of Oct. 1926, showed an increase of 1.14% over those for the same month in 1925, according to figures made public on Nov. 5 by Postmaster General New.

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

Table with columns: Office, Oct. 1926, Oct. 1925, Increase, Per Ct. 1926 over 1925, Per Ct. 1925 over 1924, Per Ct. 1924 over 1923. Lists 50 selected offices and their postal receipt data.

Favorable Business Conditions in October Reported by Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

In its "Business Review" for October, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce has the following to say on the general situation:

A general continuation of favorable business was evident during October, without any marked changes of importance.

As a measure of the volume of business, Los Angeles bank clearings maintained their strong position with respect to the corresponding month last year. The total for October being \$766,240,705 as against \$705,582,959 for Oct. 1925 in spite of the fact that there was one business day less for the month than in 1925.

Building permits again turned sharply upwards with a total of \$9,950,229 as against \$11,655,786 for Oct. 1925, a loss of 17%, but a gain of 22% as compared with the \$8,163,581 for September of this year.

An especially favorable factor is the population trend and the expectation of a very large volume of traffic during the winter season. Reports from the Chamber of Commerce's offices in the East, as well as from railroad agencies, indicate that more visitors are coming to Los Angeles than for any year in the past three years.

The general scale of wholesale prices has apparently turned up slightly after a long period of decline. The figures of the Bureau of Labor, Irving Fisher's copyrighted index and the Dun index, all show a slight increase during October.

The only definitely unfavorable factor is the drop in cotton prices. We do not consider this especially serious for Southern California growing sections with the exception of the Palo Verde Valley and in its effect upon Arizona which particularly in the Phoenix section is likely to feel the break severely.

The "Business Review" of the month is compiled by the Domestic Trade Department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce with the co-operation of the Industrial, Agricultural and Trade Extension Departments of the Chamber.

Increase in Postal Receipts During October at Fifty Industrial Cities.

With but 26 business days in October 1926, as compared with 27 days for the same month last year, postal receipts at 50 industrial cities throughout the country for last month showed an increase of 2.06% over those for the corresponding period in 1925, according to figures made public Nov. 6 by Postmaster-General New.

Transactions in Grain Futures During October on Chicago Board of Trade and Other Markets.

Revised figures showing the volume of trading in grain futures on the Board of Trade of the city of Chicago, by days, during the month of October, together with monthly totals for all "contract markets" as reported by the Grain Futures Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture were made public on Nov. 5 by L. A. Fitz, Grain Exchange Supervisor, at Chicago.

1,532,723,000 bushels as compared with 2,014,490,000 in the same month last year. On the Chicago Board of Trade the total transactions in October of this year totaled 1,289,537,000 bushels, this comparing with 1,704,504,000 a year ago. In the compilations which follow the figures listed represent sales only, there being an equal volume of purchases:

VOLUME OF TRADING. Expressed in Thousands of Bushels, 1+e+, 000 Omitted. Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Flax, Total. Rows for October 1926 (1-31) and Total all markets.

Total all markets 1,088,784 339,706 63,900 26,860 1,604 11,869 1,532,723. Total all mktks. year ago 1,571,377 334,961 66,427 28,940 3,619 9,166 2,014,490. Chlc. B. of T. year ago 1,318,109 313,559 50,773 22,063 --- --- 1,704,504. * Durum wheat only.

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

Table showing "Short" side of contracts open on the "long" side. Columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Total. Rows for October 1926 (1-31) and Average.

Average table for October 1926, September 1926, August 1926, July 1926, June 1926, May 1926, April 1926, March 1926, February 1926, January 1926. Columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Total.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

One hundred and six mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended Oct. 30 manufactured 114,065,198 ft., sold 90,810,982 ft. and shipped 101,516,490 ft. New business was 23,254,216 ft. less than production and shipments 12,548,708 ft. less than production.

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

Table comparing production, new business, shipments, and unshipped balances for Oct. 30, Oct. 23, Oct. 16, Oct. 9. Columns include No. of mills reporting, Production (feet), New business (feet), Shipments (feet), Unshipped balances (Rail, Domestic cargo, Export), Total (feet), and Average number of mills.

Seasonal Contraction Becomes Apparent in Lumber Industry.

Telegraphic reports received by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, from 365 of the larger commercial softwood, and 141 of the chief hardwood, lumber mills of the country, for the week ended Nov. 6, shows the normal seasonal decline in the industry. The comparably reporting softwood mills showed nominal decreases in production, shipments and new business, as compared with reports for the previous week. When compared with reports for the same period a year ago, there is a slight increase in production, and decreases in shipments and new business.

While 141 hardwood mills report production somewhat more, shipments slightly less and new business a little more than did 118 mills for the preceding week, it is apparent, in view of the great disparity in the number of mills reporting for the two weeks, that the hardwood mills, like the softwood mills, are in the midst of a seasonal curtailment of business, observes the Association's report, from which we quote:

Unfilled Orders. The unfilled orders of 229 Southern pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 583,933,737 feet, as against 601,367,780 feet for 228 mills the previous week. The 122 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 230,892,284 feet last week, as against 243,144,896 feet for the week before. For the 107 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 353,041,453 feet, as against 358,222,884 feet for 106 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 349 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 97% and orders 85% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were, respectively, 97 and 79; and for the West Coast mills 91 and 80.

Of the reporting mills, the 320 with an established normal production for the week of 221,392,416 feet, gave actual production 100%, shipments 96%, and orders 85% thereof.

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

Table comparing Past Week, Corresponding Week—1925, and Preceding Week (Revised) for Mills, Production, Shipments, and Orders (new bushels).

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

Table comparing Production, Shipments, and Orders for 1926 and 1925.

The mills of the California White and Sugar Pine Association make weekly reports, but not being comparable, are not included in the foregoing tables, or in the regional tabulation below. Sixteen of these mills, representing 47% of the cut of the California pine region, gave their production for the week as 17,940,000 ft., shipments 15,678,000 and new business 14,387,000. Last week's report from 14 mills, representing 46% of the cut was: Production, 19,911,000 ft., shipments, 17,916,000 and new business, 14,299,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that 20% business for the 107 mills reporting for the week ended Nov. 6, was new below production, and shipments were 9% below production. Of all new business taken during the week, 46% was for future water delivery, amounting to 41,096,395 ft., of which 26,359,143 ft. was for domestic cargo delivery, and 14,737,252 ft. export. New business by rail amounted to 43,779,871 ft., or 48% of the week's new business. Forty-six per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 47,679,796 ft., of which 33,479,864 ft. moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 14,199,932 ft. export. Rail shipments totaled 49,341,145 ft., or 48% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 6,170,535 ft. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 127,546,981 ft., foreign 126,617,427 ft. and rail trade 98,877,045 ft.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 122 mills reporting, shipments were 2.94% below production, and orders 2.11% below production and 18.76% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 53,053,188 ft., shipments 65,305,800 ft. and production 67,283,600 ft. The normal production of these mills is 76,819,714 ft. Of the 119 mills reporting running time, 85 operated full time, 19 of the latter overtime. One mill was shut down, and the rest operated from one to five and one-half days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Oregon, with one less mill reporting, shows some decrease in production and considerable in shipments, and a good gain in new business.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, California reports a fair increase in production, a small reduction in shipments and new business a little in advance of that reported for the previous week.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Virginia, with eight more mills reporting, shows marked increases in all three factors.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with three fewer mills reporting, shows 50% decrease in production, a slight decrease in shipments, and a heavy decrease in new business.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, (in its softwood production) with four more mills reporting, shows production about the same, a substantial increase in shipments and new business about the same as that reported for the week earlier.

Hardwood Reports.

The hardwood mills of the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association reported from 22 mills, production as 1,664,000 ft., shipments 3,213,000 and orders 4,050,000.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tennessee, reported from 119 units, production as 18,813,443 ft., shipments 18,710,643 and orders 17,429,928. The normal production of these units is 20,581,000 ft.

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

| | Mills. | Production. | Shipments. | Orders. |
|--------------------|--------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Week ended Nov. 6 | 141 | 20,477,443 | 21,983,643 | 21,479,928 |
| Week ended Oct. 30 | 118 | 18,188,060 | 22,211,211 | 21,097,672 |

For the past forty-four weeks all hardwood mills reporting to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association gave production 1,294,311,044 ft., shipments 1,295,098,919, and orders 1,325,712,137.

Lumber Production and Shipments During the Month of September.

The "National Lumber Bulletin," published monthly by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association of Washington, D. C., and Chicago, Ill., on Nov. 7 1926 reported the production and shipments of lumber during the month of September as follows:

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

| Association— | September 1. 26. | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Mills | Production. | | Shipments | |
| | | Hardw' ds M. Ft. | Softwoods M. Ft. | Hardw' ds M. Ft. | Softwoods M. Ft. |
| California Redwood | 15 | 28,242 | --- | --- | 26,565 |
| California White & Sugar Pine Mfrs. | 7 | No Report | --- | --- | --- |
| Southeastern Forest Products* | 7 | 6,291 | --- | --- | 6,097 |
| North Carolina Pine | 53 | 30,246 | --- | --- | 29,717 |
| North. Hemlock & Hardwood Mfrs. | 41 | 15,653 | 23,219 | 35,842 | 22,109 |
| Northern Pine Mfrs. | 10 | --- | 31,454 | --- | 48,879 |
| Southern Cypress Mfrs. | 9 | 2,999 | 10,288 | 2,716 | 7,154 |
| Southern Pine | 153 | --- | 347,036 | --- | 355,121 |
| West Coast Lumbermen's | 108 | --- | 441,886 | --- | 431,000 |
| Western Pine Mfrs. | 42 | --- | 146,357 | --- | 160,419 |
| Lower Michigan Mfrs. | 12 | 6,039 | 1,803 | 8,169 | 2,701 |
| Individual reports | 31 | 13,958 | 26,823 | 15,326 | 26,997 |
| Total | 481 | 38,649 | 1,093,675 | 62,053 | 1,117,369 |

| Association. | September 1925. | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Mills | Production. | | Shipments. | |
| | | Hardw' ds M. Ft. | Softwoods M. Ft. | Hardw' ds M. Ft. | Softwoods M. Ft. |
| California Redwood | 15 | --- | 31,166 | --- | 30,510 |
| California White & Sugar Pine Mfrs. | 7 | No Report | --- | --- | --- |
| Southeastern Forest Products* | 8 | --- | 5,276 | --- | 7,334 |
| North Carolina Pine | 53 | --- | 43,667 | --- | 38,494 |
| North. Hemlock & Hardwood Mfrs. | 40 | 14,532 | 28,647 | 28,621 | 18,765 |
| Northern Pine Mfrs. | 9 | --- | 37,648 | --- | 41,373 |
| Southern Cypress Mfrs. | 10 | 3,200 | 11,871 | 3,531 | 12,867 |
| Southern Pine | 169 | --- | 391,800 | --- | 339,671 |
| West Coast Lumbermen's | 104 | --- | 393,417 | --- | 397,860 |
| Western Pine Mfrs. | 42 | --- | 173,260 | --- | 150,501 |
| Lower Michigan Mfrs. | 12 | 6,155 | 2,532 | 8,434 | 3,084 |
| Individual reports | 31 | 16,171 | 25,563 | 15,555 | 27,539 |
| Total | 493 | 40,058 | 1,144,847 | 56,141 | 1,128,498 |

* Successor to Georgia-Florida Sawmill Association.
 b Revised to include reports of comparable mills only.
 Total production September 1926, 1,132,324,000 feet.
 Total production September 1925, 1,184,905,000 feet.
 Total shipments September 1926, 1,179,422,000 feet.
 Total shipments September 1925, 1,184,639,000 feet.

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

| September 1926— | Mills. No. | Production. Feet. | Shipments. Feet. |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Alabama | 17 | 26,376,000 | 29,313,000 |
| Arkansas | 16 | 35,448,000 | 34,846,000 |
| California | 15 | 28,242,000 | 26,575,000 |
| Florida | 14 | 28,203,000 | 25,875,000 |
| Georgia | 7 | 4,241,000 | 3,140,000 |
| Idaho | 14 | 52,978,000 | 59,671,000 |
| Louisiana | 43 | 85,632,000 | 86,502,000 |
| Michigan | 21 | 16,579,000 | 24,163,000 |
| Minnesota | 6 | 27,156,000 | 36,929,000 |
| Mississippi | 38 | 107,380,000 | 110,155,000 |
| Montana | 9 | 28,020,000 | 24,612,000 |
| North Carolina | 13 | 5,476,000 | 8,763,000 |
| Oklahoma | 3 | 8,024,000 | 7,270,000 |
| Oregon | 44 | 202,699,000 | 215,853,000 |
| South Carolina | 18 | 9,326,000 | 8,456,000 |
| Texas | 37 | 73,368,000 | 75,047,000 |
| Virginia | 16 | 13,387,000 | 11,437,000 |
| Washington | 82 | 301,500,000 | 288,819,000 |
| Wisconsin | 33 | 32,722,000 | 45,796,000 |
| Others b | 35 | 45,569,000 | 56,200,000 |
| Total | 481 | 1,132,324,000 | 1,179,422,000 |

b Includes mostly individual reports, not distributed.

Stocks of Cotton Textiles Lower on Nov. 1 Than at Any Time in Five Years.

Stocks of cotton textiles in the United States were lower on Nov. 1 than at any time during the past five years, according to figures just compiled by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York. The decrease has been persistent since last July, amounting to nearly 30%, and has steadily reduced stocks to 216,588,000 yards on Nov. 1. On that date stocks amounted to less than a single month's shipments, which totaled 224,234,000 yards in October. In some lines of finished goods actual shortages are reported and deliveries cannot be promised until after January. Figures compiled by the association include a large majority of all the standard cotton textiles produced in the United States and represent more than 200 kinds of cotton cloths. In reference to these statistics it is pointed out that prolonged industrial prosperity has drawn into consumption all of the large stocks of textiles which were left in producers' hands after the drastic deflation during the last few months of 1920, and that the cotton textile industry is now able to operate more nearly on a basis of orders and immediate consumer demand. The association on Nov. 8 also said:

Unfilled orders reported on Nov. 1 totaled 312,423,000 yards, an excess of 95,909,000 yards, or 44%, over the previous month's production. Shipments during October, amounting to 224,234,000 yards, almost exactly equalled the stocks on hand at the end of the month and exceeded production for the same period by 3.6%. October production amounted to 216,514,000 yards.

Owing to greater stabilization in the cotton industry and the growing demand for cotton textiles the decline in the price of raw cotton has not affected the textile market as adversely as it might have done in previous years. On Oct. 29 the Fairchild average index of American cotton goods prices stood at 12.285 cents a yard, compared with 12.454 cents a yard on July 2, before the fall in the price of raw cotton began. Prices current during July were in most cases below the cost of production, and anticipated the drop in the cost of the raw cotton which has since taken place. At current price levels a very large volume of business is being booked.

Automobile Models and Prices.

Reports are current to the effect that the Hudson Motor Car Co. has augmented its present line of models by the addition of coupes and roadsters. These new models, which are being introduced as a specialty line, feature custom bodies and individual color jobs and are being offered at a price of \$2,285 completely equipped and delivered.

Crude Oil Prices Show Several Changes—Reductions in Gasoline.

Additional changes were made in the prices of crude oil and gasoline during the past week, the former taking an upward turn in a Southern section, while reductions were made in other districts. On Nov. 6 the Magnolia Petroleum Co. at Dallas, Texas, announced that it had met the cut in crude oil posted by Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana on Nov. 5 [see last week's issue, page 2322]. Magnolia schedule starts at \$1 40 a barrel for below 28 gravity oil, and top grade of 52 degrees and above is \$2 70. The cut is effective in Louisiana and Arkansas in the Pine Island, Haynesville, Bull Bayou and Eldorado districts. No change is made in Cotton Valley and Smackover.

Later in the week, on Nov. 10, the Humble Oil & Refining Co. announced that it had reclassified Spindletop crude in Texas to conform with the prices it pays for both A and B grades in the Gulf Coastal fields. This revision indicates an advance of 15c. on each degree of gravity. Effective the same day, the Texas Co. posted the same schedule of prices as being what it would pay for Spindletop, in accord with the schedule posted by the Humble Oil & Refining Co. Further reports from Houston, Texas, on Nov. 11 stated that the Gulf Pipe Line Co. had also followed Humble Oil & Refining Co.'s reclassification of Spindletop crude oil, placing it on a par with oil in other Gulf Coast fields, thus resulting in an advance of 15 cents a barrel.

In the case of gasoline and kerosene, several reductions were announced in price, some of them taking effect only in local areas, such as that announced from Omaha, Neb. on Nov. 8 when it was reported that the Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska had reduced the price of gasoline in Omaha two cents a gallon. Sinclair, Manhattan and other marketers followed the cut, according to these reports. More widespread reductions in price were reported from Dallas, Tex. on the same day when it became known that the Magnolia Petroleum Co. had reduced the retail and tank wagon price of gasoline 1c. per gallon at points in common throughout its Texas territory. The new schedule makes the prevailing rate at retail 20c. per gallon and tank wagon at 17c.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey on Nov. 9 advanced bunker fuel oil 10 cents a barrels, making the new price \$1 75 ex-terminal.

The price of kerosene was reduced on Nov. 9 by the Atlantic Refining Co. which quoted 16c. per gallon, tank wagon, making it 18c. to consumers or a decline of 1c. per gallon.

On Nov. 10, the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky reduced the price of gasoline 1c. a gallon throughout the State of Alabama, effective at once.

In addition to the reduction in Alabama, which applies to both wagons and service stations, a similar cut of 1c. has been made in Mississippi. This follows a cut of 2c. per gallon in gasoline made in Georgia and Florida, thereby meeting the reduction of the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky's competitors.

In the wholesale markets on Nov. 12 the price of U. S. motor grade was 9 1/4 @ 9 3/8c.; kerosene, 6 3/4 @ 6 7/8c. for 41-43 water white and fuel oil 24-26 gravity, \$1 30 @ \$1 35.

Crude Oil Production Continues to Increase.

The United States crude oil production continued to increase during the week ended Nov. 6, when the American

Petroleum Institute estimated that the daily average gross crude oil production was 2,357,050 barrels as compared with 2,331,250 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 25,800 barrels.

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

Table showing daily average production by district for weeks ending Nov. 6 '26, Oct. 30 '26, Oct. 23 '26, and Nov. 7 '25. Columns include (In Barrels.), Nov. 6 '26, Oct. 30 '26, Oct. 23 '26, and Nov. 7 '25. Rows list various districts like Oklahoma, Kansas, North Texas, etc.

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 Nov. 6 was 1,340,700 bbls., as compared with 1,321,900 bbls. for the preceding week.

In Oklahoma, production of North Braman, 28,500 bbls. against 22,800 bbls.; South Braman is reported at 6,200 bbls. against 6,300 bbls.; Tonkawa, 34,700 bbls. against 35,100 bbls.; Garber, 23,600 bbls. against 23,750 bbls.;

In North Texas, Hutchinson County is reported at 148,300 bbls. against 146,400 bbls. and balance Panhandle 13,200 bbls., no change. In East Central Texas, Corsicana Powell, 24,800 bbls. against 24,400 bbls.;

In California, Santa Fe prings is reported at 47,000 bbls. against 47,500 bbls.; Long Beach, 95,000 bbls., no change; Huntington Beach, 72,000 bbls. against 68,000 bbls.;

Cheerful Outlook for Copper Industry—Consumption Expected to Increase Steadily in Both Domestic and Foreign Markets.

The large amount of capital seeking investment, as evidenced by the strength in the bond market and the ease with which new securities offerings, both foreign and domestic, are being absorbed in the investment markets of the country, indicates speedy rectification of the irregularities in the business trend which may develop, says the current weekly copper letter of the "Mines Handbook."

The big factor in the consumption of copper for the past ten years, and likely to be in the next ten years, is the electrical industry. The outlook for this industry, both in this country and abroad, is so good as to provide little reason for doubt that copper consumption will increase in as favorable a ratio in the immediate future as in the past.

Meanwhile, copper consumption is well maintained in this country. Industries which in 1925 consumed 50-50 of all the copper consumed in the United States, reported in the third quarter of 1926 consumption of 119,200 short tons of copper.

October Steel Ingot Production Larger.

An increase in steel ingot production was recorded during October, the output for that month being the largest on record since April last. The American Iron and Steel Institute in its regular monthly report released Nov. 9, places the production of steel ingots in October 1926 by companies which in 1925 made 94.50% of the steel production, at 3,867,458 tons, of which 3,224,584 tons were open-hearth, 630,526 tons Bessemer and 12,348 tons all other grades.

tons as compared with 3,930,675 tons in September and 4,004,583 tons in August. The average daily production in October was 157,406 tons, as against 151,180 tons in September and 154,022 tons in August, all three months having 26 working days.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1925 TO DECEMBER 1925.

Reported for 1925 by companies which made 94.50% of the steel ingot production in that year.

Table showing monthly production of steel ingots from January 1925 to December 1925. Columns include Months 1925, Open-Hearth, Bessemer, All Other, Monthly Production Companies Reporting, Calculated Monthly Production All Companies, No. of Working Days, and Approx. Daily Production All Cos. Gross Tons.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JAN. 1926 TO SEPT. 1926

Reported for 1926 by companies which made 94.50% of the steel ingot production in 1925.

Table showing monthly production of steel ingots from January 1926 to September 1926. Columns include Months 1926, Open-Hearth, Bessemer, All Other, Monthly Production Companies Reporting, Calculated Monthly Production All Companies, No. of Working Days, Approx. Daily Production All Cos. Gross Tons, and Per Cent of Operation.

The figures of "per cent of operation" are based on the "theoretical capacity" as of Dec. 31 1925, of 55,844,033 gross tons of ingots.

Refined Copper Stocks Decline.

The following is from the "Wall Street News" of yesterday (Nov. 12):

Stocks of blister copper on Oct 31 last amounted to 534,568,000 lbs., compared with 527,870,000 lbs on Sept 30. The surplus of refined copper totaled 136,466,000 lbs. at the end of last month, against 140,274,000 lbs. on Sept. 30, while the total stocks were 671,034,000 lbs., compared with 665,144,000 lbs. at the end of the previous month.

The following table gives the comparison of stocks at the end of the past ten months in North and South America, figures in tons of 2,000 lbs. each:

Table comparing refined copper stocks in North and South America from October to January. Columns include Blister, Incl. in Process, Refined, and Total.

Segregated figures show that the stocks on Nov. 1 last were divided as follows: Blister at smelters, 14,532 tons; blister in transit, 65,195 tons; blister at refineries, 27,724 tons; "in process" at refiners, 159,833 tons; refined, 68,233 tons; total, 335,517 tons.

There was a decrease of 540,000 lbs. in the production of refined copper last month compared with September. The output in October amounted to 246,240,000 lbs., of which 234,662,000 lbs. were primary and 11,578,000 lbs. were scrap.

In the following table is given a comparison of the production of refined copper, figures in tons of 2,000 lbs. each:

Table comparing primary and scrap production of refined copper from October to January. Columns include Primary, Scrap, and Total.

The daily average rate in October was 3,972 tons, compared with 4,113 tons in September, 4,159 tons in August and 3,893 tons in July.

Production of blister copper in North America in October amounted to 94,220 tons, compared with 86,163 tons in September, 84,061 tons in August and 82,938 tons in July.

Shipments showed an increase of 10,226,000 pounds in October, compared with September, the total being 250,045,000 pounds, against 239,822,000 pounds in the previous month.

In the appended table is given the shipments with comparison, figures in tons:

Table comparing export and domestic shipments of refined copper from October to January. Columns include Export, Domestic, and Total.

Increase in Unfilled Tonnage of United States Steel Corporation During October.

The United States Steel Corporation in its monthly statement issued Nov. 10 1926 reported unfilled tonnage on books of subsidiary corporations as of Oct. 31 1926 at 3,683,661 tons. This is an increase of 90,152 tons over unfilled orders on Sept. 30 and an increase of 141,326 tons over Aug. 31 figures. On Oct. 30 last year orders on hand stood at 4,109,183 tons and at the same date in 1924 at 3,525,270 tons. In the following we show the amounts back to the beginning of 1922. Figures for earlier dates may be found in our issue of April 14 1923, page 1617.

| End of Month— | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. | 1922. |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| January | 4,882,739 | 5,037,323 | 4,798,429 | 6,910,776 | 4,241,678 |
| February | 4,616,822 | 5,284,771 | 4,912,901 | 7,283,989 | 4,141,069 |
| March | 4,379,935 | 4,863,564 | 4,782,807 | 7,403,332 | 4,494,148 |
| April | 3,867,976 | 4,446,568 | 4,208,447 | 7,288,509 | 5,096,917 |
| May | 3,649,250 | 4,049,800 | 3,628,089 | 6,981,851 | 5,254,228 |
| June | 3,478,642 | 3,710,458 | 3,262,505 | 6,386,261 | 5,635,531 |
| July | 3,602,522 | 3,539,467 | 3,187,072 | 5,910,763 | 5,776,161 |
| August | 3,542,335 | 3,512,803 | 3,289,577 | 5,414,663 | 5,950,105 |
| September | 3,593,509 | 3,717,297 | 3,473,780 | 5,035,750 | 6,691,607 |
| October | 3,683,661 | 4,109,183 | 3,525,270 | 4,672,825 | 6,902,282 |
| November | — | 4,581,780 | 4,031,969 | 4,368,584 | 6,840,242 |
| December | — | 5,033,364 | 4,816,676 | 4,445,339 | 6,745,703 |

Steel Orders Decline in All Lines Except Rails—Pig Iron Price Up.

Contrary to reports of a slight falling off in steel output, which came through the usual channels from producing centres in the last two weeks of October, the official statistics show the largest October ingot total on record at 4,092,548 tons, declares the "Iron Age" in its Nov. 11 market summary. This represents 87.66% of capacity, against 84.19% for September.

It is pointed out that October is the month in which producers strive for records, and this year was no exception, in spite of the fact that in all products except rails bookings were less last month than in September. Uniformly the November schedules of the large steel companies call for a reduced operation this month, with the expectation that some will reach 75% a little later. The Pittsburgh district is not far from that figure this week, observes the "Age" in giving further details, from which we quote as follows:

For the 10 months ending Oct. 31 ingot output this year was 39,939,000 tons, against 36,267,000 tons in the first 10 months of 1925, an increase of 10%.

The Steel Corporation, which had a large rail business last month, apparently about the same as in October 1925, had a gain in unfilled orders (probably about 150,000 tons), even though its shipments were somewhat more than in September.

An event of the week is the opening of books by the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. for first quarter sheet orders and first half tin plate orders at unchanged prices. There was some expectation of an advance above \$5 50 per base box on tin plate in view of the fact that pig tin is now above 70c. per lb. as against 42c. three years ago when the \$5 50 price for tin plate was fixed.

Rail mills have good rollings scheduled for this month and some are already at work on orders for winter laying. The International Great Northern's part of the Missouri Pacific's 70,000 tons was 21,000 tons. On 4,000,000 tie plates (26,400 tons) for the Missouri Pacific there was keen competition, the greater part going to Colorado. The Reading rail order amounts to 28,000 tons of 130-lb. Bethlehem sections.

Upward of 1,600 freight cars were bought within the week, including 700 tank cars for one petroleum company and 500 for another. The Pennsylvania R.R. is inquiring for 75 locomotives and the Western Maryland for 20.

Third-quarter shipments of steel to the automotive industry are put at 13% of the entire production. October specifications, however, were the smallest in 18 months.

Coal prices have reacted violently, and run-of-mine coking coal going to \$2 75, as against \$4 recently, one week's increase in production being equal to a full week's exports. Coke is weaker in sympathy, but with no sales, as nearly all consumers are covered.

The recent advance in pig iron at Pittsburgh has made consumers more cautious than before. Eastern pig iron shows more strength than the Central Western product, and import iron is stronger. German iron for quick shipment selling at \$23 50, Philadelphia.

Sheet mills continue to feel the sharp curtailment by the automotive industry, caused in turn by large stocks of cars in dealers' hands. The operations of the largest sheet producer have fallen to 80%, as against 90% at the opening of the month.

Sales of standard pipe, which along with sheets and tin plate has been a strong sustaining factor in this year's demand, have fallen off considerably in recent weeks.

Bids have been asked for on 23,200 tons of structural steel for New York subway construction. This with a Milwaukee hotel, requiring 4,500 tons, and a number of smaller projects, make 41,500 tons on which prices have been invited. Structural steel awards in the week amounted to 27,000 tons, the largest project being a Duquesne, Pa., bridge, requiring 6,800 tons. A Philadelphia office building soon to come up calls for about 10,000 tons. Some Eastern structural mills and fabricators are more in need of work than in many months.

The effect on the steel bar situation of the making of a Cleveland base, with sales at 2c. and on larger business as low as 1.90c., is not yet fully developed, as mills outside of Cleveland are still holding to a 2c. Pittsburgh basis.

Demand for steel on the Pacific Coast, where European sellers have been quite active for months, has been picking up of late. One feature there is a sharp reduction in the delivered price of large-sized seamless casing from Central Western pipe mills.

Domestic producers are still getting export tin plate business which Welsh mills cannot take, even though the British coal strike is expected to end with this week. A large export item is an American mill's sale of 6,300 tons of

wire rods to Japan. A Pittsburgh district mill has taken 2,000 tons of galvanized sheets, corrugated, for the repair of storm damage in Cuba.

Some British ferromanganese producers will now take contracts for the first quarter of 1927 at \$100, seaboard. The American product is not yet available for next year's delivery. Higher grades spiegeleisen has advanced from \$34 to \$40, furnace.

The "Iron Age" pig iron composite price has again advanced, due to higher eastern Pennsylvania prices. It is now \$20 21 per gross ton, or 50c. more than two weeks ago. The finished steel composite price is unchanged at 2.453c. per lb., according to the usual table, which is appended:

| Finished Steel. | | Pig Iron. | |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Nov. 9 1926, 2.453c. Per Lb. | | Nov. 9 1926, \$20 21 Per Gross Ton. | |
| One week ago | 2.453c. | One week ago | \$20 04 |
| One month ago | 2.453c. | One month ago | 19 71 |
| One year ago | 2.431c. | One year ago | 21 29 |
| 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-hearth rails, black pipe and black sheets, constituting 87% of the U. S. output of finished steel.

| High. | Low. |
|--|---|
| 1926--2.453c., Jan. 5; 2.403c., May 18 | 1926--\$21 54, Jan. 5; \$19 46, July 13 |
| 1925--2.560c., Jan. 6; 2.396c., Aug. 18 | 1925--22 50, Jan. 13; 18 96, July 7 |
| 1924--2.789c., Jan. 15; 2.460c., Oct. 14 | 1924--22 88, Feb. 26; 19 21, Nov. 3 |
| 1923--2.824c., April 24; 2.446c., Jan. 2 | 1923--30 86, Mar. 20; 20 77, Nov. 20 |

Pig iron sales closed for first quarter delivery exceeded 200,000 tons in the past week, with the strength of the buying movement apparently not spent, observes the "Iron Trade Review" this week. Considerable first quarter tonnage would normally be placed at this time, but rising prices in iron reflecting recent advances in fuel proved a spur. Efforts of some consumers to buy beyond first quarter have been repulsed by producers. Fuels vitality as a market factor has been evidenced largely by pig iron in the past week. Coke prices in the Connellsville regions remained stationary though firm, but by-product coke prices now show some stimulation, notably at Detroit and in southern Ohio. Pig iron prices with the exception of those in the Chicago and Birmingham districts either solidified their recent gains or registered advances. The finished steel market continues to drift slowly downward both in point of orders and production, but without any signs of an accelerated rate of contraction. Steel ingot production for all districts are averaging just under 80% with the Steel Corporation subsidiaries operating slightly heavier than independent interests. The heavy finished lines are maintaining their position better than some lighter products. Sheet production in particular has shrunk as much as 10% in some districts in the past week, according to the "Review's" report of conditions affecting the market. In its issue of Nov. 11 this journal then said:

Statistically, the present market continues on a sound footing. Steel ingot production in October proves to have set a new high monthly record with a total of 4,092,548 tons. Daily average production was 157,406 tons, a gain of 61,873 tons over September, and compares with 3,888,814 tons in October 1925. Production in the first 10 months of 1926 totaled 39,939,398 tons, compared with 36,266,920 tons in the corresponding period of 1925.

Cable advices from England are to the effect that negotiations now being conducted by the Government give promise of a settlement of the coal strike within a week or two. The number of miners at work has increased to 300,000. British consumers are placing large tonnages of pig iron and steel on the Continent. British production after the strike is over is expected to exceed all records since the war.

The "Iron Trade Review's" composite price on 14 leading iron and steel products this week is \$38 43. This compares with \$38 30 last week and \$38 18 the previous week.

Completed Returns Show Increased Pig Iron Production in October.

Actual data covering the pig iron production for October show that the estimates of companies, collected by wire by the "Iron Age" on Nov. 1 and published last week, were low. The October output was 107,533 tons per day, instead of the estimated rate of 106,891 tons. At 107,533 tons as the October daily rate, the increase over September was 3,010 tons, or 2.88%. In September the increase over August was 1.25%.

The production of coke pig iron for the 31 days of October was 3,334,132 gross tons, or 107,533 tons per day, as compared with 3,136,293 tons, or 104,543 tons per day for the 30 days in September. The October daily rate is the largest for any October since 1918, when the daily rate that month was 112,482 tons. It is also the largest daily rate since May this year. A year ago the daily rate was 97,528 tons.

There was a net gain of 4 furnaces during October, 11 having been blown in and 7 blown out or banked. In September the net gain was two furnaces.

Capacity Active on Nov. 1.

On Nov. 1 there were 219 furnaces active as compared with 215 on Oct. 1. The estimated daily capacity of the 219 furnaces blowing on the first day of this month was 108,760 tons, as contrasted with 105,480 tons per day for the 215 furnaces active on Oct. 1. Of the 11 furnaces blown in last month, 4 were Steel Corporation and 5 were merchant stacks, with 2 credited to independent steel companies. Of the 7 furnaces shut down, 4 belonged to the Steel Corporation, 1 to independent steel companies and 4 to merchant producers.

Manganese Alloy Output.

The manganese alloy output last month of 34,768 tons was one of the largest this year. Ferromanganese production at 28,473 tons was next to

The railroad embargo is being felt at Cincinnati, and the movement to tide water from this section has eased off. But labor is shifting and demands from home consumers is being met. In this section, however, there is distinct nervousness because it appears as if a flood of coal, not easily to be disposed of, may come at any moment.

Chicago is in a whirl. Usual market conditions do not prevail. The same coal seems to be quoted at almost the same time at figures two or more dollars apart. There is a consistent effort in this section however to keep down speculation.

A reaction from extreme prices has been felt in the Pittsburgh district. There was a distinct rush of mine activity that was bound to have some results. Nevertheless nine dollar coal was not reached and when that figure was in sight, a distinct slowing up of buying occurred. An unusual feature of the Pittsburgh market has been the general elimination of the differential between gas and steam coal prices.

The increased cost at mines has sent up prices at Cleveland and in the Great Lakes Section. Approximately a dollar a ton was added to the schedule on November first. The trend of opinion at the Ohio city is that the mines are going wild. Pocahontas is selling at six dollars at the mine for export. This means over eleven dollars at Cleveland.

The whole coal situation is one where reactions are probable. Important news is developing in several quarters. Prices are bound to swerve. It is the general belief, however, that any downward movement that may occur is a temporary and incidental one.

Bituminous Coal Reaches Record Output—Anthracite Production Falls Off—Coke Also Declines.

A record for weekly output of bituminous coal was made during the week ended Oct. 30, when 13,430,000 tons were produced, a gain of 5.6% over the preceding week, according to the U. S. Bureau of Mines. Anthracite production, however, fell off due to the observance of Mitchell Day on Oct. 29, and coke also declined by about 3,000 tons for the week, reports the Bureau, from which we quote additional details:

Production of soft coal during the week ended Oct. 30 is estimated at 13,430,000 net tons. This is the highest weekly output ever recorded. Compared with the revised estimate for the preceding week, this is a gain of 718,000 tons, or 5.6%.

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. 16..... | 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. c..... | 12,712,000 | 447,412,000 | 12,088,000 | 404,767,000 |
| Daily average..... | 2,119,000 | 1,735,000 | 2,015,000 | 1,615,000 |
| Oct. 30. d..... | 13,430,000 | 460,842,000 | 12,485,000 | 417,252,000 |
| Daily average..... | 2,238,000 | 1,795,000 | 2,081,000 | 1,626,000 |

^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 in October is estimated (subject to slight revision) at 54,536,000 net tons. This indicates a daily average rate of 2,098,000 tons, as against 1,959,000 in September—an increase of 6.6%.

Cumulative production of soft coal during 1926 to Oct. 30 amounts to 460,842,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in the past six years show that the 1926 record equals that of 1920, but is exceeded by that of 1923. (This is in correction of a misstatement in preceding report.) [See page 2324 in Nov. 6 "Chronicle."]

| Year | Net Tons |
|-----------|-------------|
| 1920..... | 460,673,000 |
| 1921..... | 345,645,000 |
| 1922..... | 327,609,000 |
| 1923..... | 474,975,000 |
| 1924..... | 390,531,000 |
| 1925..... | 417,252,000 |

ANTHRACITE.

Because of the holiday observance of Mitchell Day—Oct. 29—production of anthracite during the week ended Oct. 20 decreased sharply. Total output is estimated at 1,805,000 net tons, a decrease of 257,000 tons, or 12%, from the revised estimate for the week of Oct. 23.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

| Week Ended | 1926 | | 1925 | |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| | Week. | Cal. Year to Date. | Week. | Cal. Year to Date. ^a |
| Oct. 16..... | 2,093,000 | 66,159,000 | 17,000 | 61,299,000 |
| Oct. 23..... | 2,062,000 | 658,221,000 | 13,000 | 61,312,000 |
| Oct. 30..... | 1,805,000 | 70,026,000 | 19,000 | 61,331,000 |

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

Cumulative production of anthracite from Jan. 1 to Oct. 30 amounts to 70,026,000 tons, a gain of 8,695,000 tons, or 14%, when compared with that in the corresponding period in 1925. Figures for other recent years are given below:

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 1922..... | 37,515,000 | 1924..... | 73,340,000 |
| 1923..... | 77,486,000 | 1925..... | 61,331,000 |

BEEHIVE COKE.

A decline of 3,000 tons of beehive coke occurred during the week ended Oct. 30, according to the U. S. Bureau of Mines survey, from which we repeat the following table:

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

| | Week Ended | | | 1926 to Date. | 1925 to Date. ^a |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| | Oct. 30 1926. ^b | Oct. 23 1926. ^c | Oct. 31 1925. | | |
| Pennsylvania & Ohio..... | 162,000 | 163,000 | 212,000 | 8,021,000 | 6,234,000 |
| West Virginia..... | 16,000 | 16,000 | 15,000 | 642,000 | 511,000 |
| Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga..... | 5,000 | 6,000 | 18,000 | 526,000 | 749,000 |
| Virginia..... | 6,000 | 6,000 | 9,000 | 297,000 | 296,000 |
| Colorado & New Mexico..... | 4,000 | 5,000 | 4,000 | 217,000 | 199,000 |
| Washington & Utah..... | 4,000 | 4,000 | 3,000 | 145,000 | 162,000 |
| United States total..... | 197,000 | 200,000 | 261,000 | 9,848,000 | 8,151,000 |
| Daily average..... | 33,000 | 33,000 | 44,000 | 39,000 | 32,000 |

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Nov. 10, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows a decline for the week of \$88,700,000 in bill and security holdings, as compared with an increase of \$70,700,000 reported the week before, together with increases of \$35,200,000 in cash reserves and \$6,800,000 in non-reserve cash and a reduction of \$4,600,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation. Holdings of discounted bills declined \$94,500,000 and of Government securities \$2,000,000, while open market acceptance holdings increased \$7,800,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

The New York Reserve bank reports a decline of \$56,400,000 in discount holdings, Chicago a decline of \$27,600,000, San Francisco \$7,600,000, St. Louis \$7,400,000, Atlanta \$4,500,000, and Dallas \$3,700,000. Discount holdings of the Cleveland bank increased \$12,800,000 during the week. A reduction of \$7,200,000 in the New York Reserve bank's holdings of acceptances purchased in open market was more than offset by increases at the other Reserve banks aggregating \$15,100,000. The system's holdings of Treasury certificates were \$22,100,000 above the preceding week's total, while holdings of Treasury notes declined \$23,400,000 and of United States bonds \$700,000.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation during the week include a decrease of \$6,500,000 at the New York bank and increases of \$4,600,000 and \$3,300,000, respectively, at Philadelphia and Cleveland.

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 2492 and 2493. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Nov. 10 1926 is as follows:

| | Increases (+) or Decreases (—) During | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| | Week. | Year. |
| Total reserves..... | +\$35,200,000 | +\$79,400,000 |
| Gold reserves..... | +34,500,000 | +62,600,000 |
| Total bills and securities..... | -88,700,000 | -35,700,000 |
| Bills discounted, total..... | -94,500,000 | +16,700,000 |
| Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations..... | -59,600,000 | +11,100,000 |
| Other bills discounted..... | -34,900,000 | +5,600,000 |
| Bills bought in open market..... | +7,800,000 | -12,800,000 |
| U. S. Government securities, total..... | -2,000,000 | -33,600,000 |
| Bonds..... | -700,000 | -11,100,000 |
| Treasury notes..... | -23,400,000 | -30,100,000 |
| Certificates of indebtedness..... | +22,100,000 | +107,600,000 |
| Federal Reserve notes in circulation..... | -4,600,000 | +39,500,000 |
| Total deposits..... | -11,600,000 | -23,900,000 |
| Members' reserve deposits..... | +11,300,000 | -13,500,000 |
| Government deposits..... | -15,100,000 | -4,400,000 |

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

It is not possible for the Federal Reserve Board to issue the weekly returns of the member banks as promptly as the returns of the Federal Reserve banks themselves. Both cover the week ending with Wednesday's business, and the returns of the Federal Reserve banks are always given out after the close of business the next day (Thursday). The statement of the member banks, however, including as it does nearly 700 separate institutions, cannot be tabulated until several days later. Prior to the statement for the week ending May 19, it was the practice to have them ready on Thursday of the following week, and to give them out concurrently with the report of the Reserve banks for the next week. The Reserve authorities have 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 Nov. 3 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 Nov. 3 shows increases of \$56,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$11,000,000 in investments, \$103,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$26,000,000 in time deposits and \$46,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported increases of \$71,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$13,000,000 in investments, \$39,000,000 and \$16,000,000 in net demand and time deposits, respectively, and \$33,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including United States Government obligations, were \$49,000,000 above the previous week's total, increases of \$28,000,000 in the New York district, \$13,000,000 in the Boston district and \$9,000,000 and \$8,000,000 in the Philadelphia and Richmond districts, respectively, being offset in part by a reduction of \$12,000,000 in the Cleveland district. All other loans and dis-

counts increased \$7,000,000 during the week. The principal changes in this item were declines of \$15,000,000 in the Richmond district and \$10,000,000 each in the Philadelphia and Chicago districts and an increase of \$45,000,000 in the New York district. Total loans to brokers and dealers, secured by stocks and bonds, made by reporting member banks in New York City were \$38,000,000 above the Oct. 27 total, loans for out-of-town banks having declined \$4,000,000, while loans for own account and for others increased \$39,000,000 and \$3,000,000, respectively. 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 United States Government securities were \$4,000,000 below the previous week's total, a decline of \$12,000,000 in the Boston district being partly offset by an increase of \$7,000,000 in the New York district. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities increased \$15,000,000, of which \$6,000,000 was in the Cleveland district and \$5,000,000 in the New York district.

Net demand deposits were \$103,000,000 above the amount reported on Oct. 27. The principal increases by districts were: New York, \$51,000,000; San Francisco, \$15,000,000; Richmond, \$13,000,000; Boston, \$12,000,000; Minneapolis, \$10,000,000, and Philadelphia, \$9,000,000. Time deposits increased \$26,000,000, of which \$13,000,000 was in the New York district and \$8,000,000 in the San Francisco district.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks were \$46,000,000 above the Oct. 27 total, the principal changes including increases of \$41,000,000 in the New York district and \$24,000,000 in the Chicago district.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 2493—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

| | Increases (+) or Decreases (—) | |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------|
| | Week. During | Year. |
| Loans and discounts, total..... | +\$56,000,000 | +\$343,000,000 |
| Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations..... | +11,000,000 | —12,000,000 |
| Secured by stocks and bonds..... | +38,000,000 | +46,000,000 |
| All other..... | +7,000,000 | +309,000,000 |
| Investments, total..... | +11,000,000 | +126,000,000 |
| U. S. securities..... | —4,000,000 | —46,000,000 |
| Other bonds, stocks and securities..... | +15,000,000 | +172,000,000 |
| Reserve balances with F. R. banks..... | —13,000,000 | —51,000,000 |
| Cash in vault..... | +16,000,000 | +5,000,000 |
| Net demand deposits..... | +103,000,000 | —199,000,000 |
| Time deposits..... | +26,000,000 | +416,000,000 |
| Government deposits..... | —1,000,000 | +49,000,000 |
| Total borrowings from F. R. banks..... | +46,000,000 | +32,000,000 |

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication to-day (Nov. 13) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

CANADA.

Dry goods travelers in Canada are reporting a good business in spring lines; the increased production of boots and shoes is well maintained, and leather prices show indications of growing firmness. Labor conditions continue on a high level, with a slight increase in the demand from the lumber camps. About 90% of the grain throughout the Prairie Provinces has been threshed. Weather conditions in Manitoba and Saskatchewan have caused suspension of threshing in those provinces. The general quality of the threshed grain is reported to be much better than expected earlier in the season. Canadian construction contracts actually awarded during the month of October amounted to \$43,385,000, which was the highest figure for any previous October. The output of coal from Canadian mines during August was 1,336,000 tons, which was 1% less than the July production of 1,349,000 tons, but was 17% greater than the five year average for August of 1,134,000 tons. The Rouyn Branch Line Railroad linking Noranda with the Canadian National Railway's main line at Taschereau is now completed and delivering freight.

GREAT BRITAIN.

New negotiations looking toward a settlement of the coal dispute opened on Nov. 5. At a conference of trade union executives, held on Nov. 3, it was decided to recommend, for the benefit of the idle coal miners, a voluntary levy of one penny a day on all employed members of trade unions in Great Britain. The drift of the men back to the pits has brought the total number of miners now working up to nearly 300,000. Unemployment registers showed that exclusive of idle coal miners, 1,516,200 persons were unemployed on Oct. 25. This represents an improvement of about 20,000 from the Status on Oct. 11.

FRANCE.

The announcements of the Government concerning the higher tax collections, the decrease in the unfavorable trade balance, the profitable results of exchange operations by the treasury, the relatively good treasury position, and the progress made toward amortizing the short term securities, have inspired new confidence in France. Foreign speculation on the rise of the franc has developed, following the approved showing of the Government. The franc has in fact improved steadily in spite of heavy purchases of foreign exchange by the treasury and the Bank of France, and notwithstanding reports of French sales of foreign securities in return for foreign currency.

In industrial circles there is a growing feeling against a further appreciation of the franc, which it is feared may bring an industrial reaction. Although industry remains active the sharp franc recovery is already restricting exports and price concessions are being demanded by buyers. Inquiries for American coal are decreasing due to the curtailment of supplies from England, resulting from the British strike. Iron and steel production remains at a high level. The market is dominated by considerations affecting the iron and steel entente and by the sharp appreciation of the franc.

The textile mills generally are active and have sufficient orders to keep them busy.

SPAIN.

Spanish business registered a slight pick up from the dulness which prevailed during the summer months. Money is slightly easier though the present tendency is toward higher rates. Bank clearances indicate a normal amount of activity and the bourse operations show a direct result of exchange manipulations. The stronger position of French franc is generally held to react unfavorably on the peseta. The trade balance shows a more favorable tendency and the Government is at present favoring rigid protection to existing Spanish industries. The general economic situation is normal and the condition of labor presents no special difficulties. The attitude of the cotton industry is somewhat expectant and due to the financial conditions of this industry it has not been possible to take full advantage of the present low prices of raw materials. Crop reports are good and coal mining is now enjoying the most prosperous period since the war. Lumber trade is somewhat depressed, but a strong preference for American hardwoods still exists. Automotive imports for the first six months were large but during October sales fell off considerably.

NORWAY.

The sudden rapid appreciation of the crown has caused new difficulties for Norwegian industries, especially those which recently arranged new wage schedules on the basis of the old rate. Export industries have also been adversely affected by the rise in the crown, and further by the increase in fuel prices. Many shutdowns have resulted. The increased cost of fuel has also placed industries manufacturing for the domestic market in a difficult position. Shipping is benefitting to a certain extent from increased coal freight rates. The money market is very easy. Bank deposits are rising and loans declining. Banks have recently been obliged to refuse deposits on interest, and this, together with other conditions, lead to another decrease in the official discount rate to 4½% on Oct. 27.

SWEDEN.

No important changes have occurred during the last few weeks, the general situation continuing moderately progressive. The industrial situation has improved somewhat through the general tendency of labor organizations to renew annual wage agreements, and through a better outlook in the timber industry than has existed for several years. The pulp market has been good, and exports large. The paper market is fairly satisfactory, although restricted by the coal strike. Prices have a tendency toward firmness, however, partly due to decreased production in Norway. Iron ore exports were on the decline until during September, but since then they have shown a tendency to increase.

DENMARK.

Low industrial activity, high unemployment, and difficult competitive conditions continue. As the supply of liquid capital steadily diminishes the money market becomes tighter and tighter. According to a recent report of the Danish Agricultural and Economic Bureau, the capital invested in Danish agricultural failed to pay dividends last year. The coal situation is hindering business to a marked extent. Prices on coke have increased appreciably during the last few weeks and American coal has already appeared on the market. Trade has been somewhat livelier during recent weeks, but this is believed in Denmark to be of only a seasonal nature.

GREECE.

The market situation is still very sensitive to political conditions, but is expected in Greece to become more stabilized. Drachma exchange shows continued and rather marked fluctuation. The cost of living index rose from 1,817.6 in August to 1,832.5 in September. The land tax imposed under General Pangalos is to be abolished at the beginning of the fiscal year 1927-28, according to a recently published legislative decree. There are indications that the new cotton crop is to be better in both quality and quantity than for many years past, though in some sections the staple is not so long as expected. The national bank has decided to issue real estate lottery bonds in order to meet the increased demand for money.

EGYPT.

Business conditions are beginning to improve after the usual slack summer season. Legislation for the limiting of the acreage planted to cotton will probably be introduced again at the new session of Parliament. Building activity continues and automobile sales prospects, which are to a certain extent an index of business conditions, are considered to be unusually good.

PALESTINE.

The general commercial and financial situation is somewhat dull. Foreign imports have decreased considerably as compared with last year, and food-stuffs are now forming the bulk of the articles imported, according to the Palestine Government commercial bulletin. The restrictions on cereal imports, because of cattle plague, have resulted in a rise in prices. Industrial conditions are improving and drainage and road building operations have been begun by the Haifa Bay Development Co. Local industry was especially represented in the recent Palestine and Near East Fair at Tel-Aviv, emphasis being placed on a demonstration to the extent to which local products may be used in equipping Palestine homes.

SYRIA.

Farmers are concerned for the next year's crops because of the severe damage suffered this year in several regions from insects and plant diseases. Experiments with cotton growing near the Euphrates have, however, been highly successful, American seed having given the best results, according to the Inspector of Agriculture. The silk cocoon yields somewhat less than that of last year, and an extension has been granted by the Government in the time of payment of farmers' debts in the Aleppo and Hama districts. In several Government districts payments have now been fixed on the Syrian gold basis and indications are said to point to a general adoption of this basis in the near future for all branches of the Government.

PERSIA.

The program of the new Cabinet includes various measures for the improvement of the economic situation such as: The construction of reservoirs and irrigation dams; the development of production in such export lines as cotton and silk; the improvement of transportation and communication conditions; the encouragement of agriculture, etc. A motor bus service for the city of Teheran is expected in Teheran to be introduced under a Russian company. The proposed Agricultural and National Bank is expected in Persia to have as a branch of pawnbroking establishment to take the place of the former Banque d'Escompte de Perse.

IRAQ.

According to reliable unofficial estimates reported from Bagdad, 1926 wool production will be 80% of normal or a total of about 17,000 bales. Total estimates of the date crop place it at only half of normal or an exportation of about one million 70-pound cases, plus 80,000 152-pound baskets.

TURKEY.

The alcoholic beverage monopoly has been granted to a Polish group, with an initial payment of 40 million Swiss francs. Receipts from the petroleum sales monopoly are reported to be increasing, and customs receipts also show a gain. The Government is continuing to push its railway construction program, and it is reported that the Anatolian Railways Administration will send a group of its employees to study construction and repair in Germany. Another delegation is now making a study of western Europe railway administration, and the Constantinople press reports that 470 railway carriages and 15 locomotives have been ordered in Europe by the Director of the Anatolian Railways. Crops continue to be somewhat below expectations, particularly the tobacco crop. Hazel nut production is also low, but the fig and raisin crops are expected to be good.

JAPAN.

Japan's foreign trade for October showed a very marked improvement in comparison with the previous month. Exports totaled 191,500,000 yen against 173,400,000 yen in September, while imports fell to 142,100,000 yen compared with 163,500,000 yen the previous month. The October export excess of 49,700,000 yen reduces the accumulative unfavorable balance for the first ten months of this year to 348,900,000 yen. (The average value of the yen was \$0.4840 in September and \$0.4866 in October). The outstanding features of the October trade were gains in exports of raw silk, cotton textiles, and waste silk and declines in imports of raw cotton, iron and steel products, woolen textiles, machinery and crude sugar.

CHINA.

Import business in China is being adversely affected by the continued decline in silver exchange. The Chinese raw cotton prices have remained steady due to the anticipated heavy purchases by Japan which is further stimulated by the present favorable state of exchange to Japanese buyers. Under these conditions it is said to be possible that Chinese cotton will not be affected by the lower prices in the United States. The Peking money market is very tight. Silver dollars in Peking have risen to a premium of 3% over Shanghai although this situation is believed to be only temporary. The North China market for automobiles is fair and there is a good demand for building hardware and elevators for installation in buildings now under construction in Tientsin. The building boom continues in Shanghai.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The general business outlook continues cautious, especially in the textile trade. This condition is largely due to the influence of the business failures reported last week. The copra market is quiet, with prices slightly lower. Arrivals at Manila are still declining but oil mills are sufficiently supplied to continue operation.

The past week opened with the abaca trade quiet but increased demand from foreign markets brought about greater activity the latter part of the week. Except for a slight increase in grade JUK, prices have not changed from last week's quotations. Production is normal. Good crops are predicted locally in sugar and rice areas.

INDIA.

With the ending of the ppoja holidays a better tone is being manifested in many lines of business. Commercial travelers are beginning to arrive at the principal business centres and the fall buying season seems about to open. Owing to substantial coal order from the Mediterranean area, freight rates between Europe and India have been substantially increased.

AUSTRALIA.

A £6,000,000 Commonwealth conversion loan to yield 5¼% was offered at par on the Australian market during the week. The pooling system evolved a few seasons ago by which the banks pooled their resources in order that all should become participants on an even basis in the business of financing outward shipments of Australian produce is being continued, as it is said the scheme works very well. Last season pool transactions between Oct. 10 1925 and July 5 1926 amounted to over £54,000,000, as compared with £75,349,000 for the preceding season, and with an estimate of £78,000,000 for the present season. A strike among wool transport workers in South Australia is causing congestion of cargoes at Adelaide. Wool sales at Brisbane and Melbourne brought 5% less than at the preceding sales. An anticipated increase in New South Wales freight rates is expected in that State to affect the export of wheat.

ARGENTINA.

The prospect of good crops in Argentina remains excellent, but activities in the import and export markets have slackened considerably as a result of high ocean freight rates occasioned by diversion of tonnage to the carriage of coal to England during the British strike. However, the present dullness is believed locally to be only temporary. Exports of wheat are negligible because of the quality of the last Argentine crop and adequate supplies in North America and European grain centres. Shipments of other grains and wool are normal. The cattle and sheep markets are weak.

BRAZIL.

The generally sluggish condition of business which has prevailed in Brazil during recent weeks still continues. The recent holiday period was productive of but little additional commercial activity, yet a feeling exists that with the inauguration of the new administration on Nov. 15 some improvement will occur. Exchange was steady during the week ended Nov. 6. There was a more active demand for bank loans which resulted in raising the interest rates. It is reported in Brazil that, for the month beginning Nov. 5, daily entries of coffee into Santos will be brought up to 36,000 bags, as compared with a daily entry of 32,000 bags on Oct. 30. The new plan of the Coffee Defense Institute to render financial assistance to planters, which has just been announced, involves the granting of loans at a ratio of 15 milreis (\$2 06 at current exchange) for every 10 kilos (22 pounds) against stored coffee and the guarantee of a reliable commissario (broker).

The first exports of sugar from Pernambuco from the new crop have now been made and, as a result, domestic prices have risen. An exception of export tax on sugar, up to 18,000 metric tons, has been granted by the State of Pernambuco; no such relief has been given in the other sugar States. Conditions in the Amazon valley are slightly improved as a result of increased rubber prices; trading in other products of the region—chiefly Brazil nuts—is, however, rather dull because of prevailing low prices.

A 75% rebate on the 1925 income tax has been decreed providing tax returns are submitted during November and payment of the amount due is made during December of this year.

PERU.

The serious situation which has existed in mercantile trade in Peru for the past fortnight continues and there is believed in that country to be little indication of an early improvement. Foreign bills are scarce. The emergency tariff measure, which provides for increased mineral export duties and additional import duties on luxury items, has been passed by

both houses of Congress and is now awaiting the signature of the President. Detailed information regarding the changes in customs levies is not yet available, although it is expected that a statement regarding them will be made public early in the week of Nov. 15.

URUGUAY.

General conditions in Uruguay give promise of an early improvement in business. Contributing factors are a greater animation in the wool market and timely rains throughout the agricultural regions.

ECUADOR.

General economic conditions in Ecuador are still depressed. The Commercial y Agricola and Chimborazo banks have not yet resumed operations. Exchange declined to 5.00 sucres to the dollar on Oct. 5 and remained around that figure until the last days of the month when it rose to 5.40 sucres to the dollar. (At par the sucre is worth 0.487, equal to 2.05 sucres to the dollar). The Kemmerer financial commission arrived from the United States on Oct. 18 to make at the request of the Ecuadorean Government, a study of the finances of Ecuador and recommendations thereon.

Cacao imports during October were 9,000 quintals (approximately 900,000 pounds) while 337,000 kilograms or 740,000 pounds valued at 579,000 sucres were exported. 97% of the cacao exports went to the United States. Other exports from Guayaquil were: Cinchona, 5,500 kilos; coffee, 499,000 kilos; hides, 69,000 kilos; hats, 14,000 kilos; kapok, 37,000 kilos; and rubber, 67,000 kilos. Total exports were 4,619,000 kilos, valued at 3,307,000 sucres.

Export commodity stocks reported on hand, in Spanish quintals (1 Spanish quintal equals 101 lbs.) and average price for the month per quintal were: Cacao, 344 quintals, price 76 sucres; cinchona, 12 quintals, price 50 sucres; cotton, 120 quintals, price 35 sucres; coffee, 50 quintals, price 85 sucres; hides, 90 quintals, price 38 sucres; kapok, 60 quintals, price 44 sucres; rice, 17,000 quintals, price 21 sucres; and rubber, 15 quintals, price 105 sucres.

COLUMBIA.

The condition of the upper and lower Magdalena is good and navigation is uninterrupted. The congestion at La Dorada is somewhat relieved. La Dorada, which is 600 miles up the Magdalena from Barranquilla, is the port of transfer from the boats operating on the lower river to the railroad which runs from that place to Beltran, a distance of 70 miles, where merchandise is reloaded on the upper river boats. This railroad is utilized for transferring freight around the rapids that separate the lower and the upper rivers. The facilities for handling freight at La Dorada are very limited and the recent heavy movement of cargo from the Caribbean coast to this point is the cause of the congestion. Boats laden with merchandise from the coast ports can not discharge rapidly on account of the lack of warehouses in which to store the goods. Also many freight cars are awaiting unloading at the other end of the line at Beltran. Ordinarily when the Magdalena river becomes navigable after a dry spell, freight movement returns rapidly to normal; however, the freight congestion resulting from the prolongation of the dry spell this year has been so acute that the usually well regulated traffic control has been upset and this is seriously interfering with the opportunity of utilizing to the maximum the present high water of the Magdalena river.

PORTO RICO.

Weather conditions in Porto Rico remain favorable to growing crops and business is expected locally to improve gradually with the seasonal movement of merchandise in anticipation of the opening of the sugar campaign next month. Shipments from Porto Rico to the mainland of the United States for October were \$6,091,536 compared with \$5,272,476 for the same month of 1925, while total shipments from July 1 to Oct. 31, the first four months of the fiscal year, amounted to \$26,018,686, or slightly more the \$25,446,433 shipped during the same period last year. October shipments included 158,000 boxes of grapefruit and 74,000 bags of sugar. San Juan bank clearings for the first five days of November were about \$4,643,000 or \$500,000 more than for the same period of 1925.

Gold Basis for Denmark—Country Will Return to the Old Standard on Jan 1.

From Jan. 1 next Denmark will return to the gold standard, says a copyright cablegram from Copenhagen, Nov. 8 to the New York "Times," from which the following is also taken:

It is considered probable that notes will again be convertible in gold coin at the Danish National Bank, as before Aug. 2 1914, when this obligation was suspended.

This return to normal conditions should hardly imply a great change, as the circulation of gold was always restricted in this country, notes being commonly used.

For carrying through the new arrangement representatives of the National Bank have lately been in contact with the Swedish Riksbank and Bank of England and two of its directors, H. Green and Baron Rosenkrantz, are now in London gathering information as to the working of corresponding measures in England.

The complete return will make new legislation superfluous, but the National Bank may possibly contract smaller credits abroad to steady exchange during the transition period.

Poland Limits Interest Rate Banking Houses May Charge.

Acting Commercial Attache Ronald H. Allen has reported to the Department of Commerce at Washington from Warsaw, that a Polish government decree limits the interest charges which banking establishments are permitted to make, says the "United States Daily" of Nov. 2, which gives his report as follows:

Banking establishments in Poland are required by recent joint decree of the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Justice to submit every month a written statement to their respective treasury authorities, giving information as to the rate of interest charged on various operations, such as discount of notes, open credit, loans against securities, lombarding, guarantees, collection, letters of credit, &c.

The maximum interest allowed by the above decree in all the foregoing operations is determined at 16% per annum, except in the case of loans against pawning of property other than merchandise or paper securities, when an additional charge of 2% per month may be made as a compensation for insuring the property pledged.

Famous Austrian Bank Goes Out of Business—Old Anglo-Oesterreichische Institution Describes Its Own Checkered Career.

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

The business of the Anglo-Austrian Bank, into which the old and historic Anglo-Oesterreichische Bank of Vienna had been transformed, has been taken over by the Anglo-International Bank, Ltd., planning to continue the relations between Austrian and British finance. The Anglo-Austrian Bank, in advance of the ending of its corporate existence, reviews as follows the history of the institution:

"Founded in Vienna on Oct. 30 1863, it survived, not without serious difficulties, all the dangers of the Austro-Prussian War and of the speculative orgy which followed it (in 1868 the bank paid its shareholders an 80% dividend, while in the following year it was unable to pay any dividend). The period from 1869 to 1876 proved to be a time of liquidation for the bank.

"The year 1877 was the turning point in the bank's history. After the losses incurred in financial speculation, attention was concentrated more on regular banking business. By the end of 1913 the bank had built up a solid business throughout the whole Austro-Hungarian Empire.

"The history of the bank during the war is the history of the Hapsburg monarchy. It shared in all the false prosperity engendered by war conditions. It participated in the German loan to Bulgaria and headed the list of all Austrian banks in the amount of its subscriptions to the Austrian war loan. The end of the war found the bank in serious difficulties.

"In August 1914, together with other banks, it had large sums of acceptances on the London market.

"In order to save a panic, the Bank of England, under instructions from the Treasury, took these acceptances, which, in the case of the Anglo-Austrian Bank, amounted to over £2,000,000, and put the bills in cold storage. After the war, the depreciation of the Austrian crown made it impossible for the Anglo-Oesterreichische Bank to pay off these acceptances, and with the aid of the Bank of England, an English company, called the Anglo-Austrian Bank, Ltd., was formed to take over the whole bank. Instead of driving the bank into liquidation, the Bank of England took the initiative in this reconstruction scheme.

"In one respect the experiment was an unqualified success. The name of the Anglo-Austrian Bank is written in large letters in the history of Central European reconstruction. But from a purely banking point of view the experiment was not so successful. Some time ago, therefore, it was decided that the bank should dispose of its foreign branches, as soon as circumstances permitted, and should operate on the Continent through the medium of first-class local banks."

Reichstag Passes Unemployment Dole—Revenues up to Oct. 1.

A Berlin wireless message Nov. 8 (copyright) is taken as follows from the New York "Times":

In order to demonstrate the utter impracticability of the Socialist proposal to raise the State doles to Germany's 1,250,000 unemployed, 30% of the Nationalists voted with the Socialists in the Reichstag this afternoon and put the measure through its first reading by 205 to 141.

Minister of Labor Brauns thereupon declared that should the bill become a law—which it will not, because the Nationalists will not support it on the final reading—the Government could not be responsible for its application.

This declaration, which obviously makes the participation of the Socialists in the present Cabinet proposed by the Democrats and Catholic Centre, extremely difficult, was just what the Nationalists wanted. Count Westarp admitted that their vote had been purely tactical.

Meanwhile, the Governmental coalition's measure raising the doles 10% for all jobless and 15% for unemployed minors, was shelved in the Reichstag, but virtually put into effect by a decree of the Cabinet, which met after the Reichstag adjourned.

To-morrow the unemployment problem again will occupy the parliamentary calendar, the debate on the supplementary budget probably being postponed. The discussion of foreign affairs, which means the League of Nations and the Thoiry agreements, will be opened on Friday, through a lengthy address by Foreign Minister Stresemann.

Figures issued officially to-day show the condition of the State finances to be considerably better than the Finance Minister intimated when, in connection with a proposed additional outlay, a budgetary deficit of close to 1,000,000,000 marks was forecast for the current fiscal year.

It was revealed that the revenues up to Oct. 1—that is, for the first six months of the year—exceeded expenditures by 168,000,000 marks.

Nevertheless, Dr. Reinhold estimates that 327,000,000 marks must be borrowed at home or abroad to meet the cost of the supplementary expenditure it is contemplated undertaking to relieve unemployment.

Just how many hundreds of millions the State means to spend in putting the unemployed to work on the construction of canals and houses and the improvement of the railroads is not exactly stated.

The fact remains that were it not for this extensive and expensive program, the German budget as planned last March would produce a handsome surplus and that the 'deficit' would not constitute an immediate drain on the national treasury, but merely increase the Reich's national debt by the comparatively unimportant amount of about 100,000,000 marks.

Definitive Bonds of German Consolidated Municipal Loan of German Savings Banks and Clearing House Issue Available.

Harris, Forbes & Co. announce that the definitive bonds of the \$23,000,000 German Consolidated Municipal Loan of German Savings Banks and Clearing Association 7% sinking fund secured gold bonds, series of 1926, due Feb. 1 1947, are now ready at their office to be exchanged for outstanding interim certificates.

Esthonia to Issue Bank Notes.

The following is from the New York "Evening Post" of Nov. 4:

The Bank of Esthonia has ordered from the State Printing Office 4,000,000 bank notes in 100-mark denominations for delivery by the end of January, 1927. Foreign trade with Russia was active during the second week of September, seven carloads of paper loading the exports, while nine carloads of new rye and four carloads of hides led the imports.

Proposed Loan of 27,560,000,000 Lire to Consolidate Italy's National Debt and Restore Value of Currency.

Plans for the consolidation of Italy's National debt through the issuance of a loan of 27,560,000,000 lire (about \$1,168,500,000) have been made known this week. The new loan, says Associated Press cablegrams from Rome Nov. 8, "is intended to provide a breathing space between the initial and final victory in the nation's struggle to restore the value of the currency and place the national economic life on a sound basis. This is the view in official and financial circles." On Nov. 7 the Associated Press Rome accounts said:

For the purpose of consolidating its debt, the Italian Government has published a decree authorizing the issue of consolidated bonds to a large amount.

It is explained in a semi-official statement that during and since the war Italy has incurred a very large floating debt, which has been renewed of recent years without difficulty, and in part converted into five, seven and nine year treasury bills. This debt has gradually become regarded as equivalent to supplementary circulation. It is now felt that the time has come to get rid of the short term bills for the purpose of consolidation.

The new issue of bonds will bear 5% interest and are to be offered for public subscription at 87½. The holders of all short term debts, other than the 5% nine-year treasury bills, which mature in 1931-34, are by the new law required to convert such short term debts into the 5% consolidated bonds on the basis of 116.50 lire, the nominal amount of the consolidated 5s, for each 100-lire one-year treasury bond held. The other treasury bills are to be converted at 115.50, 113 and 112, respectively.

In a semi-official statement concerning the plan to consolidate the national debt, the Treasury says in part:

"In order fully to protect the interests of such investors, steps have been taken in this law which will provide necessary funds and thus enable the holders of consolidated fives to borrow from the Banca d'Italia, using such bonds as collateral.

"The Government has reserved the right to suspend conversion in order to prevent an increase in the total debt of the Government.

"As the conversion of each 100 lire nominal will call for the issue of an average of 100 lire of consolidated loan," the announcement explains, "the total debt of the Government, even including the total conversion of outstanding Treasury bonds, should amount to approximately 90,000,000,000 lire, at which it stood in July 1926.

"By reason of these measures the Government will have no maturity prior to 1931-34 and will consequently be in a much stronger financial position. Moreover, the tax burden of Italy is already heavy, and to increase it sufficiently to amortize the floating debt would inflict a burden which would necessarily have a serious effect on the industrial conditions of the country.

"While a conversion of this character is unquestionably a drastic step, it is firmly believed to be in the best interests of Italy and that it will be so recognized by all of Italy."

The following information relative to the funding operation was contained in advices (copyright) to the New York "Times" from Rome on Nov. 7:

One of the greatest financial operations ever attempted in any country, according to Finance Minister Volpi's own definition, will speedily be effected in Italy with the consolidation of more than 20,500,000,000 lire (about \$879,450,000) of the floating debt.

The King has signed the decree authorizing the Treasury to issue a new loan bearing 5% interest, which holders of the ordinary Treasury bonds maturing in five or seven years will be obliged to take in exchange for their bonds. The exchange will be made on the basis of 116 lire 50 centesimi of the new loan for every 100 lire of ordinary Treasury bonds; 113 lire of the new loan for every 100 lire of the five-year Treasury bonds; 112 lire of the new loan for every 100 lire of the seven-year Treasury bonds.

From Thursday, when the decree will go into effect, all ordinary Treasury bonds therefore, and five and seven-year Treasury bonds, will be automatically converted into the new loan.

Holders of the nine-year Treasury bonds have the option of converting their bonds into the new loan at the rate of 107 lire 50 centesimi of the loan for every 100 lire of bonds.

The new loan also will be offered to the public at 87 lire 50 centesimi for each nominal 100 lire of the loan.

In order to provide an immediate large market for this new loan the decree provides that a syndicate shall be formed, composed of the Bank of Italy, all savings banks and insurance companies in Italy, and all financial institutions which by law or charter must invest all or part of their funds in Government securities. All these institutions are obliged to invest half of all the sums at their disposal between Nov. 11 1926 and Dec. 1 1927 in the new loan.

The money thus raised will be used in credit operations on the security of the new loan or in redeeming short term Government debts.

By this means that part of Italy's floating debt which is represented by short term Treasury bonds is to be automatically abolished and replaced by the consolidated loan. The net result will be to increase somewhat Italy's internal debt, but to free the Treasury of the burden of having to find ready cash to redeem its bonds when they fall due.

It was stated in the Nov. 8 Associated Press accounts from Rome that the amount of the loan is based on the one-five- and seven-year Treasury bills which will be convertible into the new loan on their expiration. Continuing, these advices stated:

This conversion is obligatory, the Government explaining its decision not to make it optional by asserting that all holders of the short term issues will surely be willing to make the exchange for the national good.

Moreover, it is pointed out that the holders of the old bonds will profit eventually, as the nominal interest on the new issue of 5% will actually amount to 6%, the old bonds being converted at the nominal value of 116.50 lire for each 100 lire.

Three basic reasons prompted the loan, according to the financiers. The first was the desire to consolidate the gains made in the battle to restore the value of the lira, normalizing the situation which had been disturbed during the process of revalorization.

The second was the desire to change the floating debt into a consolidated debt, thereby removing the potential danger to normal political progress.

contained in the possibility of a wholesale desire to turn in the bonds in exchange for cash.

The third reason was a desire to provide a means of gathering in the savings of the citizens in order to provide funds to aid the Bank of Italy, so that it might be able to provide additional credit.

It is pointed out in this connection that, despite the fact the Treasury has placed 3,500,000,000 lire at the disposal of business since Jan. 7 last, national industry is still suffering from lack of credit.

Through the loan, which is expected to safeguard the lira from the possibility of a slump, the Government hopes, on the one hand, to continue the struggle to increase the value of the currency, and, on the other, to redistribute national savings in such a fashion as to re-establish on a higher level the nation's agricultural, commercial, industrial and productive activities.

Italy Gives 60,000,000 Lire to City of Rome.

According to Associated Press advices from Rome Nov. 8, 60,000,000 lire annually were voted by the Cabinet to-day as the Government's contribution to the City of Rome for restoring the ancient grandeur of the capital in accordance with Mussolini's plans.

Cultivation of Soya Bean in Italy to Overcome Dependence on Imported Wheat.

An Associated Press cablegram from Spoleto, Italy, Nov. 9, says:

Successful cultivation of Oriental soya beans has been carried out here as part of a scheme to overcome Italy's dependence upon imported wheat in order to satisfy the bread needs of the nation.

Experiments carried out on the vast estate of the Marquis Marignoli show the soya bean can be grown in seventy-five days on wheat land which otherwise would lie fallow between crops. No irrigation or other expenditures to increase the crop were found necessary.

Professor Mossello has discovered a means of improving the taste of the soya bean so it can be easily mixed with wheat, forming a palatable combination. It is estimated that Italy can become independent of foreign wheat by mixing 20% of soya flour with ordinary wheat flour.

Canada's Loans to Foreign Governments.

The following regarding Canada's loans abroad is contained in Ottawa Associated Press advices Nov. 5, embodying Canada's debt figures.

Canada has out on loan to foreign governments \$36,068,056, of which \$23,969,720 is owed by Rumania. Greece is the next largest debtor with \$7,570,000. Belgium owes \$4,528,336.

During the past twelve months the total has been reduced by \$410,000. France wiped off a debt of \$230,000 and Greece paid \$180,000.

Belgian Securities Bought by Germans.

Correspondence from Brussels under date of Oct. 21 was published as follows on Nov. 10 by the New York 'Journal of Commerce':

In recent days Belgian exchange and security markets have reaped the benefits of important foreign purchases of local standard stocks, especially for German account. Capitalists from across the Rhine, who were thoroughly conversant with Belgian markets before the war, have noted that securities of many excellent concerns sell at only slightly above pre-war prices, taking no cognizance of franc depreciation. Starting with bank stocks, which rapidly rose to levels where they were no more interesting, foreign investors turned quickly to metallurgical and coal shares. With the exhaustion of possibilities in these categories it is expected that the German interests will subsequently turn to other shares, notably those of textile plants, which are still far undervalued. Due to large immobilized holdings in family portfolios Belgian authorities do not see in these purchases any danger that local interests will lose control of major industries.

Comparative quotations show the increases registered in two and one-half months, principally as a result of foreign purchases.

Banks.

| | Sept. 1. | Oct. 20. |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Banque Belge pour l'Etranger | 1,025 | 1,275 |
| Outremer | 1,950 | 2,275 |
| Banque d'Anvers | 1,340 | 1,505 |

Iron and Steel Industry.

| | | |
|-----------|-------|-------|
| Angleur | 730 | 872½ |
| Cockerill | 1,020 | 1,550 |

Belgian Treasury to Mint Silver—Treasury Subsidiary Coinage to Replace 800,000,000 Francs Bank of Belgium 5 and 20-Franc Notes Outstanding.

From Brussels, the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 11 announces the following:

As a complementary measure to its stabilization program the Belgium Government has just issued a decree authorizing the treasury to mint silver fractional coins of a value and fineness to be determined by the minister of finance. Preliminary to this coinage the Treasury will take over from the National Bank of Belgium the obligation for 5 and 20 franc notes now outstanding, against cancellation of an equivalent amount in State's indebtedness to the bank. Books of the latter institution show about 800,000,000 francs of these value notes issued.

The new decree accomplishes a threefold purpose: (1) Reduces National Bank circulation by 800,000,000 francs and accordingly increases percentage gold and exchange reserve cover; (2) reduces debt of State to the bank to about 1,200,000,000 francs (240,000,000 belgas) which will rapidly be amortized by operation of sinking fund; (3) restores to State normal function of providing fractional fiduciary coinage. Since present supply of 5 and 20 franc notes is regarded insufficient in view of imminent price adjustments, the treasury expects to realize a profit between the metal content and the nominal value of coins minted in excess of original 800,000,000 franc value. This profit will help pay for metal necessary to effect exchange of existing 5 and 20 franc notes.

Present indications are that the Belgian Government will expand use of the belga. Francqui has observed that the new unit is well received within the country. Accordingly, when his spokesman, Louis Franck, Governor of

the National Bank, was recently asked in a Ghent meeting whether the belga could be used in internal transactions, he replied he did not see any reason why it should not so be employed. Bankers believe that the new silver coins will represent one and five, or possibly four, belgas.

Soviet Seeks Capital—Now Wants Joint Stock Companies Privately Owned.

The following advices were contained in a copyright message from Riga Nov. 8 to the New York "Times":

In view of the losses incurred by the State industries and the scarcity of manufactured goods, the Soviet economic authorities are now considering the expediency of sanctioning the formation, not only of mixed private and State owned companies, but also of joint stock companies entirely under private ownership.

The State Industrial Department considers that it would be advisable to encourage the organization of private industrial and commercial joint stock companies. The dealings of these companies would be strictly confined to commodities which the State industries either do not produce or produce in insufficient quantities.

The Department proposes as an experiment to authorize the formation of small private joint stock companies for retail and certain forms of wholesale trade, with their sphere of activities limited to particular districts or provinces.

It does not approve of the formation of private companies for the handling of raw materials for export.

Jugoslavia to Cut Cabinet—Will Reduce Number of Posts from 17 to 11 to Save Money.

The Jugoslavian Ministerial Council has decided for reasons of economy to reduce the Cabinet from 17 to 11 members, it is learned from a message Nov. 8 from Belgrade to the New York "Times" (copyright), the further advices stating:

The Ministry of Public Worship will be combined with that of Justice; Forests and Mines with Agriculture, and Commerce with Communications. Three more, the Ministries of Social Welfare, Unification of Laws and Agrarian Reform, will be reduced to sections of other Ministries.

The reduction in the Cabinet, incidentally, will solve one of Premier Uzunpovitch's delicate political problems, namely, that of filling three of these ministerial posts which have been vacant for several months.

Reiteration by Winston Churchill that Great Britain Pays Pre-Armistice Debt to United States.

Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, reiterated in the House of Commons when it reassembled on Nov. 9 that the whole amount of the debt which Britain is now repaying to the United States may be regarded as having been incurred before the armistice. This is stated in a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from London from which we also take the following:

Asked for figures by a Unionist M. P., Mr. Churchill said: "The United States Government advanced \$3,696,000,000 to his Majesty's Government before the armistice and \$581,000,000 after the armistice. But, on the other hand, his Majesty's Government after the armistice, but before the debt settlement, paid \$496,000,000 to the United States Government as repayment of principal and interest, and expended \$151,000,000 in winding up pre-armistice munitions contracts, making a total of \$647,000,000, as against \$581,000,000.

"Accordingly, the whole amount of the debt Britain is now repaying may be regarded as incurred prior to the armistice."

This statement is somewhat obscure in that it seems to confuse debts to American munitions companies with debt to the United States Government, unless Mr. Churchill means that Britain bought munitions directly from the United States Government.

Asked if he knew of statements made during the American electoral campaign to the effect that the debt America wanted to collect was practically all post-armistice money, the Chancellor said that such misstatements were often made in British election campaigns.

Mr. Churchill's statement gave the House considerable satisfaction, and somewhat relieved the gloom caused by an estimate of Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister that the coal strike had already cost between £250,000,000 and £300,000,000 in loss of production alone.

French Conversion Loan.

According to Associated Press advices from Paris Nov. 11 the Credit Nationale 1922 6% bonds maturing at option in February has resulted in a demand for the redemption of 1,400,000,000 francs of a total of 3,018,000,000 francs outstanding. Since no provision has been made in the 1927 budget for these bonds, it is stated, the Government intends to issue a conversion loan consisting of Treasury bonds maturing in ten years bearing 7% to be offered slightly below par.

Japan Has New Land Law—Withholds Rescript Against Americans in Permits to Aliens.

An ordinance promulgating the new Japanese alien land law was issued in Tokio to-day, to take effect on Nov. 10, after which date all foreign nationals without exception will be permitted to own land in Japan, except in areas designated "necessary for national defense," the State Department was advised to-day by Charles MacVeagh, Ambassador at Tokio. The New York "Times" in a Washington dispatch Nov. 8 reporting this added:

The new land law, passed by the Diet in the spring of 1925, contained a clause which left it optional for the Japanese Government to bring into effect an imperial rescript whereby foreigners would be placed on a

reciprocal basis and American citizens of States where Japanese subjects are prevented from owning land would be deprived of such rights in Japan.

The ordinance issued to-day promulgated the law, but was evidently not accompanied by the optional rescript, although the way remains open for Japan to issue such a rescript in the future.

Japanese Loans for Foreign Traders.

The following, published in the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 10, is dated Tokio, Japan, Sept. 30:

Representatives of the chambers of commerce in Tokio, Osaka, Kobe, Nagoya, Kyoto and Yokohama to the South Seas Trade Conference, now in progress here, have decided to back the formation of companies to aid foreign traders. They have been greatly dissatisfied with the lukewarm attitude of the banks toward the establishment of a new financing medium and realize that the industrialists are also tied down to the banks. They have accordingly decided to approach the Foreign Office with their resolution and endeavor to solve the problem.

According to their plan, a South Seas industrial enterprise company capitalized at 30,000,000 yen, is to be established under semi-public management, or purely private management. The possibility that foreign investors may be asked to participate in the management is also being considered.

They further suggest the establishment of a bank capitalized at 50,000,000 yen for the purpose of granting long term loans at comparatively low rates of interest to industrial and commercial enterprises established overseas.

Other provisions of the resolution call for exemption from the double imposition of income taxes, unification of the Japanese governmental organs concerned with trade, the conclusion of a commercial treaty with French Indo-China and the abolition of the so-called luxury tariff here.

Mexican Decree Reducing Taxes on Silver Production for Six Months.

In an effort to offset the handicap to Mexico's mining industry by reason of the recent slump in the price of silver, which is one of the foremost mineral industries of the Republic, President Calles has approved a decree reducing for six months State and Federal taxes on silver production, says an Associated Press dispatch from Mexico City Nov. 7. In addition it says:

The decree provides that when the New York price of silver is 45 cents or less per ounce the production tax by the Federal Government will be one-half of 1% and the State tax the same. An increasing scale of taxation is provided as silver prices advance, until the value reaches 57 cents an ounce, when the Federal tax will be 4.25% and the State tax 2%.

Mexican Banks Get More Time.

The following is from the New York "Commercial" of yesterday (Nov. 12):

Advices received from Mexico City by the Mexican Affairs Bureau, Inc., are to the effect that the Mexican Government has granted additional time to all former banks of issue throughout the Republic in order that they might properly liquidate the coupons on their various bond issues.

The bureau was officially informed that where the individual bonds are for sums of less than 2,000 pesos (approximately \$1,000 in American currency) two years from June 15 1926, are given for liquidation. Where the bonds are of larger denominations an extension of four years has been granted.

A Presidential decree covering the foregoing will be published in the very near future by the Mexican Government.

New Australian Loan Terms Are Announced.

From the New York "Commercial" of Nov. 3 we take the following:

A cable message received by the Commissioner for Australia in the United States, Sir Hugh Denison, states that the Commonwealth Treasurer, Dr. Earle Page, in announcing the terms of a new Commonwealth loan on behalf of the States and the Federal Capital Commission, invited holders of 4½ and 5% Commonwealth war loans, maturing Dec. 15 1927, to convert their holdings into the 5¼% new loan. Maturing war loans, which may be thus converted, total £66,000,000.

The new loan is being issued at par, and will mature in six, eleven or sixteen years, optional to the purchaser. Sound sinking fund conditions accompany the new loan which is being issued under the auspices of the Australian Loan Council.

Republic of Salvador Customs Collections and Debt Service.

F. J. Lisman & Co., under date of Nov. 3 make public the following relative to the Republic of Salvador customs collections and debt service:

| | 1926. | 1925. |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| October collections..... | \$400,701 | \$344,251 |
| Service on 'A' and 'B' bonds..... | 87,494 | 89,181 |
| Available for series "C" bonds..... | \$313,207 | \$255,070 |
| Interest and sinking fund requirements on 'C' bonds..... | 63,333 | 56,667 |
| January-October collections..... | 5,695,777 | 4,945,203 |
| January-October service on "A" and "B" bonds..... | 874,940 | 891,807 |

| | 1926. | 1925. |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Available for series "C" bonds..... | \$4,820,837 | \$4,053,396 |
| Interest and sinking fund requirements on 'C' bonds..... | 593,333 | 566,667 |

Collections in the first ten months of 1926, after deducting service requirements of the "A" and "B" bonds, were equivalent to over 8 times interest and sinking fund requirements on the series "C" bonds.

The Bankers' representative collects 100% of the import and export duties, all of which is available for bond service, if needed, and 70% of which is physically pledged for that purpose.

Full interest and sinking fund requirements on the "A," "B" and "C" bonds for the year were met out of collections remitted by the Fiscal Agent by May 15th.

Decline in Silver—Indian Currency Commission's Report Held to Contain Nothing to Decrease Demand or Otherwise Adversely Affect Metal.

In the London "Financial News" of Oct. 29 there appeared an article on silver, occasioned by statements that the price of silver has been sentimentally affected by the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Currency. In the article the writer (Joseph Kitchin, Assistant Managing Director Union Corporation, Ltd.) undertakes to show that the recommendations of that report contain nothing to decrease the demand for silver or otherwise adversely to affect it. Features of the Commission's report were given in these columns Aug. 21, pages 913-915, and reference was also made to it in our issues of Aug. 28 (page 1040), Sept. 4 (page 1179) and Sept. 11 (page 1323). E. Hilton Young, Editor-in-Chief of the "Financial News," headed the Commission. The article by Mr. Kitchin is reproduced as follows from the "Financial News":

The issue of the Indian Currency Commission's report, and the subsequent heavy fall in the price of silver, have been regarded in many quarters as cause and effect. Whether this is so or not there seems to be considerable misconception as to what the Commission proposed and what consequences may ensue from the carrying out of its program.

The Commission's proposals are contained in the following extracts:

"We recommend that no legal obligation for conversion into silver rupees should attach to the new notes" (i. e., notes issued by the Reserve Bank, which will in time replace the present Government notes). "At the same time, we think it essential to provide facilities for the free exchange of notes for rupees so long as the people desire to obtain metallic rupees in exchange for them. . . . We propose to make it incumbent on the currency authority (unless the price of silver should exceed 52½d. per fine ounce) to make rupees and other coin freely available to the public in such quantities as may be required for circulation. Our recommendation implies that the coinage of silver rupees should be stopped for a long time to come, until the amount of silver rupees in circulation is reduced to the amount required for small change" (pp. 28 and 29 of report).

"The present stock of rupees in the reserve is undoubtedly excessive, and we propose that a part of it should be retained by Government (18 crores for gradual disposal). The balance of (say) 67 crores will be made over to the Issue Department at the outset, and it is not unlikely that a considerable portion will be absorbed as a necessary addition to the currency in the first few years. . . . If, on the other hand, they are not wanted, and do not flow out of the Issue Department, they are clearly undesirable as a reserve asset, and should therefore be got rid of deliberately and be replaced by assets of a more eligible character." (pp. 53 and 54 of report.)

It was proposed that the rupee coin held in the reserve should not (unless 10% of the liabilities of the Issue Department were greater) exceed Rs. 70 crores until the end of the third year, Rs. 50 crores in the 4th, 5th and 6th years, Rs. 35 crores in the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th years, and Rs. 25 crores thereafter (pp. 58 and 59 of report).

MEANING.

The Commission's recommendations, therefore, mean:

1. That although the convertibility of notes into rupees will cease as a matter of legal right, rupees will continue to be full legal tender, and will in practice (and by obligation on the bank) be freely given in exchange for notes.

2. That the issue of one-rupee notes may replace rupees to some extent. 3. That the coinage of silver will continue to be suspended for a long time to come.

4. That there will be handed to the Government for gradual disposal any excess over 67 crores of rupees in the reserve at the time of the bank's taking over the control of currency and any later excess over the maxima mentioned above.

5. That the effect of the recommendations may be that rupees will come out of hoards.

6. That their further effect may be to reduce private imports of silver.

Taking these points in order:

1. This should not bring any silver on the market. 2. The issue of one-rupee notes is not likely to be extensive. There has already been an earlier issue of such notes which commenced in 1917-18 and continued until 1925. The highest amount reached at March 31 of any year was Rs.13½ crores on March 31 1920. Rs.13¼ crores, if issued in exchange exclusively for silver rupees returned, would mean 46,000,000 fine ounces of silver, but obviously they would be issued only partly against the return of silver rupees and would largely replace notes of higher denomination or represent additional currency. It is perhaps a reasonable assumption that the amount of rupees displaced would be equal to 15,000,000 fine ounces of silver (not per annum).

IMPORTS.

3. The mints were closed to the free coinage of silver in 1893, and since then the Government net imports of silver have represented the amount required for new coinage. The figures are, roughly:

(In millions of fine ounces of silver.)

| | Government Net Imports. | | Private Net Imports. | | Total Net Imports. | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|----------------------|----|--------------------|-----|
| | Average per ann. | | Avg. p. a. | | Avg. p. a. | |
| 7 years to March 31 1900..... | Nil | | 203 | 29 | 203 | 29 |
| 1 year to March 31 1901..... | 39 | 39 13 | 7 | 7 | 46 | 46 |
| 2 years to March 31 1903..... | Nil | | 72 | 36 | 72 | 36 |
| 5 years to March 31 1908..... | 240 | 48 27 | 180 | 36 | 420 | 84 |
| 4 years to March 31 1912..... | Nil | | 205 | 51 | 205 | 51 |
| 2 years to March 31 1914..... | 87 | 43 21 | 63 | 32 | 150 | 75 |
| 2 years to March 31 1916..... | Nil | | 94 | 47 | 94 | 47 |
| 16..... | 366 | 23 | 621 | 39 | 987 | 62 |
| 4 years to March 31 1920..... | 474 | 119 47 | —11 | —3 | 463 | 116 |
| 6 years to March 31 1926..... | Nil | | 437 | 73 | 437 | 73 |
| 26..... | 840 | 32 | 1,047 | 40 | 1,887 | 72 |

Thus, since the closing of the mints, the Government has purchased silver in only twelve out of thirty-three years, or, excluding the seven years following 1893, in twelve out of twenty-six years. Excluding the exceptional four years to 1919-20, its average purchases in the sixteen years to 1915-16 were 46,000,000 ounces per annum in the years in which it bought or 23,000,000 fine ounces per annum over the whole of the sixteen years. Further, during the past six years it has made no purchases, and in view of the amount of silver in the reserve, it may not need to make further purchases for some years to come. The amount of lessened demand under this head is, as compared with the last six years, clearly nil.

originally founded on economic necessity," it is stated. "If the monsoon failed, either wholly or partially, disaster was certain to follow unless the native could draw on his hoarded gold or silver, as the farmer in a more progressive country would draw upon or borrow from his bank.

"The movement of hoarded gold into investment, if continued," the division comments, "is one that augurs well for India as it will tend to bring the capital of the country into channels where it can be utilized for development and to liberate the country from its dependence upon foreign capital. It will undoubtedly be greatly stimulated when banking facilities are extended and when the poorer classes come to understand the advantages of depositing their surplus money where it will not only be safe but will also pay them interest."

Cancellation of 5 Crores of India's Paper Currency Reserve Preliminary to Adoption of New Currency System.

A Simla cablegram, Oct. 17 was published as follows, in the London "Financial News" of Oct. 18:

The Currency Commission recently recommended that the Government of India securities in the paper reserve should be reduced as soon as possible to 50 crores with a view to placing the composition of the reserve in a sounder position and facilitating the introduction of an improved currency standard.

The Government of India has accordingly cancelled five crores of securities in the paper currency reserve. The choice of the present moment for effecting the operation has been dictated by the abnormal conditions now existing in the money market in India, due to the continued delay in the movement and renewed bear speculation on the exchange.

Discussing the announcement in its editorial columns the "Financial News," said:

It is little more than two months ago since the report of the Royal Commission on Indian currency was published. Fully cognizant of the length of time necessary for the adoption of the recommendations in entirety, provision was made for a process of easy stages during the transitory period.

Proposals were framed to guide India through that period, and news of the first practical step in that direction is to hand in a cable from Simla. Initial action towards placing the composition of the reserve upon a sounder basis takes the form of the Government's cancellation of 5 crores of securities in the paper currency reserve. Two factors of importance would seem to have a bearing upon this decision; the exceptional ease of money in the Indian market, which has led to a movement of funds to London, and the recent downward trend of silver. In the circumstances, it is not surprising to learn that the present has been regarded by the Government of India as one opportune to take action. The step is not drastic, being well within the marginal percentage of curtailment outlined in the recommendations, and as a salutary effect upon the market the sum involved will doubtless achieve its object. It is complimentary to the Government that the decision has been made at a propitious moment.

\$15,000,000 Bonds Offered for German Elevated & Subway Co. Heavily Oversubscribed.

Speyer & Co.; the Equitable Trust Co., and Blyth, Witter & Co. yesterday (Friday) offered at 94½ and interest, to yield 6.95% to maturity, \$15,000,000 Berlin Electric Elevated & Underground Railways Co. 30-year first mortgage 6½% sinking fund gold bonds. Of this issue \$3,000,000 were withdrawn for sale in Holland by Hope & Co., Teixeira de Mattos Brothers and Deutsche Bank, Amsterdam. The issue was heavily oversubscribed. In connection with the oversubscription, the bankers state that it is interesting to note the large demand for these bonds from Europe as well as from all parts of the United States and Canada. In addition to the \$3,000,000 bonds withdrawn for sale in Holland, applications for large amounts were received from England and Germany.

The bonds are part of a total authorized issue limited to \$25,000,000 (or equivalent in reichsmarks). The remaining bonds may be issued for additions, betterments, extensions, &c., under restrictions to be set forth in the indenture. The proceeds of this issue will be used for betterments, additions and equipment, for the payment of floating debt incurred in the construction of lines acquired from the city and of extensions recently placed in operation, for the redemption of 13,463,700 reichsmarks (\$3,205,261) par value of the company's outstanding bonds and other obligations, and for other corporate purposes.

The company, which was organized in 1897 as a private corporation and begun operation in 1902, owns about 28.7 miles of elevated and underground lines and operates a total, including connecting lines of about 33.1 miles. These lines constitute the entire electric rapid transit system now in operation in the City of Berlin, the third largest city of the world, with about 4,000,000 inhabitants.

The City of Berlin, which (directly or through a corporation wholly owned by the city) owns a majority of the company's capital stock, has entered an agreement with the company providing that fares will be maintained adequate to insure earnings which will cover operating expenses, interest and sinking fund on all loans and proper provision for depreciation and other necessary reserves and that if, for any reason, the fares should not be maintained at rates adequate to insure sufficient earnings available for such purposes, the city will provide the funds necessary therefor.

Further details regarding this issue are given in our "Investment News Department," on page 2516.

Removal of 4,000,000 Bales of Cotton from Market to Begin at Once, According to A. C. Williams of Farm Loan Board—Conference with Finance Corporation Representatives—Loans to Cooperatives.

The actual practice of plans for removing 4,000,000 bales of cotton from the market is expected to be put into effect at once following announcement to the Federal Farm Loan Board that the special cotton financing corporations in the Southern States are fully capitalized, it was stated by Farm Loan Commissioner Williams in Washington on Nov. 11 at the close of an all-day conference with representatives of the finance corporations, says the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce." Further detailing the developments of the conference, it said:

In all, financial organization of the cotton removal plan will have \$162,000,000 available for use in carrying cotton over a period of eighteen months. The finance corporations which are to operate will have aggregate capital of \$15,000,000. This represents a borrowing capacity of \$150,000,000, and to this amount may be added the sum of \$12,000,000, the amount subscribed to a bankers' pool organized by the bankers of Atlanta. Loans which will be made on cotton will be for eighteen months, interest charges to be payable at the end of that time.

Basis of Loaning.

The basis of loaning is to be 9 cents a pound on middling white ¾-inch staple cotton. At this rate it is estimated that the \$162,000,000 now available will be sufficient to cover the requirements for storing 4,000,000 bales. However, according to Commissioner Williams, if more funds are needed arrangement can be made to secure them.

To-day's conference, Mr. Williams announced, was called in order that representatives of the finance corporations might be afforded the opportunity of discussing the details of their programs with the Presidents of the Intermediate Credit banks, now having a regular meeting with the Farm Loan Board. Plans for securing a reduction in acreage planted to cotton next season also were discussed, but it is understood that the discussion centered upon a program for encouraging wider diversification of crops in the South rather than on one for forcing a curtailment in acreage by means of the power of banks to withhold credit during the growing season.

In the interests of efficiency, the Farm Loan Board is anxious that the finance corporations operate with as much unity as possible and that operative practices be similar in all of the corporations. To this end their plans were given consideration by the Credit Bank officials.

Law Is Defined.

To-day's discussion centred largely around an interpretation of "agricultural purposes" as contained in the law. The question arose as to whether advances rightfully could be made to "supply merchants" into whose hands some little part of the cotton has passed by reason of advances made to the farmers during the growing season. The whole thought of to-day's meeting seemed to have been to seek to confine the use of the money to be advanced wholly to benefiting the farmer without any intention of helping any speculative movement.

Among the details of the plan that were discussed was whether or not the notes to be taken from the farmers shall be drawn with interest or discounted, the consensus of opinion among the representatives of the Finance Corporation being that the notes should bear interest, from the date upon which they are drawn.

Another factor considered was the term of the notes—nine months or eighteen months—and the latter seemingly was favored. It was suggested that the term of the note carry a qualifying clause permitting the Cotton Finance Corporation to call the notes at any time when, in their judgment, the price of cotton was such as would justify such action. The thought back of this seems to have been that should cotton advance to a point where selling appeared advisable should the farmer or other holder desire to keep his cotton for a longer period, it would be possible for him to refinance his obligation and meet the call of the Finance Corporation.

Has Studied Market.

The sentiment of the meeting was that the plan, yet in its infancy, had been of vast help in keeping the price from declining still further when the last report was issued by the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture showing the availability of nearly 18,000,000 bales. It was asserted that had it not been for the stabilizing influence of the plan the price would have dropped another 2c.

The Finance Corporation men were asked by the Farm Loan Board members to remain in Washington over night, if possible, to meet again to-morrow in executive session, at which time the decision of the board will be made known.

Those attending to-day's session at the Farm Loan Board were as follows: I. W. Simpson, Greensboro, President of the North Carolina Cotton Finance Corporation; J. B. Butler, New Orleans, President of the Louisiana Mississippi Corporation; J. A. Peurifoy, Columbia, President of the South Carolina Corporation; I. K. Salisbury, Memphis, President of the Central Agricultural Finance Corporation; Oscar Wells, Birmingham, Chairman of the Alabama organization committee, and J. K. Ottley, of Atlanta.

Announcement that representatives of the cotton financing corporations of the South had been invited to meet with the Farm Loan Board and presidents of the Federal Intermediate Credit banks in Washington on Nov. 11 to discuss plans of operation, was made in a statement on Nov. 9 issued as follows by Federal Farm Loan Commissioner Williams:

Presidents of the Federal Land banks and Intermediate Credit banks are meeting here to discuss farm conditions throughout the country and the extension of both long term farm mortgage credit and production and marketing credit.

A. C. Williams, Federal Farm Loan Commissioner, announced to-day that he has invited representatives of the Cotton Financing Corporations, now in the process of formation throughout the cotton belt, to meet with the Farm Loan Board and presidents of the Federal Intermediate Credit banks, in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 11, at 10 o'clock at the offices of the Board.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans of operation and to promote uniformity, as far as possible, in financing the storage of cotton in the various States for a period of 18 months, or until it can be marketed in an orderly way.

Commissioner Williams also announced that the Farm Loan Board has approved loans by Federal Intermediate Credit banks to co-operative marketing associations to date amounting to \$38,500,000. No limit has been fixed, he said, as to the amount which will be loaned to sound co-operative marketing associations to assist in marketing the 1926 cotton crop in an orderly way.

Five Atlanta (Ga.) Banks Organize \$12,000,000 Pool to Finance Withdrawal of 300,000 Bales of Cotton.

The Atlanta "Constitution" of Nov. 10 reports that through action of five Atlanta banks on Nov. 9 \$12,000,000 will be made available immediately to finance the surplus cotton crop and to withdraw from the market 300,000 bales of Georgia cotton. The cotton will be handled by the Georgia Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, says the "Constitution," which goes on to say:

Banks participating in the financing of the withdrawal of this cotton are the Atlanta and Lowry National, Fulton National, Atlanta Trust Co., Citizens and Southern and the Fourth National Bank. Although these banks have underwritten the financing plans without calling on any Government banking agency, it is expected that they will have the co-operation in the move of other banks in Georgia.

It was announced that this banking syndicate is prepared to advance to growers immediately 8 cents a pound on their cotton. The cotton then will be withdrawn from the market under plans adopted at a conference recently held in Memphis. In Georgia the co-operative marketing association will handle the marketing of all cotton withdrawn under this plan.

Details of Plan.

Details of the plan to finance withdrawal of the cotton were announced Tuesday by James S. Floyd, who was named recently as Chairman of a special committee to formulate a definite plan of financing the surplus crop. The plan will have the backing of the Georgia Bankers' Association and other banking interests of the State. Ample resources to finance the plan were found in the present system of banks in Georgia without the necessity of calling on any Governmental agency for aid, it was announced.

Among those who served on the committee with Mr. Floyd were John M. Graham, Rome; Charles B. Lewis, Macon; W. B. Spann of the Citizens & Southern Bank; Robert R. Strickland, Fourth National Bank; Eugene R. Black, Atlanta Trust Co.; and W. J. Blalock, Fulton National Bank. This committee will act as an advisory committee with the co-operative association in marketing and handling the cotton.

It was announced that the syndicate will co-operate with similar holding movements in other States of the cotton belt in seeing that the cotton is marketed in orderly fashion and in handling and storing the cotton during the period it is withdrawn from the market.

Action taken in Atlanta on Oct. 25 toward the formation of the Georgia Cotton Holding Co. was noted in our issue of Oct. 30, page 2207.

Formation of Central Agricultural Finance Corp. in Memphis.

In announcing the granting of a charter for the Central (not *Control*, as erroneously printed in these columns last week, page 2336) Agricultural Finance Corp. of Memphis, the Memphis "Commercial Appeal" of Nov. 7 stated:

Application of the Central Agricultural Finance Corporation at Memphis for charter under the laws of the state of Delaware, at a capitalization of \$2,000,000, has been granted and directors and officials will be called together next week to perfect the organization, collect subscriptions to stock already made, elect a permanent secretary and begin actual formation of the pool of 400,000 bales, it was announced yesterday by J. K. Salsbury, President.

The capital of the finance corporation was reduced from \$3,000,000 when the Mississippi Delta Finance Corporation was organized at Greenwood, Miss., last Friday to handle 200,000 bales of long staple cotton. This region was originally included in the area to be handled by the Memphis corporation and the 200,000 bales to be pooled in the delta will be subtracted from the original quota of 600,000 bales.

From the same paper we take the following:

Objectives of the Central Agricultural Finance Corp. in pooling 400,000 bales are summarized as follows from the statement issued Nov. 6 by President L. K. Salsbury:

Purpose—To take 400,000 bales from the market, lending farmer 9 cents per pound, basis upland middling, and carried for 18 months. To insist on reduction of 25% in acreage.

Subscribers to stock to receive only approximately 6% on investment, which will be returned in total when corporation accomplishes its purpose and is dissolved.

No profit to be derived; except difference of 1 1/4% between interest rates on which borrowed money is borrowed from government banks and those on which it is loaned to farmers. Corporation's expense to be derived from this 1 1/4%.

There will be no paid off calls, except the Secretary, who has not been selected.

All advance in price of cotton after pool is formed will be returned to the farmers, less only the carrying charges.

Organization of \$1,000,000 Louisiana-Mississippi Cotton Finance Corp.

It is announced that New Orleans banks voted on Oct. 27 to underwrite \$500,000 of the \$1,000,000 capital of the Louisiana-Mississippi Cotton Finance Corp. Preparatory steps to organize the corporation to store and carry 300,000 bales in Louisiana and south Mississippi for any period up to 20 months were taken at a conference in New Orleans on Oct. 26 of Eugene Meyer, Chairman of the President's

Cotton Committee, and A. P. Williams Farm Loan Commissioner, with bankers. The New Orleans "Times-Democrat" says:

This decision of the members of the local Clearing House Association to underwrite half the capital of the corporation, leaving only a half-million for the rest of the financial interests in Louisiana and South Mississippi to underwrite, assures the success of the carrying movement in Louisiana and South Mississippi, in the opinion of local financial authorities.

James P. Butler, President of the Canal Bank & Trust Co., heads the Louisiana-Mississippi corporation. G. Huber Johnson is acting Secretary-Treasurer, actively in charge of the work of the corporation. Other officers elected at the meeting are: Andrew Querbes, Vice-President, President First National Bank, Shreveport; W. P. Connell, Vice-President, President Louisiana National Bank of Baton Rouge; L. O. Crosby, Vice-President, President Goodyear Yellow Pine Lumber Co., Picayune, Miss.; Thad B. Lampton, Vice-President, President Capital National Bank, Jackson, Miss.

The same paper gives as follows the formal statement regarding the action taken Oct. 26:

At a meeting of bankers and business men, held in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 26 1926, it was resolved to take immediate steps to form a cotton finance corporation, with a capital of \$1,000,000 or more, and strong management, for the purpose of financing the storage of approximately 300,000 bales in Louisiana and Southern Mississippi, for a period of eighteen to twenty months, or such less time as may be necessary to restore normal marketing conditions, and that L. M. Pool, President of the Clearing House Association of New Orleans, should name a committee of five, including himself, to organize and put into immediate operation such a corporation.

It was also resolved that the State Bankers Association of Louisiana, in conjunction with the State and Federal Extension Service and other agencies, should enlist the active and vigorous co-operation of all country bankers and supply merchants in bringing about the diversion to other crops next year of at least 25% of the acreage planted to cotton during 1926, and that the State Bankers Association of Mississippi be requested to take similar action.

San Antonio Clearing House Declines to Join Movement for Reduction of Cotton Acreage Through Contraction of Credit.

From the Houston "Post" we take the following Associated Press advices from San Antonio, Nov. 4:

Refusal to assist Texas bankers in reducing cotton acreage through contraction of credit was voted here Thursday by the San Antonio Clearing House Association. The association took the stand that there was no necessity for such action in Bexar County, and that such action here would only cause hard feelings. The association did, however, vote unanimous support for the Chamber of Commerce agricultural program, which would reduce cotton acreage indirectly by encouraging crop diversification.

The bankers made it clear that their action was not a criticism of any other bankers in the State who may adopt coercive measures.

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

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

CALL LOANS ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

- Nov. 8—Renewal, 4 1/2%; high, 4 1/2%; low, 4 1/2%; last, 4 1/2%. Moderate turn over with money in supply at close.
- Nov. 9—Renewal, 4 3/4%; high, 4 3/4%; low, 4 3/4%; last, 4 3/4%. Moderate turnover Money in supply at close, at renewal rate.
- Nov. 10—Renewal, 4 1/4%; high, 4 1/4%; low, 4 1/4%; last, 4 1/4%. Very light turnover. Money in supply at close, at renewal rate.
- Nov. 11—Renewal, 4 1/4%; high, 4 1/4%; low, 4 1/4%; last, 4 1/4%. Light turnover. Money in ample supply at close.
- Nov. 12—Renewal, 4 1/4%; high, 4 1/2%; low, 4 1/4%; last, 4 1/2%. Moderate turnover. Owing to calling of loans, rate was increased to 4 1/2% and money in supply at that rate at close.

Statements of previous weeks have appeared weekly in our issues since July 10; last week's statement will be found on page 2338 of our issue of a week ago.

New York Stock Exchange Announces Error in Compilation of Sept. 30 Figures of Brokers' Loans—Decrease for Month \$107,760,085 Instead of \$27,600,085.

The marked difference existing between the figures of brokers' loans shown last week in the tables issued by the New York Stock Exchange and those of the Federal Reserve Board has been followed by a revision of the Stock Exchange figures, and an announcement by it that the decrease in loans during the month should be \$107,760,085, instead of \$27,600,085, as was indicated in the figures made public by it on Nov. 5. In announcing the revised figures on Monday of this week (Nov. 8), the Stock Exchange said:

The Stock Exchange announces that in the compilation of member loans issued on Nov. 4 1926 an error was made whereby the total shown was \$80,160,000 more than the actual figures. The reduction in these loans from the preceding month was, therefore, \$107,760,085. The correct figures are as follows:

| | Demand Loans. | Time Loans. |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies..... | \$1,924,191,034 | \$743,291,375 |
| 2. Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies or others in the City of New York..... | 365,239,416 | 78,455,100 |
| | \$2,289,430,450 | \$821,746,475 |
| Combined total of time and demand loans, | \$3,111,176,925. | |

The figures made public on Nov. 5 by the Stock Exchange were given in our issue of Saturday last, page 2339. The

combined total of time and demand loans in that statement was given as \$3,191,336,925 on Oct. 31, as compared with \$3,218,937,010 on Sept. 30. Of the \$3,191,336,925 Oct. 31, total, \$2,319,740,450 were reported as demand loans and \$871,596,475. Considerable comment was occasioned by the very great difference between these figures and the decrease for the same period shown in the Federal Reserve figures. One of these comments is taken as follows from the New York "Times" of Saturday last (Nov. 6):

Comparison of these figures with those of the fifty-nine Federal Reserve reporting banks in New York City in the four weeks ended on Oct. 27 showed such a wide difference as to excite comment. The decline in stock and bond collateral loans of the New York City Reserve member banks for the four-week period amounted to \$210,775,000. The figures from the two sources for approximately corresponding periods in the month before showed only a small difference, an increase of \$76,788,942 in the Stock Exchange loans, compared with an increase of \$54,697,000 in the Reserve Bank total.

The decline of \$27,600,085 in Stock Exchange loans last month was about in line with expectations. Operations on the Exchange were light throughout the greater part of the month, which naturally caused a contraction in borrowings. Stock Exchange loans were at their peak, so far as the period covered by the reports is concerned, at the end of February, when they amounted to \$3,535,590,321.

Various explanations were offered for the wide discrepancy between the figures issued by the Stock Exchange and the Reserve Bank for last month. One point emphasized in Wall Street's discussion of the figures was that the Reserve Bank total covers financial operations not embraced in the Stock Exchange compilation. These include loans to large bond underwriting houses which are not members of the Stock Exchange and which customarily borrow heavily in connection with new financing. The investment market in the last month has been such that it is believed many of these houses have been able to liquidate their loans in the Federal Reserve member banks, which would help to explain the large drop in the Federal Reserve total without affecting the Stock Exchange figures.

With regard to the revised totals, the "Times" of Nov. 9 stated:

The Stock Exchange's action yesterday in revising its figures was entirely unexpected. In fact, most of the commentators in Wall Street had convinced themselves, although unwillingly, that the slight decline in the Exchange's total was logical and that no useful comparisons could be made with the decline of \$210,775,000 reported by the Reserve banks for approximately the same period. The explanation upon which most of the economists and financial writers had agreed was that the Reserve banks' total embraced financial operations which could not be included in the Stock Exchange's figures, and that the decline might be great in one case and relatively small in the other.

Inquiry yesterday developed the fact that authorities of the Stock Exchange had been made suspicious of their figures by the published comments. The difference between the Exchange's compilation and that of the Reserve banks was so great that they decided to make a retabulation of their figures. One member of the Governing Committee of the Exchange said he knew of the error soon after 10 a. m. yesterday. He and two others who were familiar with the investigation being made took precautions to prevent the information from becoming generally known.

Officials who took charge of the situation in the absence of President E. H. H. Simmons, who is on the Pacific Coast on a speaking tour, decided to make public the revised figures at 3 p. m., the hour at which the official figures have been released since the Exchange began publishing them in February. It was decided to communicate to the officials of the Reserve Bank with whom the Exchange has been co-operating in publishing the brokerage loan figures the fact that an error had been discovered and that it would be rectified at that hour. Newspaper representatives were asked to be at the Exchange at that time, and J. C. Auchincloss, Chairman of the Publicity Committee, then made public the revised figures.

Error Made Honestly.

Chairman Auchincloss said a mistake had been found and that it had been made honestly in the calculation of the totals by one of two members of the staff of the Business Conduct Committee. The Exchange entertained no suspicion of wrongdoing or any dishonest motive on the part of employees, he said. Extraordinary care had been taken to prevent any misuse of the corrected figures.

In order that our record of Stock Exchange figures may be correct, we are reprinting the monthly figures for the current year, with the revised Oct. 31 totals:

| | 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..... | 2,289,430,450 | 821,746,475 | 3,111,176,925 |

New York Curb Exchange Establishes Three Bond Sections.

The following is from the "Wall Street News" of Oct. 29:

As an indication of the increased business in bonds on the New York Curb Exchange, the committee of arrangements has of necessity been compelled to divide the bond crowd into three sections, one of which is to be known as the foreign section and the other two sections for domestic bonds, arranged alphabetically from A to K and L to Z inclusive. This arrangement is to be effective as of Nov. 1.

The total amount of bonds dealt in this year to date is approximately \$400,000,000 as compared with approximately \$225,000,000 for the corresponding period of last year, which establishes a new high record for bond trading on the Exchange.

This increase is attributed to the fact that there are almost twice as many bond issues being traded in at present, compared with the same period a year ago. The total number of bonds now admitted to the trading list is 265, including both domestic and foreign issues.

Congressman McFadden on the McFadden Branch Banking Bill.

Chairman Louis T. McFadden of the House Banking and Currency Committee spoke before the New York Board of Trade and Transportation on Wednesday of this week on the subject of the McFadden Branch Banking Bill, as it has come to be known, and we give the full text of his remarks below. What he says is well worth reading. We think, however, he ought to have given some additional facts at certain points of his address. For instance, in speaking of the extension of the charters of the Federal Reserve banks he ought to have pointed out that these charters still have eight years to run, which shows conclusively that the proposition has no proper place in the present bill, and taken pains to state that the grafting of this provision on the bill by means of a Senate "rider" is simply an attempt to evade the duty of amending the Federal Reserve Act by repealing the war-time amendments and making other changes which experience has shown are essential for the protection of the public and the safeguarding of the System.

Then, also, in referring to the Hull amendment regarding branch banking and saying the vote at the recent annual convention of the American Bankers Association at Los Angeles had been against the amendment he ought to have given the vote on the question. The Hull amendment was unquestionably hotly debated, but the number of votes cast was only 681 altogether—413 against and 268 in favor—while the American Bankers Association has a membership of no less than 21,000, so that the vote represented only about 3% of the total membership. Obviously, a result based on such a trifling vote cannot be deemed as carrying much weight. Mr. McFadden might also, instead of taking sides so strongly against the Hull amendment, have indicated that if the bill bearing his name should be enacted without the Hull amendment the national banks would be given *in advance* the privilege of engaging in branch banking in the 26 States where it has not yet obtained a foothold, provided these States change their policy and permit branch banking on the part of their own institutions. This would be a standing invitation to both the national and the State banks to go ahead and get the right. That is what the friends of unit banking fear.

As to the claim that confining branch banking by national banks to the States in which it now exists would be unconstitutional and a usurpation of the authority of the States, the suggestion borders on the ludicrous. Nothing Congress does or omits doing can in any way interfere with the power of the States to authorize the creation of banks under State laws within their own borders with or without the right to have branches, while as to the national banks Congress exercises exclusive jurisdiction over them, and can deny or extend the privilege of branch banking as in its wisdom and discretion it sees fit.

The following is Mr. McFadden's address:

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen:

I have been invited to talk to you for half an hour on the subject of the banking bill which bears my name. It is known as H. R. 2, 69th Congress. Its purpose is to enlarge the charter powers of national banks so they may be able to compete on more equal terms with State banks.

This bill was passed by the House of Representatives in the second session of the 68th Congress and again during the first session of the 69th Congress. It was passed by the Senate during the first session of the 69th Congress in a little different form from the House bill and it is now before the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses. The Conference Committee has tentatively agreed to an adjustment of all of the differences between the Senate and the House except one known as the Hull amendment, which relates to branch banking by national banks and State bank members of the Federal Reserve System. If the Conference Committee can reach an agreement on this disputed point before the second session of the 69th Congress adjourns on March 4 1927 the bill will become a law. If an agreement cannot be reached the legislation will fail. I will attempt to discuss the proposed legislation in its relation to industry and commerce.

The production and distribution of the necessities of life and those things that contribute to our comfort and happiness could be carried on to some extent without the aid of banks, but the process would be slow and tedious and not at all satisfactory. The business of banking, however, could not be carried on without the aid of industry and commerce. That branch of credit which arises from the exchange of commodities and service is the basis of the activities of our commercial banks. Part of the profit derived from the exchange of commodities and service and set aside for future use or turned into the capital account is the basis of the activities of our savings banks and trust companies that deal in capital credit. Thus industry and commerce on one hand and banking in its various forms on the other hand are very closely related. Each one depends upon the other for its successful contribution to the stability and progress of our national life. Therefore, the men of industry and commerce are just as vitally interested in matters relating to the business of banking as the bankers themselves. They should try to find out something about the problems that confront the bankers and use their influence to have the bankers placed in a position, through the enactment of adequate laws and regulations, where they can render the largest measure of service to industry and commerce.

The rise in our banking power during the past 50 years parallels the industrial and commercial development that has taken place in this coun-

try during that period. Our civilization to-day is very much more complex than it was 50 years ago. Through the opening up of new sources of raw material, new discoveries in the world of science, and new methods of applying the forces of nature to human needs the divisions of labor are constantly becoming more varied. The tools and appliances that we use are becoming more complex and they must be kept in shape always to meet increasing demands upon them for the work they are expected to do. When we realize that banks come into existence through the needs of industry and commerce for a method by which they can circulate and place into the hands of consumers things that are produced we may regard the business of banking as a tool or an appliance used in the domain of business for a definite purpose and in that relation to industry and commerce banking must be kept in a condition to render the service which is required of it. If it is the banker's duty to study our complex industrial and commercial life in order to do their work effectively, it is also the duty of the men of industry and commerce to study banking and help to develop it to its utmost capacity in order that the things produced may be distributed orderly and promptly to those who depend upon them for their welfare and happiness.

The national banking system was brought into existence in 1863 as a fiscal agent of the Federal Government to aid the Government in marketing its securities and also to furnish the people with a medium of exchange known as national bank notes that would pass at their face value in the payment of debts to take the place of the old State bank notes.

For more than a half century the national banks were the main reliance of industry and commerce. They have rendered a very valuable service to the country and when Congress created the Federal Reserve System in 1913 it was built upon the solid foundation of the national banking system. Thus Congress has created two fiscal agencies that function for the benefit of the people of the entire country, and it is the duty of Congress to preserve these fiscal agencies through the enactment of adequate laws if necessary to achieve that end.

Although banking by itself may be considered in the light of a purely local or a domestic business, each bank rendering service to the people in the local community that uses it, nevertheless, when any large number of banks are united to form an instrumentality that will serve the needs of all of the people the fiscal agencies thus created become a matter of national importance and their destiny should be controlled and directed by Congress and not by any local influence. The national banking system and the Federal Reserve System must be considered in that light.

The National Bank Act has not been amended to any great extent since its inception. National banks operating under the narrow restrictions of a law passed more than 60 years ago find that they are handicapped in meeting the demands for service in the modern world of business. On the other hand, the character of State banking laws has improved and in many parts of our country State banks are able to render a greater and more valuable service to industry and commerce than national banks are permitted to give.

The story of the rise in banking power of State banks may be visualized by reference to the fact that in the United States there are about 19,000 State commercial banks and trust companies, with total assets in excess of \$28,000,000,000, while there are only 7,978 national banks with total assets amounting to about \$25,000,000,000. When we compare the growth of banking power of both national and State banks with the growth of industry and commerce we find that the banking power of national banks is not increasing as rapidly as the banking power of State banks. Recently many large national banks in order to preserve the business they have built up and render the service demanded by their customers, have surrendered their national charters and have become State banks. If the National Bank Act is not changed so as to permit national banks to render the same degree of service that State banks give we will discourage the entrance of new banks into the national system and we may look forward with certainty to further conversions of national banks into State banks. It is the duty of Congress to preserve the strength and efficiency of the fiscal agencies it has created. If it does not the men of industry and commerce will discard those instruments in favor of others better suited to their needs.

At this point some may ask why is it necessary to preserve the national banking system if State banks can render a greater and more varied service than national banks? To answer that question we must revert briefly to the period embraced between the years 1907 and 1913. In 1907 this country went through a money panic due to the faulty system of pyramiding reserves, which rendered it impossible for the banks of the country to meet the demands of business for the necessary currency and credit to carry on our affairs. While the bankers said "This must never happen again," they were not able to devise or bring forward a remedy, although many of the brightest bankers in the country were engaged in attempts to solve the problem. It remained, then, for Congress, after a thorough examination of business and banking conditions throughout the world, to bring forth a remedy. A bill known as the Federal Reserve Act was introduced in Congress and its provisions were subjected to a critical examination by banking experts, economists and business men for many months. When it was under discussion in Congress it was realized that it would not be successful if it were founded upon the voluntary membership of banks. As Congress has no control over State banks the only alternative was to conscript the capital and deposits required to make the system a success by forcing the other fiscal agents of the Government, namely the national banks, to contribute the necessary funds. Thus the Federal Reserve System was built upon the national banking system. This Act went into operation about the time the European war started and we realize now that if it had not been in operation then and more especially during the later period when this country was actively engaged in the war we would have been in a sorry plight. The worth of the Federal Reserve System has been established. No one wishes to see it destroyed, but on the other hand everyone particularly the men of industry and commerce, are calling loudly for its perpetuation. Can it be preserved if its foundation, the national banking system, is permitted to disintegrate and go to pieces?

During the World War, when it was necessary for this country to mobilize all of its resources invitations were extended to State banks to come into the System, receive its benefits and do their part toward helping the system discharge the tremendous responsibility thrust upon it. State banks were promised that if they came into the System they could carry on their business with their charter powers unimpaired. Many of them did come in and stay in, doing their part patriotically to make the System a success. But they can go out whenever they want to. Thus, both national and State bank members of the Federal Reserve System, the former compulsory members, the latter voluntary members, are enjoying the benefits of the System. But the State banks are in a position where they can, by taking advantage of State banking laws, do many things that national banks are denied the privilege of doing. Therefore, the two classes of members of the Federal Reserve System are not on a fair and reasonable plane of competitive equality.

The primary object of the McFadden National Banking Bill is to amend the National Bank Act so that national banks will be able to meet the

needs of modern industry and commerce and also to establish competitive equality among all members of the Federal Reserve System. We must do this because otherwise national banks will seek the greater advantages offered by State banking laws, and in that event the Federal Reserve System without the compulsory membership of national banks would be only a theory, not a reality. This is evidenced by the fact that out of 16,000 eligible State commercial banks and trust companies only about 10% have elected to become voluntary members of the System. National banks have been knocking at the doors of Congress for many years asking for the relief in the proposed legislation. If Congress denies that relief or defers action for any length of time it will strike a serious blow at the Federal Reserve System because the disintegration of the national system will continue and ultimately will have to depend for a large amount of the resources of the Federal Reserve System upon the voluntary membership of State banks which can come in and go out of the system at will. Therefore, it is imperative that Congress enact this legislation without delay and give the men of industry and commerce the assurance that the two great fiscal agencies created by Congress for the benefit of all the people and not for the benefit of any particular locality shall continue to flourish and be able to render the banking service necessary to insure our industrial and commercial progress.

It would take too long to discuss in detail all of the provisions of the proposed legislation and tell why they are needed, but some of its outstanding features, self-explanatory, are as follows:

First, it simplifies the procedure necessary for the consolidation of national banks and State banks. This may be done under the existing law in a roundabout way. It may be done by a complicated process why not make it more simple?

Second, it provides for indeterminate charters for national banks. The purpose of this amendment is to enable national banks to exercise more fully trust functions provided by the Federal Reserve Act and to relieve them of the necessity of going to Congress frequently for a new lease of life.

Third, it legalizes the practice that has been carried on for many years by national banks of buying and selling investment securities, but imposes certain limitations as to the amount of obligations of one maker that a national bank may buy.

Fourth, it permits the payment of stock dividends.

Fifth, it clarifies that section of the National Bank Act which relates to the loaning power of national banks and permits them to loan more than 10% of their capital and surplus to one borrower on obligations that are secured by marketable commodities provided, however, that where a larger amount is loaned a greater amount of security shall be pledged. If the bill had been passed by the last session of Congress it would be possible, under the increased loaning power provided in this amendment, for national banks to help to a considerable extent in taking care of the cotton situation now so acute.

Sixth, it permits national banks to lend 50% of their savings deposits on the security of improved real estate for a term of five years. A certain part of their savings deposits may be loaned for a term of one year under the existing law, but it has been found that a one-year real estate loan is not as liquid as a loan for a longer period. Moreover, few persons want to borrow on real estate security for one year. They want a loan for a longer period. It is pointed out in this connection that only a part of the savings deposits and not any part of the commercial deposits of a national bank may be used for this purpose.

Seventh, it permits national banks to be organized in the outlying sections of large cities with a capital of less than \$200,000, provided the laws of the State in which they are located permit State banks to be organized with a capital of less than that amount.

Eighth, it regulates branch banking by national and State bank members of the Federal Reserve System, limits the operation of branches to the municipality in which the parent bank is located and confines branch banking to those States that permit branch banking to be carried on by State banks.

Ninth, it renews the charters of the Federal Reserve banks, thus setting at rest the fears of many persons that the System may cease to exist through the refusal of a future Congress to continue its life.

Tenth, it clarifies in many other ways the existing national bank law and guarantees to both national and State bank members of the Federal Reserve System equality of operating conditions.

The most serious difference of opinion between the Senate and the House relates to a question of branch banking. There does not seem to be any disposition on the part of anyone to deny national banks the other increased charter powers, but there are some who fear that the branch bank provisions of the bill constitute the forerunner of State-wide and country-wide branch banking. I believe their fears are unfounded. If the Senate and the House conferees can agree as to what disposition shall be made of the Hull amendment, when Congress meets next December the bill can be reported back to the Senate and the House and enacted without delay.

The question of the Hull amendment has provoked more discussion perhaps than any other banking question in recent years. Therefore, in order to give you a correct idea of the status of the bill it is necessary to go into the history of this amendment and tell you why its advocates want it made part of the bill and why those who are opposed to it think it should not be enacted.

In order that national banks may compete with State banks that have branches, it is proposed that national banks shall have the privilege of carrying on what is known as home-city branch banking, that is to say, branch banking within the strictly corporate limits of the municipality in which the parent bank is located to the following extent. A national bank located in a city with a population of from 25,000 to 50,000 inhabitants could have one branch. A national bank located in a city with a population of from 50,000 to 100,000 inhabitants could have two branches. A national bank located in a city with a population of more than 100,000 inhabitants could have an unlimited number of branches, subject, however, to the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency who would have the power to inquire into local banking conditions and find out whether the requirements of business necessitate such branches.

When the bill was before the House of Representatives in the 68th Congress it was proposed to let national banks have this limited branch banking privilege only in those States that authorize State banks to have branches. Congress could authorize all national banks to have not only city branches but State-wide branches if it desired to go that far. It is not the desire of Congress, and it would be wrong, to force a branch banking policy upon any State in opposition to the sentiment of the people of that State. In short, Congress does not want to go ahead of the States in establishing a branch banking policy for national banks, but desires, out of consideration for the people of the States to follow the States and permit the national banks to carry on branch banking only in those States that authorize State banks to engage in that practice. There is nothing unfair or unreasonable about that. The rights of the State to regulate their domestic affairs are not invaded; on the contrary, they are respected, as they should be, by Congress.

When the bill was before the Committee of Banking and Currency in the 69th Congress a proposition was made to limit branch banking by national banks to those States that authorize branch banking at this time, but to permit State bank members of the Federal Reserve System to take advantage of any future State branch banking laws that may be enacted. This proposition was not accepted because it seemed to be unfair to the national banks. It was then broadened to include both national banks and State bank members of the Federal Reserve System and placed in the hands of Hon. Morton C. Hull, a member of Congress from the State of Illinois, who introduced his famous amendment, which reads as follows: "After the date of the passage of this Act." The amendment in connection with the language which precedes it would grant limited branch banking privileges to national banks in 22 States that authorize branch banking at this time, but it would automatically prevent national banks located in 26 States that do not authorize branch banking at this time from enjoying that privilege if the laws of these States are changed hereafter so as to authorize State banks to have branches. In other words, the proposed branch banking privilege would be controlled by the element of time. Those national banks in States that authorize branch banking now would be favored by receiving branch banking privileges, but national banks in the other States would not be given the same privilege even should the laws of their States be changed the day after the McFadden bill becomes a law.

Those who favor the Hull amendment are actuated by a desire to check the extension of branch banking into the 26 States that do not authorize it at this time. They do not believe that even limited home-city branch banking should be permitted. Their theory is that if the Hull amendment becomes a law national banks located in States that do not authorize branch banking will not unite with State banks to induce State Legislatures to pass branch banking laws, but on the contrary, will oppose branch banking laws on the ground that if they cannot have branches they will not help State banks to get them. They believe that if the Hull amendment becomes a law it will confine branch banking to 22 States and prevent it from spreading into the other 26 States.

The House of Representatives agreed to the Hull amendment in the belief that the bankers of the country wanted such restrictions upon branch banking because the American Bankers Association, composed of both national and State banks, recommended the passage of this amendment when they met in convention in Chicago in 1924.

When the bill reached the Senate the Senate Banking and Currency Committee refused to agree to the Hull amendment. Some of the leading members of that committee expressed the belief that it is unconstitutional. Later, when the bill was submitted to a vote in the Senate three attempts to have the Hull amendment made part of it were defeated, the last time by a record vote of 60 to 17 after the amendment had been segregated from the rest of the bill and voted on separately. As the matter stands now, the Hull amendment is part of the House bill, but it is not part of the Senate bill. The Senate conferees refuse to accept it and the House has instructed its conferees not to yield to the Senate on the branch banking features of the bill, but did not specifically mention the Hull amendment. Hence, there is a deadlock that must be broken before the bill can become a law.

I have told you why the advocates of the Hull amendment want it passed. They hope to prevent further extension of branch banking by this device. In all their arguments they start with the premise that the Hull amendment will be effective and then they follow with a long explanation of why branch banking should be limited to its present proportions, thus making branch banking the main issue. Let us look at the other side and see why its opponents believe it should not be passed. We find that the question of branch banking by itself has very little to do with the principles of the Hull amendment. One need not be an advocate of unlimited branch banking in order to subject the Hull amendment to the critical analysis it deserves. Indeed, many persons who are bitterly opposed to branch banking are also opposed to the Hull amendment. This fact should arrest the attention of thoughtful persons and lead them to inquire into the relation of the Hull amendment to the fundamental spirit of laws that should be passed by Congress. In this connection let me remind you that while the American Bankers Association approved the Hull amendment at its convention in Chicago in 1924 it reversed its position at its annual convention this year in Los Angeles, Cal., and it is now opposed to the amendment. At the convention of the association in Chicago the Hull amendment was adopted with no debate and its approval was secured on the ex-parte statement, unchallenged, that it would prevent the growth of branch banking. At the Los Angeles convention of the association last month the Hull amendment was subjected to a debate of three hours during which arguments for and against the proposition were submitted to a largely attended meeting of representative bankers who, after weighing all that had been said by both sides voted by a large majority to recommend the passage of the bill without the Hull amendment. The action of the American Bankers Association has been followed by other groups of bankers and business men and there is a rapidly growing sentiment among thoughtful persons that the Hull amendment is not the kind of legislation that Congress should pass. It is condemned by both proponents and opponents of branch banking as an unwise and improper use of Congressional power in an effort to prevent State Legislatures from passing branch banking laws. Every well-informed person knows that the people of each State have a perfect right to pass any law they desire or consider necessary to control their purely domestic affairs and that neither any other State nor the Congress of the United States can prevent them. In its relation to industry and commerce branch banking is a local question. The people in some parts of the country evidently want it. If they do it is their right to have it. The people in other parts of the country do not want it. If they do not want it, it should not be forced upon them. Therefore, the first objection to the Hull amendment is that it is Congressional interference (veiled and indirect as it may be, it is interference, nevertheless), with the right of State Legislatures to pass such laws as their constituents want. The advocates of the Hull amendment admit that when they claim it will discourage the passage of branch banking laws in 26 States.

The purpose of the McFadden Bill is to legislate for the national banks, not for one, nor two, nor a hundred nor any limited number, but for all of them according to their needs and the requirements of those they serve. Small cities, towns and villages that have no congested traffic problems, no expanding suburbs, have no need for branch banking. The bankers and business men therein do not want it because the independent bank in those communities is sufficient and serviceable. But in the larger cities, with populations over 25,000, in those States where State banks enjoy the branch banking privilege with the approval and consent of the people, whether that consent has been given or may be given hereafter, national banks should be granted limited branch banking privileges to meet the competition of State banks that have branches. But the Hull amendment says in effect, "Go ahead and give the branch banking privilege to national banks in 22 States under certain limitations, but withhold the same privilege under the same conditions from national banks in 26 States, even though the people in those 26 States may be willing at some future time to

let their State banks have branches." In other words, the policy of the Hull amendment is to give a privilege to national banks in certain States and deny the same privilege to national banks in other States. Therefore, the second objection to the Hull amendment is that it denies the equal protection of the law to all whom the law is intended to affect, thus violating one of the fundamental principles of our Government.

If branch banking exists in 22 States it is because the people of those States want it or are willing to have it. The national banks in those States are not responsible for its existence. If any banking influence is responsible it is the State banks. It is because of this condition that the national banks are asking now for the branch banking privilege to a limited extent. If the people of any one of the other 26 States want branch banking or can be induced to accept it in the belief that it will aid industry and commerce no one outside of that State has any right to say that they shall not have what they want. If any one of the 26 non-branch banking States should adopt a branch banking policy hereafter are we going to deny the national banks in that State the same privilege which we have given the national banks under the same conditions in the other 22 States? If we do this is it not logical to assume that national banks will become State banks in order to get the relief under State laws that is denied them by Congress? Congress can make a rule for national banks, but it cannot force State banks to observe that rule unless they are members of the Federal Reserve System and more than 90% of the State banks are not members. In all the States except one the State banks outnumber the national banks. Yet the advocates of the Hull amendment would have us believe that the only way to prevent the passage of branch banking laws in 26 States is to deny the national banks in those States a limited branch banking privilege in the event State laws are changed. Is it not logical to assume that if Congress ties the hands of any considerable number of national banks in existing non-branch banking States either one or both of two things may happen:

First, State banks finding that their national bank competitors are helpless with respect to branch banking would work for the passage of branch banking laws for the competitive advantage it would give them.

Second, national banks being denied relief by Congress would quickly become State banks in order to take advantage of the State branch banking law. Therefore, the third objection to the Hull amendment is that it will not work, it will not check branch banking, but on the contrary, will tend to encourage branch banking in those States where it does not exist.

The national banks have not created the condition which forces them to ask for limited branch banking privileges. They are not interested in the extension of branch banking into non-branch banking States. They realize, though, that other influences may do so and all they ask in that event is the same privilege that is to be given to their fellow bankers in the existing branch banking States. Is there anything unreasonable or unfair or dangerous in acceding to their wish to be put on a basis of competitive equality with State banks?

It is not the function of Congress to establish a policy of unlimited country-wide or State-wide branch banking. It would be wrong to force such a policy on the people against their will. But on the other hand it is just as wrong for Congress to endeavor either directly or indirectly to thwart the will of the people if they want branch banking. The McFadden bill has been drawn very carefully, so as to follow the lead of the States with respect to a branch banking policy and to give its fiscal agents, the national banks, only a limited privilege that will meet their needs in those States where State banks enjoy branch banking privileges.

The proposed legislation, without the Hull amendment, deals with practical, existing conditions that require immediate attention. The Hull amendment attempts to deal with something that does not exist except in the minds of those who fear that certain local conditions may arise and they want Congress to attempt to influence the action of State Legislatures if and when they are called on to deal with these local situations. Therefore, the Hull amendment is academic. Furthermore, it is wrong in principle, unjust in its effect and it will not accomplish the purpose for which it is intended.

Are the men of industry and commerce going to permit this valuable legislation to be destroyed by a dispute over one of its non-essential and impractical provisions? The strengthening of the national banking system and the renewal of the charters of the Federal Reserve banks are of infinitely greater importance to the country's welfare than the setting up by Congress of the doubtful expedient proposed by the Hull amendment for the prevention of branch banking. Therefore, I say to the men of industry and commerce, to those who create the credit on which our various systems of banking are based, the problem is yours just as much as it is the bankers. The tools you rely on need to be sharpened and made effective. Are you willing to help Congress to put them in condition by giving us, who are charged with the responsibility of making our laws, the benefit of your knowledge and experience? Or are you going to turn aside from the consideration of such national problems as the one I have brought to your attention and permit the instruments on which we depend for our industrial and commercial progress to become useless and ineffective? The situation is acute. If you are willing to carry on your work with dulled tools that is your affair. But if you want an efficient system of banking under the control of the Federal Government that will operate for the benefit of all of the people and not for the benefit of any particular community now is the time for you to speak and make your wishes known to those who represent you in Congress.

\$66,000,000 in Liberty Bond Interest to be Paid Nov. 15.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York issues the following announcement:

On Monday, Nov 15, approximately \$66,000,000 in interest will be payable by the Government on Second Liberty Loan 4% bonds of 1927-42 and Second Liberty Loan Convertible 4 1/4% bonds of 1927-42.

Of that total of \$66,000,000 about \$22,000,000 is payable at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Interest on registered bonds is paid by check by the Treasury in Washington and mailed to the owners of bonds. Coupons due on Nov. 15 may now be sent to the Coupon Collection Division of the Federal Reserve Bank which is prepared to receive them.

Checks in payment of coupons thus deposited in advance will be ready for delivery at 9:30 a. m. Monday, Nov. 15, or member banks, if they so desire, may have the proceeds, when due, credited to their reserve accounts upon request.

Treasury Reduces Third Liberty Loan Issue \$180,139,200 —\$2,308,133,250 now Outstanding as Result of Retirements During Year.

A sharp reduction in the amount of Third Liberty Loan bonds outstanding has been effected by the Treasury under its debt retirement program, according to the Treasury's

statement on Nov. 3, it is noted in Washington advices Nov. 3 to the New York "Journal of Commerce," which also comments as follows:

Since the beginning of the current fiscal year, it was noted, a total of \$180,139,200 of these bonds has been retired, bringing the total outstanding down to \$2,308,183,250.

This action by the Treasury has utilized the entire allocation to the sinking fund since July 1. During October payments out of ordinary expenditures for the account of the sinking fund amounted to \$45,800,000, and this entire amount was applied to retirement of the Third Liberty Loan bonds.

Plans for Retirement.

At the present time the Treasury has a little less than two years in which to reduce this loan issue to such proportions as will permit its refinancing without great strain. If the entire sinking fund resources are applied to it until Sept. 15 1928, when the bonds mature, as it is understood they will, the total outstanding will have been reduced to a figure below one billion dollars. In the meantime, market conditions warranting it, it is believed that an issue of long-term securities may be put on the market in order to buy in Liberty bonds.

These bonds are paying 4½% and are currently quoted on the New York Stock Exchange at 101 and a fraction. A refinancing issue it is believed, might be put on the market during the current fiscal year at 3½%, or even less, thus substantially reducing the interest charges against the public debt.

Evidence in support of this contention, it was said, was given in September, when the Treasury offered for public subscription a series of short-term certificates maturing in June 1927, and bearing interest at 3½%. This issue, it was pointed out, was more than oversubscribed about 150%, a total of \$378,000,000 having been allotted, whereas subscriptions ran to nearly a billion dollars.

Believe Demand Firm.

Although this was a short-term issue, offering a temporary investment for idle funds, it was said in Treasury circles that it is indicative of the demand for Government securities under current market conditions.

Should the Treasury make a new offering of long-term bonds, it was intimated, that about \$500,000,000 would be the amount of the issue. If this is accomplished, it was pointed out, the aggregate amount of the bonds outstanding on their date of maturity would be less than \$500,000,000, and since there are not now any other obligations of the Government coming due Sept. 15 1928 refinancing of this amount would be comparatively simple.

The total amount of the public debt outstanding at the close of October, the Treasury figures revealed, was increased about \$129,000,000 during the month. The aggregate was \$19,189,600,000 on Oct. 31. Compared with a year before, however, the Oct. 31 figure represents a reduction of about \$1,011,000,000.

Armistice Day Address of President Coolidge at Kansas City—Conscription of Wealth in Time of War—World Court Stand—United States Losses in World War.

Features in an address delivered by President Coolidge at Kansas City, Mo., on Armistice Day (Nov. 11) were his declarations regarding the conscription of capital in time of war and his statement as to the attitude of the United States respecting the World Court. Another matter which the President took occasion to allude to was the question of profit to the United States in the World War. Answering the allegations as to the advantages which accrued to this country he said:

It is often said that we profited from the World War. We did not profit from it, but lost from it in common with all countries engaged in it. Some individuals made gains, but the nation suffered great losses. Merely in the matter of our national debt, it will require heavy sacrifices extended over a period of about 30 years to recoup those losses.

What we suffered indirectly in the diminution of our commerce and through the deflation which occurred when we had to terminate the expenditure of our capital and begin to live on our income is a vast sum which can never be estimated. The war left us with debts and mortgages, without counting our obligations to our veterans, which it will take a generation to discharge. High taxes, insolvent banks, ruined industry, distressed agriculture, all followed in its train. While the period of liquidation appears to have been passed, long years of laborious toil on the part of the people will be necessary to repair our loss.

In his utterances as to the conscription of wealth, the President expressed himself as follows:

It is more and more becoming the conviction of students of adequate defense that in time of national peril the Government should be clothed with authority to call into its service all of its man power and all of its property under such terms and conditions that it may completely avoid making a sacrifice of one and a profiteer of another. To expose some men to the perils of the battlefield while others are left to reap large gains from the distress of their country is not in harmony with our ideal of equality. Any future policy of conscription should be all inclusive, applicable in its terms to the entire personnel and the entire wealth of the whole nation.

In indicating that he did not intend to ask the Senate to modify its position on the World Court (Permanent Court of International Justice) the President pointed out that he had "advocated adherence to such a court by this nation on condition that the statute or treaty creating it be amended to meet our views." Adding that the Senate has adopted a resolution for that purpose, he said:

While the nations involved can not yet be said to have made a final determination, and from most of them no answer has been received, many of them have indicated that they are unwilling to concur in the conditions adopted by the resolution of the Senate. While no final decision can be made by our Government until final answers are received, the situation has been sufficiently developed so that I feel warranted in saying that I do not intend to ask the Senate to modify its position. I do not believe the Senate would take favorable action on any such proposal, and unless the requirements of the Senate resolution are met by the other interested nations I can see no prospect of this country adhering to the court.

The address was delivered upon the occasion of the dedication of the Liberty Memorial, erected by the people of

Kansas City, in memory of its citizens who served in the World War. The address in full follows:

Fellow Countrymen:—It is with a mingling of sentiments that we come to dedicate this memorial. Erected in memory of those who defended their homes and their freedom in the World War, it stands for service and all that service implies. Reverence for our dead, respect for our living, loyalty to our country, devotion to humanity, consecration to religion, all of these and much more is represented in this towering monument and its massive supports. It has not been raised to commemorate war and victory, but rather the results of war and victory which are embodied in peace and liberty. In its impressive symbolism it pictures the story of that one increasing purpose declared by the poet to mark all the forces of the past which finally converge in the spirit of America in order that our country, as "the heir of all the ages, in the foremost files of time," may forever hold aloft the glowing hope of progress and peace to all humanity.

Five years ago it was my fortune to take part in a public service held on this very site, when General Pershing, Admiral Beatty, Marshal Foch, General Diaz and General Jacques, representing several of the Allied countries in the war, in the presence of the American Legion convention, assisted in a formal beginning of this work, which is now reaching its completion.

To-day I return at the special request of the distinguished Senators from Missouri and Kansas, and on the invitation of your committee on arrangements, in order that I may place the official sanction of the National Government upon one of the most elaborate and impressive memorials that adorn our country. It comes as a fitting observance of this eighth anniversary of the signing of the armistice on Nov. 11 1918. In each recurring year this day will be set aside to revive memories and renew ideals. While it did not mark the end of the war, for the end is not yet, it marked a general subsidence of the armed conflict which for more than four years shook the very foundations of Western civilization.

We have little need to inquire how that war began. Its day of carnage is done. Nothing is to be gained from criminations and recriminations. We are attempting to restore the world to a state of better understanding and amity. We can even leave to others the discussion of who won the war. It is enough for us to know that the side on which we fought was victorious. But we should never forget that we were asserting our rights and maintaining our ideals. That, at least, we shall demand as our place in history.

The energy and success with which our country conducted its military operations after it had once entered the war has now become a closed record of fame. The experience of this thriving city and these two adjoining States was representative of that of the country. Soon came the marshaling of the National Guard. From its existing units in Missouri and Kansas the foundation of the Thirty-fifth Division was laid. The Eighty-ninth Division was raised almost entirely in these two States. A portion of the Forty-second, known as the Rainbow Division, came from this city. The whole martial spirit of this neighborhood, which within a radius of 200 miles had furnished the famous regiment of Missouri Volunteers, commanded by Col. John W. Doniphan when he made one of the most celebrated of marches to the conquest of Chihuahua in the Mexican War, reasserted itself as it had done in '61 and '68.

While these divisions were serving with so much distinction on the battlefields of France their fellow-citizens were supporting them with scarcely less distinction in patriotic efforts at home. They were furnishing money for Liberty loans, subscribing to the relief associations headed by the Red Cross, turning out munitions from the factories and rations from the fields. The whole community was inspired with devotion to the cause of liberty. Returning at the end of the war, these divisions have increased their distinction by being represented in high places in civil life. From the Eighty-ninth came the great administrator and Colonial Governor, Major-Gen. Leonard Wood, and from the Thirty-fifth Division came a distinguished son of Missouri, the present Secretary of War, Col. Dwight F. Davis.

Relief for Veterans.

Under no other flag are those who have served their country held in such high appreciation. It is, of course, impossible for the eyes of the Government to detect all individual cases of veterans requiring relief in every part of our land. But the Veterans' Bureau is organized into departments and subdivisions, so that if any worthy person escapes their observation it is because the utmost care and attention could do no more. In the last eight years about \$3,500,000,000 have been expended by the National Government for restoration, education and relief. Nearly \$3,200,000,000 have been pledged to accrue in future benefits to all veterans.

Whenever they may be suffering from illness, whatever may be the cause, the doors of our hospitals are open to them without charge until they are restored to health. This is an indication of praise and reward which our country bestows upon its veterans. Our admiration is boundless. It is no mere idle form; it is no shadow without reality, but a solid and substantial effort rising into the dignity of a sacrifice made by all the people that they might in some degree recognize and recompense those who have served in time of national peril. All veterans should know this and be proud of it, and they are.

Considering the inspiring record of your soldiers in the field and the general attitude of appreciation which has been constantly reiterated by the whole nation, it would be but natural to suppose that this mid-Western country would give appropriate expression to the honor and devotion in which it holds those who served their country and the ideals for which they were contending. But the magnitude of this memorial, and the broad base of popular support on which it rests, can scarcely fail to excite national wonder and admiration.

More than one person out of four in the entire population of this city responded to an appeal for funds, which gave pledges in excess of \$2,000,000. It represents the high aspirations of this locality for ideals expressed in forms of beauty. We cannot look upon it without seeing a reflection of all the freshness and vigor that marks the life of the broad expanse of the open country and the love of the sciences and the arts and the graces as expressed in the life of her growing towns. These results are not achieved without real sacrifice. They supply their own overpowering answer to those who charge our countrymen with a lack of appreciation for the finer things of life. Those who have observed such criticism cannot fail to discover that it results in large part from misunderstanding.

No Apology for Prosperity.

But assuming it to be correct, I am of the firm conviction that there is more hope for the progress of true ideals in the modern world even from a nation newly rich than there is from a nation of chronically poor. Honest poverty is one thing, but lack of industry and character is quite another. While we do not need to boast of our prosperity or vaunt our ability to accumulate wealth, I see no occasion to apologize for it. It is the expression of a commendable American spirit to live a life not merely devoted to luxurious ease, but to practical accomplishment. Nowhere is this better exemplified than in our great mid-Continental basin. It is the spirit which

dares, which has faith and which succeeds. It is not confined to materialism, but lays hold on a higher life.

Country Exalted by War Experience.

No one can doubt that our country was exalted and inspired by its war experience. It attained a conscious national unity which it never before possessed. That unity ought always to be cherished as one of our choicest possessions. In this broad land of ours there is enough for everybody. We ought not to regret our diversification, but rather rejoice in it. The seashore should not be distressed because it is not the inlands, and the fertile plains ought not to be distracted because they are not the mountain tops. These differences which seem to separate us are not real. The products of the shore, the inlands, the plain and the mountain reach into every home. This is all one country. It all belongs to us. It is all our America.

We had revealed to us in our time of peril not only the geographical unity of our country, but, what was of even more importance, the unity of the spirit of our people. They might speak with different tongues, come from most divergent quarters of the globe, but in the essentials of the hour they were moved by a common purpose, devoted to a common cause and loyal to a common country. We should not permit that spirit which was such a source of strength in our time of trial to be dissipated in the more easy days of peace. We needed it then and we need it now. But we ought to maintain it, not so much because it is to our advantage as because it is just and human and right.

Our population is a composite of many different racial strains. All of them have their points of weakness; all of them have their points of strength. We shall not make the most progress by undertaking to rely upon the sufficiency of any one of them, but rather by using the combination of the power which can be derived from all of them. The policy which was adopted during the war of selective service through the compulsory Government intervention is the same policy which we should carry out in peace through voluntary personal action. Our armies could not be said to partake of any distinct racial characteristic. Many of our soldiers were foreigners by birth, but they were all Americans in the defense of our common interests. There was ample opportunity for every nationality and every talent.

The same condition should prevail in our peacetime social and economic organization. We recognize no artificial distinctions, no hereditary titles, but leave each individual free to assume and enjoy the rank to which his own services to society entitle him. This great lesson in democracy, this great example of equality which came to us as the experience of the war, ought never to be forgotten. It was a resurgence of the true American spirit which combined our people through a common purpose into one harmonious whole. When Armistice Day came in 1918, America had reached a higher and truer national spirit than it ever before possessed. We at last realized on a new vision that we are all one people.

Country Never Sought to be Military Power.

Our country has never sought to be a military power. It cherishes no imperialistic designs, it is not infatuated with any vision of empire. It is content within its own territory, to prosper through the development of its own resources. But we realize thoroughly that no one will protect us unless we protect ourselves. Domestic peace and international security are among the first objects to be sought by any government. Without order under the protection of law there could be no liberty. To insure these necessary conditions we maintain a very moderate military establishment in proportion to our numbers and extent of territory. It is a menace to no one except the evildoer. It is a notice to everybody that the authority of our Government will be maintained and that we recognize that it is the first duty of Americans to look after America and maintain the supremacy of American rights. To adopt any other policy would be to invite disorder and aggression which must either be borne with humiliating submission or result in a declaration of war.

Committed to Policy of International Peace.

While, of course, our Government is thoroughly committed to a policy of permanent international peace and has made and will continue to make every reasonable effort in that direction, it is therefore also committed to a policy of adequate national defense. Like everything that has any value, the army and navy cost something. In the last half dozen years we have appropriated for their support about \$4,000,000,000. Taken as a whole, there is no better navy than our own in the world. If our army is not as large as that of some other countries, it is not outmatched by any other like number of troops. Our entire military and naval forces represent a strength of about 550,000 men, altogether the largest which we have ever maintained in time of peace. We have recently laid out a five-year program for improving our aviation service. It is a mistake to suppose that our country is lagging behind in this modern art. Both in the excellence and speed of its planes it holds high records, while in number of miles covered in commercial and postal aviation it exceeds that of any other countries.

Although I have spoken of our national defenses somewhat in relation to other countries, I have done so entirely for the purpose of measurement, and not for comparison, for our Government stands also thoroughly committed to the policy of avoiding competition in armaments. We expect to provide ourselves with reasonable protection, but we do not desire to enter into competition with any other country in the maintenance of land or sea forces. Such a course is always productive of suspicion and distrust, which usually results in inflicting upon the people an unnecessary burden of expense, and when carried to its logical conclusion ends in armed conflict. We have at last entered into treaties with the great Powers eliminating to a large degree competition in naval armaments. We are engaged in negotiations to broaden and extend this humane and enlightened policy and are willing to make reasonable sacrifices to secure its further adoption.

It is doubtful if in the present circumstances of our country the subject of economy and the reduction of the war debt has ever been given sufficient prominence in considering the problem of national defense. For the conduct of military operations either by land or sea three elements are necessary. One is a question of personnel. We have a population which surpasses that of any of the great Powers. Not only that, it is of a vigorous and prolific type, intelligent and courageous, capable of supplying many millions of men for active duty. Another relates to supplies. In our agriculture and our industry we could be not only well-nigh self-sustaining, but our production could be stimulated to reach an enormous amount. The last requirement, which is also of supreme importance, is a supply of money.

Resources of Country.

It is difficult to estimate in figures the entire resources of our country and impossible to comprehend them. It is estimated to be approaching in value \$400,000,000,000. No one could say in advance how large a sum could be secured from a system of war taxation, but every one knows it would be insufficient to meet the cost of war. It would be necessary for the Treasury to resort to the use of the national credit. Great as that might be, it is not limitless. To carry on the last conflict we borrowed in excess of \$26,000,000,000. This great debt has been reduced to about \$19,000,000,000. So long as that is unpaid it stands as a tremendous im-

pediment against the ability of America to defend itself by military operations. Until this obligation is discharged it is the one insuperable obstacle to the possibility of developing our full national strength. Every time a Liberty bond is retired preparedness is advanced.

It is more and more becoming the conviction of students of adequate defense that in time of national peril the Government should be clothed with authority to call into its service all of its man power and all of its property under such terms and conditions that it may completely avoid making a sacrifice of one and a profiteer of another. To expose some men to the perils of the battlefield while other are left to reap large gains from the distress of their country is not in harmony with our ideal of equality. Any future policy of conscription should be all inclusive, applicable in its terms to the entire personnel and the entire wealth of the whole nation.

Nation Suffered in War.

It is often said that we profited from the World War. We did not profit from it, but lost from it in common with all countries engaged in it. Some individuals made gains, but the nation suffered great losses. Merely in the matter of our national debt it will require heavy sacrifices extended over a period of about thirty years to recoup those losses. What we suffered indirectly in the diminution of our commerce and through the deflation which occurred when we had to terminate the expenditure of our capita and begin to live on our income is a vast sum which can never be estimated. The war left us with debts and mortgages, without counting our obligations to our veterans, which it will take a generation to discharge. High taxes, insolvent banks, ruined industry, distressed agriculture, all followed in its train.

While the period of liquidation appears to have been passed, long years of laborious toil on the part of the people will be necessary to repair our loss. It was not because our resources had not been impaired, but because they were so great that we could meantime finance these losses while they are being restored, that we have been able so early to revive our prosperity. But the money which we are making to-day has to be used in part to replace that which we expended during the war.

In time this damage can be repaired, but there are irreparable losses which will go on forever. We see them in the vacant home, in the orphaned children, in the widowed women, in the bereaved parents. To the thousands of the youth who are gone forever must be added other thousands of maimed and disabled. It is these things that bring to us more emphatically than anything else the bitterness, the suffering and the devastation of armed conflict.

It is not only because of these enormous losses suffered alike by ourselves and the rest of the world that we desire peace, but because we look to the arts of peace rather than war as the means by which mankind will finally develop its greatest spiritual power. We know that discipline comes only from effort and sacrifice. We know that character can result only from toil and suffering. We recognize the courage, the loyalty and the devotion that are displayed in war, and we realize that we must hold many things more precious than life itself.

"This man's perdition to be safe
When for the truth he ought to die."

But it cannot be that the final development of all these fine qualities is dependent upon slaughter and carnage and death. There must be a better, purer process within the realm of peace where humanity can discipline itself, develop its courage, replenish its faith and perfect its character. In the true service of that ideal, which is even more difficult to maintain than our present standards, it cannot be that there would be any lack of opportunity for the revelation of the highest form of spiritual life.

We shall not be able to cultivate the arts of peace by constant appeal to primal instincts. To the people of the jungle the stranger was always the enemy. As the race grew up through the family, the tribe, the clan and the nation, this sentiment always survived. The foreigner was subject to suspicion, without rights and without friends. This spirit prevailed even under the Roman Empire. It would not have been sufficient for St. Paul to claim protection because he was a human being, or even an inhabitant of a peaceful province. It was only when he asserted that he was a Roman citizen that he could claim any rights or the protection of any laws.

We do not easily emancipate ourselves from these age-old traditions. When we come in contact with people differing from ourselves in dress and appearance, in speech and accent, the inherited habits of our physical being naturally react unfavorably. Nothing is easier than an appeal to suspicion and distrust. It is always certain that the unthinking will respond to such efforts. But such reaction is of the flesh, not of the spirit. It represents the opportunist, not the idealist. It serves the imperialistic cause of conquest, but it is not found in the lesson of the Sermon on the Mount. It may flourish as the impulse of the day, but it is not the standard which will finally prevail in the world. It is necessary that the statesmanship of peace should lead in some other direction.

If we are to have peace, therefore, we are to live in accordance with the dictates of a higher life. We shall avoid any national spirit of suspicion, distrust and hatred toward other nations. The Old World has for generations indulged itself in this form of luxury. The results have been ruinous. It is not for us who are more fortunately circumstanced to pass judgment upon those who are less favored. In their place we might have done worse. But it is our duty to be warned by their example and to take full advantage of our own position. We want understanding, good-will and friendly relations between ourselves and all other people. The first requisite for this purpose is a friendly attitude on our own part.

Reports that We Are Not Liked in Europe Exaggerated.

They tell us that we are not liked in Europe. Such reports are undoubtedly exaggerated and can be given altogether too much importance. We are a creditor nation. We are more prosperous than some others. This means that our interests have come within the European circle where distrust and suspicion, if nothing more, have been altogether too common. To turn such attention to us indicates at least that we are not ignored.

While we can assume no responsibility for the opinions of others, we are responsible for our own sentiments. We ought to be wise enough to know that in the sober and informed thought of other countries we probably hold the place of a favored nation. We ought not to fail to appreciate the trials and difficulties, the suffering and the sacrifices of the people of our sister nations, and to extend to them at all times our patience, our sympathy and such help as we believe will enable them to be restored to a sound and prosperous condition. I want to be sure that the attitude and acts of the American Government are right. I am willing to intrust to others the full responsibility for the results of their own behavior.

Our Government has steadily maintained the policy of the recognition and sanctity of international obligations and the performance of international covenants. It has not believed that the world, economically, financially or morally, could rest upon any other secure foundation. But such a policy does not include extortion or oppression. Moderation is a mutual international obligation. We have therefore undertaken to deal with other countries in accordance with these principles, believing that their application is for the welfare of the world and the advancement of civilization.

In our prosperity and financial resources we have seen not only our own advantage but an increasing advantage to other people who have needed our assistance. The fact that our position is strong, our finance stable, our trade large, has steadied and supported the economic condition of the whole world. Those who need credit ought not to complain but rather rejoice that there is a bank able to serve their needs. We have maintained our detached and independent position in order that we might be better prepared in our own way to serve those who need our help. We have not desired or sought to intrude, but to give our counsel and assistance when it has been asked. Our influence is none the less valuable because we have insisted that it should not be used by one country against another, but for the fair and disinterested service of all. We have signified our willingness to co-operate with other countries to secure a method for the settlement of disputes according to the dictates of reason.

Reservations to World Court.

Justice is an ideal, whether it be applied between man and man or between nation and nation. Ideals are not secured without corresponding sacrifice. Justice cannot be secured without the maintenance and support of institutions for its administration. We have provided courts through which it might be administered in the case of our individual citizens. A permanent court of international justice has been established to which nations may voluntarily resort for an adjudication of their differences. It has been subject to much misrepresentation, which has resulted in much misconception of its principles and objects among our people. I have advocated adherence to such a court by this nation on condition that the statute or treaty creating it be amended to meet our views. The Senate has adopted a resolution for that purpose.

While the nations involved cannot yet be said to have made a final determination, and from most of them no answer has been received, many of them have indicated that they are unwilling to concur in the conditions adopted by the resolution of the Senate. While no final decision can be made by our Government until final answers are received, the situation has been sufficiently developed so that I feel warranted in saying that I do not intend to ask the Senate to modify its position. I do not believe the Senate would take favorable action on any such proposal, and unless the requirements of the Senate resolution are met by the other interested nations I can see no prospect of this country adhering to the court.

While we recognize the obligations arising from the war and the common dictates of humanity which ever bind us to a friendly consideration for other people, our main responsibility is for America. In the present state of the world that responsibility is more grave than it ever was at any other time. We have to face the facts. The margin of safety in human affairs is never very broad, as we have seen from the experience of the last dozen years. If the American spirit falls, what hope has the world? In the hour of our triumph and power we cannot escape the need for sober thought and consecrated action. These dead whom we here commemorate have placed their trust in us. Their living comrades have made their sacrifice in the belief that we would not fail. In the consciousness of that trust and that belief this memorial stands as our pledge to their faith, a holy testament that our country will continue to do its duty under the guidance of a Divine Providence.

Refund on 1926 Income Tax Payments Favored by President Coolidge—Credit on 1927 Payments Proposed by Secretary Mellon.

During the past week the Administration's plans for measures of relief in behalf of taxpayers have been brought forward, President Coolidge letting it be known on the evening of Nov. 5 that he favored a 10 or 12% rebate or refund as applied to 1925 incomes payable in 1926—the last installment of which is due Dec. 15. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in a statement on Nov. 8 referring to the President's proposals said:

The President has suggested a credit on taxes yet to be paid during this fiscal year, and I see no reason why the greater part of the expected surplus for 1927 might not be left in the pockets of the people of the country by a credit upon their income taxes. There is not time to pass legislation to cover the Dec. 15 1926 income tax payment date, but before March 15 1927 Congress might provide for this credit against all income taxes both individual and corporate, which are due and payable in the first six months of the calendar year 1927.

Further below we give the statement of Secretary Mellon in full. Among other things he says that "before determining that permanent tax reduction can be had we must have reasonable assurance of a continued flow from the sources from which our revenue is obtained. With only a few months' test of the Revenue Act of 1926, common sense requires that we do not act precipitately." On Nov. 9 it was announced in press advices from Washington (we quote the New York "Times") that admitting that the proposal for a tax rebate or credit suggested by himself and Secretary Mellon was not final, President Coolidge appealed for non-partisan consideration of tax relief by Congress. It was furthermore stated in the dispatch that the President declared through his "spokesman" that there was no partisan politics involved in giving the taxpayers relief and expressed the hope that the same broad attitude toward the question would be followed in the coming session as when the last tax revision was made. The same account said:

In the opinion of the President it would be most unfortunate if the question of taxation should become involved in a partisan dispute which might easily prevent action in the short session on a subject of vital interest to the people. Taxation is purely a business proposition, he holds, and for that reason he is hopeful that Congress can quickly enact the necessary legislation to provide for rebates or credits. The exact way in which this would be done he would leave with Congress.

Merely Suggested as a Policy.

It was made clear that the President's and the Secretary's proposals were merely suggested as a policy of government and that no attempt has been made by the President and the Treasury Department to formulate a definite plan of tax relief. The Administration has simply declared that there

is a surplus and that it is possible, therefore, to restore to the people some of the taxes already paid.

As to the writing of a bill and a decision on the exact way to make the refund or credit the President holds that this rests with the Ways and Means Committee, which in time will be furnished with the exact figure for the surplus and enabled to formulate legislation in accordance with the needs of the Government.

Stating the President's decision to recommend to Congress the proposed rebate had been announced at his regular Friday conference with newspaper men on Nov. 5, the special advices to the New York "Times" on that day stated:

Forestalls Senator Simmons.

The move was construed as forestalling the expected fight of Senator Simmons for a tax reduction of \$300,000,000.

Early in the summer Senator Simmons declared that he would press for such a reduction in the ensuing session of Congress. At that time President Coolidge said the Government had not been able to determine what revenue the present tax bill would yield. He then indicated, however, a belief that no reduction was in sight.

Because of his seeming opposition to tax reduction this year the President's announcement to-day came as a surprise. In so deciding, he made it clear, however, that he did not favor permanent tax reduction and that he intended to "play safe," realizing now that the taxes on 1925 income would justify turning back to income taxpayers money not necessary for the expenses of Government. His plan differs from that of Senator Simmons in that the latter favored an actual reduction in taxes on income for the calendar year 1926.

The President found there had been widespread agitation by organizations interested in taxation and business for some reduction in taxes. Most of these organizations have favored the elimination of particular taxes. The President does not believe such organizations can be of much help in bringing about a tax reduction, because they cannot have the knowledge essential to proper tax reductions.

In his opinion, no plan for tax reduction can receive the consideration of Congress that does not have the general approbation of the Treasury. By that he means that while the Treasury would not attempt to write a tax reduction bill, it would be relied on by Congress to supply the fiscal information on which Congress could properly and wisely act.

The President may even recommend a rebate as high as 15% if the surplus goes as high as \$350,000,000. His present belief, however, is that the rebate or refund cannot be more than 12%.

The President was urged by some party leaders to make his announcement before election. He declined to do so for reasons not given.

The rebate proposed will apply to corporations and industrial incomes, according to the President, as well as to individual income taxes, but other taxes paid in 1925 would not receive any benefit from the rebates. These latter taxes include so-called nuisance and admission taxes.

The great benefit of the rebate would go to the large taxpayers and corporations, although the rebate to the small taxpayers around Christmas time is also regarded as important.

Rebate May Reach \$150,000,000.

In 1925 the corporation tax collection amounted to \$881,549,546, on an income of \$7,586,652,292 for the calendar year 1924. It is believed that even under the proposed reduced rate the corporations will have paid about the same amount on their 1925 incomes by the end of 1926. If the rebate reaches 10% the corporations will receive about \$80,000,000. With the corporations receiving this amount and the entire population having a rebate amounting to some \$70,000,000 or more, it is believed by the Administration that the effect upon the country will be most salutary.

According to the President, the surplus will exceed \$250,000,000, and the rebate may reach as high as 12% of the taxes paid or due. In reaching a decision to favor rebates, in conference with Secretary Mellon and General Lord, Director of the Budget Bureau, the President felt that Congress could fairly make a rebate on taxes collected, but that it would not be a wise policy to enact legislation which would bring about a reduction in the taxes to be paid in 1927 on the incomes earned in 1926.

There is not sufficient information available as to the Government's financial condition in 1927 to justify a permanent tax reduction, the President holds. However, the surplus on the taxes paid this year has so greatly exceeded the estimates of Treasury officials as to warrant a rebate now.

The President is understood to be opposed to a permanent tax reduction on 1925 or later incomes because such a course might be dangerous to Federal finance if there should be any recession in prosperity, as that might make it necessary to impose new taxes to make up the deficiency.

It was learned from the Washington advices Nov. 5 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" that the organizations that are manifesting some activity on the question of securing a reduction of taxes include the committee on tax co-operation of the National Association of Manufacturers. The account went on to say:

This organization recently called a conference to be held here Nov. 10. This committee consists of James C. Peacock, American Cotton Manufacturers' Association; R. P. Hazzard, National Boot & Shoe Manufacturers' Association; William S. Bennet, National Lumber Manufacturers' Association; McKinley W. Kreigh, American Mining Congress; Fayette B. Dow, National Petroleum Association; Harry L. Gandy, National Coal Association, and James A. Emery, National Association of Manufacturers.

Corporations Protest.

The National Association of Lumber Manufacturers and the American Mining Congress have been very active the last few weeks in efforts to pave the way for corporate income tax reduction. They have protested that the corporations are being discriminated against; that the unincorporated partnerships benefit by the present system of taxation, and they demand equality of taxation as to all forms of business.

The protests of these organizations have made their way to the ears of the Chief Executive, it was indicated, and it was made known that the committee of these organizations is endeavoring to work out practical suggestions to be made to the President and to Congress.

The conference is referred to in another item in this issue. Referring to its recommendations and Secretary Mellon's views thereon, the same paper reported the following from its Washington Bureau Nov. 11:

The Administration is not proposing any radical change in the revenue laws, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon announced to-day when asked to comment upon the move made yesterday by the representatives of the big commercial organizations of the United States to have permanent legislation

enacted at the short session of Congress lowering the present 13½% corporate income tax rate.

Mr. Mellon indicated his opposition to "tinkering" with the tax law at this time beyond the contemplated credit of 12½%, as previously discussed by him following the announcement by President Coolidge that he favored the return to the taxpayers of the available surplus in Government revenues, stating that the surplus is made up in no small part of "capital assets." He had in mind money received from the sale of Farm Loan bonds, amounting to about \$60,000,000, from the repayment of loans by the railroads amounting to about \$40,000,000, from the collection of back taxes, to the extent of about \$100,000,000, and from various other sources, including moneys received from foreign Governments.

No Recurring Items.

None of these are recurring items, there being little to be expected in the immediate future from the remaining railroad debtors, other than perhaps the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul.

There are only \$2,000,000 of Farm Loan bonds remaining in the possession of the Government, and the collection of additional back taxes represents an unknown quantity. More experience must be had with the law passed by the last session of Congress and better idea had of what might be expected in the way of revenue during the present and the next fiscal year.

Secretary Mellon's statement of Nov. 9 follows:

The Federal Government in time of peace should meet its expenditures from current revenues. The source of a Government revenue is taxation. Taxation must be sufficient to carry out the policies which the Federal Government deems essential for the welfare and happiness of its citizens. It is the duty, therefore, of the Government to determine what policies should be essential and if they can be more than met over a series of years from taxation to reduce taxes. Conversely, if the Governmental revenues are not sufficient, then it is the duty of the Government to increase taxes.

After every great war abnormal expenditures can be reduced, but at the same time there is an opposing tendency of normal expenditures to increase, due to the growth of the country and the increase in Governmental activities. This latter increase tends to neutralize and ultimately overcome the reduction of war expenditures even with the economies in government which this Administration has enforced.

Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts of \$6,000,000,000 in 1920, the first real peace year, dropped to \$3,500,000,000 in 1924, but, by reason of the increased activities of the Government, further decreases in expenditures have not been possible, and the tendency has been for these expenditures to increase slightly, in spite of the very considerable saving in interest on the public debt through its retirement and refunding at lower interest rates.

The suggestion has been made that the expenditures of the Government could be decreased by altering the sinking fund provision and the use of the proceeds of repayments of foreign loans. These provisions were adopted by Congress during and after the war, and on the faith of them every Government obligation sold by the Treasury since that time has been taken by the American people. I need not again express my opinion that the United States will never repudiate a contract which it has made with the purchasers in good faith of its securities. An early repayment of our debt has been the policy of this country after other great wars in our history. It is sound policy that in the days of our prosperity we should prepare for the next emergency.

If it does not seem probable that we can contemplate a reduction in Government expenditures in the next few years, then we must turn to a consideration of Government receipts in order to determine to what extent, if at all, taxes can be reduced. These receipts have been of two general classes.

During the war and in the period of post-war adjustment the Government made what might be called capital investments in such things as war supplies, now surplus, loans to railroads, investments in the War Finance Corporation and in the bonds of the Federal Land banks. In the last five fiscal years, receipts from these and other similar sources have returned to the Treasury some \$950,000,000.

Receipts From Revenues and Back Taxes.

During the same period collection of back taxes over refunds of taxes, a contribution also from past years, has brought in \$400,000,000. In the current fiscal year, net receipts from similar revenues, including net back taxes, should be \$250,000,000. In the next fiscal year similar receipts should be about \$50,000,000, a decrease of \$200,000,000.

Of the investment assets there remain about \$400,000,000, but the greater part is of doubtful or slow character, and by the close of the present fiscal year in June the Internal Revenue Bureau should be substantially current on back taxes and this item as a material net receipt will disappear. In determining Government receipts for future years, therefore, this class of receipts can no longer be relied upon.

The second general class is the receipts from current taxation, which consists of customs, income taxes and miscellaneous internal revenue, and it is upon these current taxes that the Government must now rely for its revenue. In the divisions of the spheres of taxation between the State and municipal Governments on the one hand, and the Federal Government on the other, one fundamental difference is particularly true. In general, taxes of the States and municipalities are based upon real and personal property, the valuation of which is fairly constant, and upon other sources, such as franchise taxes, which do not vary substantially over a period of years. Federal Government revenue, on the contrary, comes almost entirely from sources which may and do fluctuate violently from year to year.

Income taxes are based on a percentage of the income earned by the taxpayers. A good year is immediately reflected in increased income and more Government revenue, and a bad year will equally make itself felt in decreased income and less Government revenue. The greater part of the miscellaneous internal revenue taxes are dependent upon the purchasing power of the American people, which in turn, reacts promptly to good or bad times. This is also true of customs. If consumption falls off, imports immediately decrease, and with them customs duties. Under our present system we have abundant revenues when business is good, and we may expect diminished returns when conditions change materially.

Precipitate Action Opposed.

We are now at a very high tide of prosperity in the United States. There is no reason to expect at this time a marked reaction, but before determining that permanent tax reduction can be had we must have reasonable assurance of a continued flow from the sources from which our revenue is obtained. With only a few months' test of the Revenue Act of 1926, common sense requires that we do not act precipitately. We face the near exhaustion of war-time assets and the necessity of putting our sole reliance for Government revenue upon a class of current taxes which are peculiarly susceptible to larger variations. Tax reduction applies not to one year but to every year after its adoption. Surplus is a casual happening, occurring in one year and not in another. Loss of revenue which could be easily sustained in the fiscal year 1927 might result in putting the budget in the

red in 1929 and require the imposition of additional taxes. Business can easily adjust itself to a lowering of expenses through a reduction of taxes, but if a decline in prosperity should come business could not stand a raise in expenses through more taxes.

The necessity that we do not commit our Government to an unsound fiscal policy for the future should not prevent the Government treating its taxpayers fairly in any particular year in which Government revenues are over-abundant. I believe in debt reduction along the program settled after the war, but I do not believe in the payment of a public debt to the undue burdening of productive industry. A balance should be maintained between debt reductions and tax reductions, which is fair to all interests in our country.

Recommendations.

We know now we shall have a considerable surplus in the fiscal year 1927, ending next June. The President has suggested a credit on taxes yet to be paid during this fiscal year, and I see no reason why the greater part of the expected surplus for 1927 might not be left in the pockets of the people of the country by a credit upon their income taxes.

There is not time to pass legislation to cover the Dec. 15 1926 income tax payment date, but before March 15 1927 the Congress might provide for this credit against all income taxes, both individual and corporate, which are due and payable in the first six months of the calendar year 1927, being the last six months of the Government's fiscal year.

If this policy were adopted by the Congress we should end the fiscal year having taken from our taxpayers only sufficient to carry out the essential purposes of the Federal Government. We will not have handicapped the finances of the Government for the future by adopting a permanent reduction of taxes, which in lean years might prove inadequate to our needs.

With the Treasury and the taxpayer both protected we can fairly await further experience under the Revenue Act of 1926.

Business Interests in Conference at Washington Seek Repeal of Additional Corporation Tax—Other Relief Sought.

At a conference in Washington on Nov. 10 of representatives of various industrial organizations, a resolution calling for a reduction in the corporation taxes was adopted as follows:

That the present corporation income tax rate represents an invidious and inequitable discrimination against that form of business as distinguished from the individual and the partnership. The rate has been increased where all other rates have been reduced. The chairman is directed, on behalf of the conference and all co-operating associations:

1. To petition the Ways and Means Committee for a public hearing before the meeting of Congress on the subject of corporate income tax relief.
2. That Congress be urged to repeal in the short session:
 - (a) The additional one-half of 1% levied on corporate income and becoming effective in the calendar year 1926.
 - (b) Repeal the additional one-half of 1% made effective for the calendar year 1925, since, from the public statement of the Treasury, one-half of 1% additional for 1925 is unnecessary and the additional revenue to be derived from the further one-half of 1% in 1926 will not be required.
3. That, in addition to this obviously justified permanent relief, Congress be asked to afford such further temporary and permanent relief as the fiscal circumstances of the Treasury may justify.
4. That the conference, through its executive committee, present to the Joint Congressional Tax Committee created by the Revenue Act of 1926, further proposals for reform of the present inequitable system of corporate taxation.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" reports that those present at the conference were the following delegates, who were possessed of authority to act on behalf of their organizations:

Organizations Represented.

C. B. Huntress, National Coal Association; G. G. Brownell, Henry L. Doherty Co.; Leslie Vickers, American Electric Railways Association; Ben Durr, United Typothetae of America; Henry L. Gandy, National Coal Association; Frank W. Noxon, Railway Business Association; J. C. Peacock, American Association of Cotton Manufacturers; E. F. Dubrul and J. G. Benedict, National Machine Tool Builders' Association; T. M. Knappen and William S. Bennet, National Lumber Manufacturers Association; M. W. Kreigh, American Mining Congress; Ellery B. Gordon, National Knitted Outerwear Association; Fayette B. Dow, National Petroleum Association; H. R. Young, National Retail Dry Goods Association, National Hardware Association and National Retail Clothiers; John W. Hahn, National Garment Retailers' Association; Sydney Anderson, Miller's National Federation; James A. Emery, N. B. Williams and D. M. Edwards, National Association of Manufacturers; John C. Gall, National Industrial Council; D. H. Sawyer, Associated General Contractors; Edward Hines and M. L. Hudson, Edward Hines Lumber Co. E. J. McVann, Smokeless Coal Operators' Association.

The same advices state:

The conference was opened by Wilson Compton, Manager of the National Association of Lumber Manufacturers, and James A. Emery, counsel of the National Association of Manufacturers, was selected chairman. The delegates were addressed informally by Under-Secretary of the Treasury Garrard B. Winston and later they engaged in an extended discussion.

Committee Appointed.

A permanent executive committee was appointed to represent the conference and additional co-operating corporations, that committee consisting of Mr. Emery, Chairman; R. P. Hazzard, National Boot & Shoe Manufacturers' Association; Harry L. Gandy, National Coal Association; James Craig Peacock, American Cotton Manufacturers' Association; William S. Bennet, National Lumber Manufacturers' Association; McKinley W. Kreigh, American Mining Congress; Fayette B. Dow, National Petroleum Association.

Summarizing the conference, Mr. Emery said: "Its members believe that a tax on a corporation is a tax on the stockholders. The characteristic business organizations of the United States are owned by more than 19,000,000 stockholders, including investors, customers and employees. The profits of every dollar invested in the corporate form of business operate more than 85% of the production, transportation, commercial and organized service activities of our people. "Every dollar of corporate investment is subjected to a normal tax two and a half times that levied against the individual and partnership business. That rate was increased by the last Congress 1% in anticipation of a deficit

which it was thought might result from the repeal of the corporate stock tax. That anticipation has not been realized. On the contrary, the returns from the corporation tax for the first nine months of the calendar year 1925 at the 13% rate, already exceed by many millions the returns of the calendar year 1924, with a quarter of a year yet to go.

Extra Levies Unnecessary.

"It seems, therefore, fair to present the situation to the Ways and Means Committee if opportunity is afforded before Congress meets. It seems plain that in the face of existing returns the extra half of 1% levied was unnecessary, and the additional half of 1% which will go into effect in 1926 is not required. That much permanent relief is plainly justifiable. As much more should be given, at least, temporarily, as the surplus of the year permits, and as much further permanent relief as the fiscal situation permits.

"The conference, through its committee becomes a permanent organization which will concern itself not only with the presentation of this issue to the appropriate committees of Congress but will present further suggestions for the reform and substance and administration of the existing tax law to the joint committee which Congress has created to study the operation of the law."

Basil M. Manly of People's Legislative Service Criticizes Secretary Mellon's Tax Proposals—Urges Democrats to Force Extra Session for Tax Revision.

A statement criticizing Secretary Mellon's tax proposals was issued on Nov. 10 at Washington by Basil M. Manly, Director of the People's Legislative Service. Mr. Manly declared that "the Democrats ought to know that there is no time for sound tax revision in the short session," and said "if the Democrats have a sound scheme for getting rid of the absurd corporation taxes, automobile sales taxes and other taxes that are simply passed on to the long suffering consumer, let them force an extra session of the new Congress, in which they will have some real power, and show their stuff." In his statement he said:

It is time to stop playing peanut politics with Federal taxes. It would cost the Federal Government about as much to make the 10% refund, proposed by President Coolidge on the morning after the big flop in Massachusetts, as the taxpayers would get out of it.

In 1924, the latest year for which we have complete statistics, there were 344,876 taxpayers with incomes under \$1,000 who paid an average tax of 42 cents each. Under the Coolidge scheme they would get a refund of only four cents each. With Government efficiency it would cost the Treasury at least 20 cents apiece to look up the returns, calculate the refunds, make out the checks, and mail them to the taxpayers. The only thing for the taxpayers to do with their four-cent checks would be to frame them as a memorial to governmental stupidity.

There were 4,871,750 taxpayers with incomes under \$3,000 who paid an average tax of \$4.27. They would get checks for 42 cents at a cost to the Treasury of about 20 cents. On receipt they would all rise and give three rousing cheers for Coolidge economy.

In the meantime Congress would spend \$10,000,000 worth of time deciding whether the refund should be made.

Secretary Mellon's scheme of rebating on next year's taxes is just as absurd as far as the American people are concerned. The only ones who would get anything but "chicken feed" out of it are a few millionaires and big corporations that have made so much money during 1926 that even they would hardly notice the difference.

The Democrats ought to know that there is no time for sound tax revision in the short session, and if they try playing "three-card monte" in this session with Madden and Smoot dealing the cards they are sure to guess wrong. If the Democrats have a sound suggestion for getting rid of the absurd corporation tax, automobile sales taxes and other taxes that are simply passed on to the long suffering consumers let them force an extra session of the new Congress, in which they will have some real power, and show their stuff.

Senator Simmons Expects Congress to Pass Tax Relief Legislation Which Will Go Further Than Proposals of President Coolidge.

Gratification at the fact that the President and the Treasury Department have consented to a bill for tax relief was expressed in a statement issued on Nov. 6 by Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking Democrat of the Senate Finance Committee. In indicating his views on the subject, the Senator says he has "an abiding confidence that both in the House and the Senate there will be found a sufficient number of votes to pass a tax reduction bill that will do full justice to American taxpayers and not merely provide for relief to a part of the taxpayers." The Senator's statement, as given in the New York "Times," follows:

The President's announcement will be pleasing to the taxpayers of the country, because it indicates a willingness to concede to them what he persistently denied before the disaster which overtook his party last Tuesday.

Of course, the announcement amounts to a humiliating surrender for the President and the Administration and would never have been made except to cover retreat; but it is artfully devised to mislead the country and to deny the taxpayer the full benefit of relief to which he is entitled, and at the same time interfere as little as possible with the reduction coup intended to be projected for political effect immediately before the Presidential election of 1928.

There ought to be two surpluses for distribution, one of \$377,000,000, which had accumulated in the Treasury during the fiscal year ended June 30 1926, notwithstanding the tax reduction made in the 1926 Act; and another of \$250,000,000 in prospect for the fiscal year ending June 30 1927.

But it seems that Mr. Mellon, after applying the sinking fund provided by law, and the payments received from our foreign debtors, used the 1925 surplus, collected for current expenses, for the purpose of further retiring the public debt—against, as I think, the will of the people of the United States.

If the 1926 surplus cannot be reclaimed and returned to the people, then there is but one other surplus available, and that is the estimated surplus as of June 30 1927, of from \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000.

Following the practice of the past—and it is the only just policy—this surplus ought to be returned exactly as has been the custom heretofore, by a reduction in the taxes levied and not by rebates or refunds.

The difference is fundamental. A rebate, or a refund, merely returns the money to the agency which collected it and paid it into the Treasury. For instance, in the case of the automobile tax, a refund returns the tax to the manufacturers, although everybody knows the manufacturers paid not a cent of it.

In the case of the consumers of the products of our great factories, a refund or rebate returns the tax to the manufacturer, although it is a matter of common knowledge that the manufacturer adds the tax to the price of his goods, as a part of the cost of production, and the ultimate consumer is the man who really has paid the tax.

On the other hand, the method we followed in the 1926 Act—simply reducing the tax—gave the real taxpayer and not the artificial taxpayer the benefit of the reduction. Some time before the election the President predicted another tax reduction in 1928, relying, of course, upon the fact that we have not yet reached absolutely normal conditions and that with ordinary prosperity the present rate of accumulating surplus would continue.

Calls Apprehension Unjustified.

His present apprehension seems to be less justified, under existing circumstances, than would a like apprehension under the circumstances which existed at the time of his former pronouncement. That the present high rate of Federal taxation must be reduced—and reduced materially—I think is clearly evidenced to every one, although it may have to be done gradually, as we have been doing it heretofore. Our experience has been that with each reduction the surplus grew larger instead of smaller.

The President again seems to be under the impression that the demand for this reduction comes altogether from income taxpayers. In that he is mistaken. The other taxpayers of the United States are as much entitled to consideration as those big concerns and taxpayers embraced in the project of the President.

The President also leaves out of consideration the deep-seated objection in this country to refunds and rebates. This objection exists, for the reasons first, that the party entitled to relief rarely gets the benefit of it through refunds and rebates; secondly, because of the wrongdoing and partiality always incident to the distribution by this process.

Says Congress Will Grant Relief.

I am gratified, however—and I am sure the Democrats of the country, who stood so solidly behind our demand in the last campaign for an immediate tax reduction, and the millions of Republicans who felt the same way, and the great body of honest American business men will share in the feeling of gratification—that the President and the Treasury Department have at length consented that a bill for some sort of relief from the existing overtaxation may be introduced and passed through the House; because we have been threatened—even since the election—that the Republican majority in the House would not permit a bill to pass that body and come to the Senate.

With the assent of the Administration, it is, therefore, I think, assured that a bill will pass the House and will come to the Senate.

When the House deals with the bill, however, it must be presented to the Ways and Means Committee. That committee can reform it and amend it so as to work justice to the taxpayers of the United States.

And I have an abiding confidence that both in the House and the Senate there will be found a sufficient number of votes to pass a tax reduction bill that will do full justice to American taxpayers, and not merely provide for relief to a part of the taxpayers, and in the main to those who have not in fact paid the tax—and I am satisfied that the Congress will present to the President a bill which will so nearly meet the unanimous will of the taxpayers of the country that he will find it exceedingly difficult to veto it, though it may to some extent interfere with certain plans for the Presidential year of 1928.

I am gratified at the belated surrender of the President and the Administration.

Representative Madden's Prediction Regarding Tax Reductions.

On Nov. 4 the Chicago "Daily News" printed a news story that Martin B. Madden, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives and "watchdog of the Federal Treasury," was of the opinion taxes on next year's incomes will be cut between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000. The Associated Press advices from Chicago on that date reporting this said:

"I am certain another reduction can be made and I will recommend it, as I did the last one," the "Daily News" quoted the Congressman.

"There will be a surplus in the Treasury at the end of this year," Mr. Madden was quoted. "It will amount to about \$250,000,000. Next year we will undoubtedly be able to arrange a new tax cut to become effective in 1928 on 1927 income."

Amusement Tax to Go.

Mr. Madden hesitated to forecast what taxes would receive the benefit of the next cut, but he indicated the theatre and amusement tax probably would be removed, said the "Daily News."

The newspaper also related Mr. Madden's story of the origin of quarterly payments of income tax.

A man with a \$10,000,000 income tax approached him with the statement he had warehouses full of goods to sell, probably could raise \$10,000,000 by dumping goods on the market, but to do so would break the market and hurt the business of others dealing in the same line, with the effect possibly reaching all business and everybody.

Quarterly Payment Origin.

"What's true in my case is true of many lines of business," Mr. Madden's visitor said. "Taxes are paid in a lump sum at one time and everybody borrows to the hilt, or some of them do, because money is tied up in merchandise and can't be turned into cash again over night. Consequently, around income tax paying time, a dangerous portion of credit is in use. That is not a healthy condition. It is not good for business nor the country at large."

Mr. Madden agreed to call a hearing, said the "Daily News," with the result that the quarterly payment plan was devised.

Representative Madden who was the first to confer with the President after the latter's tax program was made known, declined to express any opinion on the rebate proposal says a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" Nov. 8, from which the following is also taken:

He said he had suggested a tax revision plan to make a permanent tax reduction, amounting to \$300,000,000, which appeared to him as the most feasible way to give relief to the taxpayers.

Until he had consulted with the Treasury officials and learned the exact details of the Administration's plan from the President, Mr. Madden declared, he preferred to rest on his original suggestion of a permanent tax reduction.

Representative Madden assured President Coolidge to-day that the appropriations would be kept down to about the same amount as last year.

The Appropriations Committee has already begun consideration of the supply measures, and four of them will be presented to the House and passed before the Christmas holidays. In Mr. Madden's opinion, all will be out of the way before the middle of January, giving the House time to consider such pending legislation as disposition of Muscle Shoals, increase in Judges' salaries, radio regulation and return of alien-owned property. The Ways and Means Committee will begin hearings on the latter measure on Nov. 15.

According to Mr. Madden, there will be no reductions in the appropriations for the army and navy, and aviation will be treated as liberally as heretofore. In his opinion, the Government has expended more than any other country to develop aviation, having spent \$1,900,000,000 during the great war and \$500,000,000 since.

"If the aviation service is not the best it is because we have not had the best management," he said.

The Post Office and Treasury bills, Mr. Madden said, would carry approximately \$2,400,000,000.

Senator Smoot and Others on Tax Reduction.

A rather dubious statement as to the possibilities of following the plan of the President came from a Republican leader, Senator Smoot of Utah, Chairman of the Finance Committee, who declared that "perhaps there could be a reduction of 10% in the income tax for this year." This is learned from special Washington advices, Nov. 6, to the New York "Times" which went on to say:

"When the last tax bill was under consideration," said Senator Smoot, "I called attention to the fact that there would be a surplus in the first six months of this year. I called attention to the fact that the first six months of the fiscal year 1927 would be where the difficulty would arise in meeting the expenses of the Government. Much of the taxes paid in full for the calendar year 1926 will be missed. Some of the reductions in taxes do not apply until the first of next year. We want to be sure that we would have a surplus that would take care of what we need."

In later advices from Washington (Nov. 8) the same paper stated:

Smoot Would Go Slowly.

Senator Smoot, Chairman of the Finance Committee, another White House caller, expressed the same desire (as Senator Madden) to learn of the fiscal condition of the Government before endorsing the Administration's tax program. He thought that, as outlined in the newspapers, the Administration's plan did not present an equitable return to the taxpayers. The Government was faced with the payment of \$2,300,000,000 in the next eighteen months, Mr. Smoot declared, and this surplus might be applied to meeting these obligations rather than making necessary short-term loans to cancel maturing bonds and treasury certificates.

In the face of the Administration's declaration for a rebate or refund in the taxes paid in 1925, Senator Smoot through Congress would be forced to work out a program to aid the taxpayers, perhaps along the general lines of the Administration suggestion. A tax reduction was so popular, he said, that when such a movement gained headway, with a surplus in the treasury, Congress was never able to withstand the pressure, even though to do so would result in more benefits to the taxpayers later.

Senator McNary of Oregon, another caller, favored using the surplus for long needed public buildings, the improvement of waterways and roads. He thought the Government had done nothing toward the erection of public buildings in an adequate way in the last ten years and this money might be profitably spent in this direction and in building up water transportation and aiding the States in a more generous way in road building.

Mr. McNary was the most critical of the callers, but he declined to assume the attitude of actual opposition to the Administration's plan.

Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, a member of the Finance Committee who arrived in Washington to-day but did not call upon the President, expressed doubt of any tax legislation in this session. He was in conference with Secretary Mellon before the latter issued his statement.

Favored by Some Legislators.

While some of the dominant Republican leaders questioned the advisability of carrying out the President's proposal without definitely opposing it, other callers were enthusiastic in favor of it. These include Senators Edge of New Jersey and Gillett of Massachusetts, and Representatives Treadway and Rogers of Massachusetts.

"It is practical and fair and offers a means for prompt action in the short session of Congress," said Senator Edge. "The President has hit upon a businesslike way of relieving the taxpayers without running the danger of not having enough revenues next year. In other words, he proposes to proceed like a bank when it has earned a good income. It makes a special dividend instead of raising the annual dividend."

Senator Copeland on President's Tax Proposals.

In an interview at Atlantic City on Nov. 9, Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York declared that "the advocacy by President Coolidge of an additional income tax reduction is only a smoke screen to divert public attention from overwhelming defeat suffered nationally by the Republican Party at the polls last Tuesday." The Senator is quoted as follows in the New York "Herald-Tribune":

Last May I introduced a bill calling for a 25% reduction in taxation in addition to that already contemplated by the Administration. President Coolidge, Secretary Mellon and Senator Smoot, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, had a "cat's fit" when they heard about it. They said it was an impossibility.

And now, six months later, when it is plainly seen that the people of the country are dissatisfied with the Republican Administration, President Coolidge comes out and urges an immediate reduction.

This is nothing more than a shrewd political move. It is intended to divert the attention of the people from the defeat suffered by the Republican

Party at the polls. I am, of course, in favor of such a reduction. It would be legalized larceny to keep the money from the people when it is not needed by the Government, but the Administration's urging of such a reduction, as soon as the curtain has been rung down on the election, is a mere smoke screen.

Repeal of Federal Inheritance Tax to Be Sought at Coming Session of Congress.

Announcement that immediate repeal of the Federal inheritance tax would be demanded at the coming session of Congress was made on Nov. 6 by the National Committee Opposed to the Federal Inheritance Tax, according to a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times," which says:

This organization, composed largely of Speakers of State Legislatures and other duly appointed State officials, passed a resolution to-day that effect. It was said that representatives of twenty leading States were present.

In addition to the resolution to be presented to Congress asking for the repeal of the Federal inheritance tax, it was stated to-night that the various State Legislatures would be asked to protest to Congress against this measure. According to the delegates attending the meeting, it is felt that the Federal joint inheritance tax is a drastic invasion of State rights.

The special committee designed to present the resolution to Congress consists of Edgar A. Brown, Speaker, South Carolina; A. P. A. P. Frymder, State legislator, Louisiana; William H. Blodgett, Tax Commissioner, Connecticut; William Haskell, State Senator, Iowa; and W. Cecil Neill, Speaker, Georgia.

Reduction of Corporation Tax from 13½% to 10% Favored by American Mining Congress.

Reduction of the corporation tax from 13½% to 10% is favored by the American Mining Congress. In support of this attitude the November "Mining Congress Journal" says editorially:

The Treasury Surplus.

When Congress meets in December, there is likely to arise considerable speculation among the members as to what should be done with the large surplus in the treasury. Some undoubtedly will want to spend it. Others will favor its application to reduction of the public debt. Still others will agree that part of it should be applied to reduce taxes. If politics rule, it may be spent through pork-barrel legislation. If Secretary Mellon and his supporters have their way, it will be applied against the public debt. If the taxpayers who bear the brunt of the Federal tax burden, are permitted to influence legislation, it will result in a reduction of taxes.

The capital stock tax was repealed at the last session of Congress; but before its repeal could be secured, the addition of 1% to the corporation income tax rate was insisted upon. It was alleged that this increase in the corporation rate was necessary in order to prevent a deficit which it was feared by treasury officials would be occasioned by the loss of revenue from the repeal of the capital stock tax. This fear has been dissipated. The revenue yield under the Act of 1926 has been far above the most liberal estimates. It would seem therefore that the 1% increase ought to be repealed at once, and it undoubtedly will be repealed if taxpayers generally will demand its repeal and make that demand imperative.

Repeal of the 1% increase in the tax on corporations is the least that Congress can do to relieve the tax burden. The present status of government finances, the outlook for continued business prosperity, the unscientific and uneconomic differential that exists between the tax rates on individuals and corporations, and the practical certainty that the revenue yield from the income tax law will continue to exceed estimates and swell the surplus in the treasury, amply justify the reduction of the corporation rate to 10%.

There is little, if any, demand for further reduction of the normal rates on individuals. It has been the opinion of many authorities on Federal taxation that too few individuals pay taxes to the Federal government; that it would be a good thing for the country, particularly in respect of the attitude of the people toward their franchise responsibilities, if more individuals had to pay some tax, even though nominal, into the Federal treasury. Also, it should be remembered, and Congress should be impressed with this, that because of the diffusion of stock ownership in corporations, a reduction in the corporation rate will afford relief to a larger number of individuals than would a further reduction in the individual rates.

There are economic reasons why the corporation rate should be reduced, one of the most important of which is the further stimulation of business. It is probable that the revenue yield would not be disturbed by such a reduction. It was not lessened, but rather enhanced, by the reduction of surtaxes of individuals. A similar effect from reduction of the corporation rate is not impossible. In any event, there is no justification for continuing the 1% which was added to cover an estimated potential loss from repeal of the capital stock tax.

Death of "Uncle Joe" Cannon, former Speaker of House.

At the age of 90 years, Joseph G. Cannon—better known as "Uncle Joe," died at his home at Danville, Ill., yesterday (Nov. 12). For the first time since he voted for Lincoln in 1860 Mr. Cannon failed to cast his ballot a week ago last Tuesday. He would have gone to the polls, he said, but a long period of rainy weather prevented him from registering. Mr. Cannon was born on May 7 1836 in a Quaker settlement outside of Guilford, No. Caro., the son of Scotch-Irish parents. From the Associated Press advices from Danville we take the following:

Mr. Cannon came to accept the affectionate designation "Uncle Joe" as his very own, but when asked about its origin said he did not know how it came about.

In the musty files of the Congressional Record there stands written a moving tale of this man's great service. It begins back in 1873, when first he came out of Illinois to take his seat in the House, even then a picturesque, fire-eating political gladiator to whom the uproar of debate and the tense moments in committee were the breath of life.

The yellowed pages show day by day how the hot blood of youth drove him into every affray, his tongue lashing out at his opponents, his quick

mind formulating at all the instant expedients that are the weapons of political combat. Month by month he climbed toward leadership, growing more knowing as each session brought its new conflicts, hardening with time into the forceful, relentless champion of his party until that day when the gavel was placed in his hands and he mounted the Speaker's rostrum as master of the House, to rule alone for two terms as few men before him had ruled that body.

And as great had grown his place and power, great was his fall when the House in 1912 revolted against his czarlike rule and stripped him of power through a combination of insurgents in his own party with the Democratic minority.

In the political deluge that fell upon his party in 1912 "Uncle Joe" failed of re-election for the only time in his Congressional career. For one term he was not in the House, but practiced law in Danville. When he came back again at the next election age had begun to cool his ardor. He sat many days without sharing in debate and it was only in flashes that his old fire showed when he took the floor.

In 1908, when in the glory of his rule as boss of the House, Mr. Cannon looked toward the Republican nomination for the Presidency. When leaders proposed that he take second place on the ticket he refused emphatically.

Thanksgiving Proclamation of President Coolidge.

The annual Thanksgiving Day proclamation of the President was issued on Oct. 30 by President Coolidge, who designates Nov. 25 "a day of general thanksgiving and prayer." In stating that "we are blessed among nations," the President says: "We are not unmindful of the gratitude we owe to God for His watchful care," and "we should not fail in our acknowledgment of His divine favor which has bestowed upon us so many blessings." The proclamation follows:

By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

As a nation and as individuals, we have passed another twelve months in the favor of the Almighty. He has smiled upon our fields and they have brought forth plentifully; business has prospered; industries have flourished, and labor has been well employed. While sections of our country have been visited by disaster, we have been spared any great national calamity or pestilential visitation. We are blessed among the nations of the earth.

Our moral and spiritual life has kept measure with our material prosperity. We are not unmindful of the gratitude we owe to God for His watchful care which has pointed out to us the ways of peace and happiness; we should not fail in our acknowledgement of His divine favor which has bestowed upon us so many blessings. Neither should we be forgetful of those among us who, through stress of circumstances, are less fortunately placed, but by deeds of charity make our acknowledgment more acceptable in His sight.

Wherefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, do hereby set aside Thursday, the 25th of November next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and I recommend that on that day the people shall cease from their daily work and, in their homes or in their accustomed places of worship, devoutly give thanks to the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received, and seek His guidance that through good deeds and brotherly love they may deserve a continuance of His favor.

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 30th day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and fifty-first.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

By the President:

JOSEPH C. GREW, *Acting Secretary of State.*

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &C.

New York Stock Exchange memberships established a new high record this week when the membership of Robert H. Simpson was reported posted for transfer to Robert J. Goldman, the consideration being stated as \$160,000. The previous high point reached was \$155,000. Other memberships posted for transfer this week were that of Edward W. Buckhout to George C. Schubert, for \$158,000, and that of Henry W. Evans to Charles C. Wright for \$152,000. The last preceding sale was at \$142,000.

The New York Curb Market membership of Thomas C. O'Keefe was reported sold this week to Spencer H. Logan, the consideration being stated as \$28,000. The last preceding transaction was at \$23,000.

The New York Cotton Exchange membership held by the estate of Frank A. Kimball was reported sold this week to Paul Schwartz for another, the consideration being stated as \$26,000. The last preceding sale was at \$27,000.

At the Bankers' Forum meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p. m. at the Hotel Shelton, 49th Street and Lexington Avenue, W. Randolph Burgess, Assistant Agent, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, will speak on "The Reserve Bank and the New York Money Market."

The first step in the merger of the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank into Irving Bank & Trust Co. of this city was taken Nov. 5 when the shareholders of the former voted to liquidate the National bank, effective Nov. 8. Hereafter the business will be conducted under the name of the American Exchange-Pacific Bank (the title being the same as the former name with the omission of the word "National")

pending the few weeks required to complete the merger under the name of American Exchange Irving Trust Company. The merger plans were referred to in these columns Oct. 16, page 1960, and Oct. 30, page 2219.

Orie R. Kelly, Vice-President and Secretary of the American Trust Co., was on Nov. 10 made President of the County Trust Co. of White Plains, an affiliated institution. Mr. Kelly has been an officer of the American Trust Co. since its formation in 1919. Prior to that he was Assistant Secretary of the Empire Trust Co.

At the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the National City Bank of New York this week John F. Young was appointed an Assistant Cashier.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of America, scheduled for Nov. 11, was adjourned without taking any action on a proposal to increase the capital stock to \$8,000,000 from the present \$6,500,000. The meeting was referred to in our issue of Oct. 30, page 2219.

The Endicott National Bank of Endicott, N. Y., now organizing, called for payment in full for stock subscriptions on Nov. 1. The institution is forming with a capital of \$100,000, paid in surplus of \$10,000 and undivided profits of \$15,000. Full payment was received on all subscriptions on Saturday Nov. 6, and the bank is expected to open on Monday next, Nov. 15. The officers of the new institution are: S. Howard Ammerman, President; Ed. B. Furry, Vice-President, and A. E. Hewell, Cashier.

Stockholders of the Park Street Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn., on Nov. 9 unanimously voted to increase the capital stock of the institution from \$100,000 to \$150,000 by the issuance of 500 shares of new stock at the par value of \$100 a share, according to the Hartford "Courant" of Nov. 10. The additional stock, it was stated, would be issued to stockholder of record Nov. 9 at par on the basis of one share of new stock for every two shares then held, payable on or before Jan. 3 1927, when the new stock would be issued.

Formal announcement was made by the directors of the Broad & Market National Bank of Newark, N. J., of a proposed increase in the capital of the institution from \$200,000 to \$1,200,000, according to the Newark "News" of that date. A special meeting of the stockholders of the bank will be held on Dec. 15 to ratify the action of the directors. Upon the increase in capital becoming effective, it is understood, the bank's surplus fund will be \$600,000. The announcement of the capital increase said in part:

This step has been taken to permit the bank to extend its activities and to make larger loans to its customers. It will also serve to expand its trust powers. With this change the depositors will have nearly \$2,000,000 to protect their deposits.

The board also has in mind other action looking toward the expansion of this institution and its development as a bank designed to serve large business interests as well as to care for the savings and look after the trust business of individuals.

It was further announced by the directors that Timothy F. Foyle, long the owner of more than a third of the bank's stock, had been elected a Vice-President. In commenting on Mr. Foyle's election the "News" said:

The action to-day (Nov. 10) marks the settlement of differences as to policy between George S. Silzer (Chairman of the board of directors) and Mr. Foyle since the acquisition of a majority of the stock by Mr. Silzer and associates last January. As the owner of more than a third of the shares Mr. Foyle was in a position to veto any plans for expansion.

Howard B. Davis, President of the Bloomfield Trust Co., Bloomfield, N. J., died suddenly of a heart attack on Nov. 8. Mr. Davis, who was 62 years of age, had been connected with the Bloomfield institution since 1904. He was elected President last year. He also was Treasurer of the Bloomfield Coal & Supply Co., and was engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Bloomfield.

An application to organize the Security National Bank of Trenton, N. J., has been filed with the Comptroller of the Currency. The bank is to have a capital of \$200,000.

A noteworthy anniversary which has received deserved recognition, is that of William R. Nicholson who this week (Nov. 10) recorded thirty-five years service with the Land Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, the occasion also marking his thirty-fifth anniversary as President of the institution. For twenty years Mr. Nicholson has also been President of the Philadelphia Co. for Guaranteeing Mortgages. The "Evening Public Ledger" of Philadelphia, in telling of the felicitations of which Mr. Nicholson was the recipient, says in part:

The congratulations of men prominent in the business and financial life of the city greeted William R. Nicholson, President of the Land Title & Trust Co., as he entered the flowered bedecked office this morning, the thirty-fifth anniversary of his assuming the presidency of that corporation.

Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Nicholson arrived at the door of his office shortly after 9 o'clock. Requesting Mrs. Nicholson to excuse him for a moment while he "glanced over the mail," he found a score of directors of the many companies with which he is affiliated crowding the room. Floral tributes from his family, his friends and his employees filled the office, while nearly 1,000 letters and telegrams and greetings were stacked on his desk.

Mr. Nicholson, accepting the applause and the hearty handshakes of his friends and business associates, could only smile and repeat, "What a surprise." One of his associates, in voicing the tribute of the welcoming group, wished him long life and continued success.

"You have built your own monument with your splendid career," they told him.

Samuel C. Edmonds, Vice-President of the Philadelphia Co. for Guaranteeing Mortgages, another organization of which Mr. Nicholson is President, presented a testimonial book, signed by all employees of the company, to Mr. Nicholson, who said he prized it highly.

Baskets of flowers were presented by his friends, relatives and associates, and a two-volume life of the late John Wanamaker was presented on behalf of the store by William L. Nevin.

Among those who presented flowers were Alfred W. Fleisher, William R. Nicholson, Jr., and E. W. Nicholson, his sons; the Central Trust Co. and the Philadelphia Co. for Guaranteeing Mortgages.

Major A. J. Drexel Biddle was one of the first to greet Mr. Nicholson after the official tribute was made and the executive "settled down" to the day's work. But officials at the Land Title & Trust Co. believed there would be little chance for Mr. Nicholson to read the hundreds of letters sent to him on the anniversary, since scores of friends kept calling at his office to extend congratulations.

Of Philadelphia birth and of the fourth generation of his family in Pennsylvania, Mr. Nicholson has spent his life in devotion to the business and professional interests of the city. After twelve years of association with William Nelson West in law and conveyancing, first as a student, then as a partner, he later found his sphere in the business world. In financial pursuits he has won honorable distinction.

In civic affairs he has ever been a worker for better conditions. In the church, the Young Men's Christian Association and in his club life his personality has been far reaching and his personal service untiring. It is estimated that one-third of the \$1,000,000 fund raised for the Y. M. C. A. was given through his personal work as chairman of the Campaign Committee.

During the World War Mr. Nicholson was identified with its financing and served as chairman of Local Board No. 32, having jurisdiction over the enforcement of the Selective Draft Law in Overbrook.

Mr. Nicholson was born here June 25 1851. He was educated in the city schools, finishing his studies at Central High School. In 1868 he began reading law. Twelve years later he formed an association for the purpose of building and operating real estate, continuing in that line of activity for ten years. During this time his efforts were largely directed toward the rebuilding of West Philadelphia where his firm was instrumental in the erection of more than 1,000 houses.

Thirty-six years ago he was elected President of the West Philadelphia Title & Trust Co., holding that office until the following year, when he resigned to assume his present position.

Application for the organization of the Erie National Bank, to be located at Erie Ave. and 6th St., Philadelphia, has been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Nov. 10. The new institution is to be capitalized at \$200,000 with surplus of \$50,000. A bank building is to be erected at an early date, it is understood.

Subject to the approval of the stockholders of the institutions, the Old National Bank of Evansville, Ind., and the American Trust & Savings Bank of that city, with a combined capital of \$1,000,000, are to be consolidated, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Evansville on Nov. 6, which appeared in the Indianapolis "News" of the same date. It was further stated in the dispatch that both banks would remain in their present quarters, but would be governed by one board of directors, should the merger plan be approved.

As an added and helpful sales effort in obtaining new members for their 1927 Christmas Club the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, has adopted a combination dime saver and Christmas folder. This idea is something new in the way of exploiting the Christmas Club. These folders are being used in a direct-by-mail campaign and for personal solicitation.

John J. Mitchell, President of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago, celebrated his 73d birthday on Nov. 3. After spending the morning at his desk, the well known banker hurriedly boarded the Twentieth Century Limited for a three days business trip to New York. He was quoted by the Chicago "Tribune" as saying on the occasion: "I feel as good as I did fifteen years ago. I never let my work worry me. I enjoy it. I work every day at my office except a three months vacation in the early part of each year. I never leave at night until all the work is cleaned off my desk." Mr. Mitchell added that he wished he might live 20 years more to take advantage of the opportunities the future is sure to bring. He said he had recently helped celebrate the 80th birthday of Elbert H. Gary and that if he could be as useful as Mr. Gary at that age he would be satisfied.

Effective Nov. 2 the First National Bank of Madison, Neb., and the Madison National Bank of that city were consolidated under the title and charter of the former. The new institution is capitalized at \$100,000.

Clifford E. French, who recently resigned as State Finance Commissioner of Missouri, has been elected a Vice-President of the Lafayette-South Side Bank of St. Louis. He was appointed to the office of State Finance Commissioner by Governor Sam Baker, the early part of 1925. We have been favored with the following statement regarding his career:

In 1887 Mr. French became connected with the National Bank at Rolla, and it was there that he gained his first knowledge of banking. Three years later he was promoted to Cashier, serving until 1906, when he was appointed a National Bank Examiner of Missouri. In 1908 the St. Louis Clearing House sought his services and he was appointed Examiner for the association. Here he inaugurated a system of examining which, at that time, there was only one other city in the United States having a similar system, that being Chicago. In October 1914 Mr. French was elected Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, becoming the first incumbent of that office. In August 1915 he was appointed Chief National Bank Examiner of the Eighth Federal Reserve District, and served until Jan. 8 1926, when he resigned to accept the Vice-Presidency of the St. Louis Union Bank. Upon the merger of the Third National, Mechanics-American and the St. Louis Union Bank, which resulted in the organizing of the First National Bank, he was elected Vice-President and remained in that office until December 1924. In April 1925 Governor Baker tendered him the office of Commissioner of Finance of the State of Missouri, which he accepted and held until Sept. 20 1926, when he resigned to become a Vice-President of the Lafayette-South Side Bank of St. Louis.

A small Mississippi bank, the First National Bank of Ackerman, has been closed and its affairs placed in the hands of a Federal bank examiner, according to an Associated Press dispatch from that place on Nov. 1, appearing in the New York "Evening Post" of the same date. The bank was capitalized at \$25,000 and had deposits of between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Investment in real estate holdings which are not immediately marketable and the cotton situation caused officers of the bank to close the institution, it was stated.

Word has been received from New Orleans that Rudolf S. Hecht, President of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., had completed twenty years of service with that institution. Starting as an assistant in the foreign exchange department of the institution at the age of 21, Mr. Hecht's progress has been noteworthy. He first became Trust Officer; later Bond Manager; then Vice-President; next Senior Vice-President; and finally, in 1918, he was elected President of the institution at the age of 33. The board of directors of the company, in a resolution commending Mr. Hecht for his service to the bank and the community, remarked that "the field of larger opportunity elsewhere has been frequently open to him, but his devotion to this institution and to New Orleans has kept him with us." The directors presented Mr. Hecht with a set of reference books as a token of their esteem.

Effective Oct. 25, the Bank of Van Nuys, Cal., was taken over by the Security Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, becoming the Van Nuys branch of the latter institution, according to the Los Angeles "Times" of Oct. 26. All the former officers of the absorbed bank, it is understood, continue with the institution. These are W. P. Whitsett, founder of the bank and its former President, who has been made Chairman of the Executive Board; H. C. Hatterscheld, formerly Vice-President, who has been appointed Manager, and F. N. High, heretofore Cashier, who has been made Assistant Manager. The acquisition of this bank makes the fiftieth unit in the Security Trust & Savings Bank system, it is understood.

Consolidation of the Lenox State Bank of Inglewood (Los Angeles County), Cal., with the Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, became effective on Oct. 16. In regard to the merger, the Los Angeles "Times" of Oct. 15 said in part:

This will be the fourth branch of the Pacific-Southwest bank in the Inglewood district, other branches being the First branch and the Market Street branch in Inglewood, and the Fairview branch in Fairview Heights.

The merger of the Lenox State Bank, total resources of which aggregate \$342,768, will bring the resources of the First National-Pacific-Southwest banking group to \$310,809,422 87. The First National Bank has resources of \$98,582,424 08, the Pacific-Southwest, \$211,294,230 79, and the First Securities Co., a capital and surplus of \$600,000.

All four branches in the Inglewood district will be under the supervision of W. G. Brown, Inglewood Vice-President. There will be no personnel change in the Lenox branch, the officers and directors remaining as officers or members of the executive board of the Inglewood branches of the Pacific-Southwest Bank. Ray M. Stevens, Cashier of the Lenox State Bank, will be manager of the Lenox branch. Other officers of the Lenox State Bank are L. O. Calkins, President; Adolph Leuzinger, Vice-President, and Thomas P. Lafr, Assistant Cashier.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market this week has again shown an improving tendency and except for a short period of irregularity on Tuesday and again on Wednesday the trend of prices has been generally upward. Oil stocks have displayed unusual strength, steel shares have made further advances, and railroad issues have moved slowly but steadily forward. The report of railroad car loadings made public on Thursday, indicates that the loadings for the week ending Oct. 30 exceeded all previous records by 6,269 cars. At the short session on Saturday the market continued to move forward, the upward drift including a large part of the general list. Copper stocks were in strong demand, Kennicott going into new high ground for the year, followed by Nevada Consolidated, which was also at its best figure for the year. As the day advanced, railroad stocks displayed marked improvement, Atchison scoring a net gain of 2 1/4 points, while Wabash did equally well. Chicago & North Western gained nearly three points and advances were also made by Missouri Pacific, Balt. & Ohio, Rock Island, and New York Central. The market was fairly strong on Monday, United States Steel common leading the advance, followed by railroad stocks, copper issues and oil stocks. In the rail group Atchison was the outstanding feature and moved into new high ground for the present movement. Oil shares also were in strong demand and substantial gains were recorded by Union Oil of Calif., Standard Oil of Calif., Texas Co. and General Asphalt. Railroad equipment shares displayed new strength in the afternoon trading, Baldwin Locomotive, American Car & Foundry, American Locomotive scoring substantial gains. Allied Chemical was also strong and moved up three points and American Smelting crossed 147.

Under the leadership of United States Steel common the market again advanced in the early trading on Tuesday, though the trend was somewhat mixed, the early advances being followed generally by brisk downward reactions. Motor stocks came forward under the leadership of General Motors, which closed with a gain of 3 points. Du Pont was in special demand and bounded upward 6 points to 107. Copper shares and oil stocks continued in strong demand at steadily increasing prices and local utilities again displayed strong upward tendencies, particularly Consolidated Gas and Brooklyn Edison. In the final hour the list developed considerable irregularity, particularly in the railroad group, Atchison, the decline in which had an unsettling effect on the rest of the list. The market turned downward on Wednesday and many active shares closed the day from 2 to 3 points lower, though there were also some substantial gains scattered throughout the list. The weak stocks of the day included Mack Trucks, Allied Chemical, American Smelting and Atchison, the latter selling below 156. United States Rubber and Foundation Co. moved against the trend and closed with substantial gains. On Thursday the market again became strong though with occasional periods of irregularity and many issues advanced from 1 to 5 points. The strong stocks of the day included United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry, Woolworth, Baldwin Locomotive, Pullman Co., American Smelting and United States Steel common. Texas Gulf Sulphur crossed 48, making a new high for the present issue. Oil stocks were active and strong, Marland and Pan American advancing about a point, followed by Standard Oil of New Jersey. General Motors closed fractionally higher and United States Steel common scored a net advance of 2 1/4 points.

Under the leadership of United States Steel common, the market moved steadily forward in the early trading on Friday, many of the more active speculative stocks scoring substantial gains. The outstanding feature of the morning was the strength of Baldwin Locomotive, which moved vigorously forward to 135, the highest level it has reached in months. United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry was another conspicuous feature and advanced to a new high at 219, and Woolworth crossed 187 at its high for the day. Railroad securities were again the centre of interest and substantial advances were scored by Southern Railway, Atlantic Coast Line, New York Central and Seaboard Air Line. Other strong stocks included Pullman Company, Allied Chemical, American Smelting, du Pont, General Railway Signal and American Brake Shoe. In the final hour a wave of selling came into the market and the list was for a short period somewhat irregular, though most of the leaders retained the greater part of their early gains. The final tone was good.

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

| Week Ended Nov. 12. | Stocks, Number of Shares. | Railroad, &c., Bonds. | State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds. | United States Bonds. |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday | 696,650 | \$3,446,000 | \$2,720,500 | \$259,450 |
| Monday | 1,421,511 | 6,841,000 | 3,447,000 | 1,472,450 |
| Tuesday | 1,505,920 | 7,276,500 | 3,594,000 | 562,500 |
| Wednesday | 1,357,640 | 6,958,500 | 4,174,000 | 799,000 |
| Thursday | 1,216,539 | 6,066,000 | 3,134,000 | 759,500 |
| Friday | 1,894,500 | 7,053,000 | 2,884,000 | 1,176,000 |
| Total | 8,092,760 | \$37,641,000 | \$19,953,500 | \$5,028,900 |

| Sales at New York Stock Exchange. | Week Ended Nov. 12. | | Jan. 1 to Nov. 12. | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925. |
| Stocks—No. shares | 8,092,760 | 15,204,219 | 391,843,761 | 381,202,649 |
| Bonds | | | | |
| Government bonds | \$5,028,900 | \$6,765,200 | \$224,382,350 | \$305,979,760 |
| State & foreign bonds | 19,953,500 | 12,030,500 | 594,710,950 | 616,614,000 |
| Railroad & misc. bonds | 37,641,000 | 48,375,000 | 1,710,384,700 | 2,631,309,775 |
| Total bonds | \$62,623,400 | \$67,170,700 | \$2,529,478,000 | \$3,553,903,535 |

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

| Week Ended Nov. 12, 1926. | Boston. | | Philadelphia. | | Baltimore. | |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | Shares. | Bond Sales. | Shares. | Bond Sales. | Shares. | Bond Sales. |
| Saturday | 16,284 | \$14,650 | 13,595 | \$22,800 | 625 | \$15,000 |
| Monday | 31,704 | 35,700 | 17,957 | 74,820 | 1,886 | 21,000 |
| Tuesday | 30,978 | 45,000 | 50,520 | 39,700 | 1,476 | 49,100 |
| Wednesday | 22,460 | 12,500 | 21,214 | 49,700 | 2,713 | 10,500 |
| Thursday | 18,855 | 11,000 | HOLIDAY | | HOLIDAY | |
| Friday | 18,926 | 21,000 | 29,562 | 8,000 | 1,654 | 57,000 |
| Total | 139,207 | \$140,150 | 132,848 | \$105,020 | 8,354 | \$152,500 |
| Prev. week revised | 93,525 | \$158,000 | 185,845 | \$190,800 | 10,443 | \$158,500 |

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will show a considerable 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. 13), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 14.1% smaller than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$9,021,390,732, against \$10,503,698,834 for the same week in 1925. At this centre there is a loss for the five days of 16.6%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

| Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended Nov. 13. | 1926. | 1925. | Per Cent. |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| New York | \$4,210,000,000 | \$5,047,407,886 | -16.6 |
| Chicago | 456,705,466 | 527,516,430 | -13.8 |
| Philadelphia | 388,000,000 | 445,000,000 | -12.4 |
| Boston | 396,000,000 | 412,000,000 | -3.9 |
| Kansas City | 109,208,648 | 110,724,414 | -1.4 |
| St. Louis | 102,600,000 | 123,900,000 | -17.2 |
| San Francisco | 135,982,000 | 149,850,000 | -9.3 |
| Los Angeles | 116,898,000 | 128,994,000 | -9.4 |
| Pittsburgh | 132,740,794 | 142,007,213 | -6.5 |
| Detroit | 135,380,081 | 147,762,362 | -8.4 |
| Cleveland | 95,730,662 | 99,250,653 | -3.6 |
| Baltimore | 80,807,566 | 94,445,703 | -14.5 |
| New Orleans | 52,862,683 | 59,588,308 | -11.3 |
| Thirteen cities, five days | \$6,412,915,900 | \$7,488,446,969 | -14.4 |
| Other cities, five cities | 1,104,909,710 | 1,298,373,695 | -14.9 |
| Total all cities, five days | \$7,517,825,610 | \$8,786,820,664 | -14.4 |
| All cities, one day | 1,503,565,122 | 1,716,878,170 | -12.4 |
| Total all cities for week | \$9,021,390,732 | \$10,503,698,834 | -14.1 |

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 Nov. 6. For that week there is a decrease of 10.0%, the 1926 aggregate of clearings being \$9,540,795,448 and the 1925 aggregate \$10,600,818,610. Outside of New York City there is a decrease of 8.6%, the bank exchanges at this centre having shown a loss of 11.1%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District the totals are smaller by 6.2%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) by 10.9%, and in the Philadelphia Reserve District by 5.2%. In the Cleveland Reserve District there is a gain, though of only 0.4%, but in the Richmond Reserve District there is a falling off of 17.8% and in the Atlanta Reserve District of 27.6% (the

latter due mainly to the decrease at the Florida points, Jacksonville showing a loss of 36.0% and Miami of 75.7%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals show a diminution of 8.5%, in the St. Louis Reserve District of 9.1%, and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 10.5%. In the Kansas City Reserve District there is a decrease of 6.5%, in the Dallas Reserve District of 11.7%, and in the San Francisco Reserve District of 8.5%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week Ended Nov. 6 1926, 1926, 1925, Inc. or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston to 12th San Fran) and Outside N. Y. City, with total and Canada data.

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

Main table with columns: Clearings at, Week Ended November 6, 1926, 1925, Inc. or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows list various cities and their Federal Reserve Districts (e.g., First Federal Reserve District - Boston, Second Federal Reserve District - New York).

Table with columns: Clearings at, Week Ended November 6, 1926, 1925, Inc. or Dec., 1924, 1923. Rows list various cities and their Federal Reserve Districts (e.g., Seventh Federal Reserve District - Chicago, Eighth Federal Reserve District - St. Louis).

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Nov. 3. d Week ended Nov. 4. e Week ended Nov. 5. * Estimated.

THE CURB MARKET.

There was no definite trend to Curb Market prices this week, gains and losses being about evenly divided. The volume of business was not large. Oil shares furnished a good part of the activity. Buckeye Pipe Line fell from 45 to 42½. Cumberland Pipe Line sold up from 105 to 109. Indiana Pipe Line rose from 54¼ to 58. Standard Oil (Indiana) moved up from 64¾ to 65½. Vacuum Oil dropped from 98 to 95¼, recovered to 97 and closed to-day at 96¾. South American Oils were the feature. American Maracaibo Oil sold up over two points to 7¾ and ends the week at 7. Carib Syndicate on heavy trading advanced from 18½ to 21, the final figure to-day being at 20½. Venezuela Petroleum improved about a point to 7½, the close to-day being at 7¼. Gulf Oil of Pa. was up a point to 90½, the close to-day being at 90. Industrials were quiet. Amer. Seating com. improved from 41 to 42½ and sold finally at 42¼. Fox Theatres dropped from 24½ to 23, recovered to 25. General Baking, class A, fell from 55½ to 54½, moved up to 57 and closed to-day at 56½. Glen Alden Coal was a strong feature, advancing from 178¼ to 184 and reacting finally to 183. Mengel Company dropped from 38 to 31 and sold finally at 32. Philip-Morris com. was active and gained about two points to 15½, the close to-day being at 15.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2510.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

| Week Ended Nov. 12. | STOCKS (No. Shares). | | | BONDS (Par Value). | |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------|
| | Ind & Misc. | Oil. | Mining. | Domestic. | For'n Govt. |
| Saturday | 59,360 | 62,550 | 28,500 | \$1,322,000 | \$134,000 |
| Monday | 101,230 | 91,436 | 73,210 | 1,872,000 | 272,000 |
| Tuesday | 105,093 | 132,800 | 74,410 | 2,555,000 | 199,000 |
| Wednesday | 84,232 | 104,830 | 38,400 | 1,797,000 | 291,000 |
| Thursday | 122,245 | 84,790 | 69,010 | 1,688,000 | 221,000 |
| Friday | 111,427 | 116,390 | 88,030 | 2,225,000 | 286,000 |
| Total | 583,587 | 592,796 | 371,560 | \$11,459,000 | \$1,376,000 |

Public Debt of United States—Completed Returns Showing Net Debt as of Sept. 30 1926.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States as officially issued Sept. 30 1926, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparisons with the same date in 1925.

CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.

| | Sept. 30 1926. | Sept. 30 1925. |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Balance end month by daily statement, &c. | \$411,845,322 | \$331,588,908 |
| Add or Deduct—Excess or deficiency of receipts over or under disbursements on belated items. | +3,641,057 | -411,562 |
| | \$408,204,265 | \$331,177,346 |
| Deduct outstanding obligations: | | |
| Treasury warrants | | 4,938,161 |
| Matured interest obligations | 49,076,998 | 52,677,258 |
| Disbursing officers' checks | 74,315,958 | 67,289,886 |
| Discount accrued on War Savings Certificates | 9,435,920 | 14,518,630 |
| Settlement warrant checks | 1,702,802 | |
| Total | \$134,531,678 | \$139,423,935 |
| Balance, deficit (+) or surplus (+) | +273,672,587 | +191,753,411 |

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING.

| Title of Loan— | Interest Payable. | Sept. 30 1926. | Sept. 30 1925. |
|---|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2s, Consols of 1930 | Q.-J. | 599,724,050 | 599,724,050 |
| 2s of 1916-1936 | Q.-F. | 48,954,180 | 48,954,180 |
| 2s of 1918-1938 | Q.-F. | 25,947,400 | 25,947,400 |
| 3s of 1961 | Q.-M. | 40,800,000 | 49,800,000 |
| 3s Conversion bonds of 1946-1947 | Q.-J. | 28,894,500 | 28,894,500 |
| Certificates of Indebtedness | J.-J. | 861,148,500 | 597,345,000 |
| 3½s First Liberty Loan, 1932-1947 | J.-J. | 1,397,687,600 | 1,409,994,850 |
| 4s First Liberty Loan, converted | J.-D. | 5,156,800 | 5,157,600 |
| 4½s First Liberty Loan, converted | J.-D. | 532,874,250 | 532,873,950 |
| 4½s First Liberty Loan, second converted | J.-D. | 3,492,150 | 3,492,150 |
| 4s Second Liberty Loan, 1927-1942 | M.-N. | 20,849,600 | 20,858,200 |
| 4½s Second Liberty Loan converted | | 3,083,674,700 | 3,083,692,250 |
| 4½s Third Liberty Loan of 1928 | M.-S. | 2,353,933,250 | 2,802,477,150 |
| 4½s Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938 | A.-O. | 6,324,466,150 | 6,324,479,300 |
| 4½s Treasury bonds of 1947-1952 | | 763,948,300 | 763,948,300 |
| 4s Treasury bonds of 1944-1954 | | 1,047,087,500 | 1,047,088,500 |
| 3½s Treasury bonds of 1946-1956 | | 494,898,100 | |
| 4s War Savings and Thrift Stamps | Matured | 358,508,701 | 382,145,789 |
| 2½s Postal Savings bonds | J.-J. | 12,881,080 | 12,234,220 |
| 5½s to 5¼s Treasury notes | J.-D. | 1,197,481,300 | 2,404,241,400 |
| Aggregate of interest-bearing debt | | 19,211,408,111 | 20,143,348,789 |
| Bearing no interest | | 243,040,544 | 258,358,941 |
| Matured, interest ceased | | 18,375,880 | 16,030,550 |
| Total debt | | 19,472,824,535 | 20,417,738,280 |
| Deduct Treasury surplus or add Treasury deficit | | +273,672,587 | +191,753,411 |
| Net debt | | 19,199,151,948 | 20,255,984,869 |

a The total gross debt Aug. 31 1926 on the basis of daily Treasury statements was \$19,472,570,053.82, and the net amount of public debt redemption and receipts in transit, &c., was \$254,871.75.

b No deduction is made on account of obligations of foreign Governments or other investments.

Includes \$1,162,900 4% Loan of 1925.

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. 27 1926:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 20th inst. amounted to £152,498,130 as compared with £152,578,020 on the previous Wednesday. About £490,000 bar gold became available in the open market this week, and, with the exception of about £30,000 absorbed by India and the trade, was bought on Continental account. The Bank of England has announced the following movements of gold since our last issue:

| | Oct. 21. | Oct. 22. | Oct. 23. | Oct. 25. | Oct. 26 | Oct. 27. |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Received | | | | £250,000 | | |
| Withdrawn | £29,000 | £157,000 | £634,000 | | £466,000 | £174,000 |

The receipt by the Bank on the 25th was from South Africa in the form of sovereigns. The withdrawals were mainly in bar gold for Germany. The destinations of the £90,000 sovereigns withdrawn were as follows: £39,000 Switzerland, £34,000 Holland, £10,000 India, £7,000 Spain. During the week under review the net withdrawal from the Bank was £1,260,000, decreasing the net influx since Jan. 1 1926 to £7,731,000. The net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard now stands at £3,864,000. We are authorized to state that in virtue of the stabilization decree relating to the Belgian currency, appearing in the "Moniteur," the official quotation of exchange in Brussels will henceforth be in belga. One belga is equal to 5 Belgian paper francs and corresponds to the fine gold weight of 0.209211 grammes as a basis of stabilization. On this basis the gold contents of 35 belgas are equivalent to those of one sovereign, and the gold parity of the United States dollar is 7.19193 belgas. Nothing is to be modified as far as the circulation and the legal status of the franc notes of the Banque Nationale are concerned. United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ending the 20th inst. were:

| | Imports. | Exports. | |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------|--------|
| Russia | £23,016 | £1,097,424 | |
| British South Africa | 1,446,814 | 105,125 | |
| Other countries | 753 | 10,000 | |
| | | Austria | 21,000 |
| | | Algeria | 43,000 |
| | | Egypt | 20,400 |
| | | British India | 42,000 |
| | | Straits Settlements | 28,865 |
| | | Other countries | 12,200 |
| | £1,470,583 | £1,380,014 | |

The following figures have been cabled regarding Indian trade for September last:

| | Lacs of Rupees. |
|---|-----------------|
| Imports of merchandise on private account | 18.94 |
| Exports, including re-exports of merchandise on private account | 23.44 |
| Net imports of gold | 1.34 |
| Net imports of silver | 54 |
| Net imports of currency notes | 1 |
| Total visible balance of trade in favor of India | 2.76 |
| Net balance on remittance of funds—against India | 4 |

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for September 1926 amounted to 48,350 ounces, as compared with 49,735 ounces for August 1926 and 48,319 ounces for September 1925.

SILVER.

Prices have shown some recovery during the week, mainly on account of speculative business on China account. As there is always a large body of operators from this quarter in the market, business has been active. The sentiment is still bearish, so that, though for a time prices may show some steadiness, there is always a risk of the bear element making itself felt by fresh selling. Meanwhile, as producers—America and elsewhere—have had their confidence badly shaken, a tendency for prices to rise is usually met by freer supplies. United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ending the 20th inst. were:

| | Imports. | Exports. | |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| U. S. A. | £136,749 | £33,250 | |
| Mexico | 85,566 | British India | 311,430 |
| British West Africa | 16,086 | Other countries | 10,768 |
| Other countries | 5,259 | | |
| | £243,660 | £355,448 | |

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

| In Lacs of Rupees— | Oct. 7. | Oct. 15. | Oct. 22. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Notes in circulation | 19652 | 19168 | 19273 |
| Silver coin and bullion in India | 10262 | 10276 | 10381 |
| 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) | 5759 | 5260 | 5260 |
| Securities (British Government) | 1399 | 1400 | 1400 |

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending the 22d inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 23d inst. consisted of about 70,800,000 ounces in sycee, \$73,900,000 and 5,340 silver bars, as compared with about 70,800,000 ounces in sycee, \$74,000,000 and 3,620 silver bars on the 16th inst. Quotations during the week:

| | Bar Silver per oz. std. | Bar Gold per oz. Fine. |
|---------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Oct. 21 | Cash. 24¾d. | Two Mos. 24¾d. |
| Oct. 22 | 24¾d. | 24¾d. |
| Oct. 23 | 24¾d. | 24¾d. |
| Oct. 25 | 24 9-16d. | 24 7-16d. |
| Oct. 26 | 24 13-16d. | 24¾d. |
| Oct. 27 | 24 15-16d. | 24 11-16d. |
| Average | 24.656d. | 24.437d. |

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are each 13-16d. above those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

| London, Nov. 6. | Nov. 8. | Nov. 9. | Nov. 10. | Nov. 11. | Nov. 12. |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Week Ending Nov. 12. | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. |
| Silver, per oz. | 24¾ | 24 15-16 | 24¾ | 24 13-16 | 25¾ |
| Gold, per fine ounce | 84.11½ | 84.11½ | 84.11½ | 84.11½ | 84.11½ |
| Consols, 2½ per cents | 54¾ | 54¾ | 54¾ | 54¾ | 54 9-16 |
| British 5 per cents | 99¾ | 99¾ | 99¾ | 99¾ | 99¾ |
| British 4½ per cents | 93¾ | 93¾ | 93¾ | 93¾ | 93¾ |
| French Rentes (in Paris) fr. | 50.50 | 49.85 | 49.25 | Holiday | 50 |
| French War Loan (in Paris) fr. | 59.60 | 58.25 | 57.25 | Holiday | 59.80 |

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

| Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.): | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Foreign | 53 | 53½ | 53¾ | 53¾ | 54¾ |

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 2545.—All the statements below regarding the movement 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. |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | bbls. 196 lbs. | bush. 60 lbs. | bush. 56 lbs. | bush. 32 lbs. | bush. 48 lbs. | bush. 56 lbs. |
| Chicago | 273,000 | 659,000 | 6,662,000 | 1,476,000 | 188,000 | 84,000 |
| Minneapolis | — | 2,470,000 | 194,000 | 432,000 | 259,000 | 80,000 |
| Duluth | — | 1,473,000 | 254,000 | 20,000 | 109,000 | 239,000 |
| Milwaukee | 48,000 | 100,000 | 241,000 | 410,000 | 157,000 | 22,000 |
| Toledo | — | 321,000 | 54,000 | 198,000 | — | 3,000 |
| Detroit | — | 62,000 | 50,000 | 70,000 | — | 12,000 |
| Indianapolis | — | 60,000 | 681,000 | 216,000 | — | 14,000 |
| St. Louis | 118,000 | 605,000 | 329,000 | 442,000 | 64,000 | — |
| Peoria | 33,000 | 29,000 | 468,000 | 184,000 | 6,000 | 1,000 |
| Kansas City | — | 1,529,000 | 435,000 | 131,000 | — | — |
| Omaha | — | 330,000 | 397,000 | 82,000 | — | — |
| St. Joseph | — | 229,000 | 240,000 | 38,000 | — | — |
| Wichita | — | 531,000 | 7,000 | 8,000 | — | — |
| Sioux City | — | 34,000 | 92,000 | 14,000 | — | — |
| Total wk. '26 | 472,000 | 8,332,000 | 10,104,000 | 3,721,000 | 783,000 | 469,000 |
| Same wk. '25 | 467,000 | 7,951,000 | 3,044,000 | 3,767,000 | 1,248,000 | 477,000 |
| Same wk. '24 | 491,000 | 16,969,000 | 2,739,000 | 5,090,000 | 2,065,000 | 2,085,000 |
| Since Aug. 1— | | | | | | |
| 1926 | 7,006,000 | 165,214,000 | 66,151,000 | 56,915,000 | 17,004,000 | 16,405,000 |
| 1925 | 6,843,000 | 154,698,000 | 49,102,000 | 106,919,000 | 34,507,000 | 12,014,000 |
| 1924 | 7,277,000 | 294,269,000 | 67,225,000 | 129,540,000 | 31,238,000 | 37,526,000 |

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Nov. 6, follow:

| Receipts at— | Flour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Barley. | Rye. |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Barrels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. |
| New York | 270,000 | 1,859,000 | 43,000 | 134,000 | 604,000 | 10,000 |
| Philadelphia | 41,000 | 394,000 | 1,000 | 36,000 | — | 2,000 |
| Baltimore | 35,000 | 455,000 | 9,000 | 6,000 | 107,000 | 9,000 |
| Norfolk | 1,000 | — | — | — | — | — |
| New Orleans* | 60,000 | 300,000 | 124,000 | 24,000 | — | — |
| Galveston | — | 398,000 | — | — | — | — |
| Montreal | 70,000 | 3,007,000 | 9,000 | 56,000 | 169,000 | — |
| Boston | 48,000 | 69,000 | — | 18,000 | — | 2,000 |
| Total wk. '26 | 525,000 | 6,482,000 | 186,000 | 274,000 | 880,000 | 23,000 |
| Since Jan. 1 '26 | 21,762,000 | 200,551,000 | 6,406,000 | 5,699,000 | 28,542,000 | 28,873,000 |
| Week 1925 | 561,000 | 7,905,000 | 248,000 | 1,611,000 | 2,157,000 | 106,000 |
| Since Jan. 1 '25 | 21,316,000 | 193,436,000 | 7,146,000 | 69,052,000 | 37,369,000 | 28,728,000 |

* 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, Nov. 6, 1926, are shown in the annexed statement:

| Exports from— | Wheat, Bushels. | Corn, Bushels. | Flour, Barrels. | Oats, Bushels. | Rye, Bushels. | Barley, Bushels. |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| New York | 1,852,275 | — | 142,019 | — | — | 395,002 |
| Boston | 255,000 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Philadelphia | 260,000 | — | 1,000 | — | — | — |
| Baltimore | 504,000 | — | 1,000 | — | — | — |
| Norfolk | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| New Orleans | 396,000 | 72,000 | 24,000 | 3,000 | — | — |
| Galveston | 531,000 | — | 57,000 | — | — | — |
| Montreal | 3,999,000 | — | 157,000 | — | 404,000 | 634,000 |
| Total week 1926 | 7,797,275 | 72,000 | 394,019 | 3,000 | 404,000 | 1,029,002 |
| Same week 1925 | 4,974,272 | 221,000 | 222,806 | 1,598,277 | 145,000 | 1,133,123 |

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 Nov. 6 1926. | Since July 1 1926. | Week Nov. 6 1926. | Since July 1 1926. | Week Nov. 6 1926. | Since July 1 1926. |
| United Kingdom | 105,569 | 1,617,753 | 2,348,638 | 45,948,474 | — | 198,610 |
| Continent | 267,450 | 2,394,352 | 4,968,637 | 70,437,957 | — | 17,000 |
| So. & Cent. Amer. | 4,000 | 233,930 | 219,000 | 3,039,000 | 42,000 | 1,015,000 |
| West Indies | 17,000 | 217,000 | — | 11,000 | 30,000 | 488,000 |
| Other countries | — | 239,215 | 261,000 | 560,350 | — | — |
| Total 1926 | 394,019 | 4,702,300 | 7,797,275 | 119,996,781 | 72,000 | 1,718,610 |
| Total 1925 | 222,806 | 4,622,481 | 4,974,272 | 94,091,466 | 221,000 | 2,435,255 |

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Nov. 6, were as follows:

| | Wheat, bush. | | Corn, bush. | | Oats, bush. | | Rye, bush. | | Barley, bush. | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| | United States | Foreign | United States | Foreign | United States | Foreign | United States | Foreign | United States | Foreign |
| New York | 761,000 | — | 128,000 | — | 477,000 | — | 110,000 | — | 51,000 | — |
| Boston | 20,000 | — | 6,000 | — | 48,000 | — | 4,000 | — | — | — |
| Philadelphia | 1,264,000 | — | 12,000 | — | — | — | 28,000 | — | 1,000 | — |
| Baltimore | 2,823,000 | — | 45,000 | — | 160,000 | — | 77,000 | — | 4,000 | — |
| Newport News | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2,000 | — | — | — |
| New Orleans | 1,122,000 | — | 226,000 | — | 77,000 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Galveston | 2,010,000 | — | — | — | — | — | 160,000 | — | — | — |
| Fort Worth | 2,574,000 | — | 99,000 | — | 1,374,000 | — | 8,000 | — | 83,000 | — |
| Buffalo | 4,332,000 | — | 2,605,000 | — | 3,802,000 | — | 154,000 | — | 218,000 | — |
| " afloat. | 622,000 | — | 370,000 | — | — | — | 32,000 | — | 32,000 | — |
| Toledo | 1,966,000 | — | 72,000 | — | 290,000 | — | 53,000 | — | 6,000 | — |
| Detroit | 245,000 | — | 6,000 | — | 50,000 | — | 10,000 | — | — | — |
| Chicago | 5,739,000 | — | 14,407,000 | — | 7,216,000 | — | 2,688,000 | — | 580,000 | — |
| Milwaukee | 967,000 | — | 586,000 | — | 2,126,000 | — | 491,000 | — | 178,000 | — |
| Duluth | 8,206,000 | — | 16,000 | — | 8,890,000 | — | 4,647,000 | — | 680,000 | — |
| Minneapolis | 10,121,000 | — | 1,059,000 | — | 18,160,000 | — | 3,799,000 | — | 2,737,000 | — |
| Sioux City | 457,000 | — | 311,000 | — | 305,000 | — | 8,000 | — | 10,000 | — |
| St. Louis | 4,216,000 | — | 1,076,000 | — | 344,000 | — | 29,000 | — | 47,000 | — |
| Kansas City | 14,274,000 | — | 1,965,000 | — | 689,000 | — | 301,000 | — | 4,000 | — |
| Wichita | 4,007,000 | — | — | — | 7,000 | — | — | — | — | — |
| St. Joseph, Mo. | 980,000 | — | 504,000 | — | 102,000 | — | 69,000 | — | — | — |
| Peoria | 13,000 | — | 591,000 | — | 734,000 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Indianapolis | 1,399,000 | — | 428,000 | — | 299,000 | — | 1,000 | — | — | — |
| Omaha | 3,629,000 | — | 1,425,000 | — | 2,432,000 | — | 221,000 | — | 21,000 | — |
| On Lakes | 460,000 | — | 378,000 | — | 314,000 | — | 271,000 | — | 50,000 | — |
| On Canal and River | 174,000 | — | 19,000 | — | — | — | — | — | 128,000 | — |
| Total Nov. 6 1926 | 72,431,000 | — | 26,332,000 | — | 48,040,000 | — | 13,131,000 | — | 4,810,000 | — |
| Total Oct. 30 1926 | 72,034,000 | — | 22,258,000 | — | 48,097,000 | — | 12,828,000 | — | 4,799,000 | — |
| Total Nov. 7 1925 | 43,198,000 | — | 2,077,000 | — | 65,038,000 | — | 10,275,000 | — | 5,978,000 | — |

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 324,000 bushels; Buffalo, 121,000; Buffalo afloat, 88,000; Duluth, 39,000; total, 172,000 bushels, against 241,000 bushels in 1925. Barley, New York, 164,000 bushels; Baltimore, 107,000; Buffalo, 2,159,000; Buffalo afloat, 70,000; Duluth, 164,000; Canal, 666,000; on Lakes, 135,000; total, 3,405,000 bushels, against 3,285,000 bushels in 1925. Wheat, New York, 1,954,000 bushels; Boston, 120,000; Philadelphia, 552,000; Baltimore, 962,000; Buffalo, 5,976,000; Buffalo afloat, 1,577,000; Duluth, 272,000; Canal, 887,000; on Lakes, 946,000; total, 13,246,000 bushels, against 10,131,000 bushels in 1925.

Canadian—
 Montreal— 1,770,000 ----- 3,080,000 217,000 1,496,000
 Ft. William & Pt. Arthur 27,590,000 ----- 1,284,000 1,648,000 3,046,000
 Other Canadian— 11,975,000 ----- 1,251,000 668,000 2,262,000

Total Nov. 6 1926— 41,335,000 ----- 5,615,000 2,533,000 6,904,000
 Total Oct. 30 1926— 39,028,000 ----- 5,788,000 2,719,000 6,635,000
 Total Nov. 7 1925— 30,500,000 105,000 3,304,000 1,558,000 7,059,000

American— 72,431,000 26,332,000 48,040,000 13,131,000 4,810,000
Canadian— 41,335,000 ----- 5,615,000 2,533,000 6,904,000

Total Nov. 6 1926— 113,766,000 26,332,000 53,655,000 15,664,000 11,714,000
 Total Oct. 30 1926— 111,062,000 22,258,000 53,885,000 15,547,000 11,434,000
 Total Nov. 7 1925— 73,748,000 2,182,000 68,342,000 11,833,000 13,037,000

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Nov. 5, and since July 1 1926 and 1925, are shown in the following:

| | Wheat. | | | Corn. | | |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 1926. | | 1925. | 1926. | | 1925. |
| | Week Nov. 5 | Since July 1. | Since July 1. | Week Nov. 5. | Since July 1. | Since July 1. |
| North Amer. | Bushels. 11,224,000 | Bushels. 184,275,000 | Bushels. 135,008,000 | Bushels. 50,000 | Bushels. 1,098,000 | Bushels. 1,330,000 |
| Black Sea | 1,584,000 | 16,564,000 | 12,176,000 | 94,000 | 6,784,000 | 9,202,000 |
| Argentina | 48,000 | 10,287,000 | 22,553,000 | 5,468,000 | 80,000,000 | 63,272,000 |
| Australia | 576,000 | 8,088,000 | 14,232,000 | — | — | — |
| India | 112,000 | 3,464,000 | 2,512,000 | — | — | — |
| Oth. Countr's | 880,000 | 6,345,000 | — | 68,000 | 660,000 | 20,706,000 |
| Total | 14,424,000 | 229,023,000 | 186,481,000 | 5,680,000 | 88,542,000 | 94,510,000 |

BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &c.—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therof:

| | Amount Bonds on Deposit to Secure Circulation for National Bank Notes. | National Bank Circulation Afloat on— | | |
|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | Bonds. | Legal Tenders. | Total. |
| Aug. 31 1926 | \$ 665,889,940 | \$ 659,760,467 | \$ 39,768,777 | \$ 699,529,244 |
| July 31 1926 | 665,941,890 | 661,434,195 | 40,714,779 | 702,148,974 |
| June 30 1926 | 665,616,390 | 660,986,560 | 41,682,684 | 702,669,244 |
| May 31 1926 | 665,465,140 | 660,677,175 | 42,697,987 | 703,375,162 |
| April 30 1926 | 665,636,140 | 661,664,478 | 42,519,201 | 704,183,679 |
| Mar. 31 1926 | 665,568,140 | 661,016,470 | 44,211,319 | 705,227,789 |
| Feb. 27 1926 | 665,235,640 | 661,244,347 | 45,059,372 | 706,303,719 |
| Jan. 31 1926 | 665,363,590 | 661,298,333 | 45,060,979 | 706,349,312 |
| Dec. 31 1925 | 666,273,130 | 658,362,223 | 48,194,204 | 704,556,427 |
| Nov. 30 1925 | 660,087 | | | |

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Nov. 2—The First National Bank of Panhandle, Texas, \$50,000
Correspondent, F. A. Paul, Panhandle, Texas
Nov. 6—The Erie National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa., 250,000
Correspondent, Joseph L. Aylsworth, 1909 W. Venango St., Philadelphia, Pa.

CHARTER ISSUED.

Nov. 3—13002—The First National Bank of Roseto, Pa., \$50,000
President, Philip Sabatino.

CHANGE OF TITLE.

Nov. 1—9511—The Farmers National Bank of Millheim, Pa., to
The Farmers National Bank & Trust Co. of Millheim.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Nov. 1—7341—The First National Bank of Browns Valley, Minn., \$25,000
Effective Oct. 14 1926. Liquidating agent, D. L. Quinlan, Browns Valley, Minn. Succeeded by Union State Bank of Browns Valley, Minn.
Nov. 1—9118—The National Stock Yards National Bank, National City (P. O. National Stock Yards, Ill.), 500,000
Effective Oct. 26 1926. Liquidating agent, R. E. Law, National Stock Yards National Bank of National City, Ill., No. 12991.

CONSOLIDATION.

Nov. 2—The First National Bank of Madison, Neb. (No. 3773) -- \$50,000
and the Madison Nat. Bank, Madison, Neb. (No. 10021) -- 50,000
Consolidated under the provision of the act of Nov. 7 1918, under the charter and corporate of "The First National Bank of Madison," No. 3773, with capital stock of \$100,000.

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 Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like Carteret Oil Corp., Springfield Body Corp., and various mining stocks.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like Merchants National Bank, National Shawmut Bank, and various utility stocks.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like National Shawmut Bank, Massachusetts Cotton Mills, and various utility stocks.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like Honeybrook (Pa.) Trust Co., Corn Exchange Nat. Bank, and various utility stocks.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like March Gold, Night Hawk, and Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern Power.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table listing dividends for various companies with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and Banks.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Contains two main sections: Miscellaneous (Concluded) and Railroads (Steam).

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.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Nov. 11, 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.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 10 1926.

Table with columns for dates (Nov. 10 1926, Nov. 3 1926, Oct. 27 1926, Oct. 20 1926, Oct. 13 1926, Oct. 6 1926, Sept. 29 1926, Sept. 22 1926, Nov. 10 1925) and rows for RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, Total bills discounted, Total U. S. Government securities, Foreign loans on gold, Total bills and securities, Due from foreign banks, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Member banks—reserve account, Government, Foreign banks, Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents, Distribution by Maturities, F. R. notes received from Comptroller, F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured—By gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board, By eligible paper, Total).

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets" now made of Foreign Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, has been changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter item has been adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which are the only items included therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 10 1926.

Table with columns for cities (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.) and Total, and rows for RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold redemption fund, Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, Total bills discounted, Total U. S. Government securities, F. R. notes received from Comptroller, F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured—By gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board, By eligible paper, Total).

RESOURCES (Concluded)—Two Ciphers (00) omitted. Table with columns: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include: Other securities, Total bills and securities, Deposits, Total deposits, Total liabilities.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 3 1926.

Federal Reserve Agent at—Table with columns: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chic go., St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include: F.R. notes rec'd from Comptroller, F.R. notes issued to F.R. Bank, Total collateral.

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.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business NOVEMBER 3 1926. (Three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Federal Reserve District. Table with columns: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include: Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, Total loans and investments, Total borrowings from F.R. Bank.

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. Table with columns: Nov. 3 1926, Oct. 27 1926, Nov. 4 1925. Rows include: Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, Total loans and investments, Total borrowings from F. R. bks., Loans to brokers and dealers.

*Revised figures.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Nov. 12 1926.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2483.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Industrial & Misc., and various stock categories.

* No par value.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange was quiet but slightly firmer on light trading, with the close at the highest for the week on better strike settlement prospects.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchanges were 4 84 19-32 @ 4 84 1/2 for cheques and 4 85 3-32 @ 4 85 1/2 for cables.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling Actual—High for the week 4 84 1/2, Low for the week 4 84 3-16.

Paris Bankers' Francs—High for the week 3.33 1/2, Low for the week 3.15.

Germany Bankers' Marks—High for the week 23.75, Low for the week 23.71.

Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—High for the week 39.99 1/2, Low for the week 39.96 1/2.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$1 5625 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 2485.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2510.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing New York City Banks and Trust Companies with columns: Name, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes banks like Amer Ex Pac, Amer Union, Bowery East R, etc.

* Banks marked (*) are State banks. (†) New stock. (‡) Ex-dividend. (¶) Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing New York City Realty and Surety Companies with columns: Name, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes companies like Alliance R'tly, Amer Surety, Bond & M. G., etc.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' showing sales for various bond issues like First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, etc., with columns for dates and sales figures.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Small table showing registered bond transactions with columns: Description, Bid, Ask.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Tobey & Kirk announce that Leslie A. Taylor, formerly with J. K. Rice Jr. & Co., has become associated with them in their unlisted department.

—Harvey Fisk & Sons announce the opening of an office at 9 to 13 King William St., London, E. C. 4, under the management of Clement C. Strickland.

—Frank M. Morton, formerly with Lee, Higginson & Co. and the International Banking Corporation, has become associated with the retail sales department of Bonner, Brooks & Co. of New York.

—Frederick Leslie Free is now in charge of the trading department of Watson & White, 149 Broadway, New York.

—Henry Lounsbury, Jr., has become associated with the bond department of Harvey Fisk & Sons.

—Adams & Peck, 20 Exchange Place, New York, have issued a circular, containing illustrations, on United New Jersey Railway and Canal Co.

—P. W. Treleaven, formerly with Merrill, Lynch & Co., has become associated with the sales department of P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc.

New York Stock Exchange—Stock Record, Daily, Weekly and Yearly

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Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. Rows include various stock listings such as Atch Topeka & Santa Fe, Chicago & North Western, and others.

* Bid and asked prices. † Ex-dividend.

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Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Nov. 6 to Friday, Nov. 12); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. Lists various stocks like American Beet Sugar, American International Corp, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday Nov. 6 to Friday Nov. 12) and price ranges for various stocks.

Table with columns for Stock Name, Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 1926 (Lowest, Highest), and Range for Previous Year 1925 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various industries and companies like Indus. & Miscell., Cerro de Pasco, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. # Ex-dividend. \$ Ex-rights.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Nov. 6 to Friday, Nov. 12) and rows of stock prices per share.

Table with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925'. Rows list various stock companies and their prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth page preceding

Table with columns for HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT., and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. Includes sub-headers for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Stocks New York Stock Exchange.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day * Ex-dividend. * Ex-Rights. * Ex-dividend one share or Standard Oil of California's new.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see sixth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Nov. 6 to Friday, Nov. 12); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. Includes various stock entries like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Sears, Roebuck & Co new, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day; Ex-dividend; Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly 2501

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond records with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and Range Since Jan. 1.

155=£ Option sale

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Nov. 12), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due May. d Due Dec. e Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Nov. 12), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bid/Ask/High/Low/No. Includes sections for N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE and N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Nov. 12.

Due Jan. Due April. Due Dec. Due Oct. Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Nov. 12), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is split into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'INDUSTRIALS'.

• Due Jan. • Due May. • Due June. • Due July. • Due Aug. • Due Nov. • Option sale.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Nov. 12, Interest Period, Price Friday, Nov. 12, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond listings.

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Option sale.

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Table of New York Bond Record. Columns include: Bonds N. Y. Stock Exchange Week Ended Nov. 12, Interest Period, Price Friday, Nov. 12, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions like Pressed Steel Car conv g 5s, Prod & Ref s 8s, Pub Serv Elec & Gas, etc.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked

Table of Quotations of Sundry Securities. Columns include: Bond Name, Bid, Ask, and Basis. Categories include Standard Oil Stocks, Public Utilities, Water Bonds, and various other securities like American Gas & Electric, Blackstone Val G&E, etc.

* Option sale.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ New stock. † Flat price. ‡ Last sale. n Nominal. z Ex-dividend. † Ex-rights. ‡ Canadian quotation. § Sale price.

BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE - Stock Record

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan 1 1926

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925

Main table listing stocks with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales volume, stock names, prices, and historical performance (Lowest/Hiighest). Includes categories like Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a Assessment paid. b Ex-stock dividend. c New stock. z Ex-dividend. p Ex-rights. s Ex-dividend and rights.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Nov. 6 to Nov. 12, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Tel & Tel 4 1/2s, Atl Gulf & W I S S L 5s, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Nov. 6 to Nov. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Almar Stores, American Insurance, Baldwin Locomotive, etc.

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Nov. 6 to Nov. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Associated Dry Goods, Amer Wholesale pref., Arundel Corp new stock, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like East'n Rolling Mill new stks, Equitable Trust Co., Fidelity & Deposit, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Nov. 6 to Nov. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Adams Royalty Co, All America Radio Co, Amer Pub Serv pref, etc.

Table of stock prices for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange. 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 Cincinnati Stock Exchange. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Nov. 6 to Nov. 12, both inclusive, compiled from officials sales lists:

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Nov. 6 to Nov. 12, both inclusive, compiled from officials sales lists:

Table of stock prices for San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange. 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).

San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange Nov. 6 to Nov. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for St. Louis Stock Exchange. 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).

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Nov. 6 to Nov. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for St. Louis Stock Exchange. 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).

Main stock market table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Continued) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Nov. 6 to Nov. 12, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists.

Continuation of stock market table with columns: Week Ended Nov. 12, Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

Main financial table with columns for Stocks (Concluded)—par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and Mining Stocks.

Table with columns: Bonds (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include various bond issues like Amer Seating, American Thread, and Southern Gas Co.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The American Bond & Mortgage Co. announces from its New York offices, 345 Madison Ave., the opening of a new office in Poughkeepsie, in the Sloat Building at 2 Washington St., to provide for the increased investment demands from this section of the Hudson River Valley. The office is to be in charge of Charles Benjamin and E. E. Benjamin, formerly of the Troy and Albany offices, respectively, of the company.

—Nehemiah Friedman & Co., Inc., 29 Broadway, New York, have issued a bulletin pointing out an unprecedented situation in the stocks of some of the largest Joint Stock Land banks. Although under Federal Government supervision and showing excellent earnings, these stocks, it is claimed, are now at the lowest prices on record, affording opportunities for yields above 7%.

—Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the preferred stock, consisting of 30,000 shares, and common stock of 60,000 shares of the North American Water Works Corp., and registrar for the \$6 preferred stock of the Adirondack Power & Light Corp., consisting of 10,000 shares.

—Following the trend of banks and investment firms to New York's "Uptown Wall Street," Newman Bros. & Worms, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the opening of an office at 16 East 53rd Street, under the management of Claude S. Newman.

—Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee under the mortgage of the Colonade Construction Corporation, securing an issue of \$1,900,000 1st mtge. fee 6% sinking fund gold bond certificates due Oct. 1 1941.

—G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., announce the removal of their Los Angeles office to larger quarters in the Financial Centre Building, and the completion of arrangements for the opening of an office in San Francisco, where they will be represented by Wallace Campbell.

—Throckmorton & Co., 100 Broadway, New York, have issued an 18 page illustrated booklet which discusses diversified trustee shares representing a wide range of investment holdings in convenient readily marketable form.

—Irving Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an authorized issue of \$2,500,000 principal amount of 15-year 6 1/2% convertible gold notes of the Federal-Brandes, Inc.

—The firm of Allen, Cravin & Co. has been dissolved and the business conducted by Charles Allen Jr., as heretofore at 20 Broad St., New York, under the name of Allen & Co.

—Love, Macomber & Co., New York, have opened a Philadelphia office under the management of Austin F. Platt, in the Stock Exchange Building, 1411 Walnut Street.

Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (a) not to exceed \$96,154,800 cumulative 6% preferred stock, Series A (auth. \$100,000,000), on official notice of issue pursuant to the provisions of a plan of union or merger...

The plan has been declared operative and upon the consummation thereof the corporation will have the following authorized and issued capitalization (assuming 100% participation by the common stockholders of Columbia Gas & Electric Co. and Ohio Fuel Corp. and by the preferred stockholders of Columbia Gas & Electric Co.):

Table with 3 columns: Authorized, Issued, and Common stock. Rows include Preferred stock (par \$100), Common stock (no par value), and Cumulative 6% preferred stock, series A.

The cumulative 6% preferred stock, Series A, and the common stock of the corporation will be issued under the plan as follows: In exchange for: Common stock of Col. Gas & Elec. Co. 1,500,000 shs.

There have been deposited under the plan, as of the close of business on Oct. 29 1926, the following stocks: (a) Of Columbia Gas & Electric Co.; Common stock, 1,391,520 shares out of 1,500,000 shares issued; preferred stock, 185,760 shares out of 241,584 shares issued.

Consolidated Income Statement for 8 Months Ended Aug. 31 1926.

Income statement table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Taxes, Net earnings, and Other income.

Table showing Total income, Rentals to Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co., and Interest and preferred stock dividends of subsidiaries.

Net income available for dividends \$16,648,207. Earnings per share on 3,000,000 shares no par common \$4.28

* The provision for renewals and replacements and depletion above set forth is as tentatively set up on the books of the various constituent companies in accordance with their respective past practices which have been different in the different companies.

Surplus Account.—The consolidated surplus account for the 8 months ended Aug. 31 1926 follows: Consolidated balances of Columbia Gas & Electric Co. of W. Va., Ohio Fuel Corp. and United Fuel Gas Co., Jan. 1 1926, \$62,676,691; add net income for 8 months ended Aug. 31 1926, \$16,648,207; miscellaneous credits (net), \$2,593,469; total, \$19,241,676.

The difference between the balance of \$71,667,298 here shown, and the surplus of \$71,193,023 shown in the consolidated balance sheet as of Aug. 31 1926, is due to the action of the board of directors in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware and the certificate of incorporation of the corporation in fixing the capital applicable to the 3,000,000 shares of common stock of no par value at \$100,000,000.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Aug. 31 1926 (Giving Effect to the Plan).

[Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. of Delaware (and subsidiaries controlled by practically 100% common stock ownership).]

Large balance sheet table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Property account, Securities owned, Cash, S. Govt. securities, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Materials and supplies, Preferred stock subscriptions, Union Gas & Elec. Co., Dayton Power & Light Co., Prepaid accts, unamortized discount and expenses, Total, and Liabilities including Preferred and minority common stocks, Pref. stock 6% Series A, Common stock, Funded debt, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Accrued Federal taxes, Customers' deposits, and Other deferred items.

a Comprising electric generating stations, high voltage transmission lines, electric and gas distribution systems, gas, oil and coal fields, gasoline plants and cost of leases (at values as carried on the various constituent balance sheets herein consolidated). b Capital stocks of other companies, mostly engaged in related business, the investments in which represent less than majority ownership. c The Cincinnati Gas & Elec. Co. prior lien & ref. mtge., Series A, 7%, and Series C, 6% bonds, \$7,815,718; Union Light, Heat & Power Co. 1st mtge. Series A 6% bonds, \$2,339,050; other marketable securities, \$1,602,483. d Including proportion of surplus applicable thereto. e 3,000,000 shares, no par value. f For renewals and replacements and depletion (including miscellaneous reserves of \$1,492,198).—V. 123, p. 1873.

Cos and Curry Telephone Co., Marshfield, Ore.—

Bonds Offered.—Peirce, Fair & Co. and Mercantile Securities Co. of California are offering at 100 and int. \$650,000 1st mtge. 6% 25-year gold bonds, series "A."

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1951. Int. payable M. & N. at United States National Bank, Portland, Ore., trustee, and the Mercantile Trust Co. of Calif., San Francisco, without deduction for Federal normal income tax not exceeding 2%. Company agrees to refund Calif. personal property taxes not exceeding .5 mills. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c's. Red. 1/2 all or part, on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 103 and int. for first 10 years, 102 for next 5 years, 101 for next 5 years and 100 for last 5 years.

Data from Letter of Charles Hall, President and General Manager.

Company.—Organized in Oregon in 1914. Serves without competition all of the principal communities in Cos and Curry Counties and Western Douglas County in Oregon. Also owns 98.6% of the stock of the Del Norte Peoples Telephone Co., which serves Del Norte County and northern section of Humboldt County in California, and whose properties are merged with the Cos and Curry Telephone Co. for operating purposes. Company has arrangements for the interchange of toll business with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. The territory served in Oregon by the Cos and Curry Telephone Co., exclusive of that served by subsidiary companies, has an estimated population of 40,000 and the steady growth of the company from its organization shows the rapid development which has taken place in this territory.

Company owns and operates approximately 6,124 miles of wires and cables and 733 miles of pole lines. There are 11 exchanges in its system giving service to 4,944 telephones. The larger exchanges have the most modern equipment with many automatic service features. The largest of these exchanges, Marshfield and North Bend, were installed in 1923 and 1924, respectively. The properties of the company in Oregon were valued by the Oregon P. S. Commission for rate-making purposes as of Dec. 31 1924 at \$844,597. Since that time \$139,043 has been spent in additions and

betterments, making a total value in Oregon for rate basis purposes of \$983,640.

In addition, the company owns stocks and securities of subsidiary companies (including a controlling interest in the Oregon Telephone Co.) carried by it at \$369,811. The Oregon Telephone Co. will be a consolidation of a number of independent telephone companies operating in the northern part of the Willamette Valley, including McMinnville, Newberg, Beaverton and Hillsboro.

Outstanding Capitalization at Conclusion of This Financing.

Table showing 1st mortgage 6% gold bonds, series "A" (this issue) \$650,000, 1st preferred 7% cumulative stock 247,700, a 6% preferred voting and participating cumulative stock 200,000, and Common stock 55,000.

a All owned by the Bell Telephone Co. of Nevada.

Earnings for Calendar Years.

Table with 5 columns: Operating Revenue, Operating Expenses, Taxes, &c., Net Earnings, Interest Charges, and Bal. Before Deprec. & Income Tax. Rows for years 1922 through 1926x.

x 12 months ending Sept. 30 1926.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to refund bonds at present outstanding, to acquire securities representing a controlling interest in the Oregon Telephone Co., which securities will be pledged with the trustee under the mortgage, and for other corporate purposes.

Sinking Fund.—Under the terms of the mortgage there is provided an annual sinking fund equal to 2% of the par value of all bonds secured by this mortgage outstanding at the close of the previous fiscal year. Of this amount one-half must be used for the purchase or redemption of 1st mtge. bonds; the other half, at the request of the corporation, may be invested by the corporation in new construction, extensions and betterments, against which no bonds can be issued or must be used to purchase or redeem bonds of this issue.—V. 121, p. 3130.

Crawford County Rys.—To Redeem Bonds.—

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 40-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds dated July 1 1921 have been called for payment Jan. 1 1927 at par and int. at the Irving Bank & Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City.

The Northwestern Electric Service Co. of Pennsylvania (successor company) announces that it will purchase at any time before Jan. 1 1927 any or all of the bonds presented for such purchase at the principal office of National Bank of Commerce in New York, 31 Nassau St., N. Y. City, at par and int. to the date of purchase.

Holders have also been given the option to exchange their bonds into Associated Gas & Electric Co. preferred stock.—V. 123, p. 2039.

Denver Tramway Corp.—City Appeals Fare Cases.—

The City of Denver has appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court to set aside the decree of the U. S. District Court under which the company is collecting an 8c. fare. The city claimed that the decree is an impairment of the 1906 franchise contract which provides for a 5c. fare.—V. 123, p. 2390.

East St. Louis & Suburban Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing 12 Months Ended Sept. 30—1926 and 1925. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Taxes, Net operating revenues, and Non-operating revenues.

Table showing Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Amortization of bond discount, Other interest charges, and Depreciation reserve.

Table showing Balance and -V. 123, p. 839.

Engineers Public Service Co.—Earnings.—

[Includes Virginia Electric & Power Co. and subs.; Key West Electric Co.; Eastern Texas Electric Co. & subs.; El Paso Electric Co. & subs.; Savannah Electric & Power Co. and Baton Rouge Electric Co.]

Period Ended Sept. 30 1926—

Table showing Gross earnings, Operating expenses and taxes, Net earnings, Interest, amortization and rentals, Divs. on pref. stock sub. cos., Proportion applicable to common stock of subsidiaries in hands of public, and Dividend requirements on preferred stock (Engineers Public Service Co.).

Table showing Balance available for reserves and for common shares, -V. 123, p. 1875.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing Period—Month of September—19 6, 1925, and -9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1926. Rows include Gross revenues, Operating expenses, Fed. income & prof. tax, Interest & discount, Net income, -V. 123, p. 2138.

General Gas & Electric Corp.—Acquires Blue Mountain Electric Co.—

The purchase of the Blue Mountain Electric Co. by the above corporation was announced on Nov. 9. The Blue Mountain Electric Co. serves about 2,000 customers in a thriving agricultural section in the northern part of Berks and Lebanon counties, Pa. It now becomes a part of the Metropolitan Edison Co. of Reading, Pa., the largest subsidiary of General Gas & Electric Corp., and will be included in the latter's Pennsylvania-New Jersey Power System, being an important extension to that system.

Part of the electric power supply of the Blue Mountain Electric Co. is generated at two hydro-electric stations. The greater portion, however, has been purchased from the Metropolitan Edison Co. and then retailed to customers. Communities served include Jonestown, Fredericksburg, Rehrersburg, Strausstown, Shartlesville, Stouchsburg and Bethel. The hydro-electric stations are located at Jonestown and Bethel.—V. 123, p. 2390.

Georgia Power Co.—Stock Authorized.—

The Georgia P. S. Commission has authorized the company to issue 2,000,000 shares of no par value stock and \$4,500,000 of second preferred stocks. See also V. 123, p. 1633.

Houston Lighting & Power Co.—Listing.—

There have been added to the Boston Stock Exchange list \$2,000,000 additional first lien and refunding mortgage gold bonds, series A, 5%, due March 1 1953, making the amount of series A bonds now authorized for the list, \$6,000,000.

Earnings Years Ended Sept. 30—

Table showing 1926 and 1925. Rows include Gross earnings from operations, Operating expenses and taxes, Net earnings from operations, and Other income.

Table showing Total income, Interest on bonds, Other interest and deductions, Preferred stock dividend, and Balance.

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Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1926.

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash, Notes and loans receivable, Accounts receivable, etc. Liabilities include 7% preferred stock, Com. (200,000 shs. no par), Funded debt, etc. Total: \$20,421,437.

Combined Earnings Twelve Months Ended Sept. 30 1926.

Table showing earnings components: Gross income, Operating expenses, Interest, dividends, etc. Balance before reserves and interest on L. I. Ltg. Co. bonds: \$3,277,761.

Table showing Capitalization Outstanding (as of Sept. 30 1926, and Incl. Present Financing). Includes First mortgage 5% sinking fund gold bonds, Nassau Light & Power Co. 1st M. 5s, 1927 (closed), etc.

Great Falls Power Co.—Tenders.—The Bankers Trust Co., 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Dec. 6 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. bonds, dated May 1 1911, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$171,280 at prices not exceeding 107 1/2 and interest.

Indiana Gas Utilities Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—The National Bank of Commerce in New York is prepared to deliver definitive 1st mtge. gold bonds, 5% series due 1946, in exchange for the temporary bonds now outstanding. See also V. 123, p. 324, 581.

International Power Securities Corp.—Annual Report.

Table showing Profit & Loss Account Year Ended Sept. 30 1926. Total income: \$1,226,811. Net income: \$69,469. Dividends: 72,072.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1926.

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Total investments, Cash, Subscribers to cap. stock, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Funded debt, etc. Total: \$24,390,876.

Kansas City Kaw Valley & Western Ry.—Court Orders \$224,000 Bonds Issued to J. J. Heim Returned to Company's Treasury—\$846,000 1st Mtge. Bonds Now Outstanding.

In a recent decree the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals sustained the finding of the lower Court ordering Joseph J. Heim to return to the treasury of the company (together with repayment of interest received by Mr. Heim) \$224,000 in principal amount of the first mortgage bonds issued to him shortly before the appointment of a receiver for the company in 1924.

On July 18 1924 Harry C. Jobs was appointed receiver for the company. On Jan. 3 1925 the receiver brought this ancillary suit against Joseph Heim to set aside a contract entered into between the company and Heim under which \$224,000 first mortgage bonds were delivered to Heim in exchange for \$212,000 second mortgage bonds and \$47,565 defaulted second mortgage interest coupons, and for the recovery of \$6,720 interest paid to Heim on such first mortgage bonds.

Keystone Telephone Co. of Phila.—New Director.—George W. Hebdon, Vice-President and Philadelphia Manager for C. Allyn & Co., Chicago bankers, has been elected to the boards of the Keystone Telephone Co. of Philadelphia and the Keystone Telephone Co. of New Jersey.

Kingston Consolidated (Electric) RR.—Fare Petition.—The company has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to charge a 10 cent cash fare and 3 tickets for 25 cents, with transfer privileges with the Kingston City Transportation Corp., operating buses in that city.

London (Ont.) Street Ry.—Terms of Purchase by City.—The City Council of London, Ont. at a special session Nov. 5 concluded its negotiations with the company to provide for a plebiscite at the municipal elections on Dec. 6 on two alternative propositions, viz:

- (1) Purchase of the system in its present condition at a cost of \$1,135,351. Ratepayers only to vote on this question.
(2) Extension of the company's franchise granting the company exclusive rights for cars and busses. All municipal voters will be entitled to pass on this.

Long Island Lighting Co.—Bonds Sold.—W. C. Langley & Co. and Bonbright & Co., Inc., New York, have sold at 99 1/2 and interest, \$2,000,000 additional first refunding mortgage gold bonds, series B 5%. Dated Sept. 1 1925; due Sept. 1 1955. (See description in V. 122, p. 3453.)

Issuance.—Authorized by the New York Public Service Commission. Data from Letter of E. L. Phillips, President of the Company. Business.—Company and its constituent company, Queens Borough Gas & Electric Co., supply substantially the entire electric light and power and gas service on Long Island up to the New York City Line, and the Rockaway District of the Borough of Queens, except the gas service in a portion of the County of Nassau.

Lower Austrian Hydro-Electric Co. ("Newag").—Earnings. Eight Months Ended Aug. 31—1926. Gross earnings: \$472,564. Net earnings, after expenses but before interest: \$212,854.

F. J. Lislman & Co., in a statement issued Nov. 9, state: "Beginning with June of this year, each month has shown a steady increase in gross and net, and seasonal improvement is expected to continue to the end of the year. Reduced rates to the City of Vienna have been accompanied by an increase in gross revenues over 1925, and the higher ratio of operations due to this factor and to favorable contracts for the supply of electricity which the company has recently undertaken, should be reflected in improving net income."

Metropolitan Edison Co.—Acquisition.—See General Gas & Electric Corp. above.—V. 123, p. 1634.

Middle West Utilities Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—Period Ended Sept. 30 1926—Quarter. 12 Mos. Gross operating revenues: \$22,764,578. Net income, after taxes: \$8,949,666.

Midwestern Power Co.—To Pay Notes.—The \$520,000 1 year 6% notes due Nov. 15 will be paid off at office of the trustee.—V. 121, p. 3004.

Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Co.—Earnings.—12 Months Ended Sept. 30—1926. Operating revenues: \$25,887,850. Operating expenses: 15,280,087. Taxes: 2,253,483.

Table showing Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30. Assets: Property & plant, Treasury securities, Sundry invest., etc. Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Funded debt, etc.

Mohawk-Hudson Power Corp.—Earnings.—Period Ended Sept. 30 1926—Month. 9 Months. Gross revenue of subsidiaries: \$2,423,925. Net income: \$412,888.

New Britain Gas Light Co.—Rights.—The stockholders of record Nov. 15 1926 will be entitled to subscribe for one share of new stock at par (\$25) for every four shares then held. The right to subscribe will expire on Dec. 1 1926 and payment for new stock must be made on Jan. 15 1927.—V. 123, p. 2391.

New England Public Service Co.—Earnings.—The company and its subsidiaries report gross operating revenues amounting to \$3,082,994 for the quarter ended Sept. 30 1926, while net after taxes amounted to \$1,332,260. Gross operating revenues for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1926, are reported at \$11,723,374, and net after taxes, \$5,690,620.—V. 123, p. 1251.

New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—The executive committee on Nov. 8 authorized the expenditure of \$792,995 for new construction and improvements in plant, necessary to meet the demand for service. Including previous authorizations the total commitment of the company for plant expenditures this year is \$28,771,327.—V. 123, p. 2261, 2139.

New Jersey Power & Light Co.—Merger Approved.—The New Jersey P. U. Commission has approved the merger of the Newton Gas Co. and the Washington Gas Co. into the New Jersey Power & Light Co.—V. 123, p. 2391.

Newport News & Hampton Ry., Gas & Electric Co. and Subsidiaries.—Earnings.—Income Account 12 Months Ended Sept. 30 1926. Gross earnings: \$2,016,386. Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes: 1,208,467.

Balance to surplus: \$169,981.—V. 123, p. 1114.

Norfolk Ry. & Light Co.—To Be Merged with Virginia Electric & Power Co.—

The Virginia Electric & Power Co. offers to acquire the capital stock of the Norfolk company on the following basis: Option 1.—For each share of capital stock, \$33 in cash; or Option 2.—For each unit of 3 shares of stock of the Norfolk company, one share of 6% cum. pref. stock of the Virginia company and \$9 in cash.

Holders of the capital stock of the Norfolk company desiring to take advantage of either options should forward indorsed stock certificates to Stone & Webster, Inc., Boston, Richmond Trust Co., Richmond, Va., transfer agents, or to J. William Middendorf & Sons, bankers, 209 Keyser Bldg., Baltimore, not later than Dec. 31. If option No. 1 is elected, the transfer agent will mail to stockholders the cash to which they are entitled within 10 days of the date of receipt of the stock.

The properties of the Norfolk company are now operated by the Virginia company under a 99-year lease expiring in 2005. Under the terms of the lease dividends on the capital stock, listed on the Baltimore Stock Exchange, are limited to \$1 50 a share and are paid by the Virginia company.—V. 106, p. 925.

North Jersey Rapid Transit Co.—Sale.—

Supplementing the New Jersey Chancery Court action of Sept. 7 the New Jersey P. Commission has approved the application of Henry H. Parmlee, receiver, for the sale of the property and franchises of the company to the Public Service Ry. for \$200,000.—V. 118, p. 2305.

Northern Indiana Public Service Co.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 98½ and int. \$11,500,000 1st & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, series C.

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1966. Int. payable M. & N. at offices of Halsey, Stuart & Co. in Chicago, and New York, without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,00 \$500 and \$1000*. Red., all or part, at any time upon 30 days' notice at following prices and int.: To Nov. 1 1941 at 105, on and from Nov. 1 1941 to Nov. 1 1951 at 104, on and from Nov. 1 1951 to Nov. 1 1961 at 103, on Nov. 1 1961 at 102½, less ¼ of 1% for each full year elapsed after Oct. 31 1961 to Nov. 1 1965, on Nov. 1 1965 and thereafter to maturity at 100.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Indiana P. S. Commission.

Data from Letter of Chairman Samuel Insull, Chicago, Oct. 25.

Company.—Formerly Calumet Gas & Electric Co. Has acquired by merger all the properties of Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co. Properties are employed almost entirely in the production and sale of electricity and gas. The principal territory served by the company is the great manufacturing centre immediately south of Lake Michigan.

Capitalization Outstanding in Hands of Public after this Financing. 6% preferred stock, cumulative (par \$100).....\$2,500,000 7% preferred stock, cumulative (par \$100)..... 8,900,000 Common stock (1,356,900 shares) no par value.....13,529,000

Purpose of Issue.—Proceeds of these bonds will be used to retire and cancel \$2,500,000 6% series A bonds outstanding under the 1st & ref. mtge. and \$4,500,000 3-year 5½% secured gold notes, series A, issued by the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co. towards reimbursing the company for capital expenditures heretofore made, and for the expansion of its general gas and electric service to provide for the rapid growth of its territory.

Earnings of Properties now Owned—12 Months Ended June 30 1926. Gross revenue (including other income).....\$10,883,636 Operating expenses, including maintenance and taxes..... 6,955,652

Net before depreciation.....\$3,927,983 Annual interest on funded debt to be outstanding upon completion of this financing..... 1,405,620 Control.—Company's outstanding common stock is owned or controlled by the Midland Utilities Co.

See Calumet Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 123, p. 1877.

Northern Ohio Power & Light Co.—Bonds Ready.—

Hodenpyl, Hardy & Co., Inc., announce that permanent engraved general and refunding mortgage gold bonds, 5½% series, due 1951 of the Northern Ohio Power & Light Co. are now ready at the office of the trustee, the National City Bank of New York, for exchange for outstanding temporary bonds. (For offering see V. 122, p. 3084).—V. 123, p. 2139.

North West Utilities Co.—Earnings.—

For the quarter ended Sept. 30 1926, the company and subsidiaries report gross operating revenues of \$2,633,073, and net after taxes of \$959,259. For the 12 months ended Sept. 30 gross operating revenues were \$10,500,417, and net after taxes \$4,007,276.—V. 122, p. 3211.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Rights.—

The company despatches from San Francisco state, is expected shortly to announce plans for the offering to its common stockholders the right to purchase at par new common stock on the basis of 10% of their holdings.

9 Months Ended Sept. 30— 1926. 1925. Gross revenue and miscellaneous income.....\$37,954,857 \$35,862,463 x Operating expenses..... 22,130,794 21,875,228

Net earnings.....\$15,824,063 \$14,287,235 Bond interest and discount..... 6,258,126 5,693,277

Net profit before depreciation.....\$9,565,937 \$8,593,958 x Includes Federal taxes and reserves for casualties and uncollectible accts. Vice-President A. F. Hockenbeamer says: "Kilowatt sales of electric energy increased 12% and gas sales 8% as compared with the corresponding period of 1925. The increase in gross does not fully reflect the increase in physical volume of sales, owing to reductions made in gas rates to equalize lower oil costs.

Penn-Ohio Edison Co.—Exchange of Stock.—

See Penn-Ohio Securities Corp. below.—V. 123, p. 1505.

Penn-Ohio Securities Corp.—Preferred Stock Called.—

All of the outstanding \$6 cum. pref. stock has been called for redemption Nov. 30, the holder of each share of said stock to receive in exchange one share of the \$6 cum. pref. stock of Penn-Ohio Edison Co. All holders of the pref. stock of Penn-Ohio Securities Corp. have been notified to present the same on or before Nov. 30 1926, at the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York City.

Pennsylvania Gas & Electric Corp.—Div. No. 4.—The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 37½ cents per share on the class "A" stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20; Holders are given the option of taking in lieu of cash additional class "A" stock at the rate of 1-40th of 1 share for each share now held.

Peoples Gas & Electric Co. of Oswego.—Pref. Stock Call.—

The company has called for redemption on Dec. 1 next 524 shares of pref. stock at \$55 per share. Payment will be made at the office of the company in Oswego, N. Y.—V. 122, p. 2192.

Peoples Light & Power Corp.—Additional Acquisitions.—

The company has acquired the Greensburg (Ind.) Water Co., the Pickaway Water Co., Circleville, Ohio, and the Washington Water Co., Washington Court House, Ohio, all serving their respective communities with water.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—To Increase Capital Stock.—The stockholders will vote in January on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$85,000,000 to \$150,000,000, par \$25. If this increase is approved, it is proposed to issue additional stock to the stockholders at par to the extent of 16 2-3% of the present outstanding capital stock.

Piedmont & Northern (Elec.) Ry.—To Increase Stock.—

The stockholders will vote Dec. 8 on increasing the authorized capital stock to 200,000 shares to finance the construction of 65 miles of new electric railway between Spartanburg, S. C., and Gastonia, N. C. The late J. B. Duke, who controlled the road, postponed plans for extending it during the war.

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.—New Director.—

At meetings of the boards of directors of the subsidiary companies the corporation the resignation of Walton Clark of Philadelphia as a director was received and accepted. Arthur W. Thompson, President of the United Gas Improvement Co. of Philadelphia, was elected to succeed him.

Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

Drexel & Co., Philadelphia, and Bonbright & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at 102¼ and div., to yield about 5.87%, \$15,000,000 additional 6% cum. pref. (a. & d.) stock, 1925 series.

Dividends payable Q-M. Divs. exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Red., all or part, on any div. date after 3 years from date of issue thereof upon 30 days' notice at \$110 and divs. Transfer agents J. P. Morgan & Co., New York; Drexel & Co., Philadelphia, and company's office, Newark, N. J. Registrars, Guaranty Trust Co., New York; Fidelity-Philadelphia Tr. Co., Phila., and Fidelity Union Tr. Co., Newark, N. J.

Capitalization Outstanding After Giving Effect to This Financing.

Common stock, no par value.....\$110,000,000 7% cumulative preferred stock, par \$100..... b20,000,000 6% cumulative preferred stock, 1925 series, par \$100..... 30,000,000 1st and refunding mortgage gold bonds..... 43,441,900

Business and Territory.—Company, in respect of gross earnings and number of customers, is believed to be the largest operating public utility company of its kind in the world.

Property.—Company's electric system includes 10 generating stations with an aggregate rated capacity of over 720,000 h.p., approximately 1,305 miles of transmission lines and 32,000 miles of distribution wire, serving over 677,000 electric customers. Its gas system includes 12 generating plants with an aggregate capacity of 112,000,000 cubic feet daily and approximately 4,000 miles of mains, serving over 696,000 gas customers.

Earnings Years Ended Sept. 30— 1925. 1926.

Gross revenue.....\$64,324,136 \$72,984,534 Operating expenses and taxes..... 36,704,420 41,082,186 Depreciation..... 5,887,514 6,725,447

Net earnings.....\$21,732,202 \$25,176,901 Fixed charges, rentals, &c..... 9,924,630

Balance for dividends.....\$15,252,271

Annual dividend requirements on pref. stock (incl. this issue)..... 3,200,000

Balance.....\$12,052,271

Of the net operating revenue for the year ended Sept. 30 1926 approximately 67% was derived from the electric business and 33% from the gas business.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this additional stock on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 123, p. 2392.

Public Service Ry., N. J.—Acquisition.—

See North Jersey Rapid Transit Co. above.—V. 122, p. 3455

The stockholders will vote Nov. 23 on: (1) Consenting to the execution of a collateral trust indenture (in such form and to such trustee as may be approved by the directors)...

(2) Consenting to the initial issue under the collateral trust indenture of \$10,000,000 series A 5 1/2% convertible collateral trust gold bonds...

The new issue will represent one of the most important pieces of public utility financing on the coast this year. The financing is scheduled for the near future and the \$10,000,000 bond issue will replace the outstanding 6 1/2% debentures...

West Penn Electric Co.—Earnings.— 12 Months Ended Sept. 30— 1926. 1925. Gross revenue. \$30,857,592 \$33,539,482

Westphalia United Electric Power Corp. (Vereingte Elektrizitatwerke Westfalen (G. m. b. H.), Germany.— Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets— June 30 '26, Dec 31 '25. Marks. Marks. Liabilities— June 30 '26, Dec 31 '25. Marks. Marks.

Wisconsin Electric Power Co.—Earnings.— 12 Months Ended Sept. 30— 1926. 1925.

Operating revenues \$1,761,949 \$1,594,205 Operating expenses 20,502 20,912 Taxes 80,262 93,579

Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30. 1926. 1925.

Assets— 1926. 1925. \$ \$ Liabilities— 1926. 1925. \$ \$

Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.— 12 Months Ended Sept. 30— 1926. 1925.

Operating revenues \$5,404,980 \$4,853,446 Operating expenses 3,350,191 2,970,533 Taxes 439,009 372,901

Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30. 1926. 1925.

Assets— 1926. 1925. \$ \$ Liabilities— 1926. 1925. \$ \$

Worcester Consolidated Street Ry.—Earnings.—

Period— 1926. 1925. Quar. End. Sept. 30—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30— 1926. 1925.

In the quarter ended Sept. 30 1926 the company carried 7,438,188 passengers at an average fare of 9.36c., compared with 8,525,205 passengers and average fare of 9.29c. in the same quarter a year ago.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Refined Sugar Prices.—On Nov. 10 Federal reduced price 5 points to 5.65c. per lb.

Garment Workers End Strike.—Agreement Indicates Set Back for Union.— 19-week struggle ends as leaders of union and manufacturers agree to settlement.

Textile Strike in Passaic, N. J.—First mill to break away from the lineup of manufacturers and to recognize formally the American Federation of Labor, is the Passaic Worsted Spinning Co.

Coal Miners in Virginia Are Given 30% Wage Increase Based on General Favorable Conditions.—New York "Times" Nov. 9, p. 20.

McKeesport Tin Plate Co. Workers Strike.—700 employees walk out because of instruction to run metal through the rolls 3 times instead of twice and certain strips 5 times instead of 4.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Nov. 6.—(a) Formation of 9 cotton finance corporations with capital of \$16,000,000 undertaken, according to E. Meyer, Chairman of Cotton Committee.

Air Reduction Co., Inc.—Listing.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 9,915 additional shares of common stock.

The Commercial Acetylene Supply Co., Inc., is a New Jersey corporation with an authorized capital of \$200,000.

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Gross income for 9 months ended Sept. 30 1926 (Air Reduction Co.) \$9,334,556 Operating expenses 5,988,986

Condensed Operating Statement for Fiscal Periods (Commercial Acetylene Supply Co., Inc.) 9 Mos. 1926. Year 1925.

Balance applicable to 4,320 shares common \$178,228 \$196,697

Comparison Balance Sheet. (Air Reduction Co.) Sept. 30 '26, Dec 31 '25.

Assets— Sept. 30 '26, Dec 31 '25. \$ \$ Liabilities— Sept. 30 '26, Dec 31 '25. \$ \$

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings.— Month of October— 1926. 1925.

Gross profit \$187,000 \$202,000 Deficit after interest and capital expenses 23,250 sur9,950

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—Unfilled Orders.— The unfilled orders on hand as of Nov. 1 amounted to approximately \$12,993,000, as compared with \$13,323,325 on Sept. 30 and \$10,147,073 at the beginning of the year.

Amerada Corp.—Seminole Well Increases Flow.— The corporation announces a large increase in the flow of oil through the deepening of well State No. 1, near Earlsboro, in the Seminole Pool.

Indian Motocycle Co.—*Suit.*

A Boston dispatch, Nov. 4, states: Albert W. Morris, of Springfield, Mass. has entered in the Suffolk Superior Court a \$1,000,000 suit against the company and several individuals to recover for alleged false representations made to him which, he says, induced him to purchase in 1921 for \$100,000 the stock of the Harley Co. of Springfield.

He alleges that the defendants represented to him that the liabilities of the Harley Co. were \$733,840, its assets \$1,700,000, and its earnings at least \$100,000 a year, and that its certificate of condition filed at the State House represented its true financial condition. These representations, he charges, were false.—V. 123, p. 2388, 2270.

International Milling Co. (of Delaware).—*Report.*

Table with columns: Years End. Aug. 31, 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24, 1922-23. Rows: Trading profits, Interest on bonds, Pref. dividends (7%), Common dividends, Rate, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Total, Organizational exp. & comm. on pref. stock sold.

Total surplus \$3,239,043 \$2,747,916 \$2,434,411 \$2,146,924. x After making full provision for Federal and Canadian taxes. y Adjusted to include assets taken over from the International Milling Co. of Minnesota Aug. 31, 1922, less dividends paid for account of Minnesota Co. to June 1 1923 as per agreement.

Balance Sheet August 31.

Table with columns: 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Rows: Assets: Property & plant, Cash, Accts. receivable, Investments, Sundry assets, Inventories, Prepaid accounts. Liabilities: Preferred capital, Common stock, First mtge. bonds, Notes payable, Accts. payable, Prof. div. accrued, Taxes, int., comm., &c., accrued, Reserve for maint. & depreciation, Conting. reserve, Other reserves.

Tot. (each side) \$11,444,961 \$9,678,411. Note.—Contingent liabilities: (a) In respect of drafts on customers, \$1,422,631, discounted at bank in the ordinary course of business; (b) in respect of contracts for permanent improvements not completed at Aug. 31 1926, \$12,314 (approximately). x Accounts receivable, less reserves. y For possible additional assessments for Federal taxes for prior years.—V. 121, p. 2165.

International Paper Co.—*Tenders.*

The Bankers Trust Co., 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Nov. 24 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st and 2nd ref. 5% sinking fund mtge. bonds, series A and series B, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,611, at prices not exceeding 102 1/2 and int.—V. 123, p. 2399, 2270.

International Securities Trust of America.—*Increasing Common Dividend.*

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 42 cents per share on the common stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. This represents an advance of 3 cents over the quarterly dividend of 39 cents per share paid on the common shares Sept. 1, and is equivalent to \$1 26 on every share of common stock outstanding before July 24 1926, when the shareholders authorized a stock distribution of 200%. Compare V. 123, p. 851.

International Standard Electric Corp.—*New Order.*

The International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. reports that the Oslo (Norway) office of its associated company, the International Standard Electric Corp., is in receipt of an order from the Danish Telegraph Administration for a 5 k.w. broadcasting equipment to be installed in Kalundborg, Denmark. Equipment will be manufactured by the International Standard Electric's London associated company. The station probably will operate on a wave length of 1,150 meters and be completed by the summer of 1927. Towers, foundations, houses and power plant will be supplied by Danish firms.—V. 123, p. 2271, 1884.

Island Creek Coal Co.—*Production.*

Table with columns: Month of, October, September, August, July. Row: Coal produced (No. of tons) 603,556 599,700 579,783 588,120.—V. 123, p. 2271, 2004.

Jones Bros. Tea Co., Inc.—*Earnings.*

Net profits, after charges and Federal taxes, for the nine months ended Oct. 2 1926, amounted to \$142,815.—V. 123, p. 720.

Keystone Clearance Co., Del.—*Stock Offered.*

See Keystone Tire & Rubber Co. below.

Keystone Tire & Rubber Co.—*Stockholders Given Right to Subscribe for Stock of Keystone Clearing Co.*

The stockholders have been given the right to subscribe on or before Nov. 23 for 100,000 shares of common (treasury) stock (no par value) of the Keystone Clearing Co. at \$5 per share. Payment may be made either in full or in installments, viz.: 30% upon subscription, 35% within 30 days and 35% within 60 days of subscription.

A circular, dated Nov. 3, contains the following:

Business.—The Keystone Clearance Co. has been organized for the purpose of engaging principally in the wholesale business of buying and selling surplus tires and also those of the so-called blemished class.

Owing to the impossibility of accurately anticipating the trade demand for each of the various sizes produced, practically every factory from time to time accumulates excess stocks, which are known as surplus tires. As a result of manufacturing difficulties, tires frequently are marred or blemished during the process of construction or even after completion, and, while in most cases their qualities have not been impaired, they are nevertheless disposed of for cash at a sacrifice in price. These two classes—known in the trade as job lots—constitute the source of supply for this business. According to a recent Federal Census report, the 126 tire manufacturing plants in the United States produced last year 58,784,000 casings and 77,387,000 tubes. While no official figures are available, we estimate that surplus and blemished tires represent about 10% of the annual production, or over 5,000,000 casings and 7,000,000 tubes based on the output of 1925. Obviously manufacturers cannot afford to scrap these products, or offer them to their dealers at reduced prices and thereby compete with their own standard lines, or carry them indefinitely with the expectation of an increase in demand. Therefore it has become the practice of the industry to convert them into cash at a sacrifice under the cost of manufacture. The urgency of the manufacturer's need of cash, but on the buyer's financial ability to effect purchases involving large amounts together with his skill and judgment in interpreting market conditions, the trade standing of the brand, dealer requirements and other factors. Thus the business necessitates not only an ample supply of liquid capital, but a buying knowledge founded upon an intimate familiarity with the various phases pertaining to the production and distribution of tires.

Capitalization.—Authorized, 250,000 shares of common stock (no par value), full paid and non-assessable; outstanding, 66,666 shares; in treasury, 183,334 shares. No funded debt; no preferred stock.

Market.—Apparently there is an increasing tendency among the buyers of both new and used cars to consider their purchases as temporary investments that can be turned in or sold after a year or two. This mental attitude may account for the growing custom of buying only those tire replacements that are necessary to keep cars running with the utmost economy to their temporary owners, and probably explains one of the reasons why the consumer demand for job lot tires greatly exceeds the supply.

There are over 100,000 tire dealers in business. More than 70,000 of them handle job lot tires when available, because they are considered excellent "leaders" or "specials" for attracting business on account of the comparatively low prices at which they can be profitably retailed. With minor exceptions these dealers have neither sufficient liquid capital nor the necessary outlet to enable them to buy in quantities direct from the manufacturers. The wholesale field which we propose to enter offers no important competition and affords a waiting market which requires very little sales effort.

The Keystone Tire & Rubber Co. has agreed to provide all necessary operating facilities and perform all necessary operating functions for this company at cost, depending for its profit, first, upon any dividends received through its ownership of 20% of the total stock of this company to be presently outstanding, which it has retained as consideration for a contract covering the execution of those important services, and, second, upon the increased sale of its own products that probably will result through the opening of new dealer accounts for our goods. Since the Keystone Tire & Rubber Co. can absorb these operations within its own organization with very little, if any, added expense, and yet be compensated at cost, it is clear that both corporations have considerable to gain and nothing to lose through this arrangement.

The Keystone Tire & Rubber Co. has over 2,000 dealer-customers, most of whom are frequently in the market for job lot tires to handle in conjunction with their regular lines. This outlet alone should take care of a considerable volume of our sales.

Sub-distributors will be appointed in various territories so that factory shipments may be routed direct for quick and economical delivery to dealers.

Practically all buying and selling operations are transacted on a cash basis.

Management.—The present officers and managers of this company are employed by the Keystone Tire & Rubber Co. in various executive positions, and they have agreed that, while receiving salaries as at present from the parent company, they will administer the affairs of this corporation upon completion of this financing for a period of two years without additional compensation, unless in the mean time dividends shall have been inaugurated on the common stock, in which event they will accept only such remuneration as the directors may at the time consider adequate. As protection to its stockholders, this company proposes to apply for adequate insurance against the death or disability of the present officers.

Earnings.—In estimating prospective net earnings, we have been guided by the profits of the Keystone Tire & Rubber Co. during the time the present officers of this company were actively identified with it. Based on operations covering two consecutive years, average net profits of 63% per annum were realized upon the working capital employed. During the same period total cash dividends of \$410,778 and stock dividends of \$224,835 were paid. Since then the jobbing market has broadened in scope and increased substantially in volume, while no material gain in competition has occurred. We therefore believe it is conservative to estimate that the percentage of net earnings to be realized on the working capital of this company will be equally as favorable.

Inasmuch as the tire jobbing business does not require a fixed investment in factories and machinery, the maintenance of which creates a charge against earnings, the directors intend to be as liberal in the distribution of dividends as sound business judgment will permit. Based on the foregoing estimate of earnings, substantial dividends could be paid the first year, leaving a surplus to be added to the initial working capital.

Stock.—The purpose of the above offering is to provide a working capital of \$500,000 less minor deductions for organization expenses. This issue consists of 100,000 shares of common (treasury) stock at \$5 per share. Subscription books will be closed Nov. 23 1926. The company has granted an option to purchase any unsubscribed portion of this issue and has been assured that no public sales will be made at less than \$7.50 per share. Pending such time as it is deemed advisable to apply for the listing of the shares on one of the Exchanges, the company will make every effort to secure a wide "over-the-counter" market among responsible local brokers.

General.—The officers of the company recently have received several attractive tenders of surplus tire and other stocks and upon completion of this financing expect to be in a position to close these transactions upon favorable terms. A number of applications already have been received from large and responsible dealers for appointment as sub-distributors in various territories throughout the United States. Other plans for the development of a business of major importance in this field are now under consideration or in process of formation.

Directors are: George A. Dorfman (President), Isidore Brenner (Treas.), William Jacobs, John W. Creedon (Sec.) and William H. Lofink (V.-Pres.).—V. 122, p. 2340.

(G. R.) Kinney Co.—Sales.—Table with columns: 1926—Oct.—1925, 1926—10 Mos.—1925, Increase. Rows: \$1,635,547 \$1,789,517 \$153,970 \$14,092,078 \$13,856,477 \$235,601.—V. 123, p. 1884, 1513.

(S.) Kresge Co.—October Sales.—Table with columns: 1926—Oct.—1925, 1926—10 Mos.—1925, Increase. Rows: \$10,934,837 \$9,992,234 \$942,603 \$37,810,650 \$78,556,814 \$9,253,836.—V. 123, p. 2271, 2147.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Sales.—Table with columns: 1926—October—1925, 1926—10 Mos.—1925, Increase. Rows: \$4,260,119 \$4,046,420 \$213,699 \$37,379,069 \$33,245,151 \$4,133,918.—V. 123, p. 1884, 1769.

Lago Oil & Transport Co.—*Offer to Stockholders.*

See Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co. below.—V. 123, p. 2400.

Libby-Owens Sheet Glass Co.—*Extra Cash Dividend*

of \$1.—The directors have declared an extra cash dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock in addition to the usual quarterly dividends of 1 3/4% on the preferred and 50c. per share on the common stock, all payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20. A year ago the company paid a 20% stock dividend and an extra cash dividend of \$1 per share, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. on the common stock.—V. 121, p. 2999.

(Louis K.) Liggett Co.—*Sales.*

Table with columns: Period Ended Oct. 31—1926—Month—1925, 1926—10 Mos.—1925. Row: Sales \$4,876,239 \$3,767,359 \$43,044,847 \$34,796,632.—V. 123, p. 1884, 1513.

Lion Oil Refining Co.—*Earnings.*

Table with columns: 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows: Profit on sales, Expenses, Net operating profit, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Interest charges, Net income. Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30, 1926, 1925.

Table with columns: 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Rows: Assets: Producing prop. & equipment, Refg. plant, pipe lines, t'k cars, &c., Cash, Accts. & notes rec., Inventories, Prepaid expenses. Liabilities: Cap. stk. & surp., 1st M. 7% g. bds., Notes & accts. pay, Pur. money oblig., Res. for deprec. & depletion, Res. for accruals, Tank car install't trust notes, Def'd liabilities.

Tot. (each side) \$10,446,958 \$7,505,019. x Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 1256.

Loew's, Inc.—*New Vice-President.*

Col. Edward A. Schiller, Gen. Mgr. of Loew's State and Orpheum theatres, and for years actively participating in the operation of the Loew Circuit and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures Corp., has been elected Vice-President of the corporation to succeed the late Joseph L. Rhinock.—V. 123, p. 2271.

Loew's Boston Theatres Co.—Annual Report.—
Financial Statement Year Ended Aug. 31 1926.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Net profit after Federal taxes | \$196,618 |
| Depreciation | 73,168 |
| Common dividends | 166,039 |
| Net loss | \$42,589 |
| Previous surplus | 187,174 |
| Adjustment of 1925 Federal tax | Dr. 3,453 |
| Additional depreciation 1925 | Cr. 3,453 |
| Balance, surplus | \$118,038 |

Balance Sheet Aug. 31 1926.

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|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Assets— | | Liabilities— | |
| Fixed assets | \$3,728,328 | Common stock | \$3,829,375 |
| Cash | 16,037 | First mortgage payable | 840,000 |
| Accounts receivable | 2,365 | Accounts payable | 2,166 |
| Due from State Theatre | 47,500 | Federal income tax | 5,185 |
| Inv. in State Theatre Co. | 997,991 | Accrued interest | 16,538 |
| Good-will | 23,536 | Rent received in advance | 125 |
| Deferred charges | 25,670 | Due Loew's, Inc | 30,000 |
| | | Surplus | 118,038 |
| Total | \$4,841,427 | Total | \$4,841,427 |

Loft, Inc., New York.—Sales.—

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1926—Oct.—1925. | Increase. | 1926—10 Mos.—1925. | Increase. |
| \$767,729 | \$725,082 | \$6,746,809 | \$6,305,600 |
| —V. 123, p. 1884, 989. | \$42,647 | \$441,209 | \$441,209 |

Luther Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet.—

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|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Assets— | | Liabilities— | |
| Construction | \$1,092,608 | Capital stock | \$525,000 |
| Cash & accts. rec. | 115,337 | Reserves | 7,092 |
| Inventories | 101,179 | Res. for deprec'n. | 513,774 |
| Investments | 99,913 | Profit and loss | 370,193 |
| Prepaid insurance | 7,027 | | |
| Total | \$1,416,064 | Total | \$1,416,064 |

Ludlum Steel Co.—Earnings.—

| | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Period— | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. |
| Net sales | \$940,641 | \$956,176 | \$2,925,269 | \$2,767,045 |
| Expenses | 821,681 | 786,237 | 2,519,075 | 2,271,332 |
| Operating income | \$118,960 | \$169,939 | \$406,195 | \$495,713 |
| Other income | 10,501 | 7,600 | 33,829 | 29,640 |
| Total income | \$129,461 | \$177,539 | \$440,023 | \$525,353 |
| Depreciation | 29,775 | 30,318 | 76,037 | 87,505 |
| Interest, &c. | 22,360 | 23,068 | 69,404 | 69,404 |
| Federal taxes | 14,398 | 23,542 | 121,238 | 171,148 |
| Net income | \$62,928 | \$100,611 | \$242,748 | \$297,296 |

McCrory Stores Corp.—40c. Cash Dividend.—
The directors have declared a quarterly cash dividend of 40c. per share on the common stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20. A quarterly cash dividend of like amount was paid in March and Sept. last, while in June a stock distribution of 1% was made.—V. 123, p. 2400.

McLellan Stores Co.—October Sales.—

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1926—Oct.—1925. | Increase. | 1926—10 Mos.—1925. | Increase. |
| \$945,562 | \$670,451 | \$6,224,386 | \$4,472,820 |
| —V. 123, p. 1885, 1514. | \$275,111 | \$1,751,566 | \$1,751,566 |

Mack Trucks, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

| | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Period— | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. |
| Net profit | \$1,558,793 | \$2,614,205 | \$7,289,494 | \$7,324,058 |
| * After charges, depreciation, maintenance, Federal taxes, and contingencies. | | | | |

Note.—Mack Acceptance Corp. and Mack Trucks Real Estate, Inc., were only formed the latter part of 1925 and their profits are included in the above 1926 earnings.—V. 123, p. 851.

Marland Oil Co.—Two New Wells.—
See Richfield Oil Co. below.—V. 123, p. 2400.

Mason Tire & Rubber Co.—Earnings.—
9 Mos. Ended Sept. 30—

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Assets— | | Liabilities— | |
| Fixed assets | \$5,124,872 | Preferred stock | \$5,770,530 |
| Coll. notes receiv. | 72,478 | Common stock | 500 |
| Cash | 465,657 | 1st m. 20 yr. 7% | 1,933,000 |
| Cash advances | 9,661 | 5 year 7% notes | 74,957 |
| Accts receivable | 1,296,154 | Div. warrants | 63,980 |
| Inventories | 139,571 | Bills & accts pay. | 1,092,472 |
| Other assets | 1,349,011 | Other liabilities | 43,525 |
| Prepaid expenses | 115,831 | Accr. wages, taxes, &c. | 41,634 |
| Deferred charges | 327,347 | Deprec. reserve | 1,060,512 |
| G'd-will, pats., &c. | 1,380,735 | Res. for Fed. tax | 37,364 |
| Deficit | 310,216 | Res. for inventory adjustment | 134,366 |
| | | Reserve for dis. & allowances | 108,304 |
| | | Miscell. reserves | 208,396 |
| | | Surplus | 10,462 |
| Total | \$10,333,315 | Total | \$10,333,315 |

Merchants & Manufacturers Securities Co.—Extra.—
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2½% in cash and extra dividend of 1% in stock on the partic. pref. and common stocks, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15. Like amounts were paid in the previous four quarters.—V. 123, p. 852.

Maytag Company.—Earnings.—

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|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Period— | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. |
| Net sales | \$7,488,444 | \$7,720,733 | \$5,621,841 | \$20,831,018 |
| Operating general exp. | 5,624,171 | 5,971,473 | 4,079,338 | 15,674,982 |
| Operating income | \$1,864,273 | \$1,749,260 | \$1,542,503 | \$5,156,036 |
| Other income | 160,824 | 167,014 | 94,997 | 422,745 |
| Total income | \$2,025,097 | \$1,916,274 | \$1,637,410 | \$5,578,781 |
| Federal tax reserve | 276,510 | 259,000 | 221,000 | 756,510 |
| Dividends | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 2,400,000 |
| Surplus | \$948,587 | \$857,274 | \$616,410 | \$2,422,271 |

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1926.

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|----------------------------------|-------------|---|--------------|
| Assets— | | Liabilities— | |
| Permanent assets, less deprec. | \$2,909,939 | Capital and surplus | \$3,381,727 |
| Pat'ts, trade marks & goodwill | 1 | Accounts payable | 1,230,441 |
| Cash | 1,378,237 | Unpaid wages | 157,649 |
| Marketable securities | 1,812,029 | Accruals | 43,099 |
| Notes & accts rec., less res'v'e | 2,347,585 | Reserve, sales, commissions and bonuses | 494,521 |
| Merchandise inventory | 2,361,045 | Federal tax reserve | 927,983 |
| Cash value, life insurance | 6,834 | Reserve for adv. approp'n. | 125,000 |
| Investment in Canadian sub. | 300,829 | | |
| Employees houses | 84,422 | | |
| Sundry investments, &c. | 119,190 | | |
| Deferred assets | 511 | Total (each side) | \$11,360,421 |

a Capital stock, no par value—Authorized, 2,400,000 shares; outstanding, 1,600,000 shares.—V. 123, p. 2271.
Merchants & Miners Transportation Co.—Expansion.
The company this winter will operate two large new steamships between Philadelphia and Miami, with sailings every five days in each direction. Hitherto the company has had but one ship in its Miami service. The Merchants & Miners Line, which is one of the oldest coastwise companies, having been established in 1852, has recently completed a building program calling for the construction of five steamers—all sister-ships. Two of these vessels, the Dorchester and Berkshire, are on the Philadelphia-Miami line. The company has twenty ships in service along the coast, playing between New England and the South. Baltimore is the home port. The five new vessels each accommodate 300 passengers.—V. 122, p. 2664.

Mexican Seaboard Oil Co.—Earnings.—
[Including International Petroleum Co.]

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|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Period— | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. |
| Gross revenue | \$1,394,579 | \$2,019,590 | \$4,313,616 | \$6,727,225 |
| Expenses | 722,118 | 1,005,830 | 2,334,496 | 2,998,677 |
| Balance | \$672,461 | \$1,013,760 | \$1,979,120 | \$3,728,548 |
| Other income | 24,573 | 44,407 | 72,275 | 134,130 |
| Total income | \$697,034 | \$1,058,167 | \$2,051,395 | \$3,862,678 |
| Interest | 61,250 | 61,250 | 183,750 | 183,750 |
| Drilling exp. and res. for exp. on inactive leases | 780,688 | 1,491,043 | 2,245,029 | 4,218,197 |
| * Net loss | \$144,904 | \$494,126 | \$377,384 | \$539,269 |
| * Before depreciation and Federal taxes. | | | | |

Earnings Cia. Internacional de Petroleo y Oleoductos, S. A., Quarter Ended Sept. 30.

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|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Period— | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. |
| Gross revenue | \$365,954 | \$383,534 | \$436,452 | \$570,124 |
| Operating expenses | 165,108 | 268,454 | 348,909 | 246,017 |
| Balance | \$100,846 | \$115,080 | \$87,543 | \$324,107 |
| Other income | 942 | Dr. 9,798 | 797 | 73,719 |
| Profit | \$101,789 | \$105,282 | \$88,340 | \$397,826 |
| Amortization | 109,678 | 77,467 | 55,866 | — |
| Net profit | def\$7,890 | \$27,814 | \$32,474 | \$397,826 |

Middle States Oil Corp.—Robert W. Jackson Removed From Stockholders' Committee.—

Henry S. Fleming, Chairman of the stockholders' protective committee, announces that at a meeting of the committee, Robert Wilson Jackson formerly a member of the committee, was removed therefrom. This action is the result of the issuance on Nov. 4 of a letter by Mr. Jackson addressed to the stockholders of the corporation stating that a reorganization committee was being formed and asking for proxies, running to him personally. The committee strongly condemned Mr. Jackson's action immediately following the issuance of the letter and announced that Mr. Jackson, as a member of the stockholders' committee, had acted without the committee's knowledge or consent.

Mr. Fleming states that the committee is in close touch with the entire situation and so soon as the receivers are enabled to bring about a settlement of the Government's tax claims, immediate steps will be taken toward a reorganization of the company. In the meantime the committee requests that stockholders refrain from giving proxies to anyone.
R. W. Jackson, who issued a letter to the stockholders Nov. 4, stating a reorganization committee was being formed and requesting proxies, referring to statement by Henry S. Fleming, chairman of stockholders' protective committee, that his letter was unauthorized, states:
"Mr. Fleming was not consulted in this matter. It is quite true that at a meeting of the stockholders' protective committee Nov. 4, Mr. Fleming submitted a motion to vote me off the committee. This motion was not acted on, but it was conceded that I had a right to form or serve on a reorganization committee or any other committee that it might be deemed advisable to inaugurate. Under the circumstances I refused to resign from the protective committee, as I pledged myself when I went into this affair to uphold the interests of the stockholders and I have tried to do so for the past three years.
"My request for proxies has been influenced by many of the stockholders themselves and hundreds of stockholders have forwarded their proxies representing thousands of shares. I have no reason to doubt that they will back the reorganization committee with more than the majority necessary for our purpose."—V. 123, p. 2401.

Midland Building (168 Adams Bldg. Co.), Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—A syndicate headed by Merrill, Lynch & Co., New York, and including the National Republic Co. and Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Chicago, is offering an issue of \$3,250,000 1st mtge. fee 6¼% bonds at 100 and interest.

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1946. Int. payable M. & N. at National Bank of the Republic, Chicago, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100c*. Red., all or part except for sinking fund on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 105 up to and incl. Nov. 1 1931; at 103 thereafter up to and incl. Nov. 1 1936; at 102 thereafter up to and incl. Nov. 1 1941; thereafter at 101. Red. for sinking fund at 102 up to and incl. Nov. 1 1931; at 101½ thereafter up to and incl. Nov. 1 1936; at 101 thereafter up to and incl. Nov. 1 1941; thereafter at 100½. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax, not to exceed 2%. As provided in the mortgage, refunds of certain State taxes will be made to resident holders as follows: Penna. 4-mills tax, Conn. 4-mill tax, Md. 4½-mill tax, Ky. tax not in excess of 5 mills, Calif. property tax not in excess of 5 mills, the Mass. State income tax up to 6%.

Building.—The Midland Bldg. will be located at 168-178 W. Adams St. just west of La Salle St., Chicago. The site is particularly desirable for an office building, owing to its location in the financial district. The building will be a 22-story office building of steel, concrete and brick fireproof construction. The exterior of the building will be terra cotta and the interior finish will be marble and cabinet work in walnut finish. The arrangement provides attractive office space, well lighted and served by modern high-speed elevators.
Stores and lobby will occupy the ground floor. There will be office space on 15 floors and about five floors have been leased for 25 years to the Midland Club. The club has agreed to furnish at its own expense the space rented to it and to pledge the furnishings as additional security for the lease. The club was organized in 1923 and now reports over 1,300 members.
Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage on the fee and the building to be erected thereon. The land has a frontage of about 91 ft. on Adams St. with a depth of approximately 189 ft. The land and building have been appraised upon completion of the building and under normal occupancy by Mark Levy & Brother, business property specialists and appraisers, at \$5,699,924, and by Wm. H. Babcock & Sons, valuers and real estate actuaries, at \$5,647,000. Based on the lower of these appraisals, this loan is less than 58% of the value of the property.
Earnings.—The annual net income of the 168 Adams Bldg. Corp., upon completion of the building and under normal occupancy, available for interest on these bonds after the payment of all operating expenses, real estate taxes and insurance, is estimated by Mark Levy & Bro. a

\$423,420, and by Wm. H. Babcock & Sons at \$429,269, or over 2.08 times and 2.11 times, respectively, the maximum interest requirements on this issue.

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage securing this issue of bonds will provide for a semi-annual sinking fund beginning May 1 1930 for the retirement of bonds through purchase on the open market if obtainable at or below the call price, or if not so obtainable, by redemption by lot at the then prevailing call price. This sinking fund provides for the retirement of over 60% of the entire issue by maturity, reducing the amount outstanding at maturity to materially less than the present appraisals of the land alone.—V. 123, p. 2274.

Moto Meter Co., Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Table with columns: Period—, —Quar. End, Sept. 30—, —9 Mos. End, Sept. 30—, 1926., 1925., 1926., 1925. Rows include Profits, Depreciation, Prov. for Federal taxes, Net income, Common dividends, Divs. class A common, Divs. class B common, Surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus, On old stock previous reclassification of capital stock.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, Sept. 30.

Table with columns: Assets—, 1926., 1925., Liabilities—, 1926., 1925. Rows include Real est., equip., &c, Patent rights and trade marks, Inv. in Nat. Gauge & Equip. Co., Inv. in other cos., Cash, Accounts receiv., Notes receivable, Inventories, Accrued int. receiv., Securities, Deferred charges.

The entire common stock of the National Gauge & Equipment Co., consisting of 80,000 shares of no par value was acquired Sept. 11 1926 at a cost of \$1,500,000. Represented by 200,000 shares class A and 200,000 shares class B common stock, both of no par value.

The condensed balance sheet as at Sept. 30 1926 of National Gauge & Equipment Co. follows: Assets.—Real estate, equipment, &c. \$532,687; patents and patent rights, \$141,417; goodwill, \$90,000; cash in bank and on hand, \$185,801; accounts receivable, \$296,950; inventories, \$278,846; deferred charges to future operations, \$9,592; total, \$1,535,293.

Capital Liabilities.—Common stock (80,000 shares no par) and preferred stock (80,000 shares no par), \$640,000; declared dividends payable, \$28,000; accounts payable, \$98,578; accrued taxes, \$55,276; accrued royalties, \$4,210; accrued commissions, \$1,027; accrued payroll, \$8,016; reserves, \$329,525; surplus, \$370,657; total, \$1,535,293.

On Sept. 11 1926 the Moto Meter Co., Inc., purchased the entire authorized and issued common stock of the National Gauge & Equipment Co., consisting of 80,000 shares of no par value. There is also outstanding 80,000 shares of no par value preferred stock. This preferred stock is entitled to a dividend of \$1.40 per share per year, cumulative but non-participating, before any dividends can be paid on the common stock.

Murray Body Corp.—Committee Issues Notice.

The reorganization committee has issued a notice to the holders of certificates of deposit for preferred and common stock issued under the plan of reorganization dated June 15 1926, that the optional payments to be made by them are payable on or before Dec. 10 1926, at the office of the Guaranty Trust Co., New York, the depository, or of the Security Trust Co., Detroit, sub-depository.

Holders of deposit certificates for preferred stock have the option of paying on or before that date \$35 per share for each share of their old preferred stock and receiving on consummation of the plan two shares of common stock of the new company for each share of their old preferred; or making no cash payment and receiving three-fourths of a share of such common stock for each share of old preferred. The option open to holders of deposit certificates for the common stock is to pay \$10 a share and receive one-half share of common stock in the new company, or to make no cash payment and receive one-fiftieth share of such stock, for each share of old stock.

Holders of deposit certificates for merchandise or other current indebtedness in amounts of less than \$1,000 electing to receive in cash, in full, on consummation of the plan, 80% of the face value of their claims, as finally allowed, are required to present their deposit certificates on or before Dec. 10 next for notation of such election. The right to elect to receive 80% in cash will terminate on that date.—V. 123, p. 2401.

National Air Transport, Inc.—Express Co. Contract.—See American Railway Express Co. above.

National Casket Co.—Balance Sheet June 30.—[As filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.]

Table with columns: Assets—, 1926., 1925., Liabilities—, 1926., 1925. Rows include Real estate, mach., furn., trucks, &c., Merchandise, Accts. receivable, Cash, Securities, Patent rights and trade marks, Power plant, Mortgages.

National Cloak & Suit Co.—Sales.—Period End Oct. 31— 1926—Month—1925. 1926—10 Mos.—1925. Sales \$5,510,480 \$6,999,422 \$32,953,098 \$36,836,180

National Creamery & Produce Co.—Dissolution.

The National Creamery & Produce Co., a Nevada corporation, sold its entire business under date of Oct. 2 1926. Company is now in the process of being dissolved, and stockholders' meeting for that purpose was held on Oct. 30 1926.

National Equipment Co.—Earnings, &c.—

Stone, Prosser & Doty, New York, have issued a circular giving a description of the company from which we take the following: Company was incorporated in Massachusetts Nov. 2 1909 for the purpose of acquiring the business of the Confectionerys' Machinery Manufacturing Co., the American Chocolate Machinery Co. and Samuel Carey.

All of the predecessor companies operated successfully for many years prior to the merger, dating back to 1891, when the business was originally established by Frank H. Page, Pres. of the company, who is regarded as the pioneer manufacturer of candy and chocolate machinery in America. Since organization the company has ranked as the largest manufacturer in the world of a complete line of candy and chocolate machinery, successfully meeting foreign competition in the domestic market, aided somewhat by a protective tariff. In addition, the company is well established abroad, maintaining offices in London, Paris and Lausanne. The plant and headquarters are located at Springfield, Mass., and comprise a 3 story modern fireproof building, with 200,000 sq. ft. of floor space, situated on 4 1/2 acres with railroad siding, connecting with the Boston & Maine lines, which furnish excellent shipping facilities to all points. In addition, the company owns

over 20 acres of land, centrally located in Springfield, Mass., which is appraised at considerably more than the original purchase price.

Table with columns: Earnings—, * 1926., 1925., Calendar Years, 1924., 1923., 1922. Rows include Net sales, Oper. &c. exp., incl. Fed. taxes, Depreciation.

Net, applicable to pref. divs. \$115,449 \$71,775 \$26,017 \$124,518 \$170,723 Equiv. on pref. to, per share— 5.85 3.63 1.31 6.31 8.65 * Seven 4-week periods ended July 17 1926, before year-end charge-offs for depreciation.

Dividends.—Regular dividends of 7% annually were paid consistently each year from organization in 1910 to 1919 on the old preferred shares of \$100 par value, and from 1920 to date at the annual rate of 10% (\$5) on the preferred shares presently outstanding of \$50 par value, payments made quarterly, Jan. 1, &c. Cash dividends of 3 1/2% were paid in 1918 on the old common shares of \$100 par value, and 7% in 1919. In 1920, 10% (\$1) was paid on the new common of \$10 par value in addition to the payment of a 150% stock dividend June 1920. In 1921 dividends of 25 cents were paid on the common stock and no further payments have been made since then.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with columns: Assets—, Liabilities—, J'ne 19'26., Dec. 31'25., J'ne 19'26., Dec. 31'25. Rows include Plant, equip., &c., Pats. & good-will, Cash, Notes & accts. rec., Cash value life ins., Inventories, Prepd. tax, ins. &c., Investments, &c., Preferred stock, Common stock, Accts. & notes pay, Federal tax reserve, Accruals, Other accts. payable, Surplus.

—V. 90, p. 773.

National Supply Co. of Delaware.—Earnings.

Period Ended Sept. 30 1926— Quarter— 9 Months— Gross earnings \$3,055,713 \$7,382,069 Expenses 1,219,282 3,442,918

Net earnings \$1,836,431 \$3,939,151 Other income 616,719 616,406 Total income \$1,973,150 \$4,555,557 Federal taxes 260,863 577,209 Other deductions 249,378 820,379

Net income \$1,462,509 \$3,157,969 —V. 123, p. 989.

National Tea Co., Chicago.—Sales.

Period End Oct. 31— 1926—Month—1925. 1926—10 Mos.—1925. Sales \$4,868,141 \$4,610,054 \$43,809,962 \$38,501,654 —V. 123, p. 2005, 1514.

National Union Mortgage Co.—Bonds Offered.—Mackubin, Goodrich & Co., Baltimore; J. G. White & Co., Inc., New York, and Marine Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans,

are offering at 100 and int. \$5,000,000 6% gold bonds. \$2,000,000 dated Oct. 1 1926, due Oct. 1 1931; \$1,000,000 dated Sept. 1 1926, due Sept. 1 1936; \$2,000,000 dated Sept. 1 1926, due Sept. 1 1946. Authorized and to be outstanding, including these series, \$14,845,000.

Principal and interest payable at Maryland Trust Co., Baltimore, trustee, or at Bankers Trust Co., New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Red. on any int. date, all or part, at 101 and int.

Business.—Company unites under one bond issue the direct obligations of approved mortgage companies, secured by the deposit of guaranteed first mortgages on improved fee simple urban real estate. These companies now operate in over 150 cities and towns located in the following States: Alabama, Florida (Flampa only), Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia.

Mortgages.—Mortgages securing the bonds, or the bonds themselves, of the mortgage companies must be insured as to principal and interest by one of the four surety companies mentioned below. This insurance takes the form of a surety bond or guarantee by endorsement between the mortgage company and the surety company, and provides that should a default occur on any mortgage, and should the mortgage company fail to remedy such default, the payment of principal and interest of the mortgage or the mortgage bonds becomes the direct obligation of the guaranteeing surety company.

The guaranteed first mortgages mature in from one to not over 12 1/2 years. All mortgages for terms exceeding five years must be amortized at a fixed rate. As mortgages mature, they may be replaced by other guaranteed mortgages which meet the rigid requirements of the National Union Mortgage Co. and (or) cash or United States Government bonds otherwise an equivalent amount of bonds must be retired. The par value of the deposited collateral must always equal or exceed outstanding bonds.

Restrictions.—National Union Mortgage Co. requires that all depositing mortgage companies limit their operations to communities approved by it, that all mortgages be on improved urban real estate, and for amounts not exceeding 60% of the appraised value of the property; that the companies have a minimum capital and surplus of \$100,000, and that they restrict the issuance of their obligations to 20 times such capital and surplus.

The capital and surplus of the approved mortgage companies whose bonds are collateral for National Union issues is in excess of \$4,000,000, and the average capital of each company is over seven times the minimum requirement. In practice, the surety companies have further restricted and the amount of bonds to 10 times the capital and surplus of each company, and the amount of bonds presently outstanding is less than four times their combined capital and surplus.

Past Operations.—Including this issue, there will be \$14,845,000 National Union Mortgage Co. bonds outstanding. An analysis of the \$9,845,000 bonds previously issued shows that the original primary collateral consisted of 2,806 mortgages on improved city real estate having an appraised value of over \$23,000,000. The original average loan was for less than \$4,100. The aggregate of these loans was 43% of the appraised value of the mortgaged property, and subsequent amortization has reduced this ratio.

Guarantees.—The bonds or the first mortgages securing the bonds deposited as collateral for this issue are each guaranteed as to principal and interest by one of the following surety companies: United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., Baltimore; National Surety Co., New York; Maryland Casualty Co., Baltimore; Fidelity & Deposit Co., Baltimore. —V. 122, p. 3220.

Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.—Earnings.

The 6th quarterly report ended Sept. 30 1926 shows the following: Production.—The net production of copper from all sources for the third quarter, compared to that for the two preceding quarters, is shown in the following tabulation:

Table with columns: 1926—, 3d Quar., 2d Quar., 1st Quar. Rows include Net pounds copper produced, Average monthly production.

The total quantity of company ores milled and smelted during the quarter was 2,696,659 tons. Of this total 2,686,989 tons was concentrating ore, averaging 1.283% copper. The difference of 9,670 tons was shipped direct to smelters. In addition to company ores, 147,476 tons of custom ore was milled or smelted at the Nevada plants. The average daily tonnage of company ores milled at all concentrators was 29,207, as compared to 30,007 tons per day for the preceding quarter.

The average recovery in the form of concentrates from all company material milled during the period was 86.02% of the total copper contained therein, corresponding to 22.07 pounds of copper per ton treated, as compared to a recovery of 85.79% and 20.71 pounds per ton for the previous quarter.

The net cost per pound of copper produced, after crediting revenue from gold and silver and other miscellaneous earnings and income from subsidiaries, was 9.87 cents, as compared with 9.91 cents for the second quarter. These costs include all operating and general charges of every kind except depreciation and reserve for Federal taxes.

Results for First Nine Months of 1926. Table with columns for Period, Quarter Ended (Sept. 30 '26, June 30 '26, Mar. 31 '26), and 9 Mos. End. (Sept. 30 '26). Rows include Oper. prof., Value of precious metals, Miscell. revenues, Total operating income, and Depreciation.

Net income \$2,018,853. All of company's properties operated continuously throughout the quarter and developments looking to extension of underground mining at Nevada mines and Chino mines progressed satisfactorily. [Signed D. C. Jackling, Pres.]—V. 123, p. 989.

New England Laundries, Inc., Boston.—Bonds Sold.—Paine, Webber & Co., and Henry D. Lindsley & Co., Inc., New York, have sold at 95½ and interest, to yield about 6½%, \$1,000,000 first mortgage 6% gold bonds, series A (with stock purchase warrants).

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1936. Interest payable A. & O. at American Trust Co., Boston, trustee, without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Penn 4 mills tax, Maryland 4½ mills tax, Conn. 4 mills tax and the Mass. income tax on the interest not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum, refunded. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Redeemable, all or part by lot, on any interest date on 30 days' notice at 110 and interest to and including Oct. 1 1931, and thereafter at prices, reducing 2% of par for each additional year.

Warrants.—Stock purchase warrants attached to each bond entitle the holder to purchase common stock at the rate of 30 shares for each \$1,000 bond at \$30 per share to and including Aug. 1 1931, and thereafter at \$35 per share up to Aug. 1 1936. Proceeds of stock thus sold must be invested in additional property or used to retire bonds.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides for an annual sinking fund equal to 20% of net earnings as defined in the bond indenture, but in no year less 2% of the greatest amount of bonds at any time outstanding.

Listing.—Bonds listed on Boston Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of President Arthur T. Downer, Boston, Nov. 8. Company.—Organized to co-ordinate and develop the laundry industry in Boston and New England. Is a combination of laundry properties which have achieved success in the New England field. They have been built up almost entirely out of their own earnings. From small beginnings 15 to 25 years ago they have now reached a point where they are serving over 30,000 customers. The properties consolidated includes: (1) Winchester Laundries, (2) Taylor Brothers Laundry, (3) Quality Laundry, (4) Brightwood Laundry, (5) City Laundry of Springfield, and (6) Highland Laundry; with plants in Boston, Somerville, Winchester, Watertown, Lowell and Springfield, Mass. The group includes plants which are outstanding features of the industry in New England.

Laundry Process Development.—New England Laundries, Inc., owns a substantial interest in the Lowe Machinery Co., which has developed and patented laundry machinery involving new principles of economy in operation. During the past six months actual tests made on a completed machine have proved to the satisfaction of technical experts and practical laundrymen that the new process will effect a very substantial saving in laundry labor cost. New England Laundries, Inc., in addition to its ownership of a substantial part of Lowe Machinery Co., is the exclusive selling agent for its product. It is estimated that this relationship will prove to be very profitable.

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of Present Financing. First mortgage 6% gold bonds (this issue) \$1,000,000. 7% cumulative preferred stock 550,000. Common stock (auth., 51,000 shares of no par value; unissued, including reserve for option warrants, 32,300 shs.); issued, 18,700 shs. Security.—Secured by direct first mortgage on the entire property now or hereafter owned. Additional bonds may be issued only in accordance with the restrictions of the bond indenture stipulating among other things that such bonds may be issued only to the extent of 70% of the cash cost or fair value, whichever is less, of new property acquired, and then only when net earnings as defined in the bond indenture for 12 consecutive months of the preceding 15 shall have been at least three times interest charges on bonds outstanding and to be issued. Mortgage is closed at \$1,250,000.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings, Adjusted to a Calendar Year Basis. Table with columns for 1923, 1924, 1925. Rows include Net sales, Oper. exp., taxes (except Fed'l), Net earnings available for int. chgs., and Annual interest charges of this issue.

Balance for depreciation, dividends, &c. \$174,594. Net earnings for the year 1925 as shown above are approximately four times the annual interest requirements of this issue. After deducting uniform depreciation at rates approved by the appraisers, such earnings were over three times annual interest requirements of this issue. Based on operations for the first nine months of 1926, it is estimated that gross sales and net earnings for the full year will be in excess of those for 1925. The above statement does not reflect full results from one new plant which has recently been placed in operation.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for acquisition of properties and to provide additional working capital.

Balance Sheet as at October 2 1926. Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Cash, Accounts rec., Supplies, Prepaid expenses, Plant and equipment, Routes, Patent rights & trade processes, Investments, Total, Accounts payable, Payroll and expenses accrued, 6% notes payable, First mortgage 6s, 1936, 7% preferred stock, Common stock (no par value), Surplus.

New Jersey Zinc Co.—Obituary.—Vice-President Edwin M. Squier died at Rahway, N. J., on Nov. 9.—V. 123, p. 2272, 1770.

New River Co.—Loses Suit Against Government.—The suit of the company against the Government for \$1,000,000, representing the difference between the price paid by the Government for 200,000 tons of coal seized from 1919 to 1921 and what the company considered the fair market price at that time, has been decided against the company by the Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond, Va. At the first trial of the suit the District Court decided in favor of the company but the Circuit Court later reversed the finding of the lower court. At the retrial the lower court instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the Government. The Circuit Court upheld the lower court in the decision just handed down.—V. 123, p. 1886.

North American Cement Corp.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period, Quarters Ended (Sept. 30 '26, June 30 '26, Mar. 31 '26), and 9 Mos. End. (Sept. 30 '26). Rows include Net earnings (after depr. and depletion), Total net income of \$416,947 for the third quarter was equal to 3.30 times bond interest requirements. After fixed charges, amortization and Federal taxes, net income was equal to \$4 62 a share earned on the outstanding preferred stock, and after preferred dividends, a balance equal to \$1 11 a share was reported earned on the outstanding common stock. For September alone the company reports bond interest earned 3.56 times, while \$1 74 a share was earned on the preferred stock, and 44c. a share on the common stock.

Extensive improvements involving the expenditure of \$4,000,000, increasing plant capacity from 2,700,000 to 4,700,000 barrels have been completed. The various plants, it is stated, are now operating at capacity and September shipments established a record for any previous month this year. Total shipments of cement for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1926 exceeded production.—V. 123, p. 591.

Northern Insurance Co. of N. Y.—Merger.—The stockholders of the Assurance Co. of America will vote Dec. 1 on approving the consolidation of their company with the Northern Insurance Co. of New York.—V. 117, p. 2331.

Northern Pipe Line Co.—Extra Dividend of 1%.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1% and the regular semi-annual dividend of 3% on the outstanding \$4,000,000 capital stock, par \$100, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 10. Like amounts were paid on July 1 last. For record of dividends paid since 1912, see V. 122, p. 2665.

Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd.—Appeal.—Counsel for the Eastern Trust Co., trustees for the bondholders and debenture-holders on Nov. 12 served notice of appeal from the judgment of Justice Carroll, in which an application for the appointment of a receiver for the Company was dismissed.—V. 123, p. 2401.

Onyx Hosiery, Inc.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period, 9 Mos. End. (Sept. 30—1926, 1925), and 9 Mos. End. (Sept. 30—1926, 1925). Rows include Net income after depr., Federal taxes, &c., Note.—Net income for the first nine months of 1926 was reduced to \$473,292 after inventory adjustments not applicable to current operations.—V. 123, p. 2401.

Owens Bottle Co.—5% Stock Dividend and Extra Cash Dividend of 8% Payable on Common Stock.—The directors have declared a 5% stock dividend, an extra cash dividend of 8% and the regular quarterly cash dividend of 3% on the outstanding common stock, par \$25, all payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 16. On Jan. 1 1926 the company paid, in addition to the regular quarterly cash dividend of 3%, a 5% stock dividend and an extra cash dividend of 4%.

Results for Three and Nine Months Ended Sept. 30. Table with columns for Period, 3 Mos. End. (Sept. 30—1926, 1925), and 9 Mos. End. (Sept. 30—1926, 1925). Rows include Mfg. profits & royalties, Other income, Total income, Operating expenses, &c., Estimated Federal taxes, Net profit.—V. 123, p. 1124.

Pacific Coast Co.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period, 9 Mos. End. (Sept. 30—1926, 1925), and 9 Mos. End. (Sept. 30—1926, 1925). Rows include Gross earnings, Net, after expenses.—V. 123, p. 853.

Pan American Petroleum Co.—Bonds Ready.—The Chase National Bank is prepared to deliver definitive 1st mtge. 15-year convertible 6% sinking fund gold bonds, due Dec. 15 1940, in exchange for and upon surrender of the outstanding temporary bonds. See V. 123, p. 336.

Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co.—Plan to Acquire Minority Stock of Lago Oil & Transport Corporation.—The stockholders on Nov. 8 approved a proposal offering the minority stockholders of the Lago Oil & Transport Corp. one share of class B stock of the Pan American company in exchange for every three shares of Lago stock. See also V. 123, p. 2005.

Panhandle Prod. & Ref. Co.—Earnings (Incl. Subsidi.). Table with columns for Period, 9 Mos. End. (Sept. 30—1926, 1925), and 9 Mos. End. (Sept. 30—1926, 1925). Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Admin., selling & taxes, Net earnings, Other income, Gain on oil inventory, Panhandle Oil net inc., Gross income, Deductions, Depreciation & depletion, Pref. divs. accrued, Balance, surplus.—V. 123, p. 853.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period, 28 Weeks Ended to (July 10 '26, July 11 '25). Rows include Gross sales, Cost of sales, Operating income, Other income, Total income, Interest, Depreciation, Federal taxes, Net income, Previous surplus, Discount on preferred stock redeemed, Total, Preferred dividends, Dividend on common A and B, Depreciation land, buildings, &c., Reserve to redeem preferred stock, Profit and loss, surplus.—V. 123, p. 1886.

Peerless Motor Car Corp.—Balance Sheet.—Table with columns for Sept. 30 '26, Dec. 31 '25. Rows include Assets—Plant, equip., &c., Pat's & good-will, Cash, U. S. Govt. securities, &c., Receivables, Inventories, Sundry sec. owned, Other assets, Deferred charges; Liabilities—Capital stock, Accounts payable, Notes payable, Taxes payable, Accrued taxes, Customers' depositions, Reserves, Surplus.—V. 123, p. 2148, 2273.

Peninsular Stove Co., Detroit.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds have been called for payment on March 1 1927, at 101 and int. Funds have been deposited with the Detroit Trust Co., trustee, for the purchase of bonds before the call date.

Keane, Higbie & Co., the Union Trust Co. and the Detroit Trust Co., all of Detroit, will pay 101 and int. to date of purchase for any or all bonds now outstanding upon presentation by the holders.—V. 121, p. 987.

Pennock Oil Corporation.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period (1926, 1925, 1925, 1925), and 4 rows of financial data including Gross Inc. from oil sales, Net inc. fr. oil sales, and Balance, surplus.

Represented by 150,000 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 990.

Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (a) \$13-000,000 series A conv. 7% cum. pref. stock (par \$100), and (b) 400,000 shares of common stock (no par value), with authority to add 195,000 shares of common stock which is reserved by the corporation for the conversion of the series A pref. stock.

Sales.—The net sales of the predecessor companies for the three years and seven months ended July 31 1926 are shown below:

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years (1923, 1924, 1925, 7 Mos. End. July 31 '26) and 5 rows of sales data for Dexter Portl. Cement Co., Penn-Allen Cem. Co., Clinchfield Portl. Cem. Corp., Dixie Portl. Cem. Co., and Pennsylvania Cem. Co.

For further details regarding the company, see V. 123, p. 1642.—V. 123, p. 2402.

Peoples Drug Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1926, 1925, 1925, 1925) and 5 rows of sales and increase data.

Pictorial Review Co.—Complaint Dismissed.—

The Federal Trade Commission has dismissed its complaint against the company upon filing by respondent of a verified statement of facts in which the company stipulates that it has abandoned the use of the contracts containing the restrictive clauses which were the basis of the charges in the complaint.—V. 122, p. 3464.

Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp. & Subs.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Quarter Ended (Sept. 30 '26, June 30 '26, Mar. 31 '26, 9 Months) and 5 rows of earnings data including Operating profit and Total.

C. E. Tuttle, it is stated, has resigned as Chairman and President of the corporation and as Vice-Pres. of the North American Coal Corp.—V. 123, p. 854.

Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Co., Inc.—Tenders

The New York Trust Co., trustee, 100 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Dec. 9 receive bids for the sale to it of 50-year 5% gold bonds, due July 1 1957, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$79,564.—V. 121, p. 2284.

Pond Creek Pocahontas Co.—Production.—

Table with 3 columns: Month of (October, September) and 3 rows of coal output data.

Pratt & Lambert, Inc.—New President.—

A. D. Graves has been elected President to succeed the late James H. McNulty.—V. 123, p. 2402.

Rand Mines, Ltd.—Gold Output (Ounces).—

Table with 5 columns: Month (October, September, August, July, May) and 5 rows of gold output data.

Richfield Oil Co. of California.—New Wells.—

The McKeon Oil Co., newly acquired subsidiary, has brought in McKeon Well No. 3 in the McKeon Huntington Beach Extension field with an initial production of about 1,360 barrels a day. This is the sixth well to be completed by the McKeon company in this field in the past three weeks, making a total of about 3,000 barrels a day added to Richfield production. The Richfield company and its subsidiary have nine more wells drilling on this structure.

The Marland Oil Co. also reports two new wells brought in in the Seal Beach field, the entire production of which is under contract to Richfield. These two wells had a total initial flow of 4,400 barrels. These were brought in from shallow sand, however, and were shut off to enable drilling to deeper formations.

J. A. Talbot, President of the Richfield Oil Co., announces the purchase by the company of 40 acres of developed property in the Midway-Sunset field, California, from Clifford A. Rope, of Los Angeles. The property has 9 producing wells, engines and complete equipment, pipe lines, tanks, boiler plant, water well and gasoline plant. It is located a half-mile east of Maricopa in the northwest quarter of section 36-12-24.—V. 123, p. 2274.

(The) Russ Manufacturing Co. (Ohio).—Div., &c.— The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the common stock, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31. The following officers have been elected: Judge Edwin J. Blandin, President; William H. DuRoss, Vice-President and General Manager; Ira Krupnick and Glen P. Cowan, Vice-Presidents, and P. W. Schmitt, Secretary and Treasurer.

Vice-President DuRoss announced that sales and net profits for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 showed a substantial increase over last year and that the outlook for the coming year was good. As of Sept. 30 1926, assets totaled \$1,751,655. Current assets were \$1,089,578, against current liabilities, including reserve for Federal taxes, of \$85,189. The company's capitalization consists of \$400,000 6 1/2% secured gold notes and 9,434 shares of \$100 par common stock.—V. 123, p. 2724.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—Listing—Store Merger.—

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 11,000 shares (par \$100) preferred stock, in addition to the 25,000 shares heretofore listed; 30,000 shares (without par value) common stock in addition to the 25,000 shares heretofore listed; and additional warrants for the purchase of 2,200 shares of its common stock in addition to the warrants heretofore listed representing 5,000 shares of such common stock.

The certificate of incorporation of the company was amended by a certificate duly filed Oct. 18 1926, with the State Tax Commission of Maryland, increasing the authorized common stock from 60,000 to 75,000 shares. The issue of the 30,000 shares of common stock, to which this application applies, has been duly authorized by the Board of directors. The issue of the 11,000 shares of preferred stock and of the warrants for the purchase of 2,200 shares of common stock, was duly authorized by the board of directors and the stockholders. Of the preferred stock, 25,000 shares have been issued and listed. The certificate of incorporation, provides that the board of directors is empowered to issue 33,000 shares of the 50,000 shares authorized, without any action by the stockholders. The common stockholders at a meeting held Oct. 22 1926, authorized the directors to issue all or any part of the unissued preferred stock.

These 11,000 shares of preferred stock and warrants for the purchase of 2,200 shares common stock will be sold by the corporation at a price equal to the par value of the preferred stock, plus dividends accrued to the date of issue. With the proceeds of such sale and the proceeds of the sale of 4,000 shares of preferred stock and the warrants representing 800 common shares, which have already been sold, application for the listing of which were made under dates of July 23 1926, and Sept. 10 1926, and with the additional 30,000 common shares the corporation is acquiring through wholly owned subsidiaries the business and good-will formerly owned by Skaggs United Stores, an Idaho corporation and its subsidiaries, and Skaggs Cash Stores, a California corporation. The proceeds of the aforementioned sales of preferred stock, of warrants and of common stock will be used only against delivery to the corporation of 4,370 shares of the capital stock of Safeway Corp. (Del.); 5,334 shares of the capital stock of Common Products Corp. (Del.); 10,296 shares of the capital stock of Skaggs Safeway Stores, Inc. (Nevada).

The assets to be so acquired consist of approximately 272 grocery stores and 89 meat markets in the States of California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Nebraska and Utah; 3 warehouses; 3 bakeries and 12 district offices.

Balance Sheet of the Business Being Acquired as of June 30 1926.

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities, and 2 rows of financial data including Current assets and Total.

Earnings.—The earnings of the business, after depreciation, taxes, &c., for the year ended Dec. 31 1924, \$563,277, and for the year ended Dec. 31 1925, \$750,416.

Capital Status.—The authorized and outstanding shares of the company as of Oct. 28 1926 were:

Table with 4 columns: Class (Preferred, Common, Warrants), Authorized, Outstanding, To Be Issued.

Upon the exercise of the above warrants there will be issued 7,200 additional shares common stock.—V. 123, p. 1644, 1391, 930.

Sainte Claire Realty Co. (Calif.).—Bonds Offered.—

Mercantile Securities Co. of California is offering at 100 and int. \$450,000 1st (closed) mtge. series 6% bonds.

Dated July 1 1926, due serially July 1 1931 to 1946, incl. Int. payable J. & J. at Mercantile Trust Co. of California, San Francisco, Calif., trustee, without deduction for any normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Callable in whole or in part on 60 days' notice on any int. date at 103 and int. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 c*. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

Property & Value.—Company, a California corporation, has constructed, at a cost of approximately \$825,000, a modern steel and concrete hotel and store building on the southeast corner of West San Carlos and South Market streets, San Jose, Calif. The hotel contains 180 guest rooms, with bath, and in addition 12 stores on the street level. The land, 233 1/2 ft. on San Carlos St. by 235 1/4 ft. on Market St., has been valued by Charles F. Crothers, of San Jose, at \$225,000, giving a total value of \$1,050,000 to the property pledged as security for these bonds. Although not specifically pledged under this issue, the company also owns a modern 5-story office building located on the southwest corner of West San Carlos St. and South First St., valued at \$645,000.

Security.—These bonds will be a direct obligation of the company and will be secured by a first (closed) mortgage upon the recently constructed hotel building valued at \$1,050,000.

Earnings.—The hotel has been leased to Newcomb & Co., experienced hotel operators, who have equipped it completely for operation at a cost of not less than \$150,000. Annual net earnings of the hotel are estimated at \$70,500 and total earnings of the company (including revenue from the 5-story office building) are estimated to be \$106,000 per annum.

St. Helens (Ore.) Pulp & Paper Co.—Bonds Sold.—

Blyth, Witter & Co., Portland, Ore. recently sold at 99 1/2 and int. \$1,000,000 1st (closed) mtge. sinking fund 6 1/2% gold bonds.

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1941. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at West Coast National Bank, Portland, Ore., trustee. Red. on any int. date, on 15 days' published notice, at 103 and int. to and incl. Oct. 1 1936, thereafter at 102 and int. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Data From Letter of W. P. Hawley, President of Company.

Company.—An Oregon corporation. Was organized in Nov., 1924, for the purpose of erecting a sulphate pulp and paper mill at St. Helens, Ore., which mill is practically completed and will be in operation about Jan. 1 1927. Company will specialize in the manufacture of high-grade kraft pulp and paper. The entire output has been contracted for and will be distributed by the Graham Paper Co. of St. Louis, Mo., as sole selling agents. St. Helens, Oregon, was selected as the site for the mill of the company because of its deep water harbor, its proximity to the sawmills of the lower Columbia River territory, and its location on the main line of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Ry. The site comprises 32 acres, with 600 ft. of deep water frontage on the Columbia River, where there has been constructed a dock for ocean going vessels. The mill proper, which except for the wood-working plants, is of fire-proof steel and concrete construction, consists of 4 units—a wood cut-up plant, sulphate plant, power plant, beating engine, paper machine and finishing rooms. The mill will have a total daily capacity of about 50 tons of finished kraft paper.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage on all the fixed assets of the company, consisting of lands, plants, machinery and other equipment located at St. Helens, Oregon. The value of these properties will be \$1,936,921.

Earnings.—It is estimated that the annual earnings of the company available for interest, after taxes and depreciation, will be \$379,735 or over 5.8 times maximum interest charges on these bonds, or 2.7 times maximum interest and sinking fund requirements.

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage will provide for annual sinking fund payments, beginning March 1929, sufficient to retire the entire issue by maturity, the annual bond retirement being not less than \$75,000 par value.

Purpose.—Proceeds of present financing will be used by the company to pay in part for the completion of the plant, and for additional working capital.

Saco-Lowell Shops, Boston.—Proposed Refinancing.—

It is announced that the \$4,000,000 of notes, held by banks, which fell due Oct. 16 1926, have been temporarily extended until Jan. 14 1927. There is no possibility of the company meeting these notes in due course. The stockholders will vote Nov. 22 on approving a proposed refinancing plan, which will provide: (1) that \$895,000 of the company's indebtedness now held by officers of the company (i.e., R. F. Herrick, F. J. Hale and R. P. Snelling) be subordinated as to payment of interest to the indebtedness

to the banks and bankers and to the new issue of 5-year 7% convertible notes hereinafter referred to: (2) that not less than \$500,000 additional working capital be raised; and (3) that the banks are satisfied with the plans of the directors for the 3-year period of extension as to consolidation and arrangement of plants and as to management.

It is understood the banks and bankers as variously interested will severally agreed (a) to extend the maturity of \$4,000,000 of notes for a further period of 3 years with interest at 5% instead of 6%; (b) to accept new 5% notes maturing in 3 years, without convertible features, in exchange for \$550,000 7% convertible notes; and (c) to underwrite \$550,000 of the new 5% notes in lieu of \$550,000 7% convertible notes now underwritten. As to the second requirement, it is proposed to authorize a new issue of 5-year 7% notes in amount of \$528,750 convertible into common stock at \$10 a share.

The plan also contemplates the organization of a subsidiary corporation to be known as the Kitson machine shop, to which would be transferred the title and rights in the so-called Kitson plant and Walker Street foundry in Lowell, Mass., together with other assets, which would enable the new corporation to operate as a separate manufacturing unit.—V. 122, p. 3465.

B. F. Schlesinger & Sons, Inc.—Sales.—
Period End. Oct. 31—1926—Month—1925 1926—10 Mos.—1925 Sales (approx.)—\$1,744,000 \$1,681,000 \$1,428,000 \$1,247,000
—V. 123, p. 1391, 854.

Schulco Co., Inc.—Bonds Ready for Delivery.—
Engraved guaranteed 6 1/2% mtge. sinking fund bond issue, due July 1 1946, are now ready for delivery in exchange for interim certificates upon surrender of the latter at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York City. (For offering see V. 122, p. 3465.)—V. 123, p. 2149.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—Sales.—
3 Mos. Ended Oct. 31—1926—1925—Increase. Sales—\$8,259,307 \$7,498,480 \$760,827
—V. 123, p. 2402, 1124.

Shaw Bertram Lumber Co., Klamath Falls, Ore.—Bonds Offered.—
Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., Portland, Ore., are offering at 100 and int. \$300,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1934. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at offices of Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., Portland and San Francisco, without deduction for normal Federal income tax, except in excess of 2%. Company agrees to refund California personal property taxes not to exceed five mills per annum. Title & Trust Co., Portland, Ore., trustee. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 102 during first two years from date of issue, 101 1/2 next two years and 101 thereafter, except when purchasable for sinking fund in the market at less. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000.

Company.—Was organized to acquire timber, conduct logging operations and to manufacture lumber, lath, boxes and box shooks. From a small beginning, the cut of the saw mill at Klamath Falls has been increased until, in 1924, company was saving upward of 20,000,000 ft. annually and, at present, has an annual capacity of 35,000,000 ft. Within the past 12 months the company has built a large modern arranged and equipped box factory. Their sales territory for lumber and box shooks has been greatly enlarged through the completion of the Natron Cut-Off of the Southern Pacific Ry. opening up the rich Willamette Valley districts.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage on all property now or hereafter owned. These properties comprise the 125-acre mill site, owned in fee simple situated on the outskirts of the City of Klamath Falls, saw mill, lath mill, booming grounds, planing mill, box factory, offices, employees' dwellings, yards, sheds, railway switches connecting directly with the main line of the Southern Pacific, together with all logging equipment consisting of camps, logging railroad, railroad and woods equipment adequate to stock the mill with logs, and the equity in the timber contracts, all conservatively valued at upwards of \$600,000.

Company has a 20-year contract with the Department of the Interior Indian Service, running from June 1924, covering approximately 228,000,000 ft. of Indian Reservation timber. Thomas & Meserve estimate the company's equity in this contract to be worth \$230,000. This stumpage is free from taxes and interest.

Earnings.—Net earnings after depreciation but before payment of interest and income tax for the years 1924, 1925 and up to Sept. 30 1926, covering the period operation has run full capacity, averaged \$97,158 annually, nearly five times maximum interest requirements of these bonds.

Sinking Fund.—Payment to trustee for retiring bonds at 102 during first two years from date of issue, 101 1/2 next two years and 101 thereafter unless purchasable in the market for less, is required to be made monthly on all timber cut at \$1 50 per thousand feet for their reservation timber and \$1 per thousand feet on all logs purchased outside. Sinking fund money can be used only for the retirement of bonds. Interest and premiums will be paid from earnings.

Purpose.—To pay the company's outstanding indebtedness, buy more timber and provide additional working capital.

Silver Dyke Mining Co.—Tenders.—
The National Shawmut Bank of Boston, trustee, will until Nov. 19, receive bids for the sale to it of 7% gold notes, dated June 1 1923, due June 1 1928, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$59,165.—V. 123, p. 855.

Simms Petroleum Co.—Listing.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,431,500 3-year 6% convertible gold notes, due Nov. 15 1929.

The Exchange also approved the listing of \$1,372,600 additional capital stock on official notice of issuance on conversion of 3-year 6% convertible gold notes dated Nov. 15 1926. See also V. 123, p. 1887, 2006.

Earnings for Three and Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 (Incl. Subs.).
Period—Quar. End. Sept. 30—9 Nos. End. Sept. 30—1926. 1925. 1926. 1925. 1926.
Gross oper. revenue—\$2,253,281 \$2,158,353 \$5,994,683 \$6,801,208
Operating expenses—877,672 731,468 2,447,157 1,827,697
Gross profit—\$1,375,609 \$1,426,885 \$3,547,526 \$4,973,511
Other income credits—66,923 71,228 133,142 219,042
Total—\$1,442,532 \$1,498,113 \$3,680,668 \$5,192,553
Interest, lease rentals & general taxes—85,444 63,965 235,736 162,213
Prov. for Fed. inc. tax—10,000 y 160,000
Development expense—1,050,665 { 427,289 } 2,791,167 { 1,806,067 }
Depr., depl. & aband'ts.—496,733 } 1,382,511
Net income—\$306,423 \$500,125 \$653,765 \$2,307,761
x After deducting cost of raw material refined. y No Federal tax liability required on 1926 earnings.—V. 123, p. 2006.

Smith & Wesson, Inc.—Balance Sheet July 31.—

[As filed with the Massachusetts commissioner of corporations.]
Assets—1926. 1925. Liabilities—1926. 1925.
Real estate, mach., equip. &c.—\$1,967,102 \$1,968,621 Capital stock—\$2,500,000 \$2,500,000
Merchandise—998,189 933,589 Mortgages—388,000 400,000
Accts. & notes rec.—112,706 93,362 Accounts payable—39,593 39,514
Cash—131,696 105,458 Res. for taxes—24,929 13,758
Sinking fund—x743 265 Res. for deprec.—1,844,208 1,734,322
Deferred charges—20,283 30,400 Miscell. reserves—46,845 46,845
Pat. rights & trade marks, &c.—2,000,233 2,000,233 Surplus—387,378 397,489
Total—\$5,230,953 \$5,131,928 Total—\$5,230,953 \$5,131,928
x Includes sinking fund bond interest of \$143.—V. 121, p. 2765.

"Snia Viscosa" (Societa Nazionale Industria Applicazioni Viscosa), Turin, Italy.—Readjusts Capital—New Financing.—
The stockholders on Nov. 11 approved the proposal of the directors to write down the capital stock by 25%, to credit this amount to reserves, to issue more shares at par and offer new debentures in London. The capitalization will be reduced from 1,000,000,000 lire to 750,000,000 by

writing the issued shares down from 200 to 150 lire. This will be succeeded by a capital increase to 1,000,000,000 lire by the creation of 250,000,000 lire of new shares to be issued at par. A debenture issue amounting to £1,400,000 of 7 1/2% mortgage bonds will, it is stated, be floated in London.—V. 123, p. 1392.

South Porto Rico Sugar Co.—Listing.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Dec. 1 of \$1,120,600 additional common stock (par \$100) on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding full-paid subscription warrants (entitling the holders of common stock at the close of business on Nov. 1 1926 to subscribe to additional common stock at the rate of one share of new stock for each 10 shares of old stock) or payment therefor in cash, making the total amount of common stock applied for \$12,326,200.—V. 123, p. 2386.

Southern Dairies, Inc.—October Sales.—
Month of October—1926. 1925. Increase.
Gross sales—\$926,288 \$717,541 \$208,747
—V. 123, p. 1644, 1516.

(A. G.) Spalding & Bros.—Earnings.—
(Subject to adjustment at close of fiscal year.)
Period—Quar. End. Sept. 30—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1926. 1925. 1926. 1925.
Net sales—\$6,324,095 \$5,893,783 \$18,351,911 \$17,031,212
Mfg. cost of sales—4,383,765 3,895,034 12,205,936 11,173,941
Adm., adv. & sell. exp.—1,521,030 1,265,733 4,604,634 3,910,860
Depreciation—127,951 139,850 392,170 424,695
Royalties—26,456 27,925 43,759 46,640
Net operating profit—\$264,893 \$565,241 \$1,105,412 \$1,475,075
Other income—63,621 59,594 176,436 166,763
Total income—\$328,513 \$624,835 \$1,281,848 \$1,641,838
Interest paid—44,621 51,543 164,814 99,043
Federal tax reserve—41,000 73,300 151,000 192,000
Divs. on 1st pf. 7% stk.—72,574 75,307 221,128 227,658
Divs. on 2d pf. 8% stk.—19,990 20,000 59,970 60,000
Divs. on common stock—74,236 119,276 311,792 358,464
1st pref. stk. sink. fund—37,500 37,500 112,500 112,500
Balance, surplus—\$38,591 \$267,909 \$260,642 \$592,174
The balance of unappropriated surplus Sept. 30 1926 was \$3,051,481, compared with \$3,220,391 as of Sept. 30 1925.—V. 123, p. 2006.

Stafford Mills.—Balance Sheet.—
Assets—Oct. 2 '26. Oct. 3 '25. Liabilities—Oct. 2 '26. Oct. 3 '25.
Plant—\$1,902,785 \$1,679,331 Capital stock—\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000
Cash, accts. rec. & inventory—268,498 352,878 Bills & accts. pay.—209,271
Investments—100,000 100,000 Tax reserve—109,316 151,805
Deprec. reserve—556,547 556,547
Surplus—296,149 423,857
Total—\$2,171,283 \$2,132,209 Total—\$2,171,283 \$2,132,209
—V. 121, p. 2533.

Standard National Corp.—Common Stock Put on \$12 Annual Dividend Basis.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$3 a share on the common stock, no par value, and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 75 a share on the preferred stock, both payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 27. In the two previous quarters dividends of \$2 50 per share were paid on the common stock.—V. 122, p. 1624.

Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska.—Extra Dividend of 2%.
The directors on Nov. 11 declared an extra dividend of 2% (50c. per share) in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 62c., both payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Nov. 24. On Sept. 20 last an extra dividend of 1% (25c. per share) was paid.—V. 123, p. 855.

Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey)—Directors Discuss Retirement of Preferred Stock—No Action Taken as Yet.—
No action was taken by the directors at their meeting yesterday with respect to retiring the preferred stock, although the matter came up for discussion. The following statement was issued after the meeting:
"The retirement of the preferred stock has been under consideration for some time. A financing operation of such magnitude involves many important considerations of moment to the company and its shareholders, and these considerations are still occupying the attention of the board. The subject was discussed at to-day's meeting of the directors and no action was taken."

The company has \$200,000,000 7% preferred stock outstanding, which is callable at \$115 per share on 30 days' notice. What form the proposed financing will take has been a subject of speculation in banking circles during the past week. It is believed in some circles that there will be an issue of debenture bonds and another of additional common stock in preference to an offering consisting solely of bonds. This plan, it is stated, will call for an issue of \$125,000,000 debenture 5% bonds to be offered at par and rights to stockholders to subscribe to 4,000,000 additional shares of common stock at \$25. J. P. Morgan & Co., who have acted as bankers for the company for many years, it is said, will handle the financing.—V. 123, p. 1260, 1125.

Standard Tank Car Co.—Orders Received.—
The company has received an order for 700 tank cars from the Phillips Petroleum Co. another for 500 cars from the Gulf Refining Co., and will build 300 more for leasing. This business in connection with other orders in hand will insure the company practically capacity operations for six months. The production of these cars will involve a substantial tonnage of plates.—V. 123, p. 336.

Standard Textile Products Co.—Earnings, &c.—
Earnings of the company for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1926 approximated \$272,000 after interest and other charges, except depreciation, according to a statement issued by Pres. James T. Broadbent. Owing to large expenditures for replacement and the decline in cotton prices, the question of depreciation was referred to the directors, who placed the amount at \$240,000, leaving a net profit of \$32,000 for the nine months. Sales of "Sanitas," the company's principal product, are satisfactory, Mr. Broadbent said. Prices, however, do not permit of satisfactory profits. In addition to low prices, there has been the decline in the whole year a process of inventory adjustment to meet the declining raw cotton market. In anticipation of declining values, Mr. Broadbent said, in the raw material market, the liquidation of inventory was started in the early part of the year and has been consistently followed as a company policy since that time to the extent that inventories are reduced approximately \$2,292,000. Out of this amount bank loans were reduced \$1,450,000 and bonded indebtedness \$640,800, making a total debt reduction of \$2,090,800 during 1926. A comparison of the present financial position of the company with the position as of June 30 1924, when dividends were discontinued, shows the large inventory reduction of over \$3,300,000, of which \$2,752,100 was used in reducing bank loans and bonded indebtedness.—V. 123, p. 2403.

Steelcraft Corp. of America, Cleveland.—Sale.—
The property of the National Safe Co. at E. 69th St. and Quincy Ave., Cleveland, will be sold at public auction Dec. 2. The company is owned by the Steelcraft Corp., a holding company now in the hands of Frank B. Hainen, receiver.—V. 121, p. 1581.

Steel & Tube Co. of America.—To Retire Bonds.—
The outstanding \$8,334,000 gen. mtge. sinking fund 7% gold bonds, series C, due Jan. 1 1951, will be redeemed on Jan. 1 1927 at 107 and int., according to announcement made by the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., successor to the above company. Holders of the bonds have been requested to present same with all unmatured coupons for payment and redemption on Jan. 1 at the offices of

the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, or at the principal office of the Bankers Trust Co. in New York City.

Steinmetz Electric Motor Car Co.—Statement.—Pres. G. M. Keen filed in the U. S. District Court at Baltimore on Nov. 4 a list of assets and liabilities which indicated that the greater part of the indebtedness of the concern was upon its issue of 3-year gold coupon 7% notes.

Stewart Warner Speedometer Corp.—Employees' Holdings.—During October 1,335 employees purchased stock of the corporation under the employee stock purchase plan.

(Hugo) Stinnes Corporation.—Listing.—There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list \$12,500,000 10-year 7% gold notes, dated Oct. 1 1926 and due Oct. 1 1936.

(Hugo) Stinnes Industries, Inc.—Listing.—There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list, \$12,500,000 20-year 7% sinking fund gold debentures, dated Oct. 1 1926 and due Oct. 1 1946.

Struthers Furnace Co.—Earnings.—The company reports for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1926 net sales of \$1,629,174.

Sun Realty Co., Los Angeles.—Bonds Offered.—Union Bank & Trust Co. of Los Angeles recently offered at 100 and int. \$350,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Taunton-New Bedford Copper Co.—Extra Div. of \$6.50.—An extra dividend of \$6.50 per share has been declared in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share.

Tennessee Products Corp.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is prepared to delivery definitive 1st mtge. 6 1/4% sinking fund gold bonds in exchange for the outstanding temporary bonds.

Texas Co.—To Appeal Decision.—Both the Texas Co. of Mexico (a subsidiary of Texas Co.) and Edward Roos of San Antonio have given notice of appeal to the U. S. Circuit Court at New Orleans from the recent judgment of District Judge Duval West who sustained the findings of Judge Henry C. King Jr.

(John R.) Thompson Co., Chicago.—Sales.—Increase. 1926—10 Mos.—1925. 1926—Oct.—1925.

320 East 57th Street Apartment Building, New York City.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and int. \$925,000 1st mtge. fee 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Toledo (O.) Glass Co.—To Readjust Capitalization.—The stockholders will vote Nov. 15 on changing the authorized capital stock from 1,500 shares, par \$100, to 150,000 shares of no par value.

Tremont & Suffolk Mills, Lowell, Mass.—To Liquidate.—A special meeting of stockholders held Nov. 10 to consider liquidation of the company was adjourned until Nov. 16.

Triangle Film Corp. (Va.)—New Delaware Corporation Organized.—Exchange of Stock.—President H. E. Aitken in a notice to stockholders says: In order to perpetuate the business carried on by Triangle Film Corp. of Virginia, a new corporation known as Triangle Film Corp., has been organized in Delaware.

2440 Lake View Avenue Apartment Building, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Greenebaum Sons Investment Co., Chi-

President H. E. Aitken in a notice to stockholders says: In order to perpetuate the business carried on by Triangle Film Corp. of Virginia, a new corporation known as Triangle Film Corp., has been organized in Delaware.

Trinidad Oil Fields, Inc.—Prof. Stock Sold.—Huntington Jackson & Co., New York, have sold at \$30 per share 50,000 shares cumulative convertible class A stock (no par).

Entitled to cumulative preferential dividends at the rate of \$5 per share per year from April 15 1927. Transfer agent, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, Registrar, The Equitable Trust Co. of New York.

Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding. Cum. conv. class A stock (no par value)-----150,000 shs. 50,000 shs. Class B stock (no par value)-----400,000 shs. 150,000 shs.

Properties.—(1) Asphalt (Pitch) Lake District.—Company has leases or contracts for leases or drilling contracts covering approximately 4,000 acres in this district, all classed as proven or semi-proven oil lands.

(2) Palo Seco District.—Company has leases or contracts for leases covering approximately 3,500 acres on the south coast of Trinidad 10 miles south of the Pitch Lake and located on the well-known southern anticline of Trinidad.

(3) Other Producing Fields.—Outside of the vicinity of the Pitch Lake the most important oil fields of Trinidad are the Fyzabad, Apex and Point Fortin fields.

(4) Districts of Cedros and Icaicos.—The districts of Cedros and Icaicos lie immediately west of the above mentioned fields in the extreme southwestern part of the Island.

(5) Additional Holdings.—Company has also acquired leases or contracts for leases or drilling contracts covering approximately 14,000 acres on favorable structures which are recommended by its geologists with a view to protecting the company in case of new discoveries.

Directors.—Lord Arundell of Wardour, Tisbury, Wiltshire, England; Harry A. Arthur, George W. Baekeland, Stiles M. Decker, Edward Harding, New York; George F. Huggins, Trinidad; Huntington Jackson (Huntington Jackson & Co.), New York; Walter Raleigh Kerr, London; Walter MacLachlan, C.A., London; Frank Seamans, Philadelphia; Henry S. Thompson, William Warfield (President) New York.

cago, is offering \$2,500,000 1st mtge. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % serial gold bonds at prices to yield from 6.13% to 6.50%, according to maturity.

Dated Oct. 15 1926; due serially (A. & O.) from Oct. 15 1929-Oct. 15 1941. Denom. \$100, \$500, \$1,000 c*. 2% Federal normal income tax and any State taxes up to 5 mills of principal amount paid by borrower. Principal and int. (A. & O.) 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 2%.

Security.—Closed first mortgage on land, building, equipment and earnings. The 2440 Lake View Avenue Building will, upon completion, be one of the finest and largest buildings of its kind in Chicago; it will be 19 stories and basement, of fireproof construction. The structure will be of the semi-co-operative type; it will contain 107 apartments, and it is planned to sell the front apartments from the fifth floor up, including 24 of 8 rooms each and 2 duplex apartments of 11 and 13 rooms on the two upper floors, which are set back in front from the rest of the building; in addition, there will be 81 apartments in the renting unit, including 6 of 8 rooms, 1 of 7 rooms, 36 of 6 rooms, 18 of 5 rooms, 18 of 4 rooms, a manager's apartment and a janitor's apartment; there will also be 10 maids' rooms.

Valuation.—According to the plans of the borrowing corporation, the property will be sold on a co-operative basis for \$3,550,000. Expert independent appraisal of the property, including the land, owned in fee, the building when completed, and equipment, places the total value at \$3,522,452, as follows: Land, \$528,732; building when completed, \$2,993,750.

Earnings.—According to conservative estimates, the rental value of the entire building when completed, including the co-operative units, as well as the renting apartments, is as follows: Gross rental value, \$478,000; expenses (including vacancies), \$747,000; net rental value, \$331,000.

Ownership.—Bonds are a direct obligation of the 2440 Lake View Avenue Building Corp., which is headed by S. E. Mittelman.

Tung-Sol Lamp Works, Inc.—Earnings.—

| Period— | —Quar. End. Sept. 30— | | —9 Mos. End. Sept. 30— | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925. |
| Net operating profit..... | \$249,584 | \$207,841 | \$736,493 | \$530,515 |
| Other net income..... | 7,967 | 33,492 | 22,077 | 108,057 |
| Gross income..... | \$257,551 | \$241,333 | \$758,570 | \$638,572 |
| Deductions..... | 38,847 | 32,641 | 108,089 | 96,037 |
| Federal tax provision..... | 30,300 | 27,426 | 88,800 | 67,788 |
| Net income..... | \$188,404 | \$181,266 | \$561,681 | \$474,747 |

—V. 123, p. 1772.

Ulen & Co.—Listing.—

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list \$4,000,000 10-year sinking fund 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % secured convertible gold notes, dated Nov. 1 1926 and due Nov. 1 1936. See offering in V. 123, p. 2406.

Underwood Typewriter Co.—Earnings.—

| Period— | —Quar. End. Sept. 30— | | —9 Mos. End. Sept. 30— | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
| | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925. |
| Net earnings..... | \$376,010 | \$618,788 | \$1,623,213 | \$2,204,856 |
| Other net income..... | 89,897 | 96,842 | 295,886 | 288,015 |
| Gross income..... | \$465,907 | \$715,630 | \$1,919,099 | \$2,492,871 |
| Depreciation..... | 67,111 | 60,025 | 196,659 | 181,963 |
| Net income..... | \$398,796 | \$655,605 | \$1,722,441 | \$2,310,908 |
| Res. Fed. taxes..... | 53,600 | 82,000 | 230,600 | 287,000 |
| Net profit..... | \$345,196 | \$573,605 | \$1,491,841 | \$2,023,908 |

—V. 123, p. 1261.

Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.—Acquisition.—

The corporation has exercised an option to purchase the entire assets of the U. S. Vanadium Co., effective as of Dec. 1. The Union Carbide company has been negotiating for and developing the ore bodies and processes of the Vanadium company for the last year. This property is located at Rifle, Garfield County, Colo., 300 miles west of Denver. The ore is mined about 12 miles from Rifle and hauled from the mine to Rifle for treatment at a large plant, the capacity of which is reported to have been trebled during the past year. The U. S. Vanadium Co. has also a smelting plant at Columbia, O.

The sale of both the oxide and the ferrovandium will be handled by one of the subsidiaries of the Union Carbide & Carbon Corp., the Electro-Metallurgical Sales Corp.—V. 123, p. 2150.

Union Cotton Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet.—

| Assets— | Sept. 25 '26. | | Sept. 26 '25. | | Liabilities— | Sept. 25 '26. | | Sept. 26 '25. | |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|----|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Construction..... | \$1,200,000 | \$1,200,000 | | | Capital stock..... | \$1,200,000 | \$1,200,000 | | |
| Cotton cloth..... | 271,885 | 217,666 | | | Profit and loss..... | 449,291 | 489,253 | | |
| Cash & accts. rec..... | 311,664 | 527,419 | | | Reserve for deprec..... | 194,119 | 102,112 | | |
| U. S., &c., sec..... | 184,000 | | | | Res. for red. of stk..... | | 45,000 | | |
| | | | | | Reserve for taxes..... | 127,139 | 108,719 | | |
| Total..... | \$1,970,549 | \$1,945,085 | Total..... | \$1,970,549 | \$1,945,085 | | | | |

—V. 121, p. 2287.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Declares a 2% Cash and a 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Stock Dividend on Common Stock.—

The directors have declared a cash dividend of 2% and a stock dividend of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ % on the common stock, par \$25, both payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 10. Like amounts were paid on the common stock in each of the ten previous quarters.—V. 123, p. 1645.

United States Gypsum Co.—Directors Declare 35% Stock Dividend and Extra of \$1 40 in Cash.—

The directors have declared the following divs. on the common stock, par \$20: (1) A 35% stock div., (2) an extra cash div. of \$1 40 per share, (3) the usual quarterly cash div. of 2%. The directors also declared the regular quarterly div. of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ % on the pref. stk. All divs. are payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 4. The company on June 1 and Sept. 1 1926 paid extra cash dividends of 5% each on the common stock (see also V. 123, p. 856).—V. 123, p. 991.

U. S. Hoffman Machinery Corp. (& Subs.).—Balance Sheet. Sept. 30.—

| Assets— | 1926. | | 1925. | | Liabilities— | 1926. | | 1925. | |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|----|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Plant, prop., &c..... | \$851,029 | \$801,550 | | | Preferred stock..... | \$958,600 | \$958,600 | | |
| Patents..... | 2,237,424 | 2,448,900 | | | Common stock..... | 4,632,182 | 3,673,582 | | |
| Goodwill..... | 1 | 1 | | | Notes payable..... | | 550,000 | | |
| Cash..... | 298,845 | 449,945 | | | Accts payable and accrued accounts | 411,203 | 334,726 | | |
| Notes & bills rec..... | 2,732,105 | 2,599,846 | | | Deferred accounts..... | | 50,000 | | |
| Accts. receivable..... | 7692,676 | 809,114 | | | Dep. on acct. un-completed sales | 13,187 | 48,977 | | |
| Prepaid and de-ferred charges..... | 44,139 | 59,586 | | | Reserve for taxes and royalties..... | 393,198 | 365,274 | | |
| Inventories..... | 1,262,620 | 914,264 | | | Prof. stock prem..... | | 14,262 | | |
| Deposits on leases, contracts, &c..... | 2,070 | 21,727 | | | Surplus..... | 2,693,803 | 2,109,620 | | |
| Investments..... | 101 | 101 | | | Accts pay..... | 27,203 | | | |
| Total..... | \$8,171,010 | \$8,105,041 | Total..... | \$8,171,010 | \$8,105,041 | | | | |

x After deducting reserves of \$651,764. y After deducting reserves of \$39,056. z Authorized 223,334 shares of no par value—outstanding, 222,203 shares. a Includes \$2,776,052 customers' notes receivable secured by chattel mortgages or equivalent liens. It does not include interest accrued on customers' notes receivable.—V. 123, p. 2276.

U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co.—Acquisition.—

The company announces the acquisition, through purchase of the plant, of the Crystal Chemical Co. located at Anaheim, Calif. This property will constitute the first manufacturing unit of the company on the Pacific Coast. The U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co., a California corporation, has been formed to own and operate the plant. In addition, it will handle the

distribution in the Pacific Coast territory of the products of the U. S. Industrial Chemical Co.

The new California subsidiary is capitalized at \$500,000. Its officers are H. S. Rubens, President, and A. R. Peck and R. R. Brown, Vice-Presidents. W. W. Houghney, who has been identified with the Eastern organization of the U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co., has been named Western manager.—V. 123, p. 727.

U. S. Realty & Improvement Co.—Earnings.—

| 6 Months Ended Oct. 31— | 1926 | 1925. |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Real estate net operating income..... | \$1,148,022 | \$1,110,641 |
| All other income..... | 1,482,668 | 1,597,574 |
| Total income..... | \$2,630,690 | \$2,708,215 |
| Interest on mortgages..... | 248,660 | 254,803 |
| Gen. & corp. exp., Fed. and State taxes and deprec..... | 256,434 | 532,091 |
| Net income..... | \$2,125,596 | \$1,921,322 |

x Including net income of George A. Fuller Co. and proportion of net income of Plaza Operating Co.

| Balance Sheet Oct. 30. | | | | |
|--|--------------|------------|---|--------------|
| Assets— | 1926. | | 1925. | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Real est. & bldgs..... | \$44,691,612 | 41,491,645 | Liabilities— | |
| Leaseh'lds & imp..... | 419,012 | | Capital stock..... | \$26,658,280 |
| Mtgs. rec. & Inv..... | | | Accounts payable..... | 1,027,021 |
| In other stocks & bonds, &c..... | 8,868,944 | 6,871,881 | Taxes & int. acer'd 1,416,923 | 907,149 |
| Bldg. plant, stores, &c..... | 2,366,213 | 1,564,068 | Rents received in advance, &c..... | 100,956 |
| Deferred chgs., &c..... | 354,816 | 323,139 | Dividends payable..... | |
| Bills & accts. rec..... | 2,053,923 | 1,360,935 | Mtgs on eos. real estate..... | 18,072,500 |
| Cash..... | 3,464,341 | 3,919,987 | Reserves..... | 4,686,836 |
| Chgs. against bldg. contracts, less payments rec'd on account..... | | 1,043,394 | Res've for possible losses or deprec. in value of capital assets..... | |
| Minority int. in Plaza Opera Co..... | | | Surplus..... | 8,999,254 |
| | | | | 6,858,164 |
| Total..... | 62,218,862 | 56,575,047 | Total..... | 62,218,862 |

a Trinity Building, U. S. Realty Building, Whitehall Building, Hotel Plaza, N. Y. City; Lawyers Building, Boston, and unimproved real estate (amounting to \$587,774). x Represented by 666,457 shares of no par value. y Including amounts due on building contracts. z Reserves (1) for depreciation of buildings and equipment therein, \$2,556,776; (2) for Hotel Plaza furnishings, \$891,000; miscellaneous reserves, including \$1,000,000 for contingencies, \$1,239,060.—V. 123, p. 856.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.—\$50,000,000 Mark in Dividends Passed—A Like Amount Is Reinvested in Company's Business.—

With the payment of its most recent dividends, the company has passed the \$50,000,000 mark in the total of dividends declared and paid since it was formed 20 years ago, according to a compilation just made by Hornblower & Weeks, who are analyzing the 20th century growth and development of leading American industrial corporations. The latest dividends of U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. have increased the total of such disbursements by that company to \$50,230,332.

In its 20 years of existence, according to the review, total assets of the company have more than doubled, or from \$45,000,000 to over \$91,000,000. In addition to the \$50,230,332 paid out in dividends, the company has set aside for property reserves and additions to surplus a total of \$50,327,302. In other words, the company has reinvested in the property, dollar for dollar, all dividends paid to stockholders. This record has been made in the face of changing conditions in the metal industry, an important phase of the company's activity having been the change in character of its products consonant with changing metal values and uses.—V. 123, p. 1773.

United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.—

See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 123, p. 2254, 2007.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Output (Lbs.).—

| Month of— | October. | September. | August. | July. |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Copper output (lbs.)..... | 3,803,688 | 3,511,966 | 3,529,876 | 3,475,936 |

—V. 123, p. 2407, 2150.

Universal Trading Corp.—Smoked Fish Trust to Dissolve.

State Attorney-General Albert Ottinger's action to dissolve this corporation as a monopoly of the smoked fish industry in New York State met with success Oct. 28 when attorneys for both sides consented to a judgment of dissolution and annulment and to an injunction restraining the corporation from further violations of the law. The consent was entered at a hearing before Referee Charles H. Tuttle, appointed by Supreme Court Justice Isidore Wasservogel.

The judgment to be entered will provide for the appointment of liquidating trustees to conduct the liquidation of the corporation, to carry out its contracts where such contracts do not violate the law, collect its assets and properly distribute them under the direction of the Supreme Court.

The Universal Trading Corp. is composed of the Atlantic & Pacific Packing Co., Ltd.; the Central Smoked Fish Co., Inc.; Abraham I. Kanis, William Oxenberg and Samuel Oxenberg, trading as Oxenberg Bros., and the Greenpoint Smoked Fish Co., Inc.

Waiialua Agricultural Co., Honolulu.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 40 cents per share for November and another of like amount for December. These are in addition to the regular monthly dividends of 10 cents per share. Monthly dividends at the latter rate have been paid since July 1925.—V. 122, p. 2963.

Western Canada Flour Mills Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

| Years End. Aug. 31— | 1925-26. | 1924-25. | 1923-24. | 1922-23. |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Net profit after making provision for reserves..... | \$328,096 | \$319,033 | \$341,869 | \$309,141 |
| Bond interest..... | 47,245 | 54,294 | 59,661 | 64,688 |
| Pref. dividends (3 $\frac{1}{4}$ %). | \$1,250 | | | |
| Common dividends..... | (x)175,375 (8%) | 230,000 (8%) | 230,000 (8%) | 230,000 (8%) |
| Balance, surplus..... | \$24,226 | \$34,739 | \$52,208 | \$14,453 |
| Total profit & loss surp..... | \$607,207 | \$582,982 | \$286,329 | \$234,121 |

x Being 4% on old common stock (par \$100), \$115,000 and 70 cents per share on new no par value stock, \$60,375.

Comparative Balance Sheet Aug. 31.

| Assets— | 1926. | | 1925. | | Liabilities— | 1926. | | 1925. | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|----|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Real estate, bldgs., &c..... | \$5,855,333 | \$4,011,797 | 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ % pref. stock..... | 2,500,000 | Common stock..... | 1,150,000 | 2,875,000 | | |
| Shares in sub. eos. & other invest'ts | 38,308 | 35,273 | Funded debt..... | | Bank loans..... | | 865,236 | | |
| Pat's., tr.-mks., & good-will..... | 1 | 1 | Bond interest..... | 323,000 | | | 26,041 | | |
| Acct's & bills rec..... | 664,879 | 525,804 | Divs. acer. payable | 70,908 | | | 57,500 | | |
| Inventory..... | 1,978,570 | 1,751,997 | Acct's & bills pay..... | 800,351 | | | 673,188 | | |
| Cash..... | 77,844 | 63,574 | Deprecia'n reserve | 2,922,328 | | | 1,119,562 | | |
| Deferred charges..... | 41,140 | 68,181 | Res. for conting., doubtful acct's, taxes, &c..... | 282,281 | | | 257,119 | | |
| Total (each side) | \$8,656,076 | \$6,456,628 | P. & L. account..... | 607,207 | | | 582,982 | | |

Note.—The company has indirect liabilities (customers' paper under discount) of \$1,707,339.

x 86,250 shares common stock of no par value. y Shares of \$100 par value each. z Property reserve, \$1,701,316; general reserve, \$1,221,012; total, \$2,922,328.—V. 123, p. 1126.

Wickwire Spencer Steel Corp.—Earnings, etc.—

The consolidated statement of the company and its subsidiaries for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1926 shows a profit of \$1,163,031 before bond interest and depreciation, and a loss of \$75,128 after bond interest and all fixed charges other than depreciation, compared with a consolidated net loss of \$263,344 after depreciation in the corresponding period of 1925. For the first nine months of 1925 the company reported a loss of \$90,911 after depreciation, interest, &c.

The Federal Trade Commission Oct. 19 dismissed its complaint against this corporation, manufacturers of screen wire cloth. In its order of dismissal the Commission reserves the right to reinstate the case after there has been an authoritative interpretation of Section 7 of the Clayton Act. The corporation was charged with the acquisition of the entire capital stock of the American Wire Fabrics Corp., Chicago, Ill., manufacturers of screen wire cloth and, before the acquisition, a competitor of the Wickwire Corporation.—V. 123, p. 1261.

| Period— | Quar. End. Sept. 30—1926. | —9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1925. | —12 Mos. End. Sept. 30—1924. | —1923. |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Net profit | \$2,229,329 | \$3,183,299 | \$10,811,280 | \$13,638,881 |
| Net after Fed. taxes | \$1,928,369 | \$2,769,470 | \$9,351,757 | \$11,865,826 |
| x After ordinary taxes, depreciation, interest, &c., but before Federal taxes. | | | | |

President John N. Willys says: "The decline in net during the third quarter is attributable to price reductions of September involving smaller profit per car and the usual dealer rebate. The volume of business during the fall months has been encouraging and has justified the price reduction policies. The whipper car is a distinct success and by virtue of current plans contains even greater promise for the coming year than it has already shown after four months. The company is now in a position to meet with equanimity any trade changes during the winter. The latest reports available for the month of October indicate dealer retail sales of 15,000 cars which is a satisfactory total for this time of the year."—V. 123, p. 451.

Wood & English, Ltd., Vancouver, B. C.—Notes Offered.—Lumbermen Trust Co.-Bank, Portland, Ore., is offering at 100 and int. \$78,000 6% collateral trust refunding gold notes, joint and several obligations of Wood & English, Ltd., Frederick J. Wood and Edward George English.

Dated Nov. 1 1926, due Nov. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at office of Lumbermen Trust Co., Portland, Ore., trustee, without deduction for U. S. normal Federal income tax, not exceeding 2% per annum. Callable all or part, but if in part in inverse numerical order (following payment of all original notes then outstanding) on any interest date upon 20 days' notice at 101 and int.
Company.—A British Columbia corporation. Was organized to consolidate and operate a desirable group of crown grant timber properties and perpetual timber licenses in the Nimpkish Lake Region on the east side of Vancouver Island, B. C., 182 miles north of Vancouver, B. C., hitherto operated under the name of the Nimpkish Timber Co., Ltd.
Purpose.—These notes are issued for the purpose of refunding part of a \$117,000 maturity, similarly secured, falling due Nov. 1 1926.

Security.—Joint and several obligation of Wood & English, Ltd., Frederick J. Wood and Edward George English and forms a part of an issue aggregating \$311,000 equally and ratably secured by collateral deposited with the trustee, consisting of 250,000 shares capital stock of the E. K. Wood Lumber Co. and 1,249 shares capital stock of the Lyman Timber Co.
The financial statements of Mr. Wood and Mr. English show a combined net worth of approximately \$8,500,000.

The pledged shares of the E. K. Wood Lumber Co. have a book value of \$300,000 and the pledged shares of the Lyman Timber Co. have a book value of \$624,500 giving a total book value of \$924,500 for the collateral pledged as security for the \$311,000 of notes secured thereby, including this refunding issue of \$78,000, or at the rate of over \$2,792 66 for each \$1,000 of notes. The current market value of this collateral is substantially in excess of the book value.—V. 122, p. 105.

Woodley Petroleum Co.—Listing.—There have been authorized for the Boston Stock Exchange list 50,000 additional shares (par \$1) capital stock. The stockholders of the company, at a special meeting held Aug. 20 1926, voted to increase the authorized capital stock to \$500,000 (par \$1). Acting under the power given them, the directors have given an option to Hayden, Stone & Co. to purchase 50,000 shares of this unissued stock at an average price of \$7 50 per share. This is the stock to which this application applies.

The proceeds from the issue of these additional shares are to be used as additional working capital for enlarging and expanding the company's resources by acquisition of new properties and further development of old ones.—V. 123, p. 1773.

(Wm.) Wrigley, Jr., Co.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share and three regular monthly dividends of 25 cents each. The extra dividend is payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 20 and the regular dividends are payable Jan. 3, Feb. 1 and March 1 to holders of record the 20th of each preceding month. The last extra distribution of 50 cents per share was made on Jan. 2 1926.—V. 123, p. 2150.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Bonds Sold.—Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, National City Co., New York, Cleveland Trust Co., Union Trust Co., and Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, and Continental & Commercial Co., Chicago, have sold at 103½ and interest, to yield over 5.67%, \$10,000,000 20-year 6% debenture gold bonds. Dated July 1 1923; due July 1 1943. (See description in V. 117, p. 99.)

Data from Letter of President J. A. Campbell, Nov. 10 1926.
Company.—Organized in 1900, is to-day one of the largest manufacturers of steel pipe and sheets in the United States and with its totaling to capacity of over 3,000,000 tons annually, ranks third among the steel companies of the country. It constitutes a completely integrated unit in the industry. The steady growth of its furnace and finishing mill capacity has been accompanied by the acquisition of adequate supplies of raw materials and by the construction of additional coke ovens and by-product plants. The principal products of the company are pipe and sheets. It also manufactures other types of finished steel products used in practically every important industry.
Company has complete facilities for the manufacture of steel products both in the Youngstown district and in the Chicago district. Approximately 75% of its ingot capacity is in the Youngstown district, which is favorably located with respect to the large industrial sections in the eastern half of the United States. The other 25% of its ingot capacity is located in the Chicago district, which is rapidly becoming the centre of manufacturing distribution for the western and southwestern parts of the country. Company also has manufacturing plants in Wisconsin and Michigan.
The plants at Youngstown comprise mills originally owned by the company as well as the properties of Brier Hill Steel Co. acquired in 1923. By the addition of these facilities, the company was able to secure substantial economies in production in this district as the properties were in proximity to one another and were well suited for operation as a unit. With the acquisition of Steel & Tube Co. of America, company obtained valuable properties at Indiana Harbor, South Chicago, Evanston, Zanesville and at Mayville, Wis. Additional large ore reserves were also acquired with the purchase of the properties of these two companies. In the past few years the company has spent large sums for the construction at Youngstown and Indiana Harbor of additional finishing mills which have recently come into operation. This program of expansion which has been carried on for the past several years has been entirely accomplished through the reinvestment of surplus earnings to the extent of more than \$20,000,000. During this period the company reduced its outstanding funded debt by nearly \$9,000,000.

Company is assured of an ample supply of raw materials for a long period. It has adequate supplies of ore in Minnesota and Michigan and owns 22,274 acres, vein area, of coloring coal in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky. Its holdings of steam coal amount to 6,459 acres, vein area, two-thirds of which is in West Virginia and the balance in Ohio. In addition, it holds zinc mines in the Wisconsin, Kansas and Oklahoma fields. It also controls deposits of other minerals necessary in the manufacture of iron and steel.

Purpose of Issue.—The proceeds from the sale of these debentures will be used for the retirement of the entire \$8,334,000 outstanding issue of gen. mtgd. sinking fund 7% gold bonds, series C, of Steel & Tube Co. of America (now a lien upon the properties acquired from that company in 1923), and for other corporate purposes.

Capitalization as of Sept. 30 1926, Adjusted to Give Effect to the Sale of Debentures and to Retirement of \$8,334,000 Steel & Tube Co. Bonds.

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Divisional bonds (closed issues) and purchase money obligations | \$20,068,368 |
| 20-year 6% debenture gold bonds (including this offering) | a47,750,000 |
| 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100) | 14,241,100 |
| Common stock (no par value) | 987,066 shs. |
| a Of the total \$50,000,000 authorized, \$2,250,000 have been heretofore retired through the operation of the sinking fund. | |

| Calendar Years— | Net Sales. | Net Before Depreciation, Interest and Fed'l Taxes. | Depreciation, Amortiz. of War Oblig. Fed'l Taxes. | Availible for Interest Before Fed'l Taxes. |
|-----------------|---------------|--|---|--|
| 1916 | \$105,607,679 | \$35,407,243 | \$2,294,044 | \$33,113,199 |
| 1918 | 182,494,007 | 44,602,930 | 19,738,102 | 24,864,828 |
| 1920 | 212,608,566 | 31,256,936 | 8,471,107 | 22,785,829 |
| 1922 | 124,331,551 | 10,637,315 | 6,180,419 | 4,456,896 |
| 1924 | 121,456,370 | 21,461,893 | 8,715,638 | 12,746,255 |
| 1925 | 136,513,585 | 28,253,968 | 9,023,878 | 19,230,090 |
| 1926 (9 months) | | 24,040,275 | 6,917,206 | 17,123,069 |

| Assets— | Liabilities— |
|--|---|
| Land, plant, bldgs., &c. | 7% cum. pref. stock |
| Cash | Common stock |
| U. S. Government securities | Minority Stockhold. equity |
| Other marketable invest's | In subsidiary companies |
| Notes & acc'ts rec., less res. | Divisional bonds |
| Due from officers & employ. | 6% debentures |
| Adv. payments on ore contr. | Accounts payable |
| Inventories | Ore received in excess of pay. |
| Ins. funds in hands of trus. | Accrued payrolls |
| Sinking fund investments | Accrued royalties |
| Due on employees' dwelling purchase contracts | Accrued liability insurance |
| Inv. in and adv. to other cos. | Accrued interest |
| Deferred charges | Accrued taxes, general |
| Total (each side) | Accrued Federal tax |
| a After deducting \$72,400,943 depreciation and depletion. | Reserve for insurance fund |
| shares no par value.—V. 123p. 2150 | Reserve for empl. comp. ins. |
| | Res. for retling and rebuilding furnaces, &c. |
| | General contingency res'v'e. |
| | Surplus |
| | b 987,606 |

CURRENT NOTICES

—Bankers and business men of the country, confronted with the problem of education and the desire for travel on the part of their sons, might follow the example of Frederick H. Rawson, Chairman of the Board of the Union Trust Co., Chicago, according to newspaper men. Last year an opportunity presented itself for his fourteen-year-old son Kenneth to accompany Commander Donald B. MacMillan, the explorer, on an expedition to the Far North, and parental consent was given him to make the hazardous trip. He has narrated his experiences as the first school boy to go to the Arctic, in an interesting book which recently came off the press, entitled "A Boy's-Eye View of the Arctic," published by the Mac-Millan Company, and should prove of interest to every high-school boy in America.

When the Bowdoin sailed from Wiscasset, Maine, in 1925, outward bound for the Arctic, it carried Kenneth Rawson as a cabin boy. He was then 14 years old. He had previously sailed quite a bit during his vacation, and one summer had helped with the scientific work for the Bureau of Fisheries on a small schooner. He tells the story of the exciting months under Commander MacMillan with a detail that other boys will appreciate. The book, dedicated to his mother, is illustrated with photographs taken by the author and others on the expedition, and contains an introduction by Commander Donald B. MacMillan: "Under starlit skies and untroubled sea, in the semi-darkness of his 10-11 watch, I watched him as he stood at the wheel 'giving her a spoke' now and then to keep her on her course, his small sheepskin-covered form outlined against the black of the ocean," writes the Commander. "In howling winds and with the Bowdoin plunging and bucking head seas, decks awash and life-lines stretched, the same huddled form, eyes on the compass card, doing his best, with never a trace of quit, I a shipmate for four months, knew him. Young Rawson made good."

From the opening chapter, "Here Endeth the Lesson," wherein he describes his feelings while up in his room at the Hill School studying, and suddenly receiving a long-distance telephone call from his father suggesting he take advantage of the opportunity to make the trip, on through until the last chapter when he tells of "Storm and Stress and—Home," every one of the 142 pages of the book are full of youthful romance and adventure. As proof of his confidence in the lad, Commander MacMillan took him again to the Arctic this year, the expedition returning to the States recently.

—Jas. H. Oliphant & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 61 Broadway, New York, have issued the 21st edition of Mundy's "Earning Power of Railroads," which they distribute to their friends and clients each year. In the preface to this volume Oliphant & Co. point out that their intention is to present important statistics and other facts relating to the earning power and to the securities of railroads. Statistics are given for practically all the important railroads in the United States, with a few others the securities of which are known in a greater or less degree to American investors. They say: "The introductory chapters explain in a general way the fundamental principles which must be applied by the investor to inform himself as to the value of the stocks or bonds of any railroad. The tables, which give vital statistics regarding earnings, mileage, capitalization, tonnage, &c., are designed to present the statistics in such form as to permit easy comparison. The notes give information as to dividends and such other information about the railroads' capitalization, investments, physical and financial condition, &c., as appear to be of direct interest to the investor."

—Arthur Lipper & Co. of New York, for nearly twenty-five years located at 20 Broad St., and since 1907 separated from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange by only a small corridor, have moved their offices to 50 Broad St. The removal was for the purpose of making available additional space for the New York Stock Exchange. The Exchange authorities, members of the firm pointed out, were desirous of extending their quarters and occupying the space previously held by the Lipper firm at 20 Broad St. Being desirous of co-operating with the Exchange authorities, although loathe to leave their old quarters, the firm surrendered its lease which still had seven years to run and moved their quarters to the nearest possible location to the Stock Exchange.

—Brig.-Gen. Sir William Alexander, K.B.E., D.S.O., M.P., of London, Eng., Managing Director of Charles Tennant & Co., Ltd., Glasgow, and President of the American British Chemical Supplies, Inc., will address the members of the British Empire Chamber of Commerce at its next luncheon meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Bankers' Club, Captain Hilton Phillips, former member of Parliament for Northumberland, will also speak.

—Irving Lundborg & Co. and Steyer & Co. announce their consolidation under the firm name of Lundborg, Coleman & Steyer, with offices in the Kohl Building, San Francisco.

—The Century Trust Co. of Baltimore has been appointed fiscal agent for the distribution of the guaranteed first mortgage 5½% participation certificates issued by the Mortgage Guarantee Co. of America.

—Earle A. Miller & Co., 2 Rector Street, New York, announce that Charles L. Babcock, Jr., has retired from their firm.

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. 12 1926.

COFFEE on the spot was in fair demand and steady early in the week, with cost and freight offers higher. Santos, 4s, 20 2-3 to 21c.; Rio 7s, 16½ to 16¾c. To-day spot trade was quiet; Rio 7s, 16¾c.; Santos 4s, 21 to 21¼c. Cost and freight prices were unchanged to 15 points lower. Offerings of the better grades were small. Santos 4s were quoted at anywhere from 19.15 to 19.50c. Fair to good Cucuta, 23¼ to 24¾c.; Laguayra, washed Caracas, fair, 26 to 26½c.; Porto Cabello, natural, 22½ to 23c.; washed, 26 to 27c.; Colombian Ocana, 23½ to 24c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 26½ to 28c.; washed, 27 to 27½c. Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 27 to 27½c.; Medellin, 29 to 29½c.; Manizales, 27½ to 28c.; Aukola, 34 to 39c. On the 10th inst. prompt shipment Bourbon 2s here, 21 to 21½c.; 3s at 20.30c.; 3-4s at 19¾ to 20.35c.; 3-5s at 19¼ to 20.20c.; 4-6s at 19 to 19.50c. 5s at 18¾ to 19.10c.; 5-6s at 18.30 to 19.20c.; 6s at 17.85 to 18.45c.; 6-7s at 17.85c.; 7-8s at 17.15 to 17.65c.; separations 5-6s at 18.80c.; 7-8s at 12½c.; part bourbon or flat bean 2-3s at 21.90 to 22.50c.; 3s at 21c.; 3-4s at 20.60c.; 3-5s at 19.20 to 20.10c.; 4-5s at 19c.; 4-6s at 18.70 to 19c.; 5-6s at 19.10c.; Santos peaberry 2-3s at 21c.; 3-5s at 19.35 to 19.90c.; Rio 2s at 15½ to 15¾c.; Victoria 7-8s at 15¼c. Future shipment Santos, December 3-5s, part Bourbon, at 19.35c.

FUTURES declined on the 8th inst. 25 to 27 points with sales of 53,350 bags despite a higher run of prices on cost and freight coffee. The Rio crop is estimated at 3,000,000 bags. Santos was 125 reis lower to 125 higher. Exchange was 1-32d. lower at 6 57-64d.; dollars 20 reis higher. Rio closed 125 to 325 reis higher; exchange remained at 6 29-32d.; dollars 7\$180. Realizing sales here following an advance on the 6th inst. On the 9th inst. prices fell 20 to 25 points more with cost and freight coffee in the main lower and the regular cables irregular. The trade sold here. Lower exchange had its effect. The transactions here dropped to 38,000 bags. Santos exchange fell 5-64d. to 6 25-32d.; dollar rate 120 reis net higher; term prices 250 to 150 reis lower. Rio Exchange down to 6 25-32d.; dollar rate 140 reis higher; term prices 50 to 175 reis off. It is argued that Brazil does not appear to be forcing sales as it was a few weeks ago. Some are inclined to buy moderately on reactions. Prices recently have fallen sharply and while the prospects for the next crop are favorable, the distant positions none the less are already at good discounts under spot prices. Short selling to some therefore looks risky. But they prefer to confine their purchases to the more distant months on the idea that sooner or later they will rise to a closer parity to the present spot quotations.

Some point out that Dr. Washington Luiz, who will become Brazil's President on Nov. 15, has expressed his intention of stabilizing exchange. If this can be done much of the uncertainty involved in the present situation will be removed. Invisible supplies both here and in Europe are considered small. Deliveries during the past four months have certainly been smaller than in the corresponding period of last year, regardless of the fact that consumption is, to all appearance, undiminished. Only a moderate carry-over is expected at the end of the season. The next crop will be considerably larger, but to some it looks as though it had been discounted. Near positions in the opinion of some have inherent strength. Brazilian cables opened on the 11th inst. with the Santos terme market 275 to 400 reis higher. Rio terme market was 275 to 500 reis higher. The exchange and dollar rates were unchanged in both markets. To-day futures closed 5 to 10 points lower with sales of 27,250 bags. Santos exchange fell 3-16d. and Rio 13-64d. That was largely the cause of the weakness here, offsetting higher prices for Rio and Santos futures. Santos rose 400 to 425 reis but London exchange was down to 6½d. Dollar exchange was 200 reis higher at 7\$600. Rio futures advanced 375 to 450 reis, with London exchange 7\$600. The stock of Brazilian coffee in store and afloat to-day was, for the United States, 1,009,981 bags, against 1,028,742 bags at the same time last year and 1,162,068 two years ago.

Final prices on futures were 25 to 28 points lower than a week ago. Prices were as follows:

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|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Spot unofficial | 16¼ | March | 15.16 | July | 14.23 |
| December | 15.73 | May | 14.68 | September | 13.65 |

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban raws were held at 27½c., but early in the week this prevented business at first. Later came sales at a drop to 2 13-16c. British cables were firmer. The United Kingdom was firmer with Perus selling at 13s. 6d., it was said. British refiners bid 16s. 7½d. for preferentials. The Far East wanted old and new crop Cuba. The statistics took on a still more bullish aspect. M. A. Himly figured raw sugar stocks on hand in the Island of Cuba at 421,158 tons, against 445,626 tons a year ago; receipts at six ports, 5,857 tons, outports, 42,980 tons; total, 48,337 tons; exports at six ports, 15,912 tons; outports at 38,905 tons; total, 74,817 tons; stock at six ports, 209,394 tons; outports, 211,764 tons; total, 421,158 tons. Sales on the 8th and 9th inst. for November shipment reached 85,000 bags at 2 13-16c. c. & f. basis. Some 3,000 tons Philippine Islands centrifugals, December-January shipment, sold at 4.58c. c.i.f., which was equivalent to 2 13-16c. c. & f. basis Cuban. Europe was unchanged to ½d. net lower. British refiners advanced home-grown beet sugars 3d. Sales of Perus were made to the United Kingdom at 13s. 6d. c.i.f.; refiners bid 13s. 4½d. for more and 16s. 7½d. for preferentials. Futures were fairly active within narrow limits early in the week. Cuban interests bought July. Other prominent interests sold. The sales on the 8th were 25,250 tons, but on the next day rose to 50,000 tons. Cuba bought July at 2.99 to 3c. in removing hedges, as sales were made of actual sugar. Some sold July as a hedge against the next crop. Refined was quiet at 5.70 to 5.90. The Government estimate on sugar beets in Colorado was 2,642,000 tons, against 1,117,000 tons last year. The condition is 95, against 65 a year ago and 90 the 10-year average. Heavy yields are reported especially in northern Colorado. Present indications are for a State average of 12 tons per acre. The crop is mostly in excellent condition in the northern section, though prospects are less favorable in the southern and western sections. Later it turned out that some 100,000 bags in all had sold at 2 13-16c.; 7,000 tons sold, it is said, to the United Kingdom for February or February-March shipment at 2.73c. f.o.b. and 1,000 tons of Natal to United Kingdom at 16s. 7½d. Old and new crop Cuba sold, it was asserted, to the Far East at equal to about 2.70c. f.o.b. Recent weather on the Continent has been reported unfavorable to beet sugars in Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

The United States Department of Agriculture as of Nov. 1st estimated the United States beet production at 7,213,000 tons of beets equal to 837,500 long tons of granulated, which compared with their Oct. 1st estimate of 789,286 long tons granulated. An outstanding fact is that despite the bullish crop estimated by Willett & Gray, i. e.; 1926-27 world's crop of cane and beet sugar 23,855,000 tons against 24,360,150 tons last year, profit taking and December liquidation have depressed prices. There is no general pressure in the spot market. Some decline may follow the settlement of the British strike. But lower ocean freights some think would cause a revival of foreign demand for Cuban raws. It is pointed out that most of the United States statistics for 1926 differ little from those for 1925. They suggest about the same consumption in this country as last year. The total receipts at all our refining ports from Jan. 1st to the end of Oct. were 4,683,000 tons against 4,633,000 a year ago. The total quantity melted and delivered in the same 10 months was 4,583,000 against 4,591,000. American imports of Cuban sugar were 3,244,000 against 3,147,000 in the corresponding 10 months of 1925. Up to the end of September we had received 42,000 tons of full duty sugars, 29,000 tons of which came from Mexico with practically all the remainder from Central America.

The condition of the cane crop of Louisiana is given by the Government as 50% on Nov. 1, against 78% on the same date last year. This condition figure is 1% under that announced as of Oct. 1 and 21% under the 10-year average for Nov. 1. A yield per acre of 10.7 bushels of sugar beets this year is estimated on the basis of the Nov. 1 condition, compared with 11.4 bushels last year and a 10-year average of 9.8 bushels. December liquidation was noticeable in anticipation of first notice day on the 24th of this month. This has served to widen the difference somewhat between December and other months. With a good supply in licensed warehouse and differences unsatisfactory for exchange operations by the holders of these sugars, heavy tenders are expected. It is urged that these differences must increase.

Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 69,774 tons, against 36,873 in the previous week, 56,239 in the same week last year and 33,882 two years ago; meltings,

53,000, against 62,000 in the previous week, 57,000 in the same week last year and 45,338 two years ago; stock, 202,010 tons, against 185,236 in previous week, 62,392 last year and 45,338 two years ago. A cable from Java to Willett & Gray put the estimate of the crop now being harvested at 1,970,000 tons, against their previous estimate of 1,936,000 tons. Exports during October were placed at 165,000 tons, all to Far Eastern destinations. To-day futures ended unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 36,300 tons. The Italian consumption for the year ending Sept. 1 was said to have been 345,303 long tons, an increase for the year of about 5%. Cuban interests bought December for a time, but later there was Cuban selling. Refined was quiet though withdrawals were good. Prompt raws were firm at 2 13-16c., but rumors of sales were not confirmed. If the British coal strike is settled, it is evident that a better foreign market is opened up to Cuba, stimulated by declining ocean freights. Final prices on futures for the week are unchanged to 1 point lower. The prompt price is the same as a week ago. Prices closed as follows:

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|-----------------|---------|-------|------|-----------|------|
| Spot unofficial | 2 13-16 | March | 2.81 | July | 2.9 |
| December | 2.78 | May | 2.90 | September | 3.06 |

LARD on the spot was steady but quiet early in the week. Prime Western c.a.f. New York, 13 to 13.10c.; refined Continent, 14 1/4c.; South America, 15 1/2c.; Brazil, 16 1/2c. To-day spot lard was weaker. Prime Western, 12.65c.; refined Continent, 14c.; South America, 15 1/4c.; Brazil, 16 1/4c. Futures declined 18 to 25 points on the 8th inst. in sympathy with a drop in corn prices. Stop orders were caught. The position was short. Cheapness of substitutes like cottonseed oil hurts the sale of lard. Hog receipts on the 8th inst. were 125,000 and the next day, 115,000. Cash trade was slow. Hogs fell 10 to 15c. on the 9th inst. New lows for the season were reached on the 9th inst., on renewed liquidation due partly to the dullness of the cash trade and a lower hog market. It was off 25 points. Buying of January supposedly for foreign account and covering on the decline steadied prices later. Western hog receipts were 115,000 against 109,000 last year. To-day futures broke 15 to 25 points net and cottonseed oil ended 3 to 13 points lower the latter on December. There was considerable selling of May, and Chicago was noticeably depressed. In lard new low prices for hogs and grain naturally counted as a bearish factor. Also cash demand was poor. Liquidation was the order of the day. Packers were selling. On the other hand commission houses bought as prices fell. Hogs too after all closed 10 cents higher than yesterday if 25 cents under the top of the day, ending at \$11.80. Western hog receipts were 77,000 against 85,000 a year ago. Chicago expects 7,000 on Saturday. Final prices on lard show a decline for the week on December of 65 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

| | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. |
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| December | cts. 12.20 | 12.05 | 12.07 | 11.90 | Hol- | 11.67 |
| January | 12.32 | 12.07 | 12.12 | 11.92 | day | 11.72 |
| May | 12.45 | 12.20 | 12.25 | 12.02 | | 11.87 |

PORK dull; mess, \$37; family, \$40 to \$42; fat back pork, \$30 to \$32. Ribs, in Chicago, steady; cash, 13c., basis 40 to 60 lbs. average. Beef dull; mess, \$18 to \$20; packet, \$18 to \$20; family, \$21 to \$22; extra India mess, \$33 to \$34; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3; No. 2, \$8.25; 6 lbs., \$18.50; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$60 nominal. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 23 1/4 to 25 1/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 20 to 20 1/2c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 17 1/4c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring, 37 to 50 1/2c. Cheese, 24 to 27c. Eggs, medium to extras, 32 to 61c.

OILS.—Linseed has been in rather better demand and steady at 11.1c. for raw oil in earlots, cooperage basis. Boiled, tanks, 10.7c.; raw, tanks, 10.3c.; November-December, 11.1c. Consumption is heavy. Spot supplies have decreased considerably owing to the rather heavy contract withdrawals during the past month or so. Later on linoleum interests were reported to be purchasing rather more freely. Paint makers were also taking more than anticipated. Bunker oil later on was more active at \$1.75. Gasoline was quiet. Coconut oil, Ceylon coast, tanks, 8 1/4c.; Manila, spot, tanks, 8 3/4c.; Manila, coast, tanks, 8 1/4c. China wood, N. Y., spot barrels, 16 1/4c. Corn, crude, tanks, plant, high-acid, 8c. Olive, Den., \$1.50 to \$1.15. Soybean, coast, tanks, 10 1/2c.; blown barrels, 14 3/4c. Lard, prime, 16 1/2c.; extra strained, winter, N. Y., 13 1/4c. Cod, domestic, 62c.; Newfoundland, 65 to 66c. Turpentine, 89 1/2 to 94c. Rosin, \$13.05 to \$16.60.

Cottonseed Oil.—May was sold on the 9th inst. by refiners. Also there was liquidation and local selling due to the lower crude markets, and weakness in lard. Cottonseed oil on Tuesday fell to a new low level for the season. Trade was active, aggregating 25,000 barrels. Southeast crude made a new low, selling at 6 3/4c. Texas was 6 3/4c. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 21,700 barrels. P. Crude S. E., 6 1/2 bid. Prices closed as follows:

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|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Spot | 8.00@ | January | 7.93@ | April | 8.15@8.18 |
| November | 8.15@8.20 | February | 7.95@7.98 | May | 8.18@8.20 |
| December | 7.91@ | March | 8.07@ | June | 8.20@8.40 |

PETROLEUM.—Consumption of kerosene is steadily increasing. Export and domestic buyers are more inclined to fill their winter requirements. On the whole there is a better feeling in the trade. Stocks are of fair volume and less talk of shading prices is heard. Yet it was reported that water

white was obtainable at 10 1/2c. and prime white at 10 1/4c. on a firm bid. Big refiners generally were quoting 1/4c. above these prices. Water white in the Gulf section was in good demand at 9 to 9 1/4c. and prime white was steady at 7 3/4c. Cased kerosene steady at \$1.75 for prime white and \$1.85 a case for water white in cargo lots. Gasoline has been rather quiet at 11 1/2 to 11 3/4c. for U. S. Motor in tank cars, at refineries and 12 1/2 to 12 3/4c. for U. S. Motor in tank cars delivered to the trade. In the Gulf 10 1/4c. for bulk U. S. Motor was asked and 11 5/8c. for 64-68 gravity 375 e. p. Bunker oil firmer at \$1.75 for grade C. and \$1.81 1/2 f. a. s. New York harbor refineries. Diesel oil steady. Gas oil quiet. Colder weather helps trade in kerosene. Fuel oils are steady. Gulf gasoline was said to be rather firmer. United States Motor 10 1/8 to 10 1/4c. Considerable California gasoline is arriving here. It has a tendency to weaken prices as some view it. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Motor specifications, deodorized 27.15c.; bulk refinery 11 3/4c.; Kerosene, cargo lots, cases 19.15c.; water white 150 degrees 20.65c.; Gas oil, 28-34 degrees, 5 3/4c.; 36-40 degrees 6 1/4c. Bayonne, tank cars; Petroleum, refined, tanks, wagon to store 18c.; Kerosene, bulk 45-46-150 water white delivered New York tank cars 10 3/4c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.) 21c.; up-State 21c.; Naphtha, V. M. P., deodorized in steel bbls. 21c.

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| 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 35-35.9 | 1.85 |
| Louisiana and Arkansas— | Caddo | |
| 32-32.9 | Below 28 deg. | 1.40 |
| 35-35.9 | 32-32.9 | 1.70 |
| 38 and above | 38-38.9 | 2.00 |
| Pennsylvania | Buckeye | \$3.05 |
| 28-28.9 | Bradford | 3.40 |
| 32-32.9 | Lima | 2.43 |
| 52 and above | Indiana | 2.25 |
| omerset, light | Princeton | 2.37 |
| Sack Creek | Canadian | 2.80 |
| RSmackover, 27 deg. 1 | Corsicana heavy | 1.15 |
| | Eureka | \$3.25 |
| | Illinois | 2.37 |
| | Crichton 40-4.09 | 2.10 |
| | Plymouth | 1.90 |
| | Haynesville, 33 deg. | 1.75 |
| | Gulf Coastal "A" | 1.40 |
| | De Soto 44-41.9 | 2.30 |

RUBBER was higher at the close on the 8th inst. with London prices up, but earlier in the day New York was lower. The outside market was quiet with some sales of spot and November sheets at 41 3/4c., but some quoted 41 3/4c. The day's sales on the exchange were 365 tons, against 575 tons last Friday. Para grades fell 1 to 2c. Off grade plantations were steady in company with the standards. At the Exchange, November was 41.20 to 41.50c., closing at 41.40c.; December, new, 41.60 to 41.90c., closing at 41.90c.; December, old, 41.60c., closing at 41.90c.; January, new, 41.80 to 42.10c., closing at 42.10c. Ribbed smoked sheets, spot, 41 3/4c.; November, 41 3/8 to 41 3/4c.; December, 41 3/4 to 42 1/8c.; January-March, 42 3/8c.; April-June, 43 5/8c. First latex crepe, 41 3/4c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 39 1/4c.; light, clean crepe, 39 3/4c.; specky brown crepe, 36 3/4c.; No. 2 amber, 40 1/4c.; No. 3 amber, 39 3/4c.; No. 4 amber, 38 1/2c.; roll brown, 36 1/4c. Paras, Caucho-Ball-Upper, 26 1/2 to 27c. Up-river fine, spot, 37 to 37 1/2c.; coarse, 25 1/2 to 26c.; Island fine, 32 to 32 1/2c. London on the 8th inst. was 1/4d. higher. The official average price was announced at 20.089d an advance of .298 point over last Wednesday's official quotation. Spot November and December, 20 5/8d. to 20 3/4d.; January-March, 21d. to 21 1/8d.; April-June, 21 3/8 to 21 1/2d. Singapore on the 8th inst.: November, 19 3/4d.; December, 20d.; January-March, 20 1/4d.; ex godown, Singapore. The stock in London increased last week 904 tons. It was 43,045 tons, against 42,141 in the previous week, 36,065 last month and 4,931 last year.

On the 9th inst. New York was somewhat irregular but on the whole higher, with London showing an advance. November here was 41.30 to 41.50c., closing at 41.30c.; January, 42.10 to 42.20c., closing at 42.10c.; February, 42.30 to 42.40c., closing at 42.30c. Spot ribbed smoked outside, 41 3/4c.; November, 41 3/8 to 41 3/4c.; December, 41 7/8 to 41 3/4c.; December, 41 7/8 to 42 1/8c.; first latex crepe, 41 3/4c. London spot, November and December, 20 3/4 to 20 7/8c. Singapore spot, 1/4d. higher; spot, 19 7/8d. On the 11th inst. New York was dull partly owing to the fact that the report of the Rubber Association in regard to October imports, consumption and stocks is shortly to be issued and many are awaiting it. It is supposed that the imports will have amounted to about 30,000 tons. November was 41.40c.; December, 41.70c.; Ribbed spot November, 41 3/4c.; December, 41 7/8c. First latex crepe, 42 1/8c.; Para, up-river fine, 37 1/2 to 38c. London was dull; spot November and December, 20 to 20 7/8d. Singapore was closed on the 11th inst. for Armistice Day. To-day, January closed at 41.70c. at New York, February, 42c.; March, 42.20c.; May, 4.60c.; December, 41.50c., against 41.70c. on Thursday.

HIDES.—Frigorifico were in some demand. Russia is expected to renew its buying before long. Sales of late have included 2,000 Artiga steers first half November at \$41, or 18 1/4c., and 2,000 Argentine second half October at \$32.25, or 15 1-16c. c.&f. A sale of 2,000 La Blanca extremes averaging 15 kilos second half October salting, was made at 17 5-16c. &f. Some 900 native bulls sold at 10c. Common hides were in somewhat better demand. Orinoco, 20 1/2c.; native steers, 16 1/2c.; butts, 15 1/2c. New York City calfskins weaker. All weight skins, \$1.55 to \$1.60; \$1.90 to \$1.95, and \$2.67 1/2 to \$2.70. In River Plate frigorifico the later trading was generally small. But 8,000 Armour steers, it was reported, sold at 16 3/4c., and 1,500 Anglo also at 16 3/4c., basis \$37.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—All eyes have been on the apparently more hopeful negotiations to end the British coal strike. Rates have been weaker. Business has been smaller. Many believe that the British coal strike is nearing its end. Coal went at \$9 to the United Kingdom.

CHARTERS included coal from Atlantic range to west Italy, \$7 50, end December; from Hampton Roads to River Plate, \$7 25, January; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, \$6, Jan. 15-31 canceling; Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 35s., Nov. 30 canceling; Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 35s., Dec. 5 canceling; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 23s., Dec. 10-20 canceling; from Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 37s. 6d., November; same, 62s., first half December; same, 35s. 6d., option west Italy, 36s. 6d., November; Hampton Roads or Baltimore to Naples, \$7 50, Dec. 1-15 canceling; Hampton Roads or Baltimore to United Kingdom, \$9; option Manchester, \$9 25 spot; from Hampton Roads to Palermo, option United Kingdom, \$8 prompt; Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 35s., end November; Hampton Roads to Rio de Janeiro, \$7 25, December; Hampton Roads to United Kingdom, 36s. 3d., Nov. 20 canceling; Hampton Roads to Rotterdam, 30c. heavy, option full cargo barley, 32c. to Bremen, Dec. 1-15 canceling; grain from Antwerp or Rotterdam, 30c. heavy, option full cargo barley, 32c. to Bremen, Dec. 1-15 canceling; Atlantic range to Hamburg or Bremen, 31c. heavy, option full cargo barley, 32c. to Bremen, Dec. 1-15 canceling; grain from Vancouver to United Kingdom-Continent, 40s., option Puget Sound or Columbia River 1s. 3d. extra, December; from Montreal to Lisbon or Leixoes, 8s. 7½d., or about 43c., November; from West St. John to Mediterranean, 36c., option Adriatic 38c., December; Atlantic range to west Italy, 35c., December; Vancouver to United Kingdom-Continent, 45s., Dec. 31 canceling; Vancouver to United Kingdom-Continent, 45s., November; option Columbia River or Puget Sound, 1s. 3d. extra; lumber from one port Gulf to Buenos Aires or Rosario, 230s., Jan. 5 canceling; same, 200s., Jan. 15 canceling; North Pacific to three ports Japan, \$11, December; time charter, \$70 net, 12 months in West Indies trade, \$2, January; time charter, 1,008 net, 3 to 4 months West Indies trade, \$1 80, February; 1,440 net, 12 months West Indies trade, at or about \$1 80, January; Tankers, Gulf and (or) Venezuela to north of Hatteras, at 38c., one year's consecutive voyages, beginning January; boat from North Atlantic to United Kingdom-Continent, 42s. 6d., lubricating oil; from Gulf to north of Hatteras, 45s., November; fuel oil from Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent, 45s., December; clean, Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent, 50s., December.

COAL has been less active and tending downward, notably on gas and steam coal. Ocean freights have declined. October coal hauling on the railroads was the largest in eight years. The American Railway Association's car service survey said: "Coal shipments have been the greatest this fall that they have been for this season except in 1918." The gains were both in bituminous and anthracite loadings, of which from Aug. 30 to Oct. 23 totaled 313,701 cars, the largest number loaded in the fall since 1917." In the last week of October the tonnage mined reached 13,430,000 net tons, which the National Coal Association says "is the highest total since weekly records of output have been kept." November and December tonnage was offered, it was said, at \$6 50, a decline of 75 cents, was the report for West Indies shipments. Recently \$12 f.o.b. piers at Hampton Roads, Navy standard there sold down to \$9 on the 10th inst. London expects a settlement of the strike but reported deadlocked conditions in the spot terminal market inside the Virginia Capes had most to do with the decline. Navy standard, or best low volatile, was \$1 off. Steam and gas coal still tended downward.

TOBACCO. New Sumatra has been in fair demand. Trade in it has been noticeably larger than recently. Connecticut leaf has been selling more readily. Northern Wisconsin binders 1925 packing is said to have been in excellent demand. In general there has been rather more life in the trade and prices have been reported steady. Wisconsin Binders, 22 to 25c.; Northern, 38 to 50c.; Southern, 25 to 35c.; New York State, seconds, 45c.; Ohio, Gebhardt binders, 20c.; Little Dutch, 21 to 22c.; Zimmer Spanish, 28c.; Havana, 1st Remedios, 85c. The total crop of American tobacco for 1926 was estimated at 1,293,918,000 lbs. by the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture. This shows a decrease of approximately 12,500,000 lbs. from September indications, and is 80,482,000 lbs. below the 1925 harvest. Recently in the cigar leaf districts late season conditions have been good to excellent. Connecticut Valley crops were in better condition at harvest than appeared earlier in the season. Havana seed still showed some effects of wind and rain damage. Yield and quality are more promising than for several years past. Pennsylvania tobacco is better than usual. About 96% of the Wisconsin crop was harvested in time to escape the heavy frosts that occurred during the last week of September, but continued wet weather threatens to cause some house-burn. Particularly heavy damage from wet weather is reported in the Miami Valley and the same conditions have damaged the tobacco generally in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Maryland. There was too much rain in practically all parts of Kentucky throughout September and into October to allow best development, ripening and curing of crops. A considerable amount of early burley was cured before the wet weather set in. More than usual of the Henderson district tobacco will be fired-cured on account of the unfavorable curing weather.

COPPER early in the week was steady and usually at 13½c. Business was quiet, however, and it is hinted that small dealers and producers made sales at around 13.80c. The official price of Copper Exporters, Inc., was 12.25c. c.i.f. Hamburg. A good business was done at that price. Reports from London stated that dealers outside of the Copper Export Association were doing most of the business recently, owing to the fact that the official export price of 14.40c. was much higher than the American. Standard copper in London on the 9th inst. advanced 10s. to £57 12s. 6d. for spot and £58 10s. for futures; sales, 100 tons of spot and 900 tons of futures; electrolytic was unchanged at £65 15s. for spot and £66 5s. for futures. Later on a better demand appeared and the price was firmer at 13½c. delivered Connecticut Valley. The official export

price was 14.25c. c.i.f. Hamburg. The Lake district reported that shipments were holding up fairly well to Detroit but that there was a considerable falling off in consumption in Chicago. The movement of copper by boat is expected to be heavy during the next few weeks or until Dec. 15, when navigation closes on the Great Lakes. Standard copper in London on the 10th inst. advanced 2s. 6d. to £57 15s. for spot and £58 12s. 6d. for futures; sales, 200 tons spot and 700 tons futures; electrolytic unchanged at £65 15s. for spot and £66 5s. for futures. Latterly trade has been quiet with most producers asking 13½c. Connecticut Valley. Export business this week has been better on the basis of 14.25c. c.i.f. Hamburg. London late in the week fell 5s on standard; spot, £57 10s., futures, £58 7s. 6d.; electrolytic, spot, £65 15s.; futures, £66 5s. The exports from New York on Thursday were 2,170 tons. That was the largest for some time past.

TIN early in the week advanced on a higher London market, covering of shorts and speculative buying. Tin higher prices checked the demand. Here on the 9th inst. prices were 7½c. higher than on the previous day. A sale of spot Straits was made at 70¾c., which was above the general level of the market. It was reported that a London house with New York connections had virtually cornered the spot market. Straits here on the 9th inst. sold at 66¾c. for November, 67¾c. for December, 66¾c. for January and 66¼c. for February. Spot standard in London on the 9th rose £6 15s. to £309 15s. and futures advanced £5 to £297 15s.; sales, 100 tons of spot and 1,400 tons of futures; spot Straits rose £6 15s. to £310 15s., Eastern c.i.f. London advanced £2 10s. to £301 5s. on sales of 125 tons. On the 10th inst. prices advanced £2 at London. Here early in the day prices were higher but later on eased somewhat. Spot Straits sold at 71¼c. but later dropped to 70¼c. Trading was small. November was 69¼c., December 67¼c., January 66c. and February at 65¾c. The tin dealer who holds most of the spot supplies denied that he had cornered the market and claims that he is selling spot tin every day at a "fair price." Spot standard in London advanced £1 15s. to £311 10s. and futures advanced £2 to £299 15s.; sales, 100 tons of spot and 800 futures; spot Straits rose £2 5s. to £321, Eastern c.i.f. London was up £4 to £305 5s. on sales of 150 tons. New York of late has been active. It has been a rather lively week in the tin trade. Late in the week, however, London dropped £2 5s. on prompt and £1 5s. on futures. New York prompt was ½c. lower on the 11th inst., with a larger business at the decline, namely, 200 tons. Straits were 69½c bid and 69¾c. asked; December 68 to 68¼c.; London spot standard £309 5s.; futures £298 10s.; Straits £318 5s. spot; Eastern c.i.f. advanced 15s. on the 11th inst., touching £306 with sales of 125 tons.

LEAD early in the week was in better demand, especially in the Middle West. At New York 8c. was quoted and at East St. Louis 7.80c. London was higher. Lead ore was cut \$5 per ton in the tri-State district and in a few instances to \$95. Very little ore was sold last week. London on the 9th inst. rose 5s. to £29 6s. 3d. for spot and £29 11s. 3d. for futures; sales, 750 tons of futures. There was a good demand late in the week, with prices firm at 8c. New York and 7.80c. East St. Louis. There was good buying of November. London advanced 1s. 3d. on the spot to £29 7s. 6d., and futures rose 2s. 6d. to £29 13s. 9d.; sales, 100 tons spot and 2,000 tons futures. Late in the week trade was brisk and prices steady. Corrodors were the best buyers. Battery makers came next. London on the 11th inst. fell 3s. 9d. on the spot to £29 3s. 9d.; futures dropped 2s. 6s. to £29 11s. 3d., with sales of 400 tons of spot and 400 of futures.

ZINC was firmer early in the week in sympathy with a higher London market. For prompt lead 7.20c. East St. Louis was asked and 7.17½c. for later deliveries. There was a better inquiry. Ore in the tri-State district was lowered \$1 per ton to \$47. London on the 9th inst. advanced 6s. 3d. to £33 3s. 9d. for spot and £33 6s. 3d. for futures; sales 1,100 tons of futures. A fair demand for prime Western slab zinc was reported on the 10th inst. Prices were about 50c. higher at 7.22½c. East St. Louis for spot and Nov. and 7.20c. for Dec. Some producers quoted 7.25c. for spot. Spot zinc in London on the 10th inst. advanced 3s. 9d. to £33 7s. 6d. and futures rose 2s. 6d. to £33 8s. 9d.; sales 1,350 tons futures. Surplus stocks of zinc increased 210 tons in Oct. according to the American Zinc Institute. Stocks at the end of the month were 15,909 tons against 15,699 at the beginning of Oct. Production for the month was 54,979 tons; shipments 54,769. The amount shipped from plants for export was 4,160 tons, stored for customers 50 tons. Refractory operating at the end of the month totaled 87,028. J. H. Wadleigh of the Joplin Globe wired: "Stocks of zinc concentrates in the tri-State district on Oct. 31st were 26,287 tons of which 18,000 were sold; stocks on Oct. 1st were 19,100 tons with 14,000 tons sold." Latterly a good business has been done although there is not much noise made over it. Prompt 7.22½c. East St. Louis; Nov.-Dec. 7.20c. London spot advanced 2s. 6d. to £33 10s. and futures rose 1s. 3d. to £33 10s.

STEEL.—There is the usual falling off in the demand at about this time of the year. The October business, it turns out, was the smallest for about a year and a half. For several weeks there has been a gradual decrease in the amount

of buying. Earlier in the year the buying of bars, shapes and sheets was so large that consumers for a time became pretty well supplied. The U. S. Steel Corporation indeed reported an increase in bookings of 90,156 tons on Oct. 31 over those of a month previous. The American Sheet and Tin Plate Co. has made no change in sheet and tin plate prices for the first quarter of the year. Sheets are quoted at 3.15c. Pittsburgh for black, 3.95c. for galvanized and 4.25c. for automobile or full-finished sheets. Tin plate is still \$5 50 per box of 100 pounds. There was some buying of locomotives and steel rails but not on a large scale. Pittsburgh reports a pretty good business in sheets at firm prices. Billets are tentatively quoted at \$25 for the first quarter and sheets at \$36. Automobile specifications have decreased. It was reported that structural steel has latterly been more active.

PIG IRON.—About 50,000 tons, it is said, sold recently at Buffalo at irregular prices and 15,000 tons at New York. In general sales are small. The tendency of prices is believed to be downward. The settlement of the British coal strike would make that fact plainer than ever. It is said that throughout the United States last week the total sales were some 200,000 tons, including 50,000 tons in the St. Louis district to radiator companies. But in New York trade has dragged. Eastern Pennsylvania has been quoted nominally at \$22 50 to \$23 on foundry; Buffalo is quoted at a wide range, namely, \$19 to \$21, but more generally \$19 to \$19 50 is considered a pretty accurate view of the situation as it appears at the moment. Birmingham reports prices firm and the business is entirely in small lots. Coal has declined, and this, naturally, tends to undermine the price of pig iron.

WOOL has been dull and largely unchanged as to prices. Foreign markets have declined aside from the higher grades of merino in Australia. They have been conspicuously firm, so much so as to excite remark. Yorkshire has bought little. The Continent was buying freely at the recent Australian sales. A settlement of the British coal strike would no doubt stimulate the British demand for wool. The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 to Nov. 4, inclusive were 174,089,000 lbs. against 149,588,000 for the same period last year; receipts from Jan. 1 to Nov. 4, inclusive, were 305,315,667 lbs. against 273,525,900 for the same period last year. Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces in Boston: Delaine unwashed, 45 to 46c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ blood combing, 45 to 46c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ blood combing, 45 to 46c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ blood combing, 45c.; fine unwashed, 38 to 40c. Standardization of Canada's wool production on a quality basis through development of a Government grading system has increased exports of the product to the United States by 600% in the last four years, according to a bulletin issued by the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers. Such shipments in 1926 totalled 6,416,562 lbs. against 1,034,000 in 1922.

At Sydney, Australia, on the 8th inst. the third series of sales opened. Selection average. Demand poor. Compared with the close of the preceding series, best merinos were unchanged; other merinos, $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ lower; greasy comebacks and crossbreds about 5% lower. The present series closes on Dec. 1 and the total offerings scheduled are estimated at 165,000 bales. At the Melbourne sale on the 9th inst. 8,114 bales offered and 7,500 sold. Selection good. Compared with the sale of Nov. 1 crossbreds were noticeably higher; others unchanged. Recent declines stimulated trade with Yorkshire. America and Japan were also good buyers. At Perth on the 9th demand was good, from Bradford, the Continent and America. Topmaking sorts active and unchanged, compared with those ruling in the Eastern States. Withdrawals much smaller than in October. On Nov. 11 at Perth the sales closed with a sharp demand for all grades except the poorest. They were neglected.

COTTON.

Friday Night, Nov. 12 1926.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 488,446 bales, against 508,763 bales last week and 535,376 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1926, 5,571,600 bales, against 4,300,774 bales for the same period of 1925, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1926 of 1,270,826 bales.

| Receipts at— | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Total. |
|------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Galveston | 14,358 | 14,226 | 46,252 | 17,758 | 15,279 | 16,582 | 124,455 |
| Texas City | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 9,166 | 9,166 |
| Houston* | 17,138 | 43,069 | 31,587 | 23,506 | 17,180 | 15,881 | 148,361 |
| New Orleans | 13,333 | 13,897 | 21,442 | 17,057 | 24,552 | 11,566 | 101,847 |
| Mobile | 4,910 | 1,513 | 2,974 | 2,388 | 5,264 | 1,338 | 18,387 |
| Jacksonville | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 48 | 48 |
| Savannah | 6,309 | 10,147 | 5,247 | 3,797 | 4,335 | 2,708 | 32,543 |
| Charleston | 3,043 | 3,604 | 4,253 | 2,765 | 3,981 | 3,113 | 20,759 |
| Wilmington | 959 | 49 | 766 | 783 | 717 | 82 | 3,356 |
| Norfolk | 3,768 | 2,171 | 6,955 | 2,932 | 3,172 | 6,511 | 25,509 |
| New York | --- | 24 | 42 | --- | 34 | --- | 150 |
| Boston | --- | 135 | 420 | 116 | 36 | --- | 707 |
| Baltimore | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3,108 | 3,108 |
| Philadelphia | --- | --- | --- | 50 | --- | --- | 50 |
| Totals this week | 63,953 | 89,120 | 119,684 | 71,022 | 74,514 | 70,153 | 488,446 |

* 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. 12. | 1926. | | 1925. | | Stock. | |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | This Week. | Since Aug 1 1926. | This Week. | Since Aug 1 1925. | 1926. | 1925. |
| Galveston | 124,455 | 1,415,766 | 143,828 | 1,360,088 | 652,140 | 541,558 |
| Texas City | 9,166 | 47,715 | --- | --- | 26,919 | --- |
| Houston* | 148,361 | 1,910,153 | 47,990 | 791,302 | 763,711 | --- |
| Port Arthur, &c. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| New Orleans | 101,847 | 920,727 | 81,747 | 1,000,467 | 592,188 | 427,495 |
| Gulport | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mobile | 18,387 | 182,271 | 10,497 | 124,753 | 64,020 | 32,857 |
| Pensacola | --- | --- | 9,298 | 1,959 | --- | --- |
| Jacksonville | 48 | 194 | --- | 14,909 | 533 | 421 |
| Savannah | 32,543 | 561,373 | 21,267 | 529,129 | 189,501 | 132,221 |
| Brunswick | --- | --- | --- | --- | 400 | --- |
| Charleston | 20,759 | 275,715 | 8,485 | 151,696 | 121,572 | 53,141 |
| Georgetown | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Wilmington | 3,356 | 49,252 | 3,780 | 66,742 | 21,257 | 29,788 |
| Norfolk | 25,509 | 168,646 | 22,035 | 232,682 | 112,304 | 132,673 |
| N'port News, &c. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| New York | 150 | 3,748 | 138 | 4,317 | 95,800 | 43,533 |
| Boston | 707 | 4,742 | 59 | 4,120 | 1,352 | 892 |
| Baltimore | 3,108 | 21,401 | 1,151 | 10,263 | 1,785 | 790 |
| Philadelphia | 50 | 599 | 435 | 985 | 7,958 | 4,928 |
| Totals | 488,446 | 5,571,600 | 343,371 | 4,300,774 | 2,651,040 | 1,400,297 |

* 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 | 124,455 | 143,828 | 159,492 | 115,381 | 97,322 | 78,165 |
| Houston, &c* | 148,361 | 47,990 | 62,558 | 69,701 | 36,286 | 3,477 |
| New Orleans | 101,847 | 81,747 | 86,470 | 53,034 | 67,905 | 38,490 |
| Mobile | 18,387 | 10,497 | 4,960 | 1,228 | 3,513 | 2,211 |
| Savannah | 32,543 | 21,267 | 21,192 | 20,977 | 11,427 | 17,427 |
| Charleston | 20,759 | 8,485 | 11,120 | 11,637 | 4,385 | 1,229 |
| Wilmington | 3,356 | 3,780 | 4,689 | 6,509 | 3,863 | 2,577 |
| Norfolk | 25,509 | 22,035 | 21,349 | 23,452 | 19,495 | 15,670 |
| N'port N., &c. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 28 |
| All others | 13,229 | 3,742 | 1,772 | 5,548 | 7,382 | 8,563 |
| Total this wk. | 488,446 | 343,371 | 373,602 | 307,467 | 251,578 | 170,422 |
| Since Aug. 1— | 5,571,600 | 4,300,774 | 3,782,528 | 3,212,759 | 2,981,807 | 2,616,166 |

* Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a port basis. We are changing accordingly.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 196,476 bales, of which 59,887 were to Great Britain, 26,202 to France, 37,765 to Germany, 8,394 to Italy, 47,905 to Japan and China and 16,323 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 205,104 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 2,980,592 bales, against 2,832,642 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

| Week Ended Nov. 12 1926. | Exported to— | | | | | | | Total. |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------|----------|--------|---------|----------------|--------|---------|
| | Great Britain. | France. | Germany. | Italy. | Russia. | Japan & China. | Other. | |
| Galveston | 14,076 | 2,029 | 15,588 | --- | --- | 4,824 | 7,462 | 43,979 |
| Houston | 27,379 | 16,831 | 800 | 3,371 | --- | 8,375 | 900 | 57,656 |
| New Orleans | 15,773 | 7,142 | 44 | --- | --- | 16,525 | 2,258 | 41,742 |
| Savannah | --- | --- | 8,654 | --- | --- | 13,000 | 500 | 22,154 |
| Charleston | 2,000 | --- | 9,880 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 11,880 |
| Wilmington | --- | --- | --- | 4,538 | --- | --- | --- | 4,538 |
| Norfolk | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 615 | 615 |
| New York | 659 | 200 | 1,399 | 485 | --- | --- | 4,538 | 7,281 |
| Philadelphia | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 50 | 50 |
| Los Angeles | --- | --- | 1,400 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1,400 |
| San Francisco | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2,775 | --- | 2,775 |
| Seattle | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2,406 | --- | 2,406 |
| Total | 59,887 | 26,202 | 37,765 | 8,394 | --- | 47,905 | 16,323 | 196,476 |
| Total 1925 | 59,886 | 28,879 | 47,210 | 20,959 | --- | 30,767 | 17,403 | 205,104 |
| Total 1924 | 83,643 | 20,527 | 55,188 | 6,565 | --- | 16,700 | 19,007 | 201,630 |

| From Aug. 1 1926 to Nov. 12 1926. | Exported to— | | | | | | | Total. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| | Great Britain. | France. | Germany. | Italy. | Russia. | Japan & China. | Other. | |
| Galveston | 215,781 | 128,177 | 189,932 | 63,734 | 37,417 | 67,148 | 114,424 | 816,613 |
| Houston | 241,618 | 157,697 | 182,239 | 86,550 | 62,950 | 77,984 | 53,670 | 862,708 |
| Texas City | 11,718 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 11,718 |
| New Orleans | 86,708 | 37,976 | 71,939 | 45,544 | 17,506 | 111,651 | 32,616 | 403,850 |
| Mobile | 26,916 | 2,030 | 18,668 | 500 | --- | 2,500 | 1,003 | 51,617 |
| Pensacola | 2,685 | --- | 3,313 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6,298 |
| Savannah | 95,551 | 100,214 | 4,300 | --- | --- | 22,300 | 11,658 | 336,625 |
| Charleston | 32,685 | 331 | 105,123 | --- | --- | 9,388 | 2,377 | 152,386 |
| Wilmington | 3,000 | --- | 10,500 | 8,800 | --- | --- | --- | 22,300 |
| Norfolk | 28,377 | --- | 34,236 | 3,200 | --- | --- | 16,628 | 67,180 |
| New York | 28,067 | 17,540 | 30,382 | 11,447 | --- | --- | 103 | 36,439 |
| Boston | --- | 320 | 100 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 938 |
| Baltimore | --- | 1,275 | 52 | 400 | --- | --- | --- | 1,727 |
| Philadelphia | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1,227 |
| Los Angeles | 5,512 | 1,250 | 4,950 | --- | --- | 2,850 | --- | 14,562 |
| San Fran. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 42,679 | 8 | 42,687 |
| Seattle | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 47,479 | 200 | 47,679 |
| Total | 779,656 | 346,376 | 852,580 | 224,385 | 117,873 | 384,082 | 275,640 | 2,980,592 |
| Total 1925 | 792,679 | 313,324 | 840,197 | 195,006 | 96,323 | 315,330 | 279,815 | 2,832,642 |
| Total 1924 | 806,996 | 321,886 | 574,771 | 189,777 | 53,295 | 220,536 | 146,059 | 2,413,320 |

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. 12 at— | On Shipboard, Not Cleared for— | | | | | Total. | Leaving Stock. |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---------|----------|----------------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| | Great Britain. | France. | Germany. | Other Foreign. | Coast-wise. | | |
| Galveston | 19,100 | 13,000 | 15,000 | 32,100 | 7,500 | 86,700 | 565,440 |
| New Orleans | 7,669 | 19,013 | 16,277 | 47,316 | 2,094 | 92,369 | 499,819 |
| Savannah | 18,000 | --- | 3,000 | 900 | 1,000 | 22,900 | 186,601 |
| Charleston | --- | --- | --- | --- | 730 | 730 | 120,842 |
| Norfolk | 6,400 | --- | 24,400 | --- | 285 | 31,085 | 32,935 |
| Mobile | 1,500 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1,500 | 110,804 |
| Other ports* | 2,000 | 1,000 | 4,000 | 8,000 | --- | 15,000 | 904,315 |
| Total 1926 | 54,669 | 33,013 | 62,677 | 88,316 | 11,609 | 250,284 | 2,400,756 |
| Total 1925 | 50,021 | 21,036 | 45,113 | 83,778 | 12,997 | 212,943 | 1,187,354 |
| Total 1924 | 45,677 | 34,474 | 48,720 | 91,478 | 12,150 | 232,499 | 1,106,834 |

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been uneventful. Much of the time it has been very small. Prices early in the week were firmer. They even advanced in the teeth of a Government crop estimate on Nov. 8 of 17,918,000 bales, against 16,104,000 last year. The increase from the last report was 464,000 bales. It marked an increase, roughly, since Oct. 1 of 1,300,000 bales. Yet prices advanced early in the day some 25 to 32 points and held much of the rise at the close. The ginning up to Nov. 1 was 11,259,038 bales, against 11,207,197 for a like period last year and 9,715,643 two years ago. But there was a demand from the mills, investors and shorts which for a time acted as a brake on any downward tendency of prices. Also, the Government report said that while the farmers were finding more cotton than they expected and a very large crop was assured, there remained an uncertainty as to the quantity that will be left unpicked; that there was some disposition to let the lower grades remain in the fields. The weekly report, too, though in many respects favorable, said that some open cotton in Texas had been blown out by high winds on the 8th inst. In western Oklahoma, moreover, there is a serious shortage of pickers. In Georgia late cotton has opened slowly and more bolls have been killed by frost. In Alabama some of the cotton will probably not be picked. Considerable in Mississippi will be abandoned. This refers to remnants. In Arkansas killing frost and freezing temperatures in nearly all portions of the State on the 4th and 5th insts. stopped growth. Mills continue to call cotton. Investors bought on a scale down. Bears were not aggressive. Prices are much lower than for years past. That is well known. Raw cotton has declined far more than cotton goods. That increases its attractiveness, theoretically at least, to many spinners at home and abroad. Some German mills are said to have bought cotton for five years ahead. Those in other parts of Europe are reported to have done the same thing. More cotton could be sold on such long deliveries if the South were disposed to contract so far ahead. In other cases spinners abroad have bought for delivery for three years ahead. Some of the spinners of this country are understood to have bought for a considerable time in advance. They are not so eager to buy as their brethren across the water. Russia and Japan have bought considerable and France and Italy not a little. The mills in this country are said to be operating on a scale 12 to 15% greater than a year ago. The tendency of the higher grade basis is said to be upward. Offerings of such cotton are none too abundant. Farmers are reported to be holding back their better grades. Some moneyed planters are understood to be buying the poorer sort and storing the cotton as an investment. The cotton mills, to revert to the textile situation for a moment, are not pressing goods on the market. Worth Street has reported a broadening demand for this year's delivery at least. Fall River has done a fair business. The same may be said of Charlotte, N. C.

On the other hand, there is the big crop. There is no rubbing it out. It is overhanging the market. It has a deadening effect on speculation. Many believe that the decline has not culminated. Naturally, they dislike to buy on a declining market or one which might decline in the near future. There has latterly been an increase in hedge selling. Mill buying has not been large. There is a certain amount of it on declines. In fact, there are said to be large orders on a scale down. But the market does not move much. It does not reach such orders. Investors buy also as the market drops, but for pretty much the same reason their trading is not of conspicuous importance. The outside public is not buying. Speculation is down to a minimum. Now and then Liverpool and Wall Street have bought to a certain extent, but not on a large scale. Meanwhile not only here but at the South there are those who doubt the wisdom of adopting artificial measures to check a decline in prices. It is perfectly natural that the South should wish to escape a great decline in its chief staple. The question is what is the best means of meeting the situation. Rightly or wrongly, there are those who think that it would have been better on the whole for the South to have disposed of the cotton up to a certain point and let cotton prices seek their economic level with a certainty that there would be a pronounced upward turn at a later stage. Speculation would have returned to cotton. Cotton would have probably been widely advertised as a bargain. It is much cheaper now than it has been for years past. But the idea of buying it for an advance does not appeal at this time to the popular imagination. The British coal strike has not been settled. The strike has tended to paralyze Lancashire's trade. Ocean freights continued relatively scarce and high in this country, though lower now. To a certain extent the high rates have hampered exports of cotton.

On Thursday prices advanced slightly, owing to more encouraging reports in regard to the prospects of settling the British coal strike. The cables, moreover, were rather better than due. The weather was rather cold over much of the South; in fact, killing frost and freezing prevailed over a wide expanse of territory. There was more or less mill calling and investment buying. And contracts were rather scarce here as well as in Liverpool. On the other hand, there was no speculative life. Hedge selling continued. Some of the reports about the holding back movement at the South seemed rather less confident. The expectation was

very general that Saturday's figures would show a large domestic consumption for the month of October.

To-day prices advanced 27 to 34 points, owing largely to a more hopeful outlook for a settlement of the British coal strike. Also, Liverpool was higher. Manchester reported a better business. What is more, the Southern spot markets were notably strong, especially on the higher grades. They were not at all freely offered. It is said that some exporters find it difficult to fill their contracts, though ocean freights were lower. Spinners' takings for the week made a good exhibit. December was in demand. That took care of the liquidation in that month. Differences between months are narrowing. That is said to be the effect of the strong spot situation at the South. It was announced that the movement to withdraw 4,000,000 bales from the market is gathering headway. Wall Street and Liverpool bought more freely. Mills were calling. Hedge sales were small. Final prices show a rise for the week of 34 to 43 points. Spot cotton closed at 13.05c., a rise for the week of 40 points.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Nov. 6 to Nov. 12— | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. |
| Middling upland..... | 12.60 | 12.75 | 12.75 | 12.70 | 12.70 | 13.05 |

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

| | Spot Market Closed. | Futures Market Closed. | SALES. | | |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Spot. | Contr't. | Total. |
| Saturday | Quiet, 5 pts. dec. | Barely steady | 200 | --- | 200 |
| Monday | Steady, 15 pts. adv. | Steady | 4,500 | --- | 4,500 |
| Tuesday | Quiet, unchanged | Barely steady | 400 | --- | 400 |
| Wednesday | Quiet, 5 pts. dec. | Quiet | 3,300 | --- | 3,300 |
| Thursday | Quiet, unchanged | Steady | 900 | --- | 900 |
| Friday | Steady, 35 pts. adv. | Firm | 1400 | --- | 1400 |
| Total | ----- | ----- | 10,700 | --- | 10,700 |
| Since Aug. 1 | ----- | ----- | 211,168 | 73,200 | 284,368 |

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

| | Saturday, Nov. 6. | Monday, Nov. 8. | Tuesday, Nov. 9. | Wednesday, Nov. 10. | Thursday, Nov. 11. | Friday, Nov. 12. |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Nov.— | | | | | | |
| Range | 12.09 | 12.24 | 12.25 | 12.18 | 12.21 | 12.54 |
| Closing | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Dec.— | | | | | | |
| Range | 12.18-12.22 | 12.10-12.44 | 12.35-12.50 | 12.27-12.34 | 12.27-12.33 | 12.40-12.65 |
| Closing | 12.19-12.20 | 12.34-12.37 | 12.35-12.36 | 12.28-12.29 | 12.31-12.33 | 12.54-12.65 |
| Jan.— | | | | | | |
| Range | 12.29-12.34 | 12.27-12.54 | 12.45-12.60 | 12.37-12.43 | 12.39-12.44 | 12.49-12.71 |
| Closing | 12.32-12.33 | 12.46-12.49 | 12.45-12.46 | 12.39-12.40 | 12.43-12.44 | 12.70-12.71 |
| Feb.— | | | | | | |
| Range | 12.44 | 12.58 | 12.57 | 12.51 | 12.54 | 12.81 |
| Closing | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| March | | | | | | |
| Range | 12.52-12.57 | 12.53-12.76 | 12.68-12.86 | 12.60-12.67 | 12.62-12.67 | 12.73-12.95 |
| Closing | 12.55-12.56 | 12.70-12.72 | 12.69-12.70 | 12.63-12.64 | 12.66 | 12.92-12.95 |
| April | | | | | | |
| Range | 12.67 | 12.82 | 12.81 | 12.74 | 12.77 | 13.04 |
| Closing | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| May | | | | | | |
| Range | 12.74-12.81 | 12.77-13.02 | 12.92-13.07 | 12.85-12.91 | 12.86-12.92 | 12.96-13.16 |
| Closing | 12.79 | 12.94-12.96 | 12.92-12.93 | 12.85-12.86 | 12.89-12.90 | 13.15-13.16 |
| June | | | | | | |
| Range | 12.90 | 13.02-13.02 | 13.04 | 12.97 | 13.00 | 13.26 |
| Closing | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| July | | | | | | |
| Range | 12.98-13.03 | 12.98-13.30 | 13.15-13.32 | 13.07-13.13 | 13.08-13.13 | 13.19-13.39 |
| Closing | 13.00 | 13.16 | 13.15 | 13.08 | 13.12-13.13 | 13.37-13.38 |
| August | | | | | | |
| Range | 13.10 | 13.25 | 13.20 | 13.22-13.22 | 13.19 | 13.44 |
| Closing | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Sept.— | | | | | | |
| Range | 13.18-13.21 | 13.30 | 13.25 | 13.23 | 13.24 | 13.38-13.38 |
| Closing | 13.15 | 13.30 | 13.25 | 13.23 | 13.24 | 13.50 |
| October | | | | | | |
| Range | 13.18-13.24 | 13.22-13.50 | 13.30-13.50 | 13.25-13.30 | 13.27-13.30 | 13.36-13.56 |
| Closing | 13.18 | 13.35 | 13.30 | 13.28 | 13.29-13.30 | 13.54-13.55 |

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Nov. 12 1926 and since trading began on each option:

| Option for | Range for Week. | Range Since Beginning of Option. |
|------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Nov. 1926 | ----- | 12.10 Oct. 26 1926 |
| Dec. 1926 | 12.10 Nov. 8 | 12.65 Nov. 12 |
| Jan. 1927 | 12.27 Nov. 8 | 12.71 Nov. 12 |
| Feb. 1927 | ----- | 12.10 Oct. 25 1926 |
| Mar. 1927 | 12.52 Nov. 6 | 12.95 Nov. 12 |
| April 1927 | ----- | 12.50 Nov. 4 1926 |
| May 1927 | 12.74 Nov. 6 | 13.16 Nov. 12 |
| June 1927 | 13.02 Nov. 8 | 13.02 Nov. 8 |
| July 1927 | 12.98 Nov. 6 | 13.39 Nov. 12 |
| Aug. 1927 | 13.22 Nov. 10 | 13.22 Nov. 10 |
| Sept. 1927 | 13.18 Nov. 6 | 13.38 Nov. 12 |
| Oct. 1927 | 13.18 Nov. 6 | 13.56 Nov. 12 |

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

| | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Stock at Liverpool | 899,000 | 558,000 | 371,000 | 359,000 |
| Stock at London | ----- | ----- | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Stock at Manchester | 79,000 | 40,000 | ----- | 32,000 |
| Total Great Britain | 978,000 | 598,000 | 395,000 | 393,000 |
| Stock at Hamburg | ----- | ----- | 1,000 | 10,000 |
| Stock at Bremen | 241,000 | 241,000 | 74,000 | 43,000 |
| Stock at Havre | 151,000 | 104,000 | 92,000 | 89,000 |
| Stock at Rotterdam | 4,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 5,000 |
| Stock at Barcelona | 25,000 | 42,000 | 42,000 | 69,000 |
| Stock at Genoa | 29,000 | 12,000 | 40,000 | 29,000 |
| Stock at Ghent | ----- | ----- | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Stock at Antwerp | ----- | ----- | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Total Continental stocks | 450,000 | 402,000 | 255,000 | 248,000 |
| Total European stocks | 1,428,000 | 1,000,000 | 650,000 | 641,000 |

| | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| India cotton afloat for Europe | 27,000 | 68,000 | 30,000 | 101,000 |
| American cotton afloat for Europe | 789,000 | 853,000 | 752,000 | 520,000 |
| Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe | 124,000 | 144,000 | 131,000 | 131,000 |
| Stock in Alexandria, Egypt | 295,000 | 233,000 | 215,000 | 261,000 |
| Stock in Bombay, India | 220,000 | 347,000 | 264,000 | 293,000 |
| U. S. ports | 2,651,040 | 1,400,297 | 1,339,333 | 824,173 |
| Stock in U. S. interior towns | 1,349,950 | 1,646,178 | 1,411,260 | 1,179,333 |
| U. S. exports to-day | | 13,683 | 3,200 | |

Total visible supply 6,883,990 5,705,158 4,795,793 3,950,506

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Liverpool stock | 537,000 | 267,000 | 236,000 | 175,000 |
| Manchester stock | 63,000 | 29,000 | 15,000 | 23,000 |
| Continental stock | 408,000 | 373,000 | 226,000 | 192,000 |
| American afloat for Europe | 789,000 | 853,000 | 752,000 | 520,000 |
| U. S. port stocks | 2,651,040 | 1,400,297 | 1,339,333 | 824,173 |
| U. S. interior stocks | 1,349,950 | 1,646,178 | 1,411,260 | 1,179,333 |
| U. S. exports to-day | | 13,683 | 3,200 | |

Total American 5,797,990 4,582,158 3,982,793 2,913,506

East Indian, Brazil, &c.—

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Liverpool stock | 362,000 | 291,000 | 135,000 | 184,000 |
| London stock | | | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Manchester stock | 16,000 | 11,000 | 7,000 | 9,000 |
| Continental stock | 42,000 | 29,000 | 29,000 | 56,000 |
| Indian afloat for Europe | 27,000 | 68,000 | 30,000 | 101,000 |
| Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat | 124,000 | 144,000 | 131,000 | 131,000 |
| Stock in Alexandria, Egypt | 295,000 | 233,000 | 215,000 | 261,000 |
| Stock in Bombay, India | 220,000 | 347,000 | 264,000 | 293,000 |

Total East India, &c. 1,086,000 1,233,000 813,000 1,037,000

Total American 5,797,990 4,582,158 3,982,793 2,931,506

Total visible supply 6,883,990 5,705,158 4,795,793 3,950,506

| | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Middling uplands, Liverpool | 6.95d. | 10.58d. | 13.87d. | 19.89d. |
| Middling uplands, New York | 13.05c. | 20.90c. | 24.80c. | 34.80c. |
| Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool | 16.55d. | 21.65d. | 26.50d. | 22.95d. |
| Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool | 13.25d. | 23.00d. | 21.00d. | 21.00d. |
| Broad, fine, Liverpool | 6.30d. | 9.75d. | 13.05d. | 17.03d. |
| Timnevelly, good, Liverpool | 6.85d. | 10.25d. | 13.60d. | 17.90d. |

Continental imports for past week have been 192,000 bales. The above figures for 1926 show an increase over last week of 222,911 bales, a gain of 1,178,832 over 1925, an increase of 2,088,197 bales over 1924, and an increase of 2,933,484 bales over 1923.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stock to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

| Towns. | Movement to Nov. 12 1926. | | | Movement to Nov. 13 1925. | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | Receipts. | Shipments. | Stocks. | Receipts. | Shipments. | Stocks. | | |
| | Week. | Season. | Nov. 12. | Week. | Season. | Nov. 13. | | |
| Ala., Birmingham | 3,818 | 39,691 | 2,235 | 14,140 | 5,335 | 50,368 | 6,324 | 11,554 |
| Eufaula | 1,500 | 16,193 | 1,000 | 7,500 | 2,000 | 34,791 | 2,000 | 17,000 |
| Montgomery | 6,548 | 84,260 | 4,966 | 26,957 | 2,043 | 77,526 | 1,189 | 27,576 |
| Selma | 5,816 | 62,498 | 4,657 | 35,725 | 1,806 | 70,337 | 2,894 | 30,323 |
| Ark., Helena | 5,393 | 50,866 | 3,807 | 41,437 | 2,295 | 59,818 | 2,750 | 28,079 |
| Little Rock | 11,781 | 122,517 | 8,119 | 71,705 | 9,913 | 123,838 | 7,253 | 46,725 |
| Pine Bluff | 10,011 | 86,735 | 5,612 | 66,545 | 8,548 | 92,047 | 5,263 | 56,205 |
| Ga., Albany | 540 | 7,766 | 515 | 3,968 | 50 | 7,568 | 41 | 2,466 |
| Athens | 1,500 | 18,860 | 1,000 | 10,422 | 484 | 18,001 | 650 | 12,214 |
| Atlanta | 15,512 | 123,555 | 12,310 | 81,008 | 8,403 | 102,500 | 6,161 | 51,517 |
| Augusta | 11,433 | 191,814 | 9,049 | 113,306 | 10,416 | 201,985 | 6,837 | 108,234 |
| Columbus | 1,740 | 23,930 | 3,300 | 6,243 | 2,821 | 41,129 | 3,658 | 15,190 |
| Macon | 3,409 | 60,450 | 3,629 | 15,570 | 1,458 | 48,019 | 1,023 | 27,364 |
| Rome | 4,219 | 25,869 | 2,300 | 20,209 | 2,069 | 26,097 | 1,850 | 12,241 |
| La., Shreveport | 12,664 | 95,373 | 10,886 | 43,363 | 5,744 | 122,673 | 5,749 | 37,727 |
| Miss., Columbus | 3,281 | 26,312 | 2,912 | 9,617 | 1,559 | 28,729 | 1,282 | 10,169 |
| Clarksdale | 8,398 | 102,092 | 6,840 | 96,208 | 4,864 | 114,755 | 6,774 | 57,107 |
| Greenwood | 10,000 | 98,617 | 8,007 | 90,000 | 6,084 | 124,199 | 9,355 | 55,907 |
| Meridian | 1,914 | 35,518 | 2,323 | 15,740 | 2,091 | 42,639 | 1,442 | 15,876 |
| Natchez | 1,573 | 24,323 | 1,771 | 10,073 | 1,819 | 39,689 | 1,862 | 15,536 |
| Vicksburg | 945 | 20,897 | 669 | 20,188 | 1,710 | 35,902 | 2,040 | 15,520 |
| Yazoo City | 4,137 | 24,477 | 1,040 | 23,939 | 1,247 | 36,043 | 1,566 | 19,762 |
| Mo., St. Louis | 27,394 | 171,820 | 27,466 | 7,979 | 40,069 | 220,913 | 35,626 | 6,175 |
| N. C., Greensboro | 1,221 | 15,402 | 1,430 | 14,381 | 2,947 | 21,044 | 1,642 | 8,902 |
| Raleigh | 1,499 | 9,515 | | 9,424 | 132 | 7,918 | 300 | 401 |
| Okla., Altus | 15,634 | 43,617 | 8,735 | 18,677 | 9,701 | 44,035 | 8,440 | 12,755 |
| Chickasha | 11,509 | 51,444 | 7,704 | 16,689 | 12,449 | 63,100 | 12,212 | 15,131 |
| Oklahoma | 11,390 | 47,462 | 7,824 | 21,675 | 12,775 | 55,681 | 7,443 | 18,273 |
| S. C., Greenville | 9,603 | 82,002 | 7,111 | 36,643 | 9,084 | 84,801 | 7,655 | 37,756 |
| Greenwood | 603 | 3,368 | 282 | 2,289 | 847 | 4,498 | | 4,187 |
| Tenn., Memphis | 96,344 | 730,599 | 72,866 | 326,251 | 86,965 | 591,666 | 68,367 | 176,316 |
| Nashville | 21 | 3,261 | 232 | 606 | 219 | 1,952 | 46 | 705 |
| Tex., Abilene | 7,178 | 42,829 | 5,777 | 4,544 | 8,164 | 46,996 | 7,401 | 2,519 |
| Brenham | 440 | 17,270 | 160 | 7,227 | 49 | 3,315 | 23 | 4,247 |
| Austin | 1,000 | 23,127 | 1,000 | 3,077 | 127 | 6,875 | | 1,603 |
| Dallas | 15,910 | 75,891 | 6,853 | 35,146 | 9,015 | 82,036 | 5,795 | 23,448 |
| Houston | | * | * | * | 199,221 | 2,558,503 | 156,982 | 644,450 |
| Paris | 2,987 | 28,481 | 2,455 | 4,340 | 6,614 | 79,413 | 6,052 | 7,318 |
| San Antonio | 1,349 | 49,464 | 1,332 | 3,671 | 514 | 19,714 | 638 | 2,540 |
| Fort Worth | 8,626 | 47,123 | 5,644 | 13,056 | 2,909 | 36,369 | 3,450 | 7,160 |

Total, 40 towns 339,442 2,785,890 254,471 1,349,950 484,390 5,418,462 400,035 164,617

* Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a port basis. We are changing accordingly.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

| 1926 | 1918 | 1910 | 1902 | 8.30c. | | | |
|------|---------|------|---------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| 1926 | 13.05c. | 1918 | 29.40c. | 1910 | 14.80c. | 1902 | 8.30c. |
| 1925 | 20.80c. | 1917 | 29.45c. | 1909 | 14.75c. | 1901 | 7.94c. |
| 1924 | 24.60c. | 1916 | 19.40c. | 1908 | 9.35c. | 1900 | 9.81c. |
| 1923 | 34.25c. | 1915 | 11.80c. | 1907 | 10.80c. | 1899 | 7.62c. |
| 1922 | 26.15c. | 1914 | | 1906 | 10.30c. | 1898 | 5.31c. |
| 1921 | 16.70c. | 1913 | 13.60c. | 1905 | 11.65c. | 1897 | 5.88c. |
| 1920 | 19.40c. | 1912 | 12.20c. | 1904 | 10.25c. | 1896 | 8.12c. |
| 1919 | 39.20c. | 1911 | 9.50c. | 1903 | 11.20c. | 1895 | 8.62c. |

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

| | —1926— | | —1925— | |
|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Nov. 12.— | Week. | Since Aug. 1. | Week. | Since Aug. 1. |
| Shipped | 27,466 | 176,518 | 35,626 | 215,661 |
| Via St. Louis | 14,740 | 99,485 | 14,430 | 98,400 |
| Via Mounds, &c. | 521 | 3,257 | 2,153 | 8,350 |
| Via Rock Island | 2,348 | 15,644 | 2,875 | 17,249 |
| Via Louisville | 7,373 | 82,943 | 5,316 | 62,209 |
| Via Virginia points | 9,581 | 146,440 | 9,445 | 160,086 |
| Via other routes, &c. | | | | |
| Total gross overland | 62,029 | 524,287 | 69,845 | 561,955 |
| Deduct Shipments— | | | | |
| Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c. | 4,015 | 30,665 | 1,763 | 19,665 |
| Between interior towns | 727 | 6,771 | 656 | 7,172 |
| Inland, &c., from South | 21,756 | 214,047 | 12,440 | 119,210 |
| Total to be deducted | 26,498 | 251,311 | 14,859 | 146,047 |
| Leaving total net overland* | 35,531 | 272,976 | 54,986 | 415,908 |
| *Including movement by rail to Canada. | | | | |

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 35,531 bales, against 54,986 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 142,932 bales.

| | —1926— | | —1925— | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| In Sight and Spinners' Takings. | Week. | Since Aug. 1. | Week. | Since Aug. 1. |
| Receipts at ports to Nov. 12 | 488,446 | 5,571,600 | 343,371 | 4,300,774 |
| Net overland to Nov. 12 | 35,531 | 272,976 | 54,986 | 415,908 |
| Southern consumption to Nov. 12 | 110,000 | 1,488,000 | 90,000 | 1,360,000 |
| Total marketed | 633,977 | 7,332,576 | 488,357 | 6,076,682 |
| Interior stocks in excess | 85,500 | 782,027 | 78,175 | 1,481,410 |
| Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Oct. 1 | | *79,328 | | 140,990 |
| Came into sight during week | 719,477 | | 566,532 | |
| Total in sight Nov. 12 | 8,035,275 | | 7,699,082 | |
| North, spinners' takings to Nov. 12 | 62,090 | 673,780 | 101,121 | 641,109 |

*Decrease. Movement into sight in previous years:

| Week— | Bales. | Since Aug. 1— | Bales. |
|--------------|---------|---------------|-----------|
| 1924—Nov. 14 | 618,967 | 1924 | 6,269,649 |
| 1923—Nov. 16 | 423,014 | 1923 | 5,402,907 |

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. 12. | Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on— | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|---------|----------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| | Saturday. | Monday. | Tuesday. | Wed. day. | Thurs. day. | Friday. |
| Galveston | 12.25 | 12.40 | 12.40 | 12.35 | Holiday | 12.70 |
| New Orleans | 12.32 | 12.50 | 12.43 | 12.43 | Holiday | 12.71 |
| Mobile | 11.65 | 11.75 | 11.75 | 11.75 | Holiday | 12.00 |
| Savannah | 11.84 | 12.11 | 12.07 | 12.00 | Holiday | 12.34 |
| Norfolk | 12.06 | 12.19 | 12.19 | 12.13 | 12.13 | 12.50 |
| Baltimore | | 12.25 | 12.40 | 12.39 | Holiday | 12.45 |
| Augusta | 11.88 | 12.00 | 12.13 | 12.13 | 12.13 | 12.44 |
| Memphis | 12.50 | 12.50 | 12.30 | 12.50 | 12.00 | 12.09 |
| Houston | 12.25 | 12.35 | 12.30 | 12.30 | Holiday | 12.65 |
| Little Rock | 11.90 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.25 |
| Dallas | 11.25 | 11.45 | 11.45 | 11.35 | Holiday | 11.70 |
| Fort Worth | | 11.40 | 11.40 | 11.35 | Holiday | 11.70 |

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, Nov. 6. | Monday, Nov. 8. | Tuesday, Nov. 9. | Wednesday, Nov. 10. | Thursday, Nov. 11. | Friday, Nov. 12. |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| November | | | | | | |
| December | 12.32-12.33 | 12.49-12.51 | 12.43-12.44 | 12.39-12.40 | | 12.68-12.72 |
| January | 12.37-12.38 | 12.54-12.55 | 12.46-12.47 | 12.45-12.47 | | 12.7 |

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON PRODUCTION AND CONDITION OF COTTON.—The Agricultural Department at Washington on Monday of this week (Nov. 8) issued its report on production and condition of cotton as of Nov. 1, making the crop 17,918,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, or 464,000 bales more than the Department's estimate for Oct. 18 1926 and 1,341,000 bales more than their report of a month ago. Last year at this time the Department of Agriculture placed the crop at 15,386,000 bales and the actual crop turned out to be 16,103,679 bales. The present estimate is 2,550,000 bales more than the first estimate of the Department for the present crop given out on July 16 this year. All of these figures deal wholly with the production of lint cotton. If we add linters to the present estimate we will have a crop of over 19,000,000 bales, and if, as in previous years, the actual crop turns out to be larger than the Department's estimate at this time, the crop (including linters) may approach 20,000,000 bales. But what the final ginning report will show remains to be seen. The following is the complete official text of the present report:

A United States cotton crop of 17,918,000 bales (500 pounds gross weight) in 1926 is indicated by reports as of Nov. 1 to the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture. The Board's report is based upon data concerning condition, probable yields, ginnings, etc., from crop correspondents, ginners, field statisticians, and co-operating State boards (or departments) of Agriculture and Extension Departments.

Upon the 47,207,000 acres for harvest in 1926 (preliminary estimate), the crop of 17,918,000 bales would approximate a yield of 181.4 pounds of lint cotton per acre.

The final total ginnings for the season will depend upon whether the various influences, affecting the maturing and harvesting of the portion of the crop still in the field, will be more or less favorable than usual.

Production in 1925 was 16,103,679 bales; in 1924, 13,627,936 bales; in 1923, 10,139,671 bales; in 1922, 9,762,069 bales; and in 1921, 7,953,641 bales.

The yield in 1925 was 167.2 pounds; in 1924, 157.6 pounds; for the five years 1921-1925, 144.2 pounds; and for the ten years 1916-1925, 153.7 pounds.

Details by States follow:

| State. | Area Left for Harvest, 1926. (Preliminary.) | Yield per Acre. | | | | | | Production. | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--|--|
| | | Indicated. | | Final | Indicated. | | Final | Ginnings | | |
| | | Nov. 1 | Oct. 18 | Estimate | Nov. 1 | Oct. 18 | Census | 1925. | | |
| | | 1926. | 1926. | b | 1926. | 1926. | 1925. | | | |
| Virginia | 91,000 | 252 | 236 | 250 | 48,000 | 45,000 | 53,000 | | | |
| North Carolina | 2,036,000 | 282 | 282 | 261 | 1,210,000 | 1,200,000 | 1,102,000 | | | |
| South Carolina | 2,677,000 | 207 | 209 | 160 | 1,160,000 | 1,170,000 | 889,000 | | | |
| Georgia | 3,927,000 | 181 | 179 | 155 | 1,490,000 | 1,470,000 | 1,184,000 | | | |
| Florida | 110,000 | 122 | 122 | 180 | 28,000 | 28,000 | 38,000 | | | |
| Missouri | 473,000 | 253 | 237 | 275 | 250,000 | 235,000 | 294,000 | | | |
| Tennessee | 1,167,000 | 197 | 197 | 210 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 517,000 | | | |
| Alabama | 3,730,000 | 186 | 179 | 185 | 1,450,000 | 1,400,000 | 1,357,000 | | | |
| Mississippi | 3,724,000 | 235 | 225 | 275 | 1,830,000 | 1,750,000 | 1,901,000 | | | |
| Louisiana | 1,916,000 | 190 | 190 | 232 | 760,000 | 760,000 | 910,000 | | | |
| Texas | 18,001,000 | 147 | 143 | 113 | 5,550,000 | 5,400,000 | 4,165,000 | | | |
| Oklahoma | 4,954,000 | 172 | 160 | 155 | 1,780,000 | 1,660,000 | 1,691,000 | | | |
| Arkansas | 3,888,000 | 191 | 188 | 205 | 1,550,000 | 1,530,000 | 1,605,000 | | | |
| New Mexico | 129,000 | 278 | 293 | 298 | 75,000 | 79,000 | 64,000 | | | |
| Arizona | 168,000 | 314 | 299 | 350 | 112,000 | 105,000 | 119,000 | | | |
| California | 167,000 | 355 | 349 | 340 | 124,000 | 122,000 | 122,000 | | | |
| All other | 49,000 | 205 | 195 | 214 | 21,000 | 20,000 | 24,000 | | | |
| U. S. total | 47,207,000 | 181.4 | 176.7 | 176.2 | 17,918,000 | 17,454,000 | 16,104,000 | | | |
| Lower California (Old Mexico), c. | 130,000 | 294 | 294 | 255 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 480,000 | | | |

a On area left for harvest. b Per harvested acre. c Not included in California figures, nor in United States total. d Estimate of U. S. Department of Agriculture.

CROP REPORTING BOARD,

- Approved: W. F. Callander, Chairman, J. A. Becker, S. A. Jones, R. W. Dunlap, Acting Secretary, D. A. McCandless, H. H. Schutz, F. O. Black.

COMMENTS CONCERNING COTTON REPORT.—The United States Department of Agriculture, in giving out its cotton report on Nov. 8 also added the following comments:

The indicated production of 17,918,000 bales of cotton, ginned and to be ginned, in the report for Nov. 1 is greater than the indication for Oct. 18 by 464,000 bales. Crop conditions during the intervening period have generally been favorable to the picking and development of the late bolls. The first frosts, confined mostly to the northern half of the belt, have come at about the usual time and have been light. Rains in Texas in the latter part of October wasted a small fraction of the crop remaining to be picked and reduced the quality of what was open.

Reports continue that farmers are finding more cotton than they had expected. A very large crop is assured, but there still remains uncertainty with regard to the quantity that will be left unpicked. There is some disposition to leave the lower grades in the field.

CONSOLIDATED COTTON REPORT.—The Bureau of the Census and the Agricultural Department made public Monday (Nov. 8) their consolidated cotton report, which is as follows:

| | | |
|--|------------|-----------------------|
| Nov. 1 1926, Consolidated Cotton Report. | 11,259,038 | Running bales |
| Ginnings to Nov. 1 | 17,918,000 | Bales, 500-lbs. gross |
| Indicated total production | 181.4 | Pounds per acre |
| Indicated yield of lint cotton | | |

Census Bureau.—Census report shows 11,259,038 running bales (counting round as half bales) ginned from the crop of 1926 prior to Nov. 1, compared with 11,207,197 for 1925 and 9,715,643 for 1924.

Agriculture Department.—A United States production of 17,918,000 bales (500-pounds gross weight), based upon Nov. 1 indications, is shown by the Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

FOREIGN COTTON CROP PROSPECTS.—A report of the latest available information received up to Nov. 8 as to cotton production in foreign countries has been compiled by the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics as follows:

A cable to the United States Weather Bureau, dated Oct. 30, states that the monsoon has been mostly satisfactory this season in India and that crop conditions at the close of the monsoon season are, on the whole, fair to good.

The Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture has issued its second cotton crop estimate for this season, placing the crop at 1,417,000 bales of 478 pounds, compared with 1,629,000 bales for 1925-26, according to press reports. The yield of Sakellarides is reported at 570,000 bales of 478 pounds against 728,000 bales last year. The Ministry states that the pink boll worm attack is more severe this year than last. It is reported that growing conditions for the cotton crop improved during the last of September and the first of October. Temperatures were fairly high and prospects for the

second picking have been improved and the results so far are better than were expected.

The Meteorological Service of the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture reporting on crop conditions in Brazil for the last ten days of September states the following, according to Consul Wilson at Rio de Janeiro. Warm, dry temperature prevailed throughout the north and central part of the cotton-growing zone. The south was favored by irregular rainfall and milder weather. Land in the central and southern States is being prepared for the next crop while planting is already under way in Sao Paulo.

Prospects based upon recent conditions indicate an average cotton crop in China for this season, according to local cotton merchants, states Commercial Attaché Julian Arnold at Shanghai.

Cotton acreage will probably be reduced in Peru for this season according to a report received from Consul Marinkson at Callao-Lima. Last season's crop was large and of a superior grade but the price received for the Tangui variety, a long staple variety which represents about 85% of the total cotton production, was said to be below the cost of production even on the best managed estates in the most favorable situated valleys. Last year's crop is estimated at about 200,000 bales of 500 pounds.

Crop conditions in the Mexicali district of Mexico are generally favorable according to a report from Consul Bohr at Mexicali. Ginnings up to Oct. 8 amounted to 13,969 bales or about 1,500 bales more than for the same period last year.

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 Nov. 9 as of Nov. 1. Below is the report:

Just as the Cotton Convention called by the Governor was opening its session in the State's Capitol, the Government crop report was being released from Washington for 17,918,000 bales expected production. North Carolina's share was 1,210,000 bales. This was much in line with the expectations of those familiar with the crop. Several farmers and bankers attending the convention stated that they had never seen such a yield in their lives and that there are large numbers of fields which have not been touched and which are now hanging full of cotton that looks like there had been a snow.

As to what per cent of the crop that is already opened that will be picked, is in doubt. If the rain which occurred on the 8th is the beginning of a season and if the labor is as difficult to get as during the past two weeks, quite a large percentage of this cotton will not be harvested in North Carolina. As to whether the State's crop is overestimated, suffice it to say that of 19 basic indications, the lowest was for 1,044,000 bales and the highest 1,365,000. Most of the estimates were close around 1,200,000. The basis of these estimates were such factors as boll counts, condition estimates, yield estimates, ginners' figures, county bale estimates, formulae comparisons and other statistical estimations.

North Carolina's production indicates 284 pounds of lint per acre, as compared with 261 a year ago; 714,488 bales ginned, as compared with 855,673 a year ago, with the acreage to be harvested given as 2,000,000, which is about the same as a year ago. As evidence that the United States production will be very heavy, 11,260,000 bales were ginned to Nov. 1, as compared with 11,207,196 a year ago. This crop is recognized as being much later than last year's. The national yield was given at 181 pounds per acre, which is appreciably more than the 167 pounds estimated for last year. The crop is not nearly picked in this State, as shown by the ginners' reports, which indicate that 57% of the crop has been ginned, while the per cent picked will probably be 10% more than this.

The weather has been unusually favorable for picking prior to Nov. 8, yet there is a tremendous amount of cotton that is still in the field. In spite of this tremendous cotton crop, several farmers have written in that the recent frosts have damaged their crops heavily.

As every one well knows, the price of cotton cannot be expected to improve until there is a good basis for expecting a large reduction in the acreage next year. While the meeting held here yesterday was made up of representative farmers and those interested in the farmers' welfare, and who devised some very admirable resolutions and plans for acreage reduction, it will be several months before confidence in the results of this program can be gained. As one member said, "This is no time to talk about doubt as to the effectiveness in reducing the acreage, for if it is not reduced, the cotton farmer might as well call for the undertaker."

GEORGIA COTTON REPORT.—The State Department of Agriculture at Atlanta, Ga., issued on Nov. 9 its report for the State of Georgia as of Nov. 1. The report is as follows:

The cotton crop in Georgia is estimated at about 1,490,000 bales, which estimate is about 20,000 bales, or 1%, above the total crop indicated on Oct. 18. The estimate, which relates to prospects on Nov. 1, is based on reports of about 1,500 crop correspondents, covering yield per acre, per cent of crop picked and ginned, per cent of acreage abandoned, and other material available as of that date.

A yield of 181 pounds per acre is indicated, compared with 179 pounds indicated two weeks ago; 155 pounds harvested in 1925, and 157 pounds in 1924. Fair to good yields are being realized in all districts.

Weather conditions during the period from Oct. 18 to Nov. 1 were generally favorable for picking and ginning, and only a small percentage in the central and southern territory was yet to be picked on Nov. 1. The late bolls in the northern territory are opening very slowly, making the final outturn in that territory somewhat uncertain and dependent upon the amount of late cotton that will open.

The Census report shows 1,401,877 bales of the Georgia crop ginned prior to Nov. 1, compared with 1,114,333 for 1925 and 813,042 for 1924.

WEATHER REPORT BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that with the exception of the cold weather in the eastern part of the cotton belt, which checked the opening of bolls, the weather in general has been favorable for the cotton crop. Picking made satisfactory progress in most parts. Much cotton still remains in the northern and northwestern sections and late bolls are opening nicely in the central sections.

| | Rain. | Rainfall. | Thermometer— | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|--------------|----|-----|----|------|----|
| | 1 day | 0.02 in. | high | 72 | low | 46 | mean | 59 |
| Galveston, Texas | | | high | 78 | low | 32 | mean | 55 |
| Ablene | | dry | high | 82 | low | 48 | mean | 65 |
| Brownsville | | dry | high | 80 | low | 46 | mean | 63 |
| Corpus Christi | | dry | high | 76 | low | 34 | mean | 55 |
| Dallas | | dry | high | 77 | low | 36 | mean | 57 |
| Del Rio | | dry | high | 78 | low | 38 | mean | 58 |
| Palestine | 1 day | 0.34 in. | high | 78 | low | 34 | mean | 58 |
| San Antonio | | dry | high | 77 | low | 34 | mean | 58 |
| Taylor | | dry | high | 77 | low | 34 | mean | 58 |
| New Orleans, La. | 2 days | 0.77 in. | high | 77 | low | 34 | mean | 53 |
| Shreveport | 2 days | 0.68 in. | high | 68 | low | 34 | mean | 51 |
| Mobile, Ala. | 2 days | 3.11 in. | high | 71 | low | 33 | mean | 52 |
| Savannah, Ga. | 1 day | 0.39 in. | high | 77 | low | 36 | mean | 56 |
| Charleston, S. C. | ? days | 0.62 in. | high | 76 | low | 36 | mean | 56 |

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. 12 1926. | Nov. 13 1925. |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Feet. | Feet. |
| New Orleans | Above zero of gauge. | 9.3 |
| Memphis | Above zero of gauge. | 21.2 |
| Nashville | Above zero of gauge. | 11.8 |
| Shreveport | Above zero of gauge. | 12.3 |
| Vicksburg | Above zero of gauge. | 30.0 |

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

| Week Ended | Receipts at Ports. | | | Stocks at Interior Towns. | | | Receipts from Plantations | | |
|------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. |
| Aug. 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 | 533,456 | 643,994 | 415,060 | 373,572 | 473,097 | 384,961 |
| 24-- | 410,234 | 325,890 | 291,228 | 631,415 | 872,105 | 544,092 | 508,164 | 554,001 | 420,260 |
| Oct. 1-- | 567,704 | 494,293 | 366,406 | 744,323 | 957,762 | 603,535 | 680,612 | 580,130 | 425,849 |
| 8-- | 622,656 | 367,670 | 320,698 | 869,793 | 1,137,618 | 796,030 | 748,126 | 547,516 | 513,193 |
| 15-- | 618,810 | 423,813 | 441,485 | 975,402 | 1,267,365 | 898,351 | 724,419 | 553,560 | 543,800 |
| 22-- | 587,297 | 383,026 | 339,292 | 1,076,125 | 1,385,045 | 1,057,209 | 688,020 | 500,706 | 498,156 |
| 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 | 1,244,450 | 1,568,003 | 1,307,376 | 606,530 | 489,453 | 494,453 |
| 12-- | 488,446 | 343,371 | 373,602 | 1,349,950 | 1,646,178 | 1,411,260 | 573,946 | 421,546 | 477,486 |

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1926 are 6,154,478 bales; in 1925 were 5,780,232 bales, and in 1924 were 5,009,737 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 488,446 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 573,946 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 85,500 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 421,546 bales and for 1924 they were 477,486 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable, also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period.

| Cotton Takings, Week and Season. | 1926. | | 1925. | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | Week. | Season. | Week. | Season. |
| Visible supply Nov. 5-- | 6,561,079 | 3,646,413 | 5,482,168 | 2,342,887 |
| Visible supply Aug. 1-- | 719,477 | 8,035,275 | 566,532 | 7,699,082 |
| American in sight to Nov. 12-- | 8,000 | 172,000 | 44,000 | 231,000 |
| Bombay receipts to Nov. 11-- | 4,000 | 107,000 | 4,000 | 134,000 |
| Other India shipp'ts to Nov. 11-- | 68,000 | 456,400 | 70,000 | 571,200 |
| Alexandria receipts to Nov. 10-- | 20,000 | 279,000 | 30,000 | 299,000 |
| Other supply to Nov. 10--* | | | | |
| Total supply-- | 7,376,556 | 12,696,088 | 6,196,700 | 11,277,169 |
| Deduct-- | | | | |
| Visible supply Nov. 12-- | 6,883,990 | 6,883,990 | 5,705,158 | 5,705,158 |
| Total takings to Nov. 12a-- | 492,566 | 5,812,098 | 491,542 | 5,572,011 |
| Of which American-- | 385,566 | 4,481,698 | 361,542 | 4,229,811 |
| Of which other-- | 107,000 | 1,330,400 | 130,000 | 1,342,200 |

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. This total embraces the estimated consumption by our mills, 1,488,000 bales in 1926 and 1,360,000 bales in 1925—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 4,324,098 bales in 1926 and 4,212,011 bales in 1925, of which 2,993,698 bales and 2,869,811 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

| Nov. 11. Receipts at— | 1926. | | 1925. | | 1924. | |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|---------------|
| | Week. | Since Aug. 1. | Week. | Since Aug. 1. | Week. | Since Aug. 1. |
| Bombay | 8,000 | 172,000 | 44,000 | 231,000 | 11,000 | 102,000 |

| Exports from— | For the Week. | | | | Since Aug. 1. | | | |
|---------------|----------------|------------|----------------|--------|----------------|------------|----------------|---------|
| | Great Britain. | Continent. | Japan & China. | Total. | Great Britain. | Continent. | Japan & China. | Total. |
| Bombay— | | | | | | | | |
| 1926 | 1,000 | 6,000 | 8,000 | 14,000 | 1,000 | 73,000 | 142,000 | 216,000 |
| 1925 | 1,000 | 6,000 | 13,000 | 20,000 | 10,000 | 106,000 | 116,000 | 232,000 |
| 1924 | 1,000 | 4,000 | 12,000 | 17,000 | 15,000 | 45,000 | 183,000 | 243,000 |
| Other India— | | | | | | | | |
| 1926 | | | | | 7,000 | 100,000 | | 107,000 |
| 1925 | | 4,000 | | 4,000 | 28,000 | 106,000 | | 134,000 |
| 1924 | | 3,000 | | 3,000 | 5,000 | 35,000 | | 40,000 |
| Total all— | | 6,000 | 8,000 | 14,000 | 8,000 | 173,000 | 142,000 | 323,000 |
| 1926 | 1,000 | 10,000 | 13,000 | 24,000 | 38,000 | 212,000 | 116,000 | 366,000 |
| 1925 | 1,000 | 7,000 | 12,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 80,000 | 183,000 | 283,000 |

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 36,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 10,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 43,000 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, Nov. 10. | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Receipts (cantars)— | | | | |
| This week | 340,000 | 350,000 | 390,000 | |
| Since Aug. 1. | 1,776,570 | 2,861,910 | 3,077,363 | |
| Exports (bales)— | This Week. | Since Aug. 1. | This Week. | Since Aug. 1. |
| To Liverpool | 8,000 | 54,350 | 7,250 | 53,050 |
| To Manchester &c. | 9,000 | 43,192 | 9,000 | 66,200 |
| To Continent and India | 20,000 | 88,249 | 20,750 | 92,109 |
| To America | — | 24,127 | 100 | 20,840 |
| Total exports | 37,000 | 210,228 | 28,100 | 208,271 |

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Nov. 10 were 340,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 37,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in cloth is steady and in yarns firm. Demand for India is good but for China poor. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

| Aug. 13-- | 1926. | | | | 1925. | | | | Cotton Midd'l's Up'd's. |
|-----------|-----------------|---|------------------------------|-------|-----------------|---|--------|-------|-------------------------|
| | 32s Cop Twists. | 8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt-ings, Common to Finest. | Shrt-ings, Common to Finest. | d. | 32s Cop Twists. | 8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt-ings, Common to Finest. | d. | | |
| 13-- | 14 1/2 @ 16 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 | @ 13 2 | 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 3/4 @ 14 1/2 | 12 0 | @ 12 3 | 6.85 | 17 1/2 @ 19 | 14 2 | @ 14 6 | 10.35 | |
| Nov. 5-- | 12 3/4 @ 14 1/2 | 12 0 | @ 12 2 | 6.88 | 17 @ 18 1/2 | 14 1 | @ 14 5 | 10.49 | |
| 12-- | 12 1/2 @ 14 1/2 | 12 0 | @ 12 2 | 6.95 | 17 1/2 @ 18 1/2 | 14 2 | @ 14 6 | 10.58 | |

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 196,476 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

| NEW YORK—To Liverpool—Nov. 5—Cedric, 127; Scythia, 532. | | Bales. |
|---|--|---------|
| To Bremen—Nov. 5—Muenchen, 450. Nov. 9—Derflinger, 849; Republic, 100. | | 659 |
| To Gothenburg—Nov. 8—Gripsholm, 100. | | 1,399 |
| To Havre—Nov. 8—Waukegan, 200. | | 100 |
| To Antwerp—Oct. 29—Arabic, 738. Nov. 5—Pennland, 550. | | 200 |
| To Barcelona—Nov. 6—Hellen, 2,950. | | 1,288 |
| To Gijon—Nov. 6—Cabo Santa Maria, 200. | | 2,950 |
| To Genoa—Oct. 28—City of St. Joseph, 485. | | 200 |
| NEW ORLEANS—To Porto Colombia—Nov. 3—Aetna, 140. | | 485 |
| Nov. 6—Heredia, 191. Nov. 10—Turriaba, 69; Buena Ventura, 12. | | 140 |
| To Liverpool—Nov. 6—Westland, 6,569; Bolivian, 7,548. | | 412 |
| To Manchester—Nov. 6—Westland, 1,436; Bolivian, 220. | | 14,117 |
| To Rotterdam—Nov. 9—Maasdam, 1,508. | | 1,656 |
| To Havre—Nov. 5—Syros, 3,675. Nov. 7—Texas, 3,467. | | 1,508 |
| To Gheent—Nov. 5—Syros, 50. | | 7,142 |
| To Porto Barrios—Nov. 6—Suriname, 100. | | 50 |
| To Japan—Nov. 4—Sheaf Mead, 11,475. Nov. 6—Patrick Henry, 4,050. | | 100 |
| To China—Nov. 6—Patrick Henry, 1,000. | | 15,525 |
| To Bremen—West Gambo, 44 additional. | | 1,000 |
| To Cristobal—Nov. 3—Aetna, 188. | | 44 |
| HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Nov. 8—Eglantine, 8,537. Nov. 9—Governor, 17,325. | | 188 |
| To Manchester—Nov. 9—Governor, 1,517. | | 25,862 |
| To Havre—Nov. 8—Greystoke Castle, 2,300. Nov. 10—De la Salle, 14,531. | | 1,517 |
| To Antwerp—Nov. 8—Greystoke Castle, 50. | | 16,831 |
| To Gheent—Nov. 8—Greystoke Castle, 650. | | 50 |
| To Gothenburg—Nov. 5—Louisiana, 200. | | 650 |
| To Japan—Nov. 4—Jadden, 1,750. Nov. 5—Silver Pine, 3,550. | | 200 |
| To China—Nov. 4—Jadden, 3,075. | | 5,300 |
| To Bremen—Nov. 10—St. Andrew, 800. | | 3,075 |
| To Genoa—Nov. 10—Marina Odero, 2,971. | | 800 |
| To Naples—Nov. 10—Marina Odero, 400. | | 2,971 |
| GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Nov. 8—Novian, 13,346. | | 400 |
| To Manchester—Nov. 8—Novian, 730. | | 13,346 |
| To Bremen—Nov. 7—Sinasta, 15,588. | | 730 |
| To Japan—Nov. 5—Jadden, 1,925; Silver Pine, 1,999. | | 15,588 |
| To China—Nov. 5—Jadden, 900. | | 3,924 |
| To Havre—Nov. 4—West Quechee, 2,029. | | 900 |
| To Antwerp—Nov. 4—West Quechee, 200. | | 2,029 |
| To Gheent—Nov. 4—West Quechee, 1,100. | | 200 |
| To Barcelona—Nov. 4—Cardonia, 4,800. | | 1,100 |
| To Malaga—Nov. 4—Cardonia, 500. | | 4,800 |
| To Gothenburg—Nov. 5—Louisiana, 862. | | 500 |
| NORFOLK—To Rotterdam—Nov. 9—West Eldara, 615. | | 862 |
| SAVANNAH—To Japan—Nov. 7—Havre Maru, 5,500. Nov. 10—City of Bedford, 5,500. | | 615 |
| To China—Nov. 10—City of Bedford, 2,000. | | 11,000 |
| To Bremen—Nov. 6—Bremerton, 8,654. | | 2,000 |
| To Rotterdam—Nov. 6—Bremerton, 200. | | 8,654 |
| To Antwerp—Nov. 6—Bremerton, 300. | | 200 |
| CHARLESTON—To Bremen—Nov. 10—Tulsa, 5,950. | | 300 |
| To Liverpool—Nov. 8—Magneric, 2,000. | | 5,950 |
| To Hamburg—Nov. 11—Taifun, 3,930. | | 2,000 |
| SAN PEDRO—To Bremen—Nov. 6—Justin, 1,400. | | 3,930 |
| WILMINGTON—To Genoa—Nov. 9—Maddalena Odero, 4,538. | | 1,400 |
| SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Nov. 6—President Hayes, 275. | | 4,538 |
| Nov. 8—Taiyo Maru, 1,700. | | 275 |
| To China—Nov. 6—President Hayes, 25; Nov. 8—Taiyo Maru, 775. | | 1,975 |
| PHILADELPHIA—To Leixoes—Oct. 28—Chelma, 50. | | 800 |
| PORT TOWNSEND—To Japan—Nov. 3—Asuka Maru, 1,930. | | 50 |
| To China—Nov. 3—Asuka Maru, 476. | | 1,930 |
| Total | | 196,476 |

COTTON FREIGHT.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

| | High Density. | Stand. ard. | High Density. | Stand. ard. | High Density. | Stand. ard. |
|------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Liverpool | 1.00 | 1.30 | Oslo | .60c. | .75c. | Shanghai .67 1/2c. .82 1/2c. |
| Manchester | 1.00 | 1.30 | Stockholm | .55c. | .70c. | Bombay .75c. .90c. |
| Antwerp | .45c. | .60c. | Trieste | .60c. | .75c. | Bremen .50c. .65c. |
| Ghent | .62 1/2c. | .67 1/2c. | 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 | .62 1/2c. | .77 1/2c. | |

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

| | Oct. 22. | Oct. 29. | Nov. 5. | Nov. 12. |
|-------------------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Sales of the week | 52,000 | 41,000 | 44,000 | 40,000 |
| Of which American | 30,000 | 22,000 | 24,000 | 23,000 |
| Actual exports | 5,600 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Forwarded | 69,000 | 65,000 | 54,000 | 59 |

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:

Table with 7 columns: Spot, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include Market 12:15 P.M., Mid. Up'ds, Sales, Futures Market opened, and Market 4 P.M.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table with 7 columns: Nov. 6 to Nov. 12, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows list months from November to November 1927 with price details.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Nov. 12 1926.

No change whatever has appeared in the general flour situation. A fair business is being done in the aggregate, reckoned week by week or month by month.

Wheat advanced at one time on unfavorable reports from Argentina and Australia and wintry weather in Canada. Frost reports were received from some sections of Buenos Aires and Pampas Provinces, Argentina; also, that wheat was ripening prematurely in parts of Australia.

To-day prices here wound up 3/4c. lower, in Chicago 2/4c. to 3c. lower, in Minneapolis 2/8c. lower, and in Winnipeg 2/4c. to 3/8c. lower. Export sales were only 200,000 bushels.

112,000,000 bushels. And the flour trade was quiet in this country. Shipping directions were scanty. The decline in corn had some effect. So did a Canadian crop report.

CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC WHEAT AT NEW YORK. December cts. 145 3/4, 146 1/4, 146 1/2, 144 1/2, 145 1/2, 141 1/2. May cts. 150 3/4, 151 1/4, 151 1/2, 150, 150 1/2, 147. July cts. 143 3/4, 144 1/2, 144 1/2, 143 1/2, 143 1/2, 141.

CLOSING PRICES AT NEW YORK FOR WHEAT IN BOND. December cts. 149 1/2, 150 1/4, 150 1/2, 149 1/2, 149 1/2, 146 1/2. May cts. 149 1/4, 150 1/4, 150 1/2, 149 1/4, 149 1/4, 146 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK. No. 2 red cts. 152 1/2, 154 1/2, 154, 152 1/2, 150.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO. December delivery in elevator cts. 140 3/4, 142, 141 1/2, 140 1/2, 137 1/2. May delivery in elevator cts. 145 3/4, 146 1/2, 146 1/2, 145 1/2, 142 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG. November delivery in elevator cts. 144 1/4, 145 1/2, 143 1/2, 143 1/4, 140 3/4. December delivery in elevator cts. 139 1/2, 141, 139 1/2, 139 1/2, 136 3/4.

Indian corn declined. The drop on the 8th inst. was to a new low level for the year. It was the eleventh consecutive day of declines. Buyers held aloof. New No. 4 yellow corn in the sample market which is deliverable on December contracts at 4 1/2c. a bushel under the future price sold at 69c. a bushel on the 8th inst., or 10c. a bushel under the option.

The crop this year was placed at 2,693,963,000 bushels by the Department of Agriculture on the 10th inst. in the preliminary estimate, against 2,679,988,000 a month ago and 2,905,053,000 last year.

Arrivals in Chicago on the 8th inst. were only 237 cars, in contrast with 750 the day before. Low prices checked shipments from the country. Iowa farmers were said to be receiving barely 35c. a bushel at loading stations, the price being based on the 50c. for sample grade corn in Chicago.

To-day prices ended 2c. lower. Again, new low levels were reached for the season. General liquidation was the outstanding factor. Stop-loss orders were a feature. Back of it all was good weather over the whole belt.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK. No. 2 yellow cts. 86 3/4, 85 3/4, 86 3/4, 86 3/4, 86 3/4, 84 3/4.

Oats after some advance on the 8th inst. declined with other grain, notably corn. Liquidation was on a fairly large scale. The United States visible supply last week decreased 56,000 bushels, as against an increase in the same week last year of 92,000 bushels.

To-day prices closed 1/2 to 5/8c. lower. The decline in other grain had its usual influence. There was no aggressive buying. The receipts were fair. There was only a moderate cash demand. It was a market devoid of striking features.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK. No. 2 white cts. 53 3/4, 53 1/2, 53 1/2, 53, 53, 52 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO. December delivery in elevator cts. 43 1/4, 42 1/2, 42 3/4, 42 3/4, 42, 42. May delivery in elevator cts. 47 3/4, 47, 47 1/4, 47 1/4, 46 1/2, 46 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with columns for delivery dates (Nov, Dec, May) and prices for various oat grades (Holi, 62 1/2, 59 3/4, 59 1/2).

Rye advanced with wheat. Shorts covered. No export business was reported. The United States visible supply increased last week 303,000 bushels, against an increase last year of 299,000 bushels.

To-day prices closed 1/2 to 1 1/4 c. lower. July showed the most steadiness. Export demand was unsatisfactory. The decline in wheat affected rye.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns for delivery dates (Dec, May, July) and prices for various rye grades (Holi, 98, 104 1/2, 102 3/4).

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN

Table listing prices for Wheat, Corn, and Rye in New York, including various grades and futures contracts.

FLOUR.

Table listing prices for various flour types including Spring patents, Clear first spring, Soft winter straights, etc.

For other tables usually given here, see page 2486.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S COMPLETE OFFICIAL REPORT ON CEREALS, &c.—The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture made public on Nov. 10 its forecasts and estimates of grain crops of the United States as of Oct. 1, based on reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians and co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and Extension Departments, as follows:

Large table showing crop acreage and quality for various crops like Corn, Wheat, Oats, Rye, etc., with columns for 1926, 1925, and 5-year averages.

Table showing total production in thousands and yield per acre for various crops, comparing 1926, 1925, and 5-year averages.

a Principal producing States. b Revised. c Four-year average. d Pounds per acre.

Details for leading crops in principal producing States follow (minor States included in "U. S. Total.")

Total Production.

Large table showing total production and yield per acre for various crops across different states, including Corn, Buckwheat, Flaxseed, Grain Sorghums, and Sweet Potatoes.

U. S. Total... 84,346,000 62,494,000 84,457,000 101.4 93.2 88.1 86.8

Tobacco.

Table showing tobacco production in pounds for various states like Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, etc.

U. S. Total... 1,304,494,000 1,374,400,000 1,289,699,000 787 786 80.1 82.0

FOREIGN CROP PROSPECTS.—The latest available information pertaining to cereal crops of foreign countries as reported by the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and made public on Nov. 10, as being of interest to producers of grain crops in the U. S. follows:

Wheat.—Wheat production for 32 countries of the Northern Hemisphere reporting to date amounts to 2,944,113,000 bushels, compared with 2,938,927,000 bushels for the same countries last year, an increase of 0.2%.

Southern Hemisphere.—Wheat area as now reported for three countries of the Southern Hemisphere is 31,777,000 acres, compared with 30,980,000 last year and 30,039,000 for 1924-25.

The temperature in Argentina so far this season has been above the normal, which has had a slightly detrimental effect upon the wheat crop. The rainfall during the first part of the growing period was over-abundant.

and this, together with the unusual warmth, caused the plant to develop at the expense of the root. Since the middle of August the rainfall has been deficient, which, however, will probably have little effect upon the crop unless dry weather continues indefinitely as the early rains left plenty of moisture in the soil. A correlation of weather reports from May to December through October is the most important factor in determining the final output. On the basis of a correlation of yield with rainfall in May-July and August-October and temperature in June-July and August-October for the period 1890-1919 with weather data for this year to date indicates that chances are 68 to 100 that the yield will be 11.2 bushels per acre, or 1.7 acre and the average for the past five years was 12.1. During the 30 years under review yields ranged from 5 to 18 bushels to the acre. With an acreage this year of 19,275,000 acres, this estimate would indicate a total production of 215,880,000 bushels, or 32,800,000 bushels above or below it. Last year the harvest amounted to 191,141,000 bushels and the average for the past five years was 203,388,000 bushels and the average for weather conditions during November and December, which in past years have also been factors in determining the final yield.

No similar measure of conditions is at present available for Australia. Reports of weather and condition are generally very favorable and a good 12.6 bushels to the acre. The average yield during the past five years has been an acreage of 11,000,000 might be expected to produce about 139,000,000 bushels. Production last year amounted to 107,500,000 bushels. Average production during the past five years is 127,000,000 bushels. The excellent spring weather in Chile is favoring the crops throughout the agricultural areas. Early reports of acreage sown show what the same as last year.

Grain Threshing in Canada.—From 70 to 75% of the wheat had been threshed in Manitoba by Oct. 25. In Alberta 75% was threshed while from 85 to 90% had been completed in Saskatchewan. Early in October it was expected that there would be considerable lowering of grade and quality throughout Canada, but later reports state that the damage is not turning out to be as much as expected.

The monsoon in India upon which the production of crops depends closed with the month of October having been mostly satisfactory during the season. Crop conditions are on the whole from fair to good. In the past month three weeks of dry weather have been reported in the Punjab with a rainless week in the United Provinces, where only light rains had fallen for two weeks previous.

Corn.—The corn crop of Rumania, the most important corn producer of Europe, is reported at 203,000,000 bushels, as compared with 175,000,000 last year. Samples of Rumania's new-crop corn are said to be of very good quality. No estimate is available for Yugoslavia. The Spanish corn crop is unofficially reported to be small this year. A Royal Decree dated Oct. 7 has authorized the importation of foreign corn for cattle feeding up to a maximum of about 5,900,000 bushels. Planting of corn is in progress in Argentina. The first estimate of acreage last year was not made until Feb. 9.

CEREAL CROPS—PRODUCTION, AVERAGE 1909-13, ANNUAL 1924-26.

| Crop and Country. | Average 1909-13. | | | | Per Ct. of 1926 vs. of 1925. |
|--|------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------------|
| | Million Bushels. | 1924. | 1925. | 1926. | |
| Wheat— | | | | | |
| Canada..... | 197.1 | 262.1 | 411.4 | 399.0 | 97.0 |
| United States..... | 690.1 | 862.6 | 666.5 | 839.8 | 126.0 |
| Total Europe reporting (23)..... | 1,337.4 | 1,048.9 | 1,385.5 | 1,232.0 | 90.4 |
| Total North Africa (4)..... | 92.0 | 85.2 | 104.6 | 90.1 | 86.1 |
| Other countries (3)..... | 383.8 | 396.3 | 371.0 | 363.2 | 97.9 |
| Total 32 countries..... | 2,700.4 | 2,655.1 | 2,939.0 | 2,944.1 | 100.2 |
| Estimated world total excluding Russia and China..... | 3,006.0 | 3,101.0 | 3,336.0 | --- | --- |
| Rye— | | | | | |
| Canada..... | 2.1 | 13.8 | 13.7 | 13.3 | 97.1 |
| United States..... | 36.1 | 64.0 | 48.6 | 41.9 | 86.2 |
| Total Europe reporting (22)..... | 948.5 | 634.6 | 918.6 | 783.3 | 85.3 |
| Total 24 countries..... | 986.7 | 712.4 | 980.9 | 838.5 | 85.5 |
| Estimated world total, excluding Russia and China..... | 1,033.0 | 743.0 | 1,019.0 | --- | --- |
| Barley— | | | | | |
| Canada..... | 45.3 | 88.8 | 112.7 | 112.1 | 99.5 |
| United States..... | 184.8 | 178.3 | 217.5 | 196.8 | 90.5 |
| Total Europe reporting (23)..... | 653.5 | 524.0 | 639.7 | 652.0 | 101.9 |
| Total North Africa (4)..... | 103.7 | 85.3 | 103.6 | 67.8 | 65.4 |
| Other countries (2)..... | 121.8 | 115.4 | 131.8 | 113.0 | 85.7 |
| Total 31 countries..... | 1,109.1 | 991.8 | 1,205.3 | 1,141.7 | 94.7 |
| Estimated world total, excluding Russia and China..... | 1,326.0 | 1,207.0 | 1,419.0 | --- | --- |
| Oats— | | | | | |
| Canada..... | 351.7 | 406.0 | 513.4 | 459.3 | 89.5 |
| United States..... | 1,143.4 | 1,522.7 | 1,511.9 | 1,282.4 | 84.8 |
| Total Europe reporting (22)..... | 1,382.2 | 1,152.3 | 1,284.4 | 1,395.2 | 108.6 |
| Total North Africa (3)..... | 17.6 | 11.8 | 19.5 | 11.7 | 60.0 |
| Total 27 countries..... | 2,894.9 | 3,092.8 | 3,329.2 | 3,148.6 | 94.6 |
| Estimated world total, excluding Russia and China..... | 3,555.0 | 3,683.0 | 3,974.0 | --- | --- |
| Corn— | | | | | |
| Canada..... | 17.3 | 12.0 | 10.6 | 9.2 | 86.8 |
| United States..... | 2,712.4 | 2,312.7 | 2,905.1 | 2,694.0 | 92.7 |
| Total Europe reporting (6)..... | 391.5 | 372.9 | 413.8 | 447.0 | 108.0 |
| Total North Africa (2)..... | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 95.0 |
| Total 10 countries..... | 3,124.9 | 2,701.7 | 3,333.5 | 3,154.0 | 94.6 |
| Estimated world total, excluding Russia and China..... | 4,045.0 | 3,721.0 | 4,361.0 | --- | --- |

a Egypt 76,846,000 bushels in 1926, no estimate for 1925, 67,572,000 bushels in 1924 and 64,273,000 bushels for 1909-13, average not included.

NOVEMBER TOBACCO REPORT.—The outstanding feature of the tobacco production outlook of the present time is the effect of late season weather on the quality of leaf in the Mississippi Valley. From the Miami Valley southward through Kentucky and Tennessee reports indicate crops damaged in field and barn. The full measure of damage will not be known until stripping has been completed. Statistics for important States follow:

Cigar States.

New England.—Some pole smut. Crop stunted and made little progress during first half of season, but made unusual progress later, which does not lead to heavy weights or high quality.

New York.—Quality damaged late in season by wet weather.

Pennsylvania.—Crop came through growing season without serious damage except from hail in some localities. A few reports of thin crop, rust, and wild-fire are noted. Curing in southern district reported slow and unsatisfactory with reports of pole-burn general. Quality unusually low.

Miami Valley.—All reports indicate widespread damage from excessively wet weather. Many crops have been partially or wholly abandoned. Damage to tobacco in the field runs 36% among the growers of Zimmer Spanish, 40% in Gibhart, and 46% in Little Dutch. All these reports, it may be noted however, are for the locality, whereas damage to the tobacco on farms operated by the reporters runs lower. Crops on well-drained soil apparently escaped serious damage. Injury from shed-burn is high, from 10 to 20% of the crop being affected. Yield will be low, ranging probably from about 750 lbs. per acre for Spanish to 900 lbs. or less for Dutch and Gibhart. Quality is reported at 66% for Spanish, 68% for Dutch, and 72% for Gibhart.

Wisconsin.—The yield and quality are above the ten-year average, although fears are expressed in some quarters as to the effect of weather conditions upon the curing of the crop.

Other States.

Tennessee.—The quality of all types is reasonably good, although not as good as was thought at the time harvest began. Too much rain caused much of the crop to be 'bony'. Horn worms, rust and wild-fire cut the yield per acre and lowered the quality. One Sucker and Paducah appear to have lower yields than Burley and the Clarksville and Hopkinsville type. A yield of 770 lbs. per acre is reported for the State.

Kentucky.—Yields are likewise low 865 lbs. for the State. Wet weather caused considerable shedding of the lower leaves. Widely varying conditions as to quality are in evidence, early harvested crops showing high quality and later crops showing ranker growth and low quality. An undetermined amount of damage has resulted from house-burn.

Maryland.—The quality is reported as fair to good. Early crops escaped damage by worms and were well cured before the wet weather began. Later crops, on the contrary, suffered worm damage and some of it was house-burned. House-burn resulted. It is expected that the crop will be light in weight.

Virginia.—The flue cured tobacco showed unusually fine quality, although light in weight. Dark tobacco is generally considered a fair to good crop. The sun-cured crop was very heavy, but some damage in curing may reduce the yield.

The Carolinas.—The marketing season is nearly over in South Carolina and is far advanced in the New Belt district of North Carolina. Excellent quality of leaf and good prices characterize the situation.

TOBACCO.

| States. | Total Production in Thousands of Pounds. | | | Yield per Acre. | | Quality. | |
|---------------------|--|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| | 1926 Prelim. (Nov.) | 1925 | Five-Yr. Ave. 1921-'25. | 1926 Prelim. (Nov.) Lbs. | Ten-Yr. Ave. Lbs. | 1926 Per Cent. | Ten-Yr. Ave. Per Cent. |
| Massachusetts..... | 8,850 | 10,676 | 11,748 | 1,475 | 1,422 | 90 | 89 |
| Connecticut..... | 31,625 | 40,470 | 38,957 | 1,375 | 1,426 | 89 | 89 |
| New York..... | 2,500 | 2,200 | 2,304 | 1,250 | 1,206 | 84 | 86 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 43,230 | 57,400 | 58,356 | 1,310 | 1,375 | 82 | 90 |
| Ohio..... | 38,025 | 50,960 | 42,932 | 845 | 812 | 75 | 87 |
| Indiana..... | 14,875 | 18,284 | 17,053 | 875 | 895 | 78 | 86 |
| Wisconsin..... | 36,250 | 44,000 | 46,980 | 1,250 | 1,195 | 85 | 83 |
| Missouri..... | 4,750 | 4,075 | 4,690 | 950 | 963 | 85 | 83 |
| Maryland..... | 28,480 | 24,690 | 21,442 | 890 | 774 | 80 | 84 |
| Virginia..... | 137,080 | 129,497 | 133,111 | 745 | 673 | 83 | 79 |
| West Virginia..... | 8,650 | 6,975 | 6,868 | 865 | 790 | 77 | 86 |
| North Carolina..... | 371,580 | 378,490 | 314,252 | 660 | 618 | 81 | 76 |
| South Carolina..... | 60,060 | 71,040 | 59,178 | 660 | 655 | 72 | 72 |
| Georgia..... | 39,933 | 48,039 | 20,838 | 783 | 737 | 81 | 78 |
| Florida..... | 5,196 | 5,460 | 4,230 | 866 | 987 | 86 | 91 |
| Kentucky..... | 368,490 | 357,840 | 411,890 | 865 | 861 | 78 | 84 |
| Tennessee..... | 104,520 | 93,800 | 94,385 | 780 | 770 | 81 | 86 |
| Louisiana..... | 400 | 504 | 454 | 400 | 442 | 80 | 86 |
| U. S. total..... | 1,304,494 | 1,374,400 | 1,289,699 | 787 | 786 | 80.1 | 82.0 |

COMMENTS CONCERNING CROP REPORT FOR NOV. 1.—The United States Department of Agriculture at Washington on Nov. 10 also furnished the following comments on the domestic crops:

For the country as a whole the weather during October was favorable for late crops. As a result, the yields of corn, cotton, buckwheat, rice, apples, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and tobacco are all running somewhat above earlier expectations. Yields of flaxseed and grain sorghums are not quite up to expectations, but, considering all crops produced this season, yields per acre now appear to have been 3% above the average yields during the last ten years and 10% above prospects on July 1.

Using usual value per pound as a basis for combining such diverse crops as hay and tobacco, the total production of all crops this season now appears to have been 2.9% greater than last year and 7.3% above the average production during the past 5 years. The population of the country is now increasing nearly 2 million per year. In proportion to population, year and 2.4% greater than the average per capita production during the last 5 years.

The quality of this year's crops has been rather disappointing, with the exception of winter wheat, fruits, and sweet potatoes. Combining the figures of 15 important crops, not including cotton, the composite quality appears to be 5.2% below the average quality during the last 10 years.

Corn.—The estimated production of corn is 2,693,963,000 bushels, or 14,000,000 bushels more than the October 1 indication. It is 211,000,000 bushels or 7% below the average production of the last five years, or about 5% below the average production of the last five years. This relatively low production is partly due to a lower acreage and partly to the rather low yield of 26.7 bushels per acre, approximately 2 bushels per acre less than that of last year and 1 bushel per acre below the average yield during the last five years. About 68% of the United States corn crop of 1926 was produced in the twelve North Central States, while in 1925 fully 78% of the crop was produced in these States.

During October there was slight improvement in the corn crop of the eastern portion of the Corn Belt, but deterioration in Missouri and in the States from North Dakota to Kansas where it had previously been greatly damaged by drought. In the Southern States the crop is a good one, especially in North Carolina and Texas.

The total farm supply of corn, including both the 1926 crop and the carry-over from the 1925 crop, is approximately 3% less than a year ago for the United States, but in the North Central States a decrease of 12% is indicated. Compared with the five-year average, the total supply of corn on farms is 4% less for the United States and 6% less for the North Central States.

The carry-over of old corn on farms on Nov. 1 is estimated as about 181,000,000 bushels in the United States as compared with only 58,000,000 bushels last fall. The farm carry-over of 159,000,000 bushels in the twelve North Central States is unusually large, especially when compared with a carry-over of 44,000,000 bushels on Nov. 1 1925, from the very short crop of 1924.

The low quality of this year's corn crop is indicated by the fact that only 72.6% of the crop is of merchantable quality. During the last ten years the percentage of the crop of merchantable quality has averaged 81.8.

The low quality this year results chiefly from too much rain in some of the Corn Belt States, drought in the western portion and some frost damage. **Buckwheat.**—The buckwheat crop appears to have yielded about 19 bushels per acre, which is about the same as that usually secured, but the quality of the crop was seriously reduced by unfavorable weather at harvest time, and averages only 82.2% of high medium, which is the lowest wheat quality reported in some 20 years. The acreage was somewhat larger than that usually grown and the crop is now estimated at 15,249,000 bushels, which is 8% above the average of the last 5 years.

The production of potatoes appears to have been somewhat above the indications of a month ago, chiefly because the loss from cold indications. The quality of the crop, however, averages slightly lower than in any previous season in 25 years, so that somewhat more than the usual loss in sorting and in storage is to be expected. As the estimates aim to include all potatoes actually hauled from the fields, allowance must be made for potatoes that show frost injury, which has been severe in parts of the Northwest and for those showing blight, which is troublesome locally in some Eastern States.

The crop is now estimated at 360,727,000 bushels, which is almost exactly half way between last year's short crop and the average production of the last five years. The smallness of this year's potato crop is due chiefly to the fact that the acreage planted was the smallest in 20 years to have been 112.7 bushels, which is in excess of the yield in any previous year except 1924 and 1912. As the weather was not particularly favorable for potatoes in a number of important States, the relatively high yield was probably due at least in part to the steady improvement being made in the strains of potatoes developed for seed purposes and to the extra care devoted to a crop planted with high-priced seed.

Potatoes.—In the Mississippi river valley tobacco has been heavily damaged by excessive rainfall during the latter part of the growing season, which continued through the harvesting season. Curing has been seriously interfered with, and reports of houseburn are widespread. Conditions in

eastern States are in general more favorable. The yield of 787 pounds per acre for the United States is 25 pounds above the 5-year average, while the quality figure of 80.1% of high medium is slightly below the 10-year average. Production is estimated at 1,304,494,000 pounds, or 70,000,000 pounds below 1925.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED NOV. 9.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Nov. 9, follows:

The first and middle parts of the week had generally fair weather in all sections of the country, except for considerable precipitation near the beginning in both the Northern and more southern States. The latter part had general rains, or cloudy and unsettled weather, east of the Great Plains, with the rapid movement of a depression of considerable energy from the far Northwest to the South-Central States, central on the morning of the 8th over Oklahoma.

The first half of the week in the southeast was unseasonably cool, with freezing weather extending about the 6th as far south as the interior of the South Atlantic and east Gulf States, but in the immediate Mississippi Valley the line of freezing did not extend farther south than southern Illinois and eastern Missouri. The latter part of the week was unseasonably warm in the East, but much colder weather was following in the wake of the storm mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

The table on page 3 shows that the temperature for the week averaged considerably below normal from the lower Missouri and Ohio Valleys and Middle Atlantic States southward. The minus departures from normal were especially marked in central Gulf districts where they ranged from 6 degrees to as much as 10 degrees. North of this area about normal warmth prevailed in most sections, while over an extended portion of the West and Northwest the week was warmer than normal, and decidedly so in the more western States where the weekly mean temperatures were 6 degrees to 10 degrees higher than the seasonal average.

The table shows also that rainfall was light to moderate in most districts, although there were locally heavy falls in the central Gulf area and some fairly heavy amounts in Tennessee and parts of the upper Mississippi Valley. There were some good rains in the central Great Plains, but in the south Atlantic area, where drought has prevailed, the amounts were again small, while over a large section of the Southwest, embracing nearly one-fourth of the country, precipitation was inappreciable.

The generally fair weather was favorable for field work and good progress was made in seasonal farm operations until near the close of the week when there was interruption over the eastern half of the country by widespread rains. Temperatures were also favorable for drying out crops, especially for corn in much of the principal producing area, and husking progressed. Frost damage was of minor occurrence. Conditions were especially favorable for livestock over the great western grazing districts; because of the open weather in the northern Plains States they are still on the range, and pastures are generally good in the southern Plains area.

Light to moderate rains were helpful in the west-central Great Plains where droughty conditions prevail, but more moisture is needed in that area, and further rain would be helpful in much of the Southeast for fall crops and in conditioning the soil for plowing. In the more western States severe drought continues in the Great Basin, and more rain is still needed in parts of the interior Pacific Northwest, but the warm and sunny weather was ideal wherever there was sufficient moisture.

SMALL GRAINS.—Early sown wheat is generally up to a good stand, but late-seeded is small in the eastern half of the belt where seeding of the intended acreage has been prevented because of unfavorable weather during the sowing season. The week's weather was generally favorable for the crop, and seeding was still progressing in the lower Great Plains area. Wheat has a generally good stand in the eastern half of Kansas, but is mostly poor in the west because of insufficient moisture, while it is too dry in parts of the central Rocky Mountain area and locally in the Northwest. Fairly good progress was made in threshing rice in the central Gulf area, and showers improved oats in the extreme southeast. Winter rye is generally up to a good stand and color in the Central-Northern States.

In Argentina, seasonable temperatures prevailed; rainfall was rather heavy in the northern wheat zone, but was light in the South. In Australia, favorable conditions for wheat continued, with the crop ripening satisfactorily.

Corn.—Good drying weather for corn prevailed during most of the week, but there was rain or snow over much of the belt near its close. In the upper Mississippi Valley, and from the Ohio Valley eastward—much of the crop is still too damp to crib, but this work progressed favorably in the Great Plains area. In Iowa there was interruption to husking because of snow or rain both at the beginning of the week and near its close, and corn in that State is generally too damp to crib, with considerable molding reported.

Cotton.—The cool weather in the eastern cotton belt checked the opening of bolls in northern districts, and there was some local killing of late bolls, but, in general, the weather was favorable for the crop and for harvest, and picking made satisfactory progress in most sections. Picking is well along in most northern districts, but much cotton is still out in the extreme northwestern portion of the belt, and considerable is unpicked in other northern sections. Some open cotton in Texas was blown out by high winds on the 8th. Late bolls are opening nicely in the central-northern portion of the belt.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Clear and cool until Sunday; several frosts, killing in most of interior on 4th. Fine for digging sweet potatoes, threshing peanuts, housing corn, and marketing tobacco. Picking cotton made good progress; harvest well along. Showers at close beneficial for small grains and hardy truck.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Cool most of week, with light to heavy frosts, checked cotton opening, but picking continues slowly with one-third of crop in northwest not picked and some top crop still developing. Cabbage, turnips and spinach doing fairly well. Hard, dry soil unfavorable for plowing and planting.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Mostly favorable for harvesting, which is approaching completion everywhere. Soil still rather dry, but seeding winter cereals made fairly good progress. Late cotton in north opening slowly and many bolls killed by frost; picking about completed, except in north. Grinding cane well advanced and seed cane being bedded.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Week mostly dry, but local showers improved seed beds, growing truck, strawberries, and oats, and did not delay harvesting sweet potatoes and hay. Light frost in interior improved citrus, celery and lettuce. Seeding and transplanting made some progress in south. Cane grinding active.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Week mostly fair and unseasonably cold, except rain on opening and closing days; rain beneficial for growing crops. Cotton picking progressed slowly; finished in most sections and nearing completion in others; some probably will not be picked. Harvesting corn and sweet potatoes good progress. Sowing oats progressing slowly. Truck crops doing well in south elsewhere poor and frost-killed locally.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Mostly light to moderate precipitation. Progress in housing corn and picking and ginning cotton fair to good; cotton picking mostly completed in south and central, except considerable remnants abandoned in fields. Pastures poor.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Heavy frosts middle of week; damage slight generally. Favorable for work, except rain at beginning and end. Fairly good progress in gathering cotton and corn, and threshing rice. Grinding sugar cane begun locally; fall cane planting mostly completed under favorable conditions.

Texas.—Houston: Persistently cool with light frosts nearly to upper coast on 5th; abundant sunshine and light showers generally favorable for field work, although soil too wet for seeding in some sections. Progress and condition of pastures, truck, citrus and early wheat good; wheat seeding not yet completed. Progress in cotton picking good; some open cotton blown out by high winds of 8th.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Cool with light to killing frosts; no material damage. Practically all cotton open and fairly good progress in picking and ginning, but much still in fields in west where serious shortage of pickers. Good progress in harvesting corn, grain sorghums and feed crops. Still sowing wheat; early-sown good to excellent. Pastures generally fine.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Low temperatures first of week and moderate precipitation last of week retarded cotton picking somewhat; late bolls opening nicely; picking practically completed over large portion of hill country and well along elsewhere. Killing frosts and freezing temperatures in nearly all portions on 4th and 5th stopped growth.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Week cool and dry until last day, with some heavy to killing frosts. Most winter wheat sown and progressing finely. Rye and barley all in and clover in fair shape. Cotton about all open and picking and ginning continue uninterruptedly; no top crop in some sections.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Friday Night, Nov. 12 1926.

With but few exceptions, markets for textiles continued quiet during the past week. For instance, in the silk division, keen competition for business, lower raw prices and the issuance of disappointing trade figures had an adverse effect upon sentiment. According to the Silk Association of America, deliveries of raw silk during October totaled 47,768 bales, the largest in three years. This total, a surprise to the trade, compared with 43,962 bales during September and 46,815 bales during October last year. Despite this indicated high rate of consumption, raw silk prices have fallen off substantially. Imports declined slightly, totaling 48,403 bales, against 50,415 bales in September. Storage stocks on hand Nov. 1 amounted to 35,094 bales, compared with 34,459 on Oct. 1. Although Japan has been making valiant efforts to maintain prices, there has been a great deal of apprehension that consumption in this country may decline under the influence of low cotton prices. Buyers have not been anticipating requirements, and in view of the fact that they are between the fall and spring seasons, factors have been offering discounts on their fall goods to help liquidate them. On the other hand, the floor covering division has been relatively firm. Business was said to be satisfactory. Owing to advances in the prices of raw wool, not a few producers were claimed to be considering raising quotations after the first of the year. In all retail channels of the textile trade, stores have been actively preparing for the holiday trade, which is expected to be the largest on record. Consumer buying will probably get under way definitely after Thanksgiving.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Further evidence was furnished during the week as to the fundamental strength of the domestic cotton goods markets. Although conditions were generally quiet, the Government estimate of a cotton crop of almost 18,000,000 bales failed to result in undue liquidation or drastically lower prices. As a matter of fact, quotations for the raw material registered an advance. While buyers offered lower bids after the issuance of the report, mills were firm in their conviction that prices had already practically discounted the estimate and were low enough. Thus speculative interest was at a standstill. However, some business was put through, but this was mostly confined to purchasers in actual need of goods. Of course, some mills were willing to shade prices, but the majority held relatively firm. The Government report issued on Monday placed the indicated cotton yield at 17,918,000 bales. This showed an increase of 464,000 bales over the last previous estimate and was based on conditions as of Nov. 1, to which date 11,259,038 bales of this year's crop had been ginned. Although factors have evidently become reconciled to the huge size of this year's crop, they have maintained confidence in the industry. The principal reason for this lies in its statistical strength. An example of this was supplied in the report of the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York, who claim that stocks of cotton textiles in the United States on Nov. 1 were the lowest in the past five years. It was also pointed out that on the basis of present shipments less than a single month's supply exists. 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.—Influenced by alternate waves of warm and cold weather, markets for woolens and worsteds have ruled irregular. During most of the week it was too warm to arouse much interest in winter merchandise, which in turn retarded orders for spring goods in both the women's and men's wear divisions. However, the cold snap witnessed the latter part of the week succeeded in stimulating increased sales of overcoatings, etc. Statistically, the industry was said to be in an excellent position, with the future prospects bright. Definite figures pertaining to this subject are expected to be issued soon. Since the organization of the Wool Council of America a few months ago, good progress has been made for the collection and distribution of trade statistics and other correlated subjects. Actual work will start the first of the new year and an initial report will probably be issued shortly thereafter.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—A firm undertone continued to prevail in the linen markets owing to a steadily increasing demand. A goodly number of buyers were still in the market providing for their holiday needs, and their activity elicited expressions of satisfaction from factors and importers. Generally, interest continued to be centered in merchandise suitable for gift purposes, such as handkerchiefs and household items. In regard to the former, it was said that handkerchiefs were going into consuming channels as fast as they could be brought forward. Despite this spurt in buying, however, buyers generally have failed to increase their orders for future requirements to any appreciable extent, preferring to confine themselves to needs immediately in view. Burlaps continued quiet with but few inquiries or sales reported. Light weights are quoted at 7.10c., and heavies at 8.65c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

California (State of).—Wright Act Repeal Defeated—Only One Major Issue Carries.—The voters of the State of California defeated on Nov. 2 the initiative measure for the repeal of the Wright Act. The total State vote on the measure was 494,085 for to 550,451 against. The measure was defeated in 12 southern California counties by a majority of 111,069, while the measure carried in the northern counties by a majority of 54,694. Initiative measure No. 28 for Federal reapportionment carried, receiving a total majority in the State of 59,546 votes. The 12 southern counties defeated this measure by a majority of 16,906, while it received a majority of 76,452 for it in the northern counties. The following measures were all defeated, No. 4 for an additional 1c. per gallon gasoline tax by a majority of 53,557 in the State. The southern counties defeated this measure by a majority of 223,752 votes, while in northern California it carried by a vote of 170,195. Measure No. 6 regarding race track gambling was defeated by a majority of 261,897. This is one measure both the southern and northern counties agreed upon, as they both voted heavily against it. Measure No. 8 regarding State highways received a total count of 381,674 against it. The southern counties favored it by a majority of 79,839, while it was defeated by a majority of 461,513 votes in the northern counties. Measure No. 17 requiring the Bible in schools was defeated by a majority of 208,908, the southern counties favoring it by a majority of 68,524, while the northern counties voted against it by 277,432. Measure No. 20 to create a reapportionment commission was defeated by a majority of 136,792, the southern counties giving it a majority of 65,094 and the northern counties voting against it by a majority of 201,886. The figures used herein are all taken from the Los Angeles "Times" of Nov. 7.

Colorado (State of).—Eight Proposed Constitutional Amendments Defeated at November Election.—On Nov. 2 all eight of the constitutional amendments balloted on by the voters of this State were defeated. The following are the returns on the amendments, with complete Denver returns included, as given in the Denver "Rocky Mountain News" of Nov. 4:

| | | | |
|---|--------|--|---------|
| No. 1.—(To Fix Salaries of Judges). (1,060 Precincts.) | | No. 5.—(Wet Amendment). (1,086 Precincts.) | |
| For | 70,265 | For | 79,340 |
| Against | 67,109 | Against | 107,290 |
| Majority for | 3,156 | Majority against | 27,950 |
| No. 2.—(Fees of County Officers). (1,040 Precincts.) | | No. 6.—(Dentistry Licenses). (1,040 Precincts.) | |
| For | 42,912 | For | 43,841 |
| Against | 78,919 | Against | 136,612 |
| Majority against | 36,007 | Majority against | 92,771 |
| No. 3.—(Taxation of Autos). (1,040 Precincts.) | | No. 7.—(Public Utilities). (1,040 Precincts.) | |
| For | 50,889 | For | 24,320 |
| Against | 85,948 | Against | 108,010 |
| Majority against | 35,059 | Majority against | 83,690 |
| | | No. 8 (Gasoline Tax & Auto Licenses) (978 Precincts.) | |
| | | For | 60,075 |
| | | Against | 91,678 |
| | | Majority against | 31,603 |

Massachusetts (State of).—Additional Bonds Made Legal Investments for Savings Banks.—Roy A. Hovey, Commissioner of Banks, on Nov. 9 added the following to the list of bonds which are legal investments for savings banks in Massachusetts.

Queens Borough Gas & Electric Company.
Queens Borough Gas & Electric Co. ref. mtge. 6s, 1953.
Queens Borough Gas & Electric Co. ref. mtge. 5s, 1955.

Illinois Central System.

Illinois Central RR. equipment series N 4½s, serially to 1941.

Maine Central System.

Portland & Rumford Falls Ry. 1st 5s, 1951.

Montana (State of).—Voters Approve Act to Repeal Prohibition Laws of the State.—The electorate of the State of Montana voted favorably on the following two measures submitted to them at the election held on Nov. 2:

Initiative No. 30 being an Act to repeal the present prohibition laws of the State of Montana, and Initiative No. 31 being an Act to provide a 3-cent gasoline tax for the benefit of good roads in Montana.

The two following measures were rejected:

Referendum No. 29, being an Act to assess a 5-mill levy for the benefit of schools, and Chapter 91, proposed Constitutional amendment relative to hail insurance. The official returns are not available as yet.

Texas (State of).—Several Bond Validation Bills Vetted by Governor.—Governor Ferguson has vetoed the following bond validation bills passed by the last session of the Legislature, due to the Speaker of the House failing to sign the bills before adjournment. The bills vetoed were: Fort Bend County Road District No. 9; Hill County Road District No. 4; San Patricio County Road District Nos. 2, 4 and 6; Van Zandt County Road District No. 1, and Wilbarger County Road District No. 4.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ABERDEEN, Moore County, No. Caro.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 graded coupon school bonds offered on Nov. 10—V. 123, p. 2292—were

awarded as 5s to E. P. McMaken & Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$235 equal to 100.47, a basis of about 4.96%. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Due \$2,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1951 incl.

AINSWORTH, Brown County, Neb.—**BOND SALE.**—James T. Wachob & Co. of Omaha has purchased the following two issues of refunding bonds aggregating \$52,500:

\$26,500 5% sewer bonds. Due Aug. 1 1946, optional as follows: \$3,000, 1940 to 1945, inclusive; \$2,000, 1939, and \$6,500, 1946.
26,000 4¾% water bonds. Due Aug. 1 1946, optional as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1935, inclusive; \$3,000, 1936 to 1938, inclusive, and \$1,000 1939.

Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (Aug. 1), payable at the County Treasurer's office, Brown County. Legality approved by Stout, Wells, Rose & Martin, of Omaha. The above supersedes the report given in V. 123, p. 2292.

Financial Statement.

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| Assessed valuation | | \$1,266,520 |
| Total bonded indebtedness, including this issue | | 134,058 |
| Less: Water bonds | | |
| Special assessment | \$25,500 | |
| Sinking fund | 49,000 | |
| Net bonded indebtedness | 3,000 | 56,558 |

Population (1920), 1,508; present estimate, 2,500.

ALABAMA (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—William B. Brandon, Governor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 16 for \$1,000,000 not exceeding 4½% harbor improvement, fifth series, coupon or registered bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000 Dec. 1 1936 to 1975, inclusive. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the State Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of Alabama in New York City. A certified check, payable to the State Treasurer, for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, required. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

ALAMEDA COUNTY (P. O. Oakland), Calif.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Geo. E. Gross, County Clerk, until Nov. 15 for \$500,000 5% tube bonds. Due serially 1936 to 1938 incl.

ALBANY COUNTY (P. O. Albany), N. Y.—**PRICE PAID.**—The price paid by Farnson, Son & Co. of New York for the \$45,000 4¾% refunding bridge bonds purchased by them recently—V. 123, p. 2423—was 100.94, a basis of about 4.12%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$3,000, Nov. 1 1927 to 1941 incl.

ALICE, Jim Wells County, Texas.—**BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Nov. 4 the State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$50,000 5½% street improvement bonds. Due serially.

AMARILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Potter County, Tex.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$250,000 5% school bonds offered on Nov. 9—V. 123, p. 2292—were awarded to a syndicate composed of J. E. Jarratt & Co., the Republic Trust & Savings Bank, both of Dallas, and C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$6,350, equal to 102.54, a basis of about 4.83%. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927; \$6,000, 1938 to 1946 incl.; \$8,000, 1947 to 1951 incl.; \$9,000, 1952 to 1956 incl.; \$10,000, 1957 to 1961 incl., and \$36,000, 1962 to 1966 incl.

AMARILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Potter County, Texas.—**BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Nov. 1 the State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$300,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

AMITE, Tangipahoa County, La.—**BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$30,000 6% coupon or registered street improvement bonds awarded to the Amite Bank & Trust Co. of Amite at 100.33 (V. 123, p. 2423), are described as follows: Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due serially Oct. 1 1927 to 1944, inclusive. Interest payable A. & O.

ANDERSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Palestine), Tex.—**BOND SALE POSTPONED.**—The sale of the \$500,000 5% road bonds scheduled for Nov. 4 (V. 123, p. 2161) has been postponed.

ARENAC COUNTY (P. O. Standish), Mich.—**BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received until Nov. 10 by J. P. Balkie, County Drainage Commissioner, for \$8,865 6% drainage bonds.

ARKANSAS CITY, Cowley County, Kan.—**BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of April an issue of \$15,649 97 4¾% paving bonds.

ASBURY PARK, Monmouth County, N. J.—**BOND SALE.**—The issue of coupon or registered public improvement bonds offered on Nov. 9—V. 123, p. 2292—were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York as 4½s taking \$349,000 (\$351,000 offered) paying \$351,129.90, equal to 100.61, a basis of about 4.64%. Date Nov. 15 1926. Due Nov. 15 as follows: \$27,000, 1927 to 1938, incl. and \$25,000 in 1939.

ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Ohio.—**BOND OFFERING.**—W. W. Howes, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Nov. 22 for \$10,430 5% County Sewer District No. 2 bonds. Date Nov. 15 1926. Denom. \$500, except one for \$430. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$930, 1928; \$500, 1929 to 1941 incl., and \$1,000, 1942 to 1944 incl. Int. payable A. & O. A certified check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

ATLANTIC COUNTY (P. O. Atlantic City), N. J.—**BOND SALE.**—The following 5% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$42,000, offered on Nov. 5—V. 123, p. 2161—were awarded to Stephens & Co. of New York.

\$22,000 road improvement bonds at a premium of \$276, equal to 101.25, a basis of about 4.69%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 and 1929, and \$6,000, 1930 and 1931.
20,000 road improvement bonds at a premium of \$257, equal to 101.28, a basis of about 4.60%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$5,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1931, incl.

AUSTIN, Travis County, Tex.—**BOND OFFERING.**—S. W. Mabry, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 15 for \$150,000 4¾% school bonds. Due serially July 1 1927 to 1956, incl. Separate bids may be submitted for a part of the issue amounting to \$75,000 and maturing July 1 1947. A certified check for \$1,500, required. These are the bonds mentioned in—V. 123, p. 2423.

AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Travis County, Tex.—**BOND SALE.**—The State Board of Education has purchased an issue of \$45,200 school bonds at par.

BACON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alma), Bacon County, Ga.—**BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$6,000 5% school bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 123, p. 2162—have not been sold. J. T. Altman, County Superintendent of Board of Education.

BAXTER SPRINGS, Cherokee County, Kan.—**BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of May an issue of \$30,000 4½% city hall bonds.

BEACHWOOD VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Beachwood), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—**BONDS VOTED.**—At the election held on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 1785—the voters authorized the issuance of \$150,000 school building bonds.

BEAVER TOWNSHIP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Grundy Center), Grundy County, Iowa.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Joseph Schuck, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$3,900 school bonds. Legal opinion to be furnished by purchaser.

BELLAIRE, Belmont County, Ohio.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$7,670 5½% street impt. bonds offered on Oct. 25—V. 123, p. 1905—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$228.50, equal to 102.97, a basis of about 4.83%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$400, May 1 and Nov. 1 1927 to 1935 incl.

BELLINGHAM, Whatcom County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The following five issues of local improvement bonds, aggregating \$22,300, were purchased by the contractors as follows:

- To C. G. Burnet & Co.: \$10,000 District No. 817 improvement bonds. 3,800 District No. 839 improvement bonds. To Riddle & Watkins: \$3,800 District No. 829 improvement bonds. 500 District No. 846 improvement bonds. To J. Lisle & Son: \$4,200 District No. 834 improvement bonds. Denom. \$100.

BENNET, Lancaster County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased during the month of September an issue of \$5,300 4 1/2% water bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 1946, optional 1931.

BENTONVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jim Wells County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$20,000 5% school bonds was registered on Nov. 1 by the State Comptroller of Texas. Due serially.

BERTIE COUNTY (P. O. Windsor), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—S. W. Kenney, Register of Deeds, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Dec. 8 for \$50,000 6% coupon Windsor Township railroad bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1937, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1938 to 1947, inclusive. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. The bonds will be delivered at a place designated by purchaser. Purchaser to furnish the blank bonds and legal opinion. A certified check, payable to the Chairman Board of Commissioners, for 2% of the amount offered, required.

BERTRAND, Phelps County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased during the month of July an issue of \$16,500 4 1/2% refunding bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 1946, optional 1927.

BLACKFORD COUNTY (P. O. Hartford City), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,587 85 6% drainage bonds offered on Nov. 5—V. 123, p. 2162—were awarded to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$13, equal to 100.13, a basis of about 5.96%. Date June 1 1926. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,587 85, 1927, and \$2,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.

BLACKSBURG, Cherokee County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Hillsman & Co. of Atlanta have purchased an issue of \$30,000 5 1/4% street impt. bonds at 100.33, a basis of about 5.73%. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Due \$3,000, Oct. 1 1937 to 1946 incl. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National Park Bank, New York City. Legality approved by I. N. Nathans, Charleston.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Actual values, Assessed values, Total bonded debt, Less water and light bonds, Less sinking fund, Net debt, and Population.

This supersedes the report given in V. 123, p. 2292.

BLACKSBURG, Cherokee County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Hillsman & Co. of Atlanta, have purchased an issue of \$10,000 5% school bonds at a premium of \$100, equal to 101.

BLOOMFIELD, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—T. Cory Johnson, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 22 for an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered temporary impt. bonds not to exceed \$634,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$634,000. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 1932. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Bloomfield Trust Co., Bloomfield. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to Raymond Egerley, Town Treasurer, is required.

BOLIVAR, Allegheny County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry L. Wilber, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$13,000 5% coupon or registered street impt. bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$300. Due \$1,300 July 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the State Bank of Bolivar in New York exchange. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, N. Y. City. A certified check for \$500 is required.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds offered on Oct. 26 (V. 123, p. 2162) were awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati as follows:

- \$18,000 Jackson Township road bonds at a premium of \$290 25, equal to 101.61, a basis of about 4.18%. Due \$900 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, inclusive. 16,600 Marion and Union Townships road bonds at a premium of \$259 40, equal to 101.56—a basis of about 4.23%. Due \$830 May and Nov. 15, 1928 to 1937, inclusive. 15,000 Marion Township road bonds at a premium of \$234 40, equal to 101.56—a basis of about 4.23%. Due \$750 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, inclusive. Date Oct. 5 1926.

BRECKSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brecksville), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 6% school bonds offered on Nov. 4—V. 123, p. 2022—were awarded to the State Teachers Retirement System at a premium of \$149, equal to 102.98, a basis of about 4.90%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1931 inclusive.

BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Jerry C. Leary, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Dec. 7 for \$10,000 4 1/2% street impt. bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Due \$1,000 Dec. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for is required.

BROWN COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Hiawatha), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of May an issue of \$50,000 4 1/4% school bonds.

BURGAU SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brugaw), Pender County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—T. T. Murphy, Superintendent Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 22 for \$50,000 5 1/4% school bonds. Date Nov. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1936, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1937 to 1956, inclusive. Principal and interest (M. & N. 15) payable at the Hanover National Bank, 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 seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the county required. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Assessed valuation, Estimated actual valuation, Total bonded indebtedness, Floating debt, and Area of district.

BURLINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Holly), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Alfonza Adams, Clerk Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 26 for an issue of 5% coupon or registered refunding bonds not to exceed \$120,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$120,000. Date Dec. 30 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$40,000 Dec. 30 1927 to 1929 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Union National Bank of Mt. Holly. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Union National Bank, Mt. Holly. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, is required.

CALCASIEU PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Vinton), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$260,000 5% drainage bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 1531—were awarded to Howard Kenyon of Houston at par. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 1951.

CANAL FULTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Gainey, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 30 for \$12,585.83 5% street impt. bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$630, except one for \$615 83. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,245 83, 1928 and \$1,260, 1929 to 1937 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Exchange Bank Co., Canal Fulton.

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel E. Barr, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12:30 p. m. Nov. 29 for the following 5% coupon special assessment improvement bonds aggregating \$146,238 55:

- \$81,277 30 Belden Ave. bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$1,277 30. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$9,277 30, 1928, and \$9,000, 1929 to 1936 incl. 7,858 13 Carnahan Ave. bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, \$750 and one for \$858 13. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$858 13, 1928; \$1,000, 1929; \$750, 1930; \$1,000, 1931; \$750, 1932; \$1,000, 1933; \$750, 1934; \$1,000, 1935, and \$750, 1936. 32,935 51 Smith Ave. bonds. Date Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$935 51. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,935 51, 1929; \$4,000, 1930 to 1935 incl., and \$3,000, 1936 and 1937. 21,975 77 Dewalt Ave. bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, except one for \$975 77. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,975 77, 1928; \$2,500, 1929 to 1934 incl., and \$2,000, 1935 and 1936. 2,191 84 Downing Court bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$500, except one for \$191 84. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$191 84, 1928, and \$500, 1929 to 1932 incl.

Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Successful bidder to print the bonds at his own expense. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

CANTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Washington), Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—A. L. Farrar, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Nov. 22 for \$16,000 5% school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Nov. 1 1928 to 1943, inclusive. A certified check for \$250, payable to J. W. McNulty, District Treasurer, is required.

CEDAR COUNTY (P. O. Tipton), Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Nov. 2 the voters authorized the issuance of \$1,229,000 road bonds by a majority of 4,218.

CHARITON, Lucas County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The Chariton & Lucas County National Bank of Chariton purchased on Oct. 19 an issue of \$5,500 4 1/4% coupon fire equipment bonds at a premium of \$102, equal to 101.85. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, 1929 to 1935 incl. Int. payable M. & N.

CLEARWATER, Pinellas County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. M. Gilmore, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$500,000 6% improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in 1 to 10 years. These bonds represent all street improvement bonds to be issued for a period of 1 year from this date, and will be issued in amounts approved for payment. Principal and interest payable in gold. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

CLIFTON HEIGHTS, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia have purchased an issue of \$20,000 local impt. bonds. Due \$5,000, July 1 1931, 1936, 1941 and 1946.

CLYDE, Callahan County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased the following two issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$60,000 at 96.40: \$30,000 water works bonds. 30,000 sewer bonds.

COFFEYVILLE, Montgomery County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$36,000 4 1/4% refunding water works bonds was registered by the State Auditor of Kansas during the month of April.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Harry H. Turner, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Nov. 15 for \$250,000 promissory notes. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$5,000. Due June 1 1928. A certified check for 1% of the amount of notes bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

CONCORDIA, Cloud County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$10,000 4 1/4% park impt. bonds was registered during the month of May by the State Auditor of Kansas.

COOS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 66 (P. O. Lakeside), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—P. W. Lerner, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 13 (to-day) for \$5,000 6% school bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1926. Due \$1,000, Nov. 1 1929 to 1933 incl. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds offered required. Legality to be approved by Teal, Winfree & Johnson & McCulloch of Portland.

COWETA, Wagoner County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of bonds aggregating \$71,000 were awarded as follows:

- To the Piersol Bond Co. of Oklahoma City: \$25,000 sewer bonds as 5 1/4s. 25,000 sewer bonds as 5 1/4s. To the Sinking Fund: \$21,000 water extension bonds as 5s at par.

CRANSTON, Providence County, R. I.—NOTE SALE.—Eaton & Howard of Boston were awarded on Nov. 9 \$225,000 school notes on a 3.965% discount basis. Due May 10 1927.

CROTON, Westchester County, N. Y.—INTEREST RATE.—The \$15,000 street improvement bonds purchased on Sept. 21 by the Sunswick Corp. at 100.25—V. 123, p. 2293—bear interest at the rate of 4 1/4%.

CROW CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Radersburg), Broadwater County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 6% refunding irrigation bonds offered on May 17—V. 123, p. 2844—were awarded to O. M. Pierce of Portland.

BOND SALE.—An issue of \$72,000 debenture certificates was also purchased by the above Company.

DEARBORN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Dearborn), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 school bonds offered on Nov. 4—V. 123, p. 2162—were awarded to the First National Co. and the Security Trust Co., both of Detroit, jointly, as 4 1/2s at a premium of \$65, equal to 100.03, a basis of about 4.49%. Date Jan. 2 1927. Due Jan. 2 as follows: \$10,000 1928 and 1929, \$12,000 1930 to 1933, incl.; \$15,000 1934 to 1937, incl.; \$30,000 1938 and 1939, and \$12,000 1940.

DE BEQUE, Mesa County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell & Co., o Colorado Springs, have purchased \$20,000 5 1/4% refunding water bonds. Date May 1 1927. Due \$500, 1929 to 1952, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1953 to 1962, inclusive.

DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Woodbury Heights) Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$65,000, were purchased by the State at par:

- \$45,000 school bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1941, incl., and \$3,000, 1942 to 1946, incl. 20,000 school bonds. Due \$2,000, 1927 to 1936, incl.

DELAWARE (State of)—BOND SALE.—The Farmers Bank of Dover was awarded on Nov. 5 \$250,000 4% coupon highway bonds of the total issue of \$600,000 offered on that date—V. 123, p. 2293—at 99.501, a basi

of about 4.03%. The remaining \$350,000 were reserved for investment by the State Sinking Fund. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 1966. Redeemable at 105 on any interest date after Jan. 1 1927 upon due legal notice.

Following is a list of other bidders:

| Bidder | Rate Bid. |
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| W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and Kean, Taylor & Co., Inc. | 98.779 |
| Guaranty Co. of New York and Bankers Trust Co. | 96.86901 |
| Eldredge & Co. | 97.341 |
| Pulleyn & Co. | 98.81 |
| The National City Co. | 97.439 |
| Redmond & Co. and Phelps, Fenn & Co. | 98.639 |
| Hoffman & Co. and J. A. de Camp & Co. | 98.3325 |
| Harris, Forbes & Co. and Laird, Bissell & Meeds. | 96.819 |
| Rufus Waples & Co. and Rutter & Co. | 98.333 |
| Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc. | 96.3942 |

DETOUR (P. O. Sault Sainte Marie), Chippewa County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 2 the voters authorized the issuance of \$9,000 lighting and power plant bonds by a count of 242 for to 15 against.

DONIPHAN COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Troy), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$95,000 4½% school bonds was registered by the State Auditor of Kansas during the month of May.

DONNA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hidalgo County, Texas.—CORRECTION.—We are informed by J. E. Rice, Secretary Board of Education, that the reported sale of \$50,000 5% school bonds to Taylor, Ewart & Co. of Chicago—V. 123, p. 2424—is erroneous.

DULUTH, St. Louis County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Nov. 2 the voters authorized the issuance of \$500,000 municipal improvement bonds by a count of 14,582 for to 7,427 against.

EAST CHICAGO, Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4½% refunding bonds offered on Nov. 8—V. 123, p. 2293—were awarded to the Merchants National Bank of Indianapolis at a premium of \$2,250, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 4.19%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$15,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1936, incl.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,400 4½% road bonds offered on Oct. 27—V. 123, p. 1905—were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$82 50, equal to 101.28, a basis of about 4.26%. Date Oct. 15 1926. Due \$320, May and Nov. 1 1928 to 1937, incl.

ELLINWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Barton County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of May an issue of \$107,000 4¾% school bonds.

ELLIS AND RUSH COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hays), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered an issue of \$25,000 5% building bonds during the month of April.

ELM CITY GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wilson County, N. C.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$40,000 5% school bonds awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo at 101.40—V. 123, p. 2424—a basis of about 4.88%, are described as follows: Dated Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Nov. 1 1929 to 1955 incl.

EMPORIA, Lyon County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered an issue of \$22,000 4¼% park bonds during the month of April.

ENGLEWOOD, Arapahoe County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Lenora Fogle, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 29 for the following 5%, 5½% and 6% bonds, aggregating \$39,500: \$4,500 Sidewalk District No. 2 bonds. \$35,000 street grading and improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due serially in 1 to 22 years. A certified check for \$500 required. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on Oct. 25—V. 123, p. 2025.

ENGLEWOOD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two 4½% issues of bonds, aggregating \$849,000, offered on Nov. 9—V. 123, p. 2293—were awarded to Bennett & Palmer of New York as follows:

\$509,000 (\$518,000 offered) school bonds, paying \$518,521 63, equal to 101.87, a basis of about 4.35%. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1928 to 1949, incl.; \$15,000, 1950 to 1962, incl.; and \$9,000, 1963. \$340,000 (\$345,000 offered) improvement bonds, paying \$345,194, equal to 101.52, a basis of about 4.34%. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1928 to 1930, incl.; \$15,000, 1931 to 1950, incl.; and \$10,000, 1951. Date Nov. 1 1926.

ENNIS, Ellis County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Nov. 1 an issue of \$38,000 4¾% sewer bonds. Due serially.

EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilkes-Barre) Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—John Trusko, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 17 for \$95,000 5% school building bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1935, incl.; and \$10,000, 1936 to 1940, incl. Int. A. & O.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY (P. O. Winnsboro), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—H. H. Heyward, Chairman Highway Commission will receive sealed bids until Nov. 15 for \$285,000 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP (P. O. Erie) Erie County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,500 5% road bonds offered on Nov. 3—V. 123, p. 2293—were awarded to Prescott, Lyon & Co. of Pittsburgh at a premium of \$195, equal to 102.05, a basis of about 4.79%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1936 and \$1,000, 1937 to 1944, incl.

FLINT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Flint), Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. McCue, Secretary Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Nov. 24 for \$650,000 4¼% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$100,000, 1928 and 1929; \$50,000, 1930 to 1935, inclusive, and \$75,000, 1936 and 1937. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Legality to be approved by Wood & Oakley, of Chicago. A certified check for \$5,000 is required.

Financial Statement.

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| Bonded debt (including this issue) | \$7,844,400 |
| Assessed valuation, 1926 | 164,169,950 |
| School tax rate (per \$1,000) 1926 | 14 42 |

FORD COUNTY (P. O. Dodge City), Kan.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on Nov. 2 the proposition of issuing \$600,000 highway bonds failed to carry by a ratio of 2 to 1.

FORT VALLEY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Houston County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of Trustees until 11 a. m. Nov. 30 for \$180,000 5% school bond. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$4,000, 1933 to 1937 incl.; \$5,000, 1938 to 1942 incl.; \$6,000, 1943 to 1946 incl.; \$7,000, 1947 and 1948; \$8,000, 1949 to 1951 incl.; \$9,000, 1952 and 1953, and \$10,000, 1954 to 1957 incl. Principal and int. (Jan. 1) payable at any bank in Fort Valley. All expenses to be paid by purchaser. A certified check for \$3,000 required.

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$670,000 have recently been disposed of: \$500,000 street impt. series No. 46. Due July 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1931 to 1934, incl. and \$14,000, 1935 to 1966, incl.

100,000 park series No. 48. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1938, incl. and \$3,000, 1939 to 1966, incl.

70,000 recreation series No. 49. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 and 1932 and \$2,000, 1933 to 1966, incl.

Date July 1 1926. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at the fiscal agency of Fort Worth in New York City. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, & Hoyt, New York City. The remaining issue of \$500,000 4½% water and sanitary sewer bonds, series No. 45 has not been sold. These are the bonds offered on July 20—V. 123, p. 231—at which time all bids were rejected.

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tarrant County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Dec. 4 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$750,000 school bonds.

GOODLAND, Sherman County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered an issue of \$122,051 25 5% paving bonds during the month of April.

GREENBURGH-HARTSDALE SEWER DISTRICT (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$79,000 4½% coupon or registered sewer, series No. 2 bonds offered on Sept. 23—V. 123, p. 1533—were awarded to the Hartsdale National Bank at 103.517, a basis of about 4.22%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1955, incl.; and \$4,000, 1956.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Catskill), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$380,000 coupon highway bonds offered on Nov. 9—V. 123, p. 2425—were awarded to Pulleyn & Co. and Redmond & Co., both of New York, jointly, as 4.20s, at 100.37, a basis of about 4.17%. Date Oct. 1 1926. 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.

HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,254 6% Tiffin Ave. impt. bonds offered on Nov. 4—V. 123, p. 2163—were awarded to A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$166, equal to 105.10, a basis of about 4.89%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$325 48, Oct. 1 1927 to 1936 incl.

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Essexville) Bay County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Nov. 15 by the Secretary Board of Education for \$110,000 school bonds.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Bay St. Louis), Miss.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$500,000 5¼% seawall bonds offered on Oct. 6—V. 123, p. 1661—were rejected.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—G. R. Morehart, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Dec. 4 for \$92,500 5% Lincoln Highway I.C.H. No. 512 bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$500. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$10,500, 1928; \$11,000, 1929 and 1930, and \$10,000, 1931 to 1936 incl. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

HARLAN COUNTY (P. O. Harlan), Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Nov. 2 the voters authorized the issuance of \$400,000 road bonds.

HARRIMAN, Roane County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—Russell, Sutherland & Co. of Los Angeles have purchased an issue of \$40,000 5% school bonds. Dated July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1944 incl., and \$2,000, 1945 to 1955 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank, New York City.

HARLAN COUNTY (P. O. Harlan), Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—W. G. Smith, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 27 for \$400,000 road bonds.

HARLINGEN, Cameron County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 3 the following seven issues of bonds, aggregating \$250,000, were registered by the State Comptroller of Texas:

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| \$150,000 5½% street improvement bonds. |
| 50,000 5% water-works bonds. |
| 35,000 5½% sewer improvement bonds. |
| 5,000 5½% sidewalk bonds. |
| 5,000 5½% incinerator bonds. |
| 3,000 5½% city hall and fire station bonds. |
| 2,000 5½% park improvement bonds. |

Due serially.

HARTSELLE, Morgan County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 water and sewer bonds offered on June 7—V. 122, p. 3244—for which all bids were rejected have been recently awarded as 5½s to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville. Due in 30 years.

HART TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hart), Ocean County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. McFarland, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Dec. 1 for \$15,000 5% highway impt. bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Nov. 1 1928 to 1942 incl. Purchaser to have bonds printed and furnish legal opinion. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at any bank or trust company purchaser may desire. A certified check for \$300 is required.

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Greensburg), Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—H. F. Baer, Secretary Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Dec. 8 at the office of Crowell & Whitehead, Bank & Trust Building, Greensburg, for \$40,000 4½% township bonds. Date Dec. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 15 as follows: \$6,000, 1928; \$4,000, 1929 to 1933, incl.; \$5,000, 1934 and 1935; and \$4,000, 1936. A certified check for \$500 payable to James P. Hudson, Township Treasurer, is required.

HEMPSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Waller County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—H. C. Burt & Co. of Austin have purchased an issue of \$15,000 6% school bonds.

HENDERSON, Rusk County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Nov. 1 an issue of \$160,000 5% refunding bonds. Due serially.

HENDERSONVILLE, Henderson County, No. Caro.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The following two issues of 5¼% coupon bonds, aggregating \$350,000, purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville—V. 123, p. 2425—at 100.16, are described as follows:

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| \$200,000 street improvement bonds. |
| 150,000 water and sewer bonds. |

Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, Oct. 1 1929 to 1956, incl. Int. payable A. & O.

HIGHLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 1 the State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$24,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. D. F. Snipes, Secretary of Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Dec. 9 for \$100,000 6% school bonds. Date March 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1942 incl.; \$4,000, 1943 to 1947 incl.; and \$5,000, 1948 to 1954 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City. A certified check for 3% of the bid required. These are the bonds scheduled for sale on Nov. 4 (V. 123, p. 2024).

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. D. F. Snipes, Secretary Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Dec. 2 for \$25,000 6% coupon or registered school bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1929 to 1953, incl. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bid, required.

HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Millersburg), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—T. D. Glasgo, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Nov. 20

for \$37,350 5% road bonds. Due \$3,735, March and Sept. 1 1927 to 1931 incl. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the County Auditor, is required.

HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of San Francisco has purchased an issue of \$36,000 5 1/4% school bonds at a premium of \$1,229, equal to 103.41. The assessed valuation of the district is \$802,590.

HORACE, Greeley County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of May an issue of \$15,000 5% electric light bonds.

HORTON, Brown County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$145,561 27 4 1/4% paving bonds was registered during the month of April by the State Auditor of Kansas.

HUMESTON, Wayne County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport recently purchased an issue of \$8,500 sewage disposal plant bonds.

HUNTSVILLE, Madison County, Ala.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$224,000 6% public impt. bonds awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville—V. 123, p. 1906—was 101 1/2, a basis of about 5.81%. Dated July 15 1926. Due July 15 1936, optional as follows: \$22,000 in 1927 and 1928, \$23,000 in 1929, \$22,000 in 1930, \$23,000 in 1931, \$22,000 in 1932 and 1933, \$23,000 in 1934, \$22,000 in 1935 and \$23,000 in 1936.

INDEPENDENCE, Montgomery County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$13,385 63 4 1/4% paving bonds was registered during the month of May by the State Auditor of Kansas.

BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of April \$9,215 64 4 1/4% sewer bonds

IRONDEQUOIT NORTH ST. PAUL SEWER DISTRICT (P. O. Rochester) Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Kean, Taylor & Co., and Pulley & Co., both of New York, jointly, purchased on Nov. 8 an issue of \$348,000 5% sewer bonds at 105.54, a basis of about 4.51%. Dated Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1931 and \$14,000, 1932 to 1955, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Union Trust Co., Rochester or at the Bankers Trust Co., New York, at option of holder. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn, New York.

IRVING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Nov. 5 an issue of \$7,500 6% school bonds. Due serially.

ISLIP, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5% coupon town bonds offered on Nov. 5—V. 123, p. 2293—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York at 103.07, a basis of about 4.39%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$4,500, Jan. 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—MATURITY.—The two issues of bonds, aggregating \$199,000, awarded on Nov. 3 to Morris Mather & Co. of Chicago at 100.68—V. 123, p. 2425—mature as follows: \$100,000 general obligation bonds. Due serially 1929 to 1947, incl. 99,000 special assessment bonds. Due serially 1927 to 1935, incl.

JEANNETTE, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel C. Sorber, Borough Solicitor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 24 for \$100,000 4 1/4% borough bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929; \$4,000, 1930; \$5,000 in 1932, 1934, 1936 and 1937; \$4,000, 1938; \$3,000, 1939; \$5,000, 1940; \$4,000, 1941 and 1942; \$5,000, 1943 to 1947 incl.; \$6,000, 1948; \$5,000, 1949; \$8,000, 1950, and \$7,000, 1951. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to Charles T. Myers, Borough Treasurer, is required.

JOHNSON COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Olathe), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of April an issue of \$30,000 4 1/4% school bonds.

KANSAS (State of).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of April the following seven issues of bonds aggregating \$12,262 60:

Table with columns: Name, Amount, Kind, Interest Rate. Rows include Miami Consol. S. D. No. 69, Ellis Consol. S. D. No. 49, Arkansas, Pawnee County, Osborne Consol. S. D. No. 70, Iola, Norton Rural High School Dist. No. 2.

BONDS REGISTERED.—The same State registered during the month of May the following 5 issues of 5% school bonds aggregating \$19,500:

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Rows include Ellis County School District No. 36, Ellis County School District No. 20, Ellis County School District No. 53, Sedgwick County School District No. 95, Seward County School District No. 3.

KANSAS CITY, Wyandotte County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 2 the voters authorized the issuance of \$1,350,000 free bridge bonds by a count of 75,789 for to 21,422 against.

KELLOGG, Shoshone County, Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 19 for \$50,000 not exceeding 6% sewer system bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 1946, optional 1936.

KENMORE, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,500 5 1/4% coupon water works extension bonds offered on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 2024—were awarded to A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$246, equal to 102.13, a basis of about 4.59%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1930 incl., and \$3,500, 1931.

KENNETT SQUARE, Chester County, Pa.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$100,000 4 1/2% impt. bonds awarded on Oct. 26 to Boening & Co. (successors to Schibener, Boening & Co.) of Philadelphia at 100.29—V. 123, p. 2425—a basis of about 4.47%, are described as follows: Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Coupon bonds with privilege of registration as to principal only. Due \$4,000, Nov. 1 1927 to 1951 incl.

KENTUCKY (State of).—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 2164—the proposition of issuing the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$9,000,000, failed to carry: \$5,000,000 penal, correctional and charitable institution bonds defeated by a majority of 24,518 votes. 4,000,000 funding bonds defeated by a majority of 51,156 votes.

KINGMAN, Kingman County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of April the following two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$48,000: \$24,000 drainage bonds. \$24,000 paving bonds.

KINGSTON, Ulster County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William C. DeWitt, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. Dec. 1 for \$150,000 4 1/4% registered water works bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1941, and \$40,000, 1942 to 1944 inclusive.

KNIGHTSVILLE, Clay County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles Poff, Treasurer Board of School Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$7,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Denom. \$300, except two for \$200. Dated July 15 1926. Due \$300, Jan. 15 1929 and Jan. 15 1930, \$300, July 15 1930, and \$300, Jan. and July 1931 to Jan. 1 1940 incl., and \$200, July 1 1940, and \$200, Jan. 1 1941. A certified check for \$100, payable to above named official, is required.

LAFAYETTE Tippecanoe County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$52,000 4 1/4% municipal parking ground bonds offered on Nov. 8—V. 123, p. 2294—were awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati at a premium of \$953.68, equal to 101.83, a basis of about 4.18%. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1932, incl., \$6,000, 1933; \$5,000, 1934 to 1937, incl., and \$6,000, 1938.

LAFAYETTE PARISH VATICAN GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Lafayette), La.—BOND OFFERING.—G. J. Melchior, President Board of Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 18 for \$20,000 6% drainage bonds. Denom. \$500.

LAKE CITY, Florence County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta, have purchased an issue of \$24,700 6% paving bonds. Date Oct. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$100. Due \$1,300 Oct. 15 1927 to 1945, inclusive. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the National City Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Nathans & Williams of Charleston.

Financial Statement table with columns: Actual values, Assessed values 1926, Total bonded debt, Less water bonds, Net debt, Population (estimated). Values range from \$5,000,000 to \$3,000.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Tavares), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$30,000 6% school building bonds. Due serially 1929 to 1956, incl.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The 2 issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$48,000, offered on Nov. 10—V. 123, p. 2294—were awarded to the First National Bank of Crown Point as follows:

- \$20,000 4 1/4% Hobart Twp. gravel road bonds at a premium of \$300, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 4.19%. Date Oct. 15 1926. Due \$1,000 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936, incl. 28,000 5% St. John Twp. gravel road bonds at a premium of \$1,005, equal to 103.58, a basis of about 4.24%. Date Aug. 15 1926. Due \$700 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936, incl.

LAKE COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICTS NOS. 8 AND 9 (P. O. Tavares), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$450,000 offered on Nov. 1—V. 123, p. 1787—were awarded to Wright, Warlow & Co. of Orlando at 95, a basis of about 6.91%:

- \$250,000 Special Road and Bridge District No. 9 bonds. Due \$125,000 July 1 1931 and 1936. 200,000 Special Road and Bridge District No. 8 bonds. Due \$100,000 July 1 1931 and 1936. Date July 1 1926.

LAKEVIEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Battle Creek) Calhoun County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 4 1/4% school bonds offered on Nov. 8—V. 123, p. 2426—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$1,938, equal to 102.42, a basis of about 4.56%. Date Nov. 15 1926. Due as follows: \$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.

LANCASTER, Fairfield County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,393 61 5% Wyandotte St. paving special assessment bonds offered on Nov. 8—V. 123, p. 2164—were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$212, equal to 102.03, a basis of about 4.62%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,393 61, 1928 and \$1,000, 1929 to 1937, incl.

LANCASTER COUNTY (P. O. Lancaster), So. Caro.—NOTE SALE.—The Bank of Lancaster has purchased an issue of \$100,000 5% notes at a premium of \$1,240, equal to 101.24. These are the notes mentioned in V. 123, p. 2165, at which time the amount offered was incorrectly reported to be \$50,000.

LAREDO, Webb County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Nov. 1 an issue of \$42,000 6% school bonds. Due serially.

LAUREL, Prince George County, Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5% water works bonds offered on Nov. 8—V. 123, p. 2294—were awarded to the Mercantile Trust Co. of Baltimore at 100.51.

LEAVENWORTH, Leavenworth County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Nov. 2 the voters authorized the issuance of \$530,000 water bonds.

LEXINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Lexington), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—George S. Steele, Secretary Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 29 for \$300,000 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

LOGAN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Russell Springs), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of May an issue of \$100,000 5% school bonds.

LOS ANGELES (City and County of), Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Nov. 2 the proposition of issuing the following bonds, aggregating \$48,500,000, failed to carry:

- \$26,000,000 flood-control. 8,000,000 parks and beaches. 5,000,000 grade-crossing elimination. 5,000,000 additional civic centre lands. 2,500,000 fire-fighting equipment. 1,500,000 playgrounds. 300,000 corral sites. 200,000 garbage-loading stations.

The flood-control issue needed only a majority, the rest requiring two-thirds.

LUCCA SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85, Barnes County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota during the month of October purchased an issue of \$6,000 5% school bonds at par. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 1946. These bonds are not optional but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

MCKEES ROCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mc Kees Rocks) Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Nov. 8—V. 123, p. 2294—were awarded to the Bank of Pittsburgh at a premium of \$181, equal to 100.06, a basis of about 4.24%. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1932 and 1934; \$15,000, 1935; \$25,000, 1936, 1938, 1939 and 1941; \$30,000, 1943, 1944, 1947 and 1949 and \$15,000, 1951.

MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred T. Wilson, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 18 for \$65,500 not exceeding 5% coupon or registered highway bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$500. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927; \$3,000, 1928 to 1947 incl., and \$3,500, 1948. Rate of interest to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, New York. A certified check for \$2,000 is required.

MARCELLUS AND SKANEATELES UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Marcellus), Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Nov. 8 (V. 123, p. 2294) were awarded to Redmond & Co. of New York as 4.60s at 100.26, a basis of about 4.57%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1933, inclusive; \$3,000, 1934 to 1941, inclusive; \$4,000, 1942 to 1949, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1950 and 1951.

MASON CITY, Cerra Gorda County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$179,000 funding bonds offered on Oct. 20 (V. 123, p. 2165) were awarded

to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport at a premium of \$274 50, equal to 100.15, a basis of about 4.37%, as follows: \$120,000 as 4 1/4%. Due as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1932, inclusive; \$7,000, 1933 to 1937, inclusive; \$10,000, 1938 to 1942, inclusive, and \$15,000, 1943. 59,000 as 4 1/4%. Due as follows: \$15,000, 1944 and 1945, and \$29,000, 1946. Date Oct. 1 1926. The above supersedes the report given in V. 123, p. 2294.

MEIGS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Tenn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$25,000 6% coupon highway bonds awarded to Little, Wooten & Co., of Jackson (V. 123, p. 2294), are described as follows: Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1946. Interest payable A. & O.

MELBOURNE, Brevard County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 6% special assessment bonds, aggregating \$271,000, offered on Oct. 26 (V. 123, p. 1907), were awarded to M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock, and the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, jointly, at 95, a basis of about 8.14%: \$233,000 street improvement bonds. Date Oct. 15 1926. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$46,000, 1927 to 1930, inclusive, and \$49,000, 1931. 38,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$7,600 Sept. 1 1927 to 1931, inclusive.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Old Colony Corporation of Boston was the successful bidder on Nov. 8 for the \$100,000 temporary loan offered on that date (V. 123, p. 2294) on a 3.78% discount basis plus a premium of \$2.

MELVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Carrington), Foster County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—J. B. McManus, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$5,000 5% school bonds. Date Nov. 15 1926. Denom. \$500. Due Nov. 15 1946. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, required.

MIAMI BEACH, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—Wright, Warlow & Co. of Orlando have purchased an issue of \$300,000 6% rehabilitation bonds at 97. Due serially 1927 to 1931, incl.

MIAMI COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Paola), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of April an issue of \$60,000 4 1/4% school bonds.

MIDLAND, Midland County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Nov. 23 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following two issues of 5 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$30,000: \$25,000 street bonds. \$5,000 electric light bonds. Due serially.

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Erie), Erie County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,000 4 1/4% school bonds offered on Nov. 8 (V. 123, p. 2294) were awarded to R. M. Snyder & Co. of Pittsburgh at a premium of \$475, equal to 101.75, a basis of about 4.39%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$9,000 Nov. 1 1946, 1951 and 1956.

MILL 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 \$10,000 5 1/4% school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Nov. 1 1927 to 1936, incl. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors for 2% of the bid required.

MINERAL HILLS (P. O. Iron River), Iron County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Iron River has purchased an issue of \$20,000 5% water bonds at a premium of \$51, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 4.94%. Due \$2,000, Sept. 1 1927 to 1936, incl.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY (P. O. Osceola), Ark.—BOND SALE.—Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$100,000 5% road bonds. Due serially 1927 to 1946, inclusive.

MOFFAT COUNTY (P. O. Craig), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Boettcher & Co. of Denver have purchased an issue of \$40,000 4 1/4% refunding court house bonds. Date April 1 1927. Due serially 1 to 10 years.

MOORE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bath R. D. No. 2), Northampton County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Peter A. Warner, Secretary Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Nov. 18 for \$33,500 4 1/4% coupon township bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due Oct. 1 1926, optional Oct. 1 1936. Bids will be opened at 2 p. m. Nov. 19 at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, to be held at the office of Herbert F. Lamb, Solicitor, Room 404, Easton Trust Co. Bldg., Easton. A certified check for 10% of the amount of the bid, payable to the Board of Supervisors is required.

MORROW COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Gilead), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$72,000 5 1/4% I. C. H. No. 111, Section "C" road bonds offered on Aug. 19—V. 123, p. 878—were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$3,283, equal to 104.55, a basis of about 4.63%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$6,000 1928 and \$8,250 1930 to 1936, inclusive.

MOUNT VERNON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Linn County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$115,000 coupon school building and site bonds offered on Nov. 10—V. 123, p. 2295—were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport as follows: \$65,000 bonds as 4 1/4% at a premium of \$37 50, equal to 100.03, a basis of about 4.30%. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$8,000 1942, 1945 and \$49,000 in 1946. 50,000 bonds as 4 1/4%. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1928 to 1933, incl., and \$4,000 1934 to 1941, inclusive. Purchaser printed the bonds and furnished legal opinion.

MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Ida L. Christiansen, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Central standard time) Nov. 18 for the following four issues of 4 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$126,500:

\$38,500 Acorn Street Impt. District H 76 bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1927; \$4,000, 1928 and 1929; \$3,500, 1930; \$4,000, 1931 and 1932; \$3,500, 1933, and \$4,000, 1934 to 1936 incl.

28,000 Southern Avenue Impt. District H 69 bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1927; \$3,000, 1928 and 1929; \$2,500, 1930; \$3,000, 1931; \$2,500, 1932; \$3,000, 1933 and 1934; \$2,500, 1935, and \$3,000, 1936.

21,500 Washington Avenue Impt. District H 196 bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$2,500, 1931; \$2,000, 1932 to 1935 incl., and \$3,000, 1936.

\$38,500 Marquette Avenue Impt. District H 135 bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1927; \$4,000, 1928 and 1929; \$3,500, 1930; \$4,000, 1931 and 1932; \$3,500, 1933, and \$4,000, 1934 to 1936 incl.

Date Dec. 1 1926. Prin. and Int. (J. & D.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for is required. These are the bonds originally scheduled to be sold on Nov. 8—V. 123, p. 2426.

NATCHITOCHESE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Natchitoches), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 2165—were awarded to the Rapides Bank & Trust Co. of Alexandria at a premium of \$800, equal to 101.33, a basis of about 4.82%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927; \$3,000, 1928 to 1931, incl.; \$4,000, 1932 to 1936, incl.; \$5,000, 1937 to 1940, incl., and \$6,000, 1941.

NEBRASKA CITY, Otoe County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—During the month of July the State of Nebraska purchased an issue of \$25,000 5% refunding bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 1946, optional 1931.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 4 1/4% coupon or registered water bonds offered on Nov. 8—V. 123, p. 2025—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Roosevelt & Son, Remick, Hodges & Co. and Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., all of New York and J. S. Rippel & Co. of Newark, taking \$1,985,000 bonds (\$2,000,000 offered) at 100.80, a basis of about 4.19%. Date Nov. 15 1926. Due Nov. 15 as follows: \$40,000, 1927 to 1946, incl.; \$60,000, 1947 to 1965, incl. and \$45,000, 1966.

NESS COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Ness City), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of April an issue of \$40,000 4 1/4% school bonds.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—John Morris, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 16 for \$150,000 4% coupon water supply bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$5,000 Nov. 1 1927 to 1956, incl. Prin. and Int. M. & N. payable at the First National Bank, Boston. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the First National Bank, Boston, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for is required.

Financial Statement Nov. 1 1926

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| Net valuation for year 1925 | \$219,700,748 00 |
| Debt limit, 2 1/2% of average valuation 3 preceding years | 5,381,182 31 |
| Total gross debt | 13,921,000 00 |
| Exempted debt | |
| Water bonds | \$1,810,000 00 |
| Other bonds (sewer, school, bridge, park and building, &c.) | 6,918,000 00 |
| | 8,728,000 00 |
| Bonded debt within debt limit | \$5,193,000 00 |
| Municipal sinking funds | 293,000 00 |
| Net debt | \$4,900,000 00 |
| Borrowing capacity | 481,182 31 |
| Water sinking funds | 648,000 00 |
| Municipal sinking funds | 293,000 00 |
| All other sinking funds | 504,274 10 |
| Total sinking funds | \$1,445,274 10 |

NEW BREMEN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Beaver Falls), Lewis County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Jennie M. Steinhilber, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 22 for \$100,000 not exceeding 4 1/4% coupon or registered school bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, July 1 1931 to 1980 incl. Rate of interest to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and Int. (J. & J.) payable at the Lewis County Trust Co., Lowville. Legality will be approved by Clay & Dillon, New York. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to M. F. Just, District Treasurer, is required.

NIAGARA FALLS, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$346,000, offered on Nov. 10—V. 123, p. 2427—were awarded to Redmond & Co. and Kean, Taylor & Co., both of New York, jointly, as 4.10s, at 100.01, a basis of about 4.09%: \$260,000 water, series A, bonds. Due \$26,000 Dec. 1 1941 to 1950, incl. 86,000 sewer, series C, bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$18,000, 1960 and 1961; \$16,000, 1962, and \$34,000, 1963. Date Dec. 1 1926.

NORTH BRADDOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—A. G. Wallace, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. Nov. 26 for \$500,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$17,000, 1932; \$15,000, 1933 to 1935, incl.; \$18,000, 1936; \$5,000, 1937 to 1944, incl.; \$20,000, 1945; \$30,000, 1946 to 1950, incl., and \$35,000, 1951 to 1956, incl. Purchaser to furnish and pay for printing of the bonds. A certified check for \$10,000, payable to the District Treasurer is required.

NORTH DAKOTA (State of)—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during the month of October the following 4 issues of 5% school bonds aggregating \$11,600 at par:

| Name | Amount | Date | Due |
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| Loguement School District No. 74 | \$3,500 | Aug. 1 1926 | Aug. 1 1946 |
| Snow School District No. 47 | 3,500 | Sept. 1 1926 | Sept. 1 1946 |
| Clark School District No. 22 | 3,500 | Aug. 1 1926 | Aug. 1 1946 |
| Valley School District No. 31 | 1,100 | Sept. 1 1926 | Sept. 1 1936 |

The above bonds are not optional but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

NORTH MANKATO (P. O. Mankato), Blue Earth County, Minn.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—The State of Minnesota has purchased an issue of \$20,000 water system bonds.

NORTH YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. York), York County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 123, p. 2025—were awarded to the North York State Bank. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1931; \$5,000, 1936, and \$7,000, 1941.

NORTON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Barberton R. F. D. No. 4), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 5% school bonds offered on Nov. 4—V. 123, p. 2294—were awarded to the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$3,916 60, equal to 103.26, a basis of about 4.62%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$2,500, April 1 and Oct. 1 1927 to 1950 incl.

NORWALK SECOND TAXING DISTRICT (P. O. Norwalk), Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Elmer F. Bracken, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Dec. 1 for the following bonds, aggregating \$175,000: \$105,000 water bonds. Due Dec. 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1964, incl.; \$2,000, 1965, and \$1,000, 1966. 70,000 water impt. bonds. Due Dec. 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1945, incl., and \$3,000, 1943 to 1956, incl. Date Dec. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and Int. (J. & D.) payable at the South Norwalk Trust Co., South Norwalk. The bonds will be certified as to genuineness by the South Norwalk Trust Co. Legality to be approved by John H. Light, ex-Archivist-General of the State of Connecticut. A certified check for 1% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the District Commissioners, is required.

OCEAN CITY, Cape May County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$63,000 coupon or registered assessment, Series No. 7, bonds offered on Oct. 25—V. 123, p. 2025—were awarded to the First National Bank of Ocean City as 95 at a premium of \$157 50, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 4.94%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1931.

OCONTO FALLS, Oconto County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—M. D. Wagner, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 23 for \$22,500 5% bridge bonds.

OHIOWA, Fillmore County, Neb.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$27,500 water works bonds purchased by the First Trust Co. of Lincoln at 102.03—V. 123, p. 2295—a basis of about 4.54%, bear interest at the rate of 5% and are described as follows: Date Jan. 15 1926. Due Jan. 15 1926; optional Jan. 15 1931.

OLNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Young County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on No. 4 an issue of \$75,000 5 1/4% school bonds. Due serially.

ORLANDO, Orange County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Stinson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 24 for the following two issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$410,000: \$230,000 series G bonds. 180,000 series B bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Due serially in 1 to 10 years.

OTIS, Washington County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell & Co. of Colorado Springs have purchased an issue of \$20,000 5 1/4% refunding water bonds at par. Date Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 1928 to 1947, inclusive.

OTOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 75 (P. O. Otoe), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased during the month of July the following two issues of 4 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$26,000: \$16,000 refunding school bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 1946, optional 1931. 10,000 funding school bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1926. Due Aug. 1 1946, optional 1927 to 1931 inclusive.

PALM BEACH COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. West Palm Beach), Fla.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$35,000 coupon bridge bonds purchased by Prudden & Co. of Toledo at 95—V. 123, p. 2427—bear interest at the rate of 5 1/4% and are described as follows: Date March 1 1926. Denom \$1,000. Due serially March 1 1930 to 1949, inclusive!

PAOLA, Miami County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$40,014 67 3/4% paving bonds was registered during the month of April by the State Auditor of Kansas.

PARSONS, Labette County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of April an issue of \$18,683 55 1/4% improvement bonds.

PASSAIC, Passaic County, N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—We are now in receipt of the following financial statement of this city, which is offering on Nov. 16 two issues of bonds aggregating \$1,164,000—V. 123, p. 2427:

Financial Statement as of Aug. 31 1926. Prepared in accordance with the requirements of the New York Banking Law and computed to Aug. 31 1926 to include current issues of bonds. Gross debt: Serial bonds outstanding \$6,992,810 59; Floating indebtedness for permanent improvements 2,585,940 00; Bonds to be issued: Improvement bonds \$1,100,000 00; Passaic Valley Trunk Sewer bonds 64,000 00. Total debt \$10,742,750 59. Deductions: Water bonds \$1,569,000 00; Sinking funds other than for water bonds 939,280 09; Temporary indebtedness to be funded from current bond issues 1,160,209 26; Assessment funds collected and applicable to floating indebtedness 412,838 52. Total deductions \$4,081,327 87. Net debt \$6,661,422 72. Equalized assessed valuation for purpose of taxes for the year 1926 \$98,591,525 00. Percentage net debt to taxable valuation 6.65%. Population, estimated, 75,000. Tax rate, 1926, \$34 82 per thousand.

PAWNEE COUNTY (P. O. Larned), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of April an issue of \$8,500 5% refunding bonds.

BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of May an issue of \$19,000 5% improvement bonds.

PERRY, Taylor County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. Powell, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 20 for \$134,000 6% special impt. bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1927 to 1932, incl., and \$14,000, 1933 to 1936, incl. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, New York City. A certified check for 5% of the bid required. The above supersedes the report given in V. 123, p. 2295.

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William C. Wilson, Director Department of Revenue and Finance, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 22 for an issue of 5% coupon or registered series X water bonds not to exceed \$90,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$90,000. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1951, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1952 to 1965, inclusive. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. 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 Caldwell & Raymond, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

Financial Statement Nov. 15 1926. General bonded debt \$3,080,500 00; Water bonded debt (not including this issue) 1,379,000 00. Total bonded debt \$4,459,500 00. Floating debt—Tax revenue bonds \$460,000 00; Temporary improvement bonds (trust) 1,174,000 00; Temporary impt. bonds (grade crossing)—Elimination \$671,000 00; Less credit Ch. 281 Laws 1926 503,636 76. Total bonded and floating debt—General \$7,460,863 24; Water \$4,881,863 24. Total bonded and floating debt—General and Water \$12,342,726 48. Sinking fund general \$404,585 11; Water sinking fund 259,001 44. Sinking funds \$663,586 55. Net taxable valuation 1925—Real \$34,939,737 00; Personal 9,950,319 00. Total \$44,890,056 00. Population, estimated 48,000. City incorporated March 17 1870.

PERU, Miami County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Homer L. Baltimore, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 24 for \$10,000 4 1/4% city bonds. Due in 20 years.

PINELLAS COUNTY (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$50,000 fair ground bonds awarded to Well, Roth & Irving of Cincinnati on Oct. 5 at 100.01 (V. 123, p. 1908), a basis of about 5.99%, bear interest at the rate of 6% and are described as follows: Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 1936. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City, or at the Ninth Street Bank & Trust Co., St. Petersburg. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

Financial Statement. Actual valuation (estimated) \$350,000 00; Assessed valuation, 1926 40,856 540; Total bonded debt (including this issue) 4,397,000; Sinking fund (general) 321,426. Population, present estimate, 65,000.

PIPESTONE, Pipestone County, Minn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$61,000 sewerage disposal plant bonds purchased by the State of Minnesota—V. 123, p. 2166—at par, bear interest at the rate of 4 1/4% and are described as follows: Date June 1 1932. Denom. \$100. Due June 1 1942. Interest payable J. & J.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—F. M. Platt, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 16 for \$70,000 4% coupon school loan bonds. Date Nov. 15 1926. Due Nov. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1936, inclusive, and \$4,000, 1937 to 1941, inclusive. Principal and interest (M. & N. 15) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. The bonds are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

Financial Statement Oct. 15 1926. Net valuation for year 1925 \$54,632,530 00; Debt limit 1,325,206 66; Total gross debt, including this issue 2,473,000 00; Exempted debt: Water bonds \$891,000 00; Sewer bonds 161,000 00; Paving bonds 243,000 00; School bonds 193,000 00; Playground bonds 6,000 00. Total 1,494,000 00. Net debt \$979,000 00; Borrowing capacity, \$346,206 66.

PLAINVIEW, Hale County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Nov. 1 an issue of \$216,000 5 1/2% refunding improvement bonds. Due serially.

PLEASANT RIDGE, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 assessment district No. 39 paving bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 123, p. 2166—were awarded to the Pleasant Ridge Sinking Fund as 6s at par. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$600, 1927 to 1931 incl.

POINTE CLAIRE-PORTAGE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. St. Martinsville), St. Martin Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Anicet Berard, President Board of Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 22 for \$39,000 6% acreage tax drainage bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due serially Jan. 1 1930 to 1964 incl. A certified check, payable to the President Board of Commissioners for 2 1/2% of the bid, required.

POINT PLEASANT, Ocean County, N. J.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$90,000 5% coupon series A water bonds awarded to the First National Bank of Toms River on Oct. 23 at 100.50—V. 123, p. 2295—are described as follows: Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1927 to 1966 incl. Int. payable M. & S.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$21,000 4 1/2% coupon fire department bonds awarded on Oct. 25 to A. C. Arlyn & Co. of Chicago at 101.13 (V. 123, p. 2427)—a basis of about 4.40%—are described as follows: Date Aug. 1 1919. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1935 to 1940, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1941 to 1945, inclusive. Interest payable F. & A.

PORT CLINTON, Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following 5 1/4% Fifth Street improvement bonds, aggregating \$12,000, offered on Nov. 9 (V. 123, p. 2025) were awarded to A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$392, equal to 103.26—a basis of about 4.82%. \$10,000 special assessment bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 and 1929; \$2,000, 1930; \$1,000, 1931 and 1932; \$2,000, 1933 and \$1,000, 1934 and 1935. 2,000 village's portion bonds. Due \$1,000 Sept. 1 1928 and 1929. Date Sept. 1 1926.

PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY (P. O. Princess Anne), Va.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of coupon road bonds offered on Nov. 9—V. 123, p. 2025—were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo as 5s at a premium of \$1,100, equal to 101.80: \$168,000 Pungo district bonds. 125,000 seaboard district bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1927 to 1956, incl. Interest payable J. & J.

PROVIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 45 (P. O. Lycon), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell & Co., Denver, have purchased an issue of \$2,000 5% school-building bonds. Date Oct. 15 1926. Due serially 1946, optional 1936.

RENO COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Hutchinson), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$50,000 4 1/2% school bonds was registered by the State Auditor of Kansas during the month of April.

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Mansfield), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 5 1/2% coupon road impt. bonds offered on Nov. 3—V. 123, p. 2295—were awarded to Mansfield Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Mansfield at a premium of \$80, equal to 100.88, a basis of about 5.04%. Date Dec. 1 1926. Due \$3,000, Oct. 1 1927 to 1929 incl.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS (P. O. South Euclid R. F. D.), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry Schroeder, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Dec. 6 for the following 5 1/2% coupon special assessment bonds, aggregating \$110,700: \$5,500 Geraldine Ave. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928, and \$500, 1929 to 1937 incl. 5,200 Donald Ave. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$700, 1928, and \$500, 1929 to 1937 incl. Date Dec. 1 1926. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office. A certified check for 10% of the amount bid for is required.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Riverside), Calif.—BOND SALE.—G. Brashears & Co. of Los Angeles have purchased an issue of \$138,000 6% improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1927. Due \$11,000 May 1 1932 to 1943 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Legality to be approved by Arthur M. Ellis of Los Angeles.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation of land alone \$587,140 00; Assessed valuation of land and improvements 793,320 00; Actual value of land 1,761,420 00; Total bonded debt (this issue) 138,000 00; Approximate area of district 11,000 acres; Aver. annual charge (prin. & int. combined) per acre on this issue 1.35.

ROANOKE ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3, Jefferson Davis Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—John T. Hood, Clerk Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Dec. 2 for \$80,000 not exceeding 6% road bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1931, inclusive; \$1,500, 1932 to 1936, inclusive; \$2,000, 1937 to 1940, inclusive; \$2,500, 1941 to 1943, inclusive; \$3,000, 1944 to 1946, inclusive; \$3,500, 1947 to 1949, inclusive; \$4,000, 1950 and 1951; \$4,500, 1952 and 1953; \$5,000, 1954; \$5,500, 1955; and \$6,000, 1956. Interest payable J. & D. A certified check, payable to the President of Police Jury, for \$4,000, required. Legality to be approved by Wood & Oakley, Chicago.

ROUTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Oak Creek), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell & Co., Denver, have purchased an issue of \$2,000 4 1/2% school building bonds. Due in 20 years, optional after 10 years.

ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Royal Oak), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$871,000 school bonds offered on Nov. 4—V. 123, p. 2026—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Detroit Trust Co., First National Co. and the Bank of Detroit, all of Detroit, as 4 1/4s at a premium of \$24,200, equal to 102.78, a basis of about 4.52%. Due \$15,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$20,000, 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$25,000, 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$30,000, 1938 to 1942 incl.; \$35,000, 1943 to 1946 incl.; \$40,000, 1947 to 1955 incl., and \$41,000, 1956.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 2 (V. 123, p. 2296) the voters authorized the issuance of \$500,000 water-works bonds by a count of 31,431 for to 11,255 against.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—William F. Scott, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until Nov. 23 for \$1,000,000 not exceeding 4½% permanent impt. revolving fund bonds. Due Nov. 1 1946.

ST. PETERSBURG SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Clearwater), Pinellas County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—K. B. O'Quinn, Secretary Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Dec. 7 for \$1,275,000 6% road and bridge bonds. Due serially 1932 to 1956 incl. These are the bonds scheduled for sale in V. 123, p. 2166, captioned Pinellas County.

SALEM RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mt. Washington Rural Route 17), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—J. F. Cleary, Clerk Board of Education, received sealed bids until Nov. 9 for \$1,100 6% school bonds. Date Sept. 15 1926. Denom. \$100 except one for \$200. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$100, 1928 to 1936 incl., and \$200, 1937. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Mt. Washington.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY UNION JUNIOR COLLEGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Bernardino), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$485,000 4¼% coupon school bonds offered on Nov. 1 (V. 123, p. 2167) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Anglo London Paris Co., Dean, Witter & Co., the Bank of Italy and Heller, Bruce & Co., all of San Francisco, at a premium of \$7,149, equal to 101.474, a basis of about 4.62%. Due serially in 5 to 28 years. Other bidders were:

Bidder—
E. R. Gundelfinger, Inc., of San Francisco; Wells, Dickey & Co., of Minneapolis, and the Detroit Trust Co., Detroit. \$7,011
Security Co. and R. H. Moulton & Co., both of Los Angeles. 6,402
National City Co. of New York. 6,372
William R. Staats Co.; California Securities Co., both of Los Angeles; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston, and Hunter, Dulin & Co., Los Ang. 6,231

SANTA CRUZ IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Espanola), Ria Arriba County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—Sutherland, Barry & Co. of New Orleans have purchased an issue of \$250,000 6% coupon irrigation bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due as follows: \$12,500 1927, \$15,000 1938 \$17,500 1939, \$20,000 1940, \$22,500 1941, \$25,000 1942, \$27,500 1943, \$32,500 1944, \$37,500 1945 and \$40,000 1946. These are the bonds offered on June 12—V. 122, p. 3115—for which no bids were received.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 5-A (P. O. Milton), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—T. W. Jones, Clerk Circuit Court, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Dec. 1 for \$30,000 6% road and bridge bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1956. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Bankers Trust Co., New York City. A certified check for 1% of the bid required.

SCOTLAND NECK, Halifax County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Irwin Clark, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 23 for \$30,000 sewer and water coupon or registered bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1928 to 1957, incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable in gold in New York City. Bidders to name the rate of interest bonds are to bear. 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 officials' signatures and seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to Town Clerk, required. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City.

Financial Statement.

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| Assessed valuation 1926 | \$2,032,060 |
| Actual value, estimated | 3,000,000 |
| Bonded debt outstanding | \$549,000 |
| Refunding bonds herewith offered (to refund \$30,000 long term bonds included in bonded debt outstanding) | 30,000 |
| Deductions— | |
| Water bonds | \$50,000 |
| Electric light bonds | 75,000 |
| Uncollected special assessments | 179,687 |
| Net debt | 214,313 |

SCOTTSBLUFF, Scotts Bluff County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—C. C. Cross, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 16 for \$70,000 swimming pool and water extension system coupon or registered bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 20 years, optional after 5 years. Principal and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office in Gering. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on Nov. 9—V. 123, p. 2167.

SEDGWICK COUNTY (P. O. Wichita), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$20,000 4¼% road impt. bonds was registered by the State Auditor of Kansas during the month of May.

SHAKER HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. P. Rudolph, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (to be opened at 8 p. m.) Dec. 2 for \$413,200 4¼% street impt. special assessment bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$200. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$45,200 in 1928 and \$46,000, 1929 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

SHAKER HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$362,516 4¼% coupon street repair bonds offered on Nov. 4—V. 123, p. 2026—were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$1,377 56, equal to 100.38, a basis of about 4.61%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$90,516, 1928; \$90,000, 1929, and \$91,000, 1930 and 1931.

SHAWNEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Topeka) Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$5,000 4¼% school bonds was registered by the State Auditor of Kansas during the month of May.

SHUBERT, Richardson County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—During the month of October the State of Nebraska purchased the following two issues of 4¼% bonds, aggregating \$22,000:

\$19,000 water-works bonds.
3,000 water-works bonds.
Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 1946, optional 1931.

SILVER CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mills County Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 school bonds offered on Oct. 28—V. 123, p. 2296—were awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport as 4¼s at a premium of \$32, equal to 100.34. Due serially June 1 1928 to 1936 incl.

SOUTH EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Paul H. Prasse, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 22 for \$33,210 5% assessment street improvement bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$210. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,210, 1928; \$4,000, 1929; \$3,000, 1930; \$4,000, 1931 and 1932; \$3,000, 1933 and \$4,000, 1934 to 1936, incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

SOUTH MILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Camden), Camden County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 6% school bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 123, p. 2296—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$138, equal to 100.69, a basis of about 5.92%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$1,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1947 incl.

SPARTA, Monroe County, Wis.—INTEREST RATE—BASIS.—The \$20,000 water works system bonds purchased by the Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee—V. 123, p. 2428—bear 5% interest. The price paid was 102.25, a basis of about 4.53%.

STANFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jones County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 5 the State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$8,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

STERLING, Rice County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of April an issue of \$100,000 4¼% school bonds.

STRONG, Chase County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—During the month of May the State Auditor of Kansas registered an issue of \$31,000 4¼% street improvement bonds.

SULLIVAN COUNTY (P. O. Sullivan), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. W. Hoffman, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 12 for \$10,190 4¼% Haddon Twp. gravel road bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$509 50. Due \$509 50, May 15 and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936 inclusive.

SUTHERLAND, Lincoln County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased an issue of \$24,000 4¼% refunding bonds during the month of September. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Due Sept. 1 1944, optional 1927.

TAMPA, Hillsborough County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. E. Duncan, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 23 for \$801,000 5% permanent impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1933 to 1966 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold 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. Legality to be approved by Chester B. Masslich, New York City.

TARRANT COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (P. O. Fort Worth), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 5% school bonds registered on June 7 (V.123, p. 3638), were awarded to the Sinking Fund Commission at par.

TARRYTOWN, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following 3 issues of Benedict Park coupon or registered bonds, offered on Sept. 27—V. 123, p. 1664—were awarded to the Tarrytown National Bank & Trust Co. of Tarrytown as 4½s, at a premium of \$126 40, equal to 100.39, a basis of about 4.42%.

\$15,000 drainage bonds. Due \$1,000, May 1 1927 to 1941, incl.
10,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$2,000, May 1 1927 to 1931, incl.
7,000 sidewalk bonds. Due \$1,000, May 1 1927 to 1933, incl.

TEKAMAH, Burt County, Neb.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$32,000 4¼% registered sewer refunding bonds awarded to Victor I. Jeep of Omaha, par—V. 123, p. 2296—are described as follows: Dated Sept. 15 1926. Denom. \$2,000. Due Sept. 15 1945; optional Sept. 15 1927 and on any interest date thereafter. Int. payable M. & S. 15.

TODD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Bernardino), San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk until Nov. 15 for \$5,000 6% school bonds.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Nov. 23 by Etta M. Covell, City Clerk, for \$143,799 56 4¼% internal improvement bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and one for \$299 56. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$299 55, 1927; \$3,500, 1927 to 1936, incl., and \$11,000, 1927 to 1936, incl. A certified check for 2% of the amount offered required.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of May the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$1,073,370 53:

\$970,000 4% school bonds. \$103,370 53 4¼% school bonds.

TOPEKA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Shawnee County, Kan.—BIDS.—Following is a complete list of the bids received for the \$300,000 4¼% coupon school bonds awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago and the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, jointly, at 101.11, a basis of about 4.35% (V. 123, p. 2428):

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| <i>Bidder—</i> | | <i>Price Bid.</i> |
| Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City; Columbia Title & Trust Co., Topeka | | \$302,664 |
| Stern Bros., Kansas City; A. B. Leach & Co., Chicago | | 302,130 |
| Ames, Emerich & Co., Chicago; Branch-Middlekauff, Wichita; Prescott, Wright, Snider Co., Kansas City | | 302,130 |
| Central Trust Co., Topeka; Detroit Trust Co.; Taylor, Ewart & Co., Kansas City | | 302,028 |
| Continental & Commercial Co. and Illinois Merchants Trust Co., both of Chicago | | 301,749 |
| First Trust Co., Wichita | | 301,620 |

TRIMBLE COUNTY (P. O. Bedford), Ky.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$50,000 5% coupon road bonds purchased by Seipp, Prineill & Co. of Chicago (V. 123, p. 2296) at par are described as follows: Date June 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1947 and 1948; \$5,000, 1949 to 1951, inclusive; \$6,000, 1952, 1954 and 1955; \$4,000, 1953; and \$7,000, 1956. Interest payable J. & D.

TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Stockton), Stanislaus County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Dec. 1 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$514,000 irrigation bds.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William S. Pugh, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Nov. 19 for the following not exceeding 4¼% bonds aggregating \$83,547 84:

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| \$23,865 95 deferred assessment bonds. Dated Aug. 3 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$865 95. Due Aug. 3 as follows: \$3,865 95 and \$4,000, 1928 to 1932 incl. Int. payable annually. | |
| 13,316 73 deferred assessment bonds. Dated Sept. 16 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$1,316 73. Due Sept. 16 as follows: \$3,316 73, 1927, and \$2,000, 1928 to 1932 incl. Int. payable annually. | |
| 21,365 16 delinquent tax bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$1,365 16. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,365 16, 1927, and \$4,000, 1928 to 1931 incl. | |
| 12,000 00 public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 15 1926. Due \$1,000, Nov. 15 1927 to 1938 incl. Int. payable semi-ann. | |
| 13,000 00 public impt. bonds. Date Nov. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Nov. 15 1927 to 1939 incl. | |

Bidders to name rate of interest in multiples of 1-10 of 1%. Bidders also have the right to bid for 4¼% bonds. All bids must 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. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, New York. A certified check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company in New York State for \$1,670 96, payable to the City Comptroller, is required.

Financial Statement Nov. 1 1926.

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| Bonded debt, exclusive of this issue of bonds | \$8,627 905 63 |
| Sinking funds | 953,369 50 |
| Net bonded debt | \$7,674 536 13 |
| Assessed valuation of real estate, less exemption | \$125,886,878 00 |
| Assessed valuation of special franchises | 5,104,890 00 |
| Assessed valuation of personal property | 335,700 00 |
| Assessed valuation of property assessable for schools and highways | \$131,327,468 00 |
| | 255,135 00 |
| Valuation of property exempt from taxation | \$131,582,603 00 |
| | 14,965,625 00 |
| Total valuation of all property | \$146,548,228 00 |
| Water debt | None |
| Population, Federal Census, 1910 | 74,419 |
| Population, Federal Census, 1920 | 94,156 |
| Population, State enumeration, 1925 | 101,604 |
| City of Utica incorporated 1832. Bonds are a general obligation of the city. | |

VENTURA COUNTY (P. O. Ventura), Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Nov. 2 the proposition of issuing \$900,000 road bonds failed to carry.

VERMILLION COUNTY (P. O. Newport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Homer Fox, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 20 for \$15,000 4¼% road bonds. Due semi-annually in 1 to 10 years

\$1,236,000 special assessment impt. bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$135,000, 1928 to 1935 incl., and \$156,000, 1936.
 1,060,000 special assessment impt. bonds. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 as follows: \$100,000, 1928, and \$120,000, 1929 to 1936, inclusive.

WICHITA, Sedgwick County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of May an issue of \$50,621 52 4 1/2 % paving bonds.

WILDWOOD, Sumter County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$75,000 6% impt. bonds. Due serially 1930 to 1933, incl.

WILSON, Ellsworth County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—C. A. Kyner, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$19,667 33 4 3/4 % internal improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1927. Due serially in 1 to 10 years.

WINDSOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Dimondale), Eaton County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 school bonds offered on Nov. 8 (V. 123, p. 2429) were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit as 4 3/4 %. 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, 1955 to 1956, inclusive.

WINFIELD, Cowley County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of May the following three issues of 4 1/2 % bonds aggregating \$73,520 33:
 \$35,000 storm sewer bonds. \$21,868 77 sanitary sewer bonds.
 16,651 56 paving bonds.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following 4% bonds, aggregating \$593,000, were awarded on Nov. 10 to Estabrook & Co. of Boston at 100.34, a basis of about 3.93%:
 \$259,000 trunk sewer coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$26,000, 1927 to 1935, inclusive, and \$25,000, 1936.
 239,000 trunk sewer coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$24,000, 1927 to 1935, inclusive, and \$23,000, 1936.

The bonds will be certified as to genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Principal and interest (H. & J.) payable at the First National Bank, Boston.
 \$45,000 registered water supply bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1931, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1932 to 1946, inclusive.
 25,000 registered water supply bonds. Due \$5,000 July 1 1927 to 1931, inclusive.
 25,000 water-main bonds. Due \$5,000 July 1 1927 to 1931, inclusive.

The bonds will be payable at the office of the City Treasurer and registered interest will be payable at the Merchants National Bank, Boston. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.
 Debt Statement and Borrowing Capacity Nov. 5 1926.
 (Including the above bonds.)

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| Average valuation, less abatements for 1923, 1924 and 1925..... | \$285,194,733 33 |
| Debt limit, 2 1/2 % of the same..... | 7,129,868 33 |
| Total bonded debt..... | \$12,696,500 00 |

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| <i>Exempt—</i> | |
| Abolition of grade cross. debt..... | \$200,000 00 |
| City Hall debt..... | 350,000 00 |
| Park debt..... | 250,000 00 |
| Public playground debt..... | 50,000 00 |
| Sewer debt..... | 1,245,000 00 |
| Water debt (funded)..... | 2,405,000 00 |
| Water debt (serial)..... | 2,791,000 00 |
| | 7,291,000 00 |
| | \$5,405,500 00 |
| Total sinking funds..... | \$4,239,758 49 |

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| <i>Less—</i> | |
| Abol. Gr. Cr. fd..... | \$188,539 40 |
| City Hall Ln. fd..... | 350,000 00 |
| Park Loan funds..... | 189,785 62 |
| Pub. Play. Ln. fd..... | 50,000 00 |
| Sewer Loan fund..... | 1,174,879 28 |
| Water Loan fund..... | 2,019,505 73 |
| | 3,972,710 03 |
| | \$267,048 46 |
| | \$5,138,451 54 |

Borrowing capacity within debt limit..... \$1,991,416 79

WORTHAM, Freestone County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Nov. 30 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$140,000 6% bonds.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of May an issue of \$979,000 4% court house bonds.

YAKIMA COUNTY (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Nov. 2—V. 123, p. 2297—the proposition of issuing \$850,000 court house bonds was defeated by a count of 1,669 for to 5,910 against with one precinct out.

YAVAPAI COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55 (P. O. Prescott), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,500 5% school bonds offered on Nov. 1 (V. 123, p. 1910) were awarded locally at a premium of \$10, equal to 100.40. Due serially, 1927 to 1931 incl.

YATES CENTER, Woodson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of May an issue of \$32,194 43 4 1/2 % paving bonds.

YUMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 (P. O. Yuma), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Clara Smith, Clerk Board of Education until 10 a. m. Dec. 1, for \$8,000 6% school building bonds. Date Oct. 19 1926. Denom. \$500. Due 1946. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds offered, required.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BUCKINGHAM, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. Nov. 15 for the purchase of \$124,900 5% bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1926 and redeemable serially from 1933 to 1955. Bonds are in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 each, and are payable at Buckingham, Montreal and Toronto. H. J. Gorman, Secretary-Treasurer.

COLLINGWOOD, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$8,814 5 1/2 % 10-installment and \$28,000 5% 10 and 30-installment bonds offered on Oct. 22—V. 123, p. 2297—was sold to Macneill, Graham & Co. of Toronto at 99.31.

DIGBY, N. S.—BONDS APPROVED.—The ratepayers approved the \$10,000 hydro-electric by-law.

GANANOQUE, Ont.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 6 p. m. Nov. 9 for the purchase of approximately \$250,000 bonds. J. H. Sampson, Clerk.

HULL, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$136,500 5% bonds. Dated May 1 1926, and redeemable serially from 1931 to 1956 incl. The bonds are in \$500 denomination, and are payable at Montreal, Quebec and Hull. H. Boulay, Clerk.

NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C.—BOND SALE.—Gillespie, Hart & Todd of Vancouver and Fry, Mills, Spence & Co. of Toronto, jointly, purchased an issue of \$194,100 5% 20-year impt. bonds at 96.57, a basis of about 5.28%.

OLD KILDONAN R. M., Man.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 12 m. Nov. 6 for \$10,000 6% 10-year bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1926. S. H. Summerscales, Secretary-Treasurer, 212 Chamber of Commerce, Winnipeg.

PORT ALFRED, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Nov. 15 for \$125,000 5 1/2 % bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Denom. of \$100 and multiples thereof, and payable at any branch of the Banque Canadienne Nationale in Quebec Province and in New York. Alternative bids are asked for bonds payable in 10 serial years, and payable in 10 or 30 serial years. J. H. Bouchard, Secretary-Treasurer.

SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP (P. O. Birchcliff), Ont.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$50,288 07 5% local impt. bonds awarded on Nov. 11 to Wood, Grundy & Co. of Toronto at 99.20—V. 123, p. 2429—a basis of about 5.11% are described as follows: Date Aug. 9 1926. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and one for \$288 07. Due serially Dec. 15 1926 to 1940, incl. Int. payable annually Dec. 15.

SOUTH VANCOUVER DISTRICT, B. C.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$194,928 5 1/2 % 10, 30 and 40 year bond issue reported sold to the Royal Financial Corp., Ltd., of Vancouver—V. 123, p. 2429—was 102.792, a basis of about 5.32%. Other bidders were as follows:

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| Bidder— | Rate Bid. |
| V. W. Odium & Co..... | 102.729 |
| Canadian Bank of Commerce..... | 102.441 |

VANCOUVER, B. C.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Pilkington, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 15 for the following 5% bonds, aggregating \$850,000:

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| \$250,000 sewer bonds..... | Due Aug. 1 1966. |
| 50,000 hospital bonds..... | Due Aug. 1 1966. |
| 350,000 street bonds..... | Due Aug. 1 1941. |
| 200,000 street bonds..... | Due Aug. 1 1941. |

Date Aug. 1 1926. Alternative bids on the basis of principal and int. payable in Canada only and in Canada and the United States are asked for. A certified check for \$10,000 payable to the City Treasurer is required.

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VERNON, Wilbarger County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,500 5½% park site bonds offered on Oct. 25 (V. 123, p. 2167) were awarded to Garrett & Co. of Dallas at a premium of \$370, equal to 104.83.

WAKE COUNTY (P. O. Raleigh), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—H. F. Srygley, Secretary School Committee, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 29 for \$400,000 Raleigh Township school bonds. Coupon bonds but may be registered as to principal. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1936, incl., \$14,000, 1929 to 1936, incl., and \$19,000, 1949 to 1956, incl. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City. Bidders to name rate of interest which must be in multiples of ¼ of 1% and must not exceed 6%. 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 payable to the order of the School Committee for 2% of the bid, required. Legality to be approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn, New York City.

WARRIOR RUN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Peely) Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 123, p. 1909—were awarded to Enoch Thomas at par. Date June 1 1926. Due June 30 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1952, incl., and \$2,000, 1953.

WASHINGTON (State of).—BOND SALE.—The State Accident Fund Commission has purchased an issue of \$500,000 additional Capitol building bonds at par. W. G. Potts, State Treasurer.

WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Washington), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—During the month of April the State Auditor of Kansas registered an issue of \$40,000 4½% school bonds.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Abington), Va.—BOND OFFERING.—W. Y. White, Clerk County School Board will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 20 for the following not exceeding 5½% school bonds, aggregating \$84,000:

- \$20,000 Goodson School District bonds. Due \$2,000 Jan. 1 1928 to 1932, inclusive.
- 18,000 North Fork School District bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 and 1929 and \$2,000, 1930 to 1937, incl.
- 17,000 Holston School District bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1930, incl., and \$2,000, 1931 to 1937, incl.
- 13,000 Glade Sping School District bonds. Due serially.
- 11,000 Kinderhook School District bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1935, incl., and \$2,000, 1938.

5,000 Abington School District bonds. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 1928 to 1932, inclusive. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000.

WASHINGTON RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Washington County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered during the month of May an issue for \$45,000 4½% school bonds.

WATHENA, Doniphan County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered an issue of \$41,000 4½% water works bonds during the month of May.

WELLER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15, Grant County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during the month of October an issue of \$15,000 5% school bonds at par. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 1946. These bonds are not optional but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

WELLSVILLE, Franklin County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Oct. 25 the voters authorized the issuance of \$57,500 water works system bonds by a count of 228 for to 179 against.

WESTHAMPTON, Henrico County, Va.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 2 the voters authorized the issuance of \$400,000 sewerage and water system bonds by a count of 176 for to 39 against. The bonds will be issued for the sanitary district created under an act of the last Legislature of the Henrico County Circuit Court.

WEST HEMPSTEAD, HEMPSTEAD GARDENS WATER DIST. (P. O. Hempstead), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Franklin C. Gilbert, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 16 for \$300,000 4½, 4½ or 4¾% coupon or registered water bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 Dec. 1 1931 to 1945, incl. Prin. and int. J. & D. payable at the First National Bank, Freeport. 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.

WEST PALM BEACH, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$2,296,000 offered on Oct. 7—V. 123, p. 1791—were awarded to a syndicate composed of R. M. Grant & Co., New York; Prudden & Co., Spitzer, Rorick & Co. and Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., all of Toledo; Kean, Higbie & Co., Detroit; The Weil, Roth & Irving Co. Cincinnati, and Wright, Warlow & Co. of Orlando, at 90, a basis of about 7.18%.

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