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The Financial Situation.

The railroads are again coming into their own. This week the railroad shares on the Stock Exchange have had the market pretty well to themselves. They have shown great strength and many of them have established new high records. This has happened while most of the industrial shares and some of the specialties have inclined towards weakness. The trading element on the Exchange is disposed to shun the industrial list, while looking with favor on the "rails." There is good reason for the distinction at the present time. There has been wonderful transformation in the outlook and conditions of the railroads during the last few years. Trade expansion has been an aid in the transformation by affording a larger volume of traffic, but has been by no means the principal factor in the great change wrought. Betterment of the condition of the roads has been due chiefly to the increased economy and efficiency with which these rail carriers are being operated and administered. Trade may be scheduled for some decline, and the country's industries may be facing a setback, which necessarily would leave some impress upon railroad traffic, but the advantage gained through greater efficiency of operations is not likely to be lost. That is a permanent improvement which is sure to stand by the roads. Therefore the proprietors of the railroads can look upon the future with much complacency, whatever it may have in store in the way of reduced activity.

The position of the industrial properties is the exact reverse of this. They are, or at least many of them are, utterly and entirely dependent upon, not only the continuance of the trade activity which has been such a striking feature of industrial affairs during the last two or three years, but also upon a continuance of the high prices and great profits which

have been an equally marked feature of this period. Trade recession in their case may mean not only a smaller volume of business, but much lower prices and correspondingly reduced profits. Thus they may stand to lose in a double way. Some of the motor concerns, for illustration, have been making not only enormous profits, but what must be deemed to be inordinate profits. The prices of their shares have risen in proportion to the enormous gains and the high totals of their earnings. At the same time indications are multiplying that in many lines of trade and business, activity is now on a reduced scale, though whether this is merely temporary, or possesses elements of permanency, no one at this stage of the change can affirm with any degree of positiveness.

Of the fact that trade recession is under way, no one can any longer be in serious doubt. The evidence on that point is too strong and the signs too numerous to admit of any skepticism on that point. And that the motor industry is experiencing, or has experienced, a positive slump, is equally beyond dispute. The statistics furnished by the Department of Commerce the present week for the month of December have come as an eye-opener of what has been taking place in that industry. Every one was prepared for small figures, in view of what has been happening, but no one for a product as diminutive as what is now actually revealed.

When the figures for November were made public, and showed an output of only 219,504 passenger cars in the United States in that month as against 328,694 in the corresponding month of the previous year and comparing with 380,274 cars turned out three months before in August (1926), it was supposed that the full measure of the decline which was in progress had been disclosed, for the November total proved the smallest of any month since the mid-summer of 1925. Now come the figures for December, showing for that month an output of only 137,361 passenger cars, as against 278,643 cars in December 1925, and a figure so small that it is necessary to go back to the beginning of 1922 to find an equally diminutive product. It will take more than a 40% stock dividend on the common stock of United States Steel Corp. to eliminate the impression which such a radical curtailment of production leaves upon the mind.

Even in the case of the railroad stocks, great caution should be used in buying where prices have been immoderately advanced, though as a matter of fact the railroad shares, considered as a whole, have not been boosted up in any such spectacular way as so many of the industrial shares. Yet where earnings have tremendously expanded as the result of a special cause, the fact should be recognized and

it should be realized that these exceptional earnings cannot be maintained. Such a special cause has existed since last May in the case of the large carriers of bituminous coal. Their coal traffic has been enormously expanded as a result of the big export demand for coal created by the miners strike in Great Britain, which began on the first of last May and did not terminate until the close of November. As we pointed out a week ago, the quantity of bituminous coal mined in the United States during the calendar year 1926 reached 578,000,000 tons, against 520,000,000 tons in 1925, an increase of 58,000,000 tons. No one should be duped into believing that this greatly enlarged volume of coal traffic can be maintained, especially with lessened trade activity. Aside, however, from special causes like this, the influence of which will disappear with their removal, the outlook for the railroads must be regarded as bright, and on this is predicated the rise in the prices of their shares which has recently been taking place.

Bankers and investment houses have taken advantage of the seemingly unlimited supply of investment funds which has been in evidence since the first of the year, to do a large amount of new financing during the current week. The largest of this week's offerings was that of the Indianapolis Power & Light Co. for \$30,000,000. A syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corp. offered these first mortgage 5% gold bonds, series A, dated Jan. 1 1927 and due in 1957, at 98 and accrued interest, to yield over 5.13%. The second issue of major financing was by Dillon, Read & Co., who sold \$25,000,000 4½% 15-year guaranteed debentures for the Batavian Petroleum Co. Another utility offering was by the Southwestern Gas & Electric Co., which consisted of \$12,500,000 first mortgage 5% gold bonds, series A. These bonds, dated Jan. 1 1926 and due in 1957, were sold at 96 and interest, yielding over 5.25%, by a syndicate headed by Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc. The syndicate announced that the issue had been oversubscribed, and that the books were opened as a mere formality.

The largest foreign issue for the week was a \$10,000,000 loan to the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. These 40-year 7% sinking fund gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1926 and expiring Nov. 1 1966, were sold at 98 and accrued interest, to yield 7.15%, by Lee, Higginson & Co. and Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. The most important domestic municipal offering was that of the city of Minneapolis, which sold to Eldredge & Co. \$3,300,000 4 and 5% bonds, which fall due \$132,000 annually from Feb. 1 1928 to 1952 inclusive. The 5% bonds Eldredge & Co. sold to yield from 3.85 to 4%, depending on the maturities. The 4% bonds were sold at par and interest.

The foreign trade of the United States for December, the closing month of last year, suffered a slight setback. Both exports and imports of merchandise for that month were lower in value than in the preceding month or in the corresponding month of the preceding year. Total merchandise exports for December 1926 were valued at \$467,000,000, which compares with \$480,323,206 for November and with \$468,305,949 for December of the preceding year, while imports last month were \$361,000,000, against \$373,905,807 for the preceding month and \$396,639,809 for the corresponding month in 1925. Exports

during December, it will be seen, were only about \$1,306,000 less in value than in the preceding year, but imports fell off \$35,640,000 from the corresponding month of 1925. Exports of cotton in December contributed something to the loss shown. Cotton exports in December 1926 were 1,531,297 bales, and were the largest on record. The value of cotton exports last month, however, was \$1,560,000 less than the exports of the 984,061 bales of cotton sent abroad in December 1925. This was due to the great decline in the market price of raw cotton. There was a balance of trade for the closing month of 1926 of \$106,000,000 on the export side of the account, as against \$71,666,140 in December 1925.

For the calendar year 1926 merchandise exports were somewhat lower in value than for the preceding year, while merchandise imports not only exceeded in value those of 1925, but were second only in value to the imports of the year 1920, which stands as the record year in imports. The value of merchandise exports from the United States during 1926 was \$4,810,412,000, as against \$4,909,847,000 for the previous year, a decline in 1926 of \$99,435,000. With the exception of the year 1925, the value of merchandise exports last year was higher than in any year back to 1920. The loss last year in the value of merchandise exports as compared with 1925 was largely in the first half of the year. Declines in the value of exports, in comparison with the preceding year, appeared in each of the first five months of 1926, and for some of these months the loss was quite large. In the last half of 1926 there were four months in which merchandise exports exceeded in value the figures for the corresponding months of the preceding year, and two months, October and December 1926, in which there were losses. The net result of the last half of the year, however, was a gain, but the decline in the first five months of the year more than offset the later recovery. Cotton exports, which in some years have constituted as much as 35% or more of the value of all exports, and in 1925 were nearly one-fourth of the value of all exports, were larger in quantity in 1926 than in the preceding year. The loss in the value of cotton exports, however, in 1926 contributed to the decline in merchandise exports that is shown in the above figures.

The value of merchandise imports in the calendar year 1926 was \$4,432,542,000, as against \$4,226,589,000 for the preceding year, an increase of \$205,953,000. The greater part of the increase was in the first six months of 1926. This was just the reverse of the export showing—in fact, during the first four months of 1926 the value of merchandise imports exceeded that of exports, an exceptional condition in the history of our foreign trade. There was only one month during the first half of 1926, the month of May, in which imports were smaller than in the corresponding period of the preceding year. The last half of the year, however, showed a decline in imports. For November the value fell off as compared with the preceding month, as well as with the corresponding month of the preceding year, and for December there was also a shrinkage. The balance of trade last year was again on the export side, but for a reduced amount, not only as compared with 1925, but with the exception of one year, it is very much less than for any year back to 1910. Last year the export balance was \$377,869,970, as against an export balance of \$683,258,248 for the preceding

year. The exception referred to above is the year 1923, when the export balance was only slightly lower than last year. In many of the other years it was enormously higher than even 1925.

Gold exports and imports in December were practically the same as in November, gold exports amounting to \$7,196,278, and gold imports to \$16,971,857. For the year 1926 gold exports were \$115,707,815, as against \$262,639,790 for the preceding year, and imports \$213,472,223 last year against \$128,273,172 in 1925. There was an excess of gold imports last year of \$97,764,408, while in 1925 gold exports were in excess of imports to the amount of \$134,366,618. Silver exports in December were \$5,610,205, and imports \$4,058,183. The movement abroad of silver varies only a little from month to month or year to year. In 1926 silver exports of \$92,257,564 were \$6,870,021 less than in the preceding year, while imports of silver in 1926 were \$69,224,489, or \$4,629,071 more than in 1925. There was an excess of exports of silver in 1926 of \$23,033,075, against \$34,532,167 in 1925.

Nicaragua, which last week aroused such a whirlwind of criticism, receded notably into the background this week and discussion regarding Mexico may also be said to have quieted down. A new phase of the controversy with Mexico developed, however, out of a proposal in the United States Senate on Tuesday to arbitrate the land and oil controversy with that country. Secretary of State Kellogg at once in a formal statement indicated his approval, saying, after half an hour's conversation with President Coolidge: "I see nothing inappropriate or untimely in an expression of opinion on this subject by the United States Senate, and I welcome it. The general principle of arbitration has constituted one of the leading policies of this Government from the beginning. Our record on that subject speaks for itself and the principle has been recognized in treaties with Mexico. For some time I have been giving very careful consideration to the question of the definite application of the principle of arbitration to the existing controversy with Mexico."

The proposal was made by Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, after the Nicaragua-Mexican question had flared up again in the House and in the Senate and also after it was re-stated at the White House that President Coolidge's concern with regard to Mexico was whether American holdings there were to be confiscated. The Washington correspondent of the New York "Herald-Tribune" telegraphed on Jan. 19 that there "was no indication in State Department circles on that day that any proposal to arbitrate the oil and land laws would be sent soon to Mexico," adding: "On the contrary, it was said that the Robinson resolution did not change this Government's attitude that interference with American rights in Mexico was unjustified. Reference was made to the last note sent by Secretary Kellogg to Mexico City, in which he flatly said the United States expected Mexico to recognize the property rights of American citizens there and to make no move toward confiscation of these rights."

Previously, on Jan. 17, the same correspondent after stating that "from every available angle the impression was given to-day that the delicate situations involving the relations of the United States with Mexico and Nicaragua were more satisfactory than at any time since they assumed an acute stage,"

declared that "as for Mexico, it was indicated at the State Department to-day that there was no desire on the part of this Government to make any positive move while the Mexican Government was showing no disposition to carry into effect its new laws for taking over American properties. No authority exists for an opinion here that the Administration is not averse to making another effort to adjust its differences with Mexico through amicable means, but the impression prevails that the foundation is being laid for a move in that direction."

In Mexico City the tension existing there was confidently expected to be relieved by Mr. Kellogg's words. Through his chief of staff, General Jose Alvarez, so said the correspondent of the "Herald Tribune" on Jan. 19, "President Calles authorized a statement that he would not consider arbitration of the differences between Mexico and the United States in so far as questioning the constitutionality of the alien land and oil laws was concerned, but the President was not averse to arbitration of 'the effect of the application of these laws.'" This was promptly followed on Jan. 20 by a formal statement by the Mexican Foreign Office as follows: "Answering numerous questions with regard to the present publications in the press, the Mexican Government declares that it is ready to accept in principle that its difficulties with the United States should be decided by way of arbitration." Washington comment on this development was contained in an Associated Press dispatch from that city on Jan. 20 saying: "The whole difficult business of formulating an arbitration proposal satisfactory to both Governments as a basis for submitting the oil and land laws dispute to adjudication still intervenes between the present status of the controversy and any arbitration in fact. Whether the arbitration statements made by Secretary Kellogg and the Mexican Foreign Office are significant of anything more than the pacific intentions and desires of the two Governments does not appear as yet, as neither Government can be regarded as definitely committed to an arbitration program. As reflecting the desire to find a friendly method of adjustment of the disputed points, however, Washington officials feel that the public declaration through the press as well as the proposed expression of opinion by the Senate contemplated by the Robinson resolution, cannot but have beneficial results on the relationship between Mexico and the United States." The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday voted 12 to 3 in favor of the resolution and it is to be reported to the Senate to-day and probably passed on Monday.

Nicaragua re-established diplomatic connection at Washington this week when her new Minister, Dr. Don Alejandro Cesar, was received at the White House by President Coolidge. The President in his formal speech said that neither selfish aims nor imperialistic designs were actuating the United States, and Dr. Cesar declared that American representatives in his country were untiring in efforts to serve the ends of peace. Both speeches are given elsewhere in this issue. Earlier in the week Secretary of State Kellogg announced there had been no change in the policy of the United States toward Nicaragua as outlined in the President's message to Congress last week, and added that the United States was continuing to offer its good offices and exert its influence to compose the differences between the

warring factions there. A willingness to endeavor to promote amity by arbitration or mediation was seen by the Washington correspondent of the New York "Times" on Jan. 17 as a "development of the strong public opinion which had arisen in favor of ending Nicaragua's perturbed condition by amicable means." Secretary Kellogg expressed pleasure at the action of Costa Rica in offering to mediate between President Diaz of Nicaragua and Dr. Sacasa, and said this country would be glad to have all the other Central American States similarly extend good offices. Two days later Associated Press advices from the Nicaraguan capital disclosed the fact that President Diaz had declined Costa Rica's proffer, which had already been accepted by Dr. Sacasa, on the ground that "President Jimenez of Costa Rica last December expressed prejudice against the Diaz regime as 'lacking constitutionality,' and added the charge that the Liberal adherents of Dr. Juan Sacasa had been using Puerto Limon in Costa Rica as a base of operations, and also saying that no Central American Government could mediate in the Nicaraguan controversy in an independent manner because of fear of Mexico."

Another development was an offer, published on Sunday, made by President Diaz to meet his opponents, the Liberals, in a peaceful attempt to settle the civil war. He proffered them a share of the offices, legislative, executive and judicial, on the condition of his remaining in the Presidency until the end of his term in December 1928, when he proposed that an election be held under supervision of the United States. To judge from all accounts, it was not favorably received. A prominent feature of it was contained in the following paragraph: "As soon as these measures are initiated the future peace and tranquillity of the country will be so assured that I hope it will be possible for my country to secure in the United States a large loan for the construction of a railway to the Atlantic Coast and highways needed for the development of the country, the money to be expended under American supervision. These improvements would obviously benefit both Conservatives and Liberals alike. The cooperation of the American Government in the solution of our political and police problems would enable us to obtain such loans on reasonable terms."

The Lausanne Treaty to re-establish diplomatic and commercial relations with Turkey, severed when that country entered the World War on the side of Germany, was rejected by the United States Senate late on Tuesday. The vote was 50 for ratification to 34 against, or six less than the necessary two-thirds. It showed all the Republicans solid for the treaty and all the Democrats united in opposition to it. The United States thus is left without any provision for formal relations with Turkey after Feb. 20 next, but Constantinople leaders were quoted in a dispatch from that centre on Jan. 19 to the Associated Press as expressing the belief that the present *modus vivendi*, despite the fact that it would be contrary to Turkish law, might be renewed. "The effect of the Senate's decision," said the Washington advices of Jan. 18 to the Associated Press, "however, may be felt immediately, since the *modus vivendi* was designed to put in force in advance of ratification the most favored nation status for which the Lausanne Treaty provided. Just how the situation will be met State Department officials do not know, as they have

no precedent to guide them. Native and naturalized Americans entitled to diplomatic protection by their Government are scattered far and wide in Turkey, and there is a considerable American investment in that country. Yet there remains no official channel of communication between the two Governments. State Department officials feel the Turkish Government has been patient over delay in final action here on the treaty. They do not expect any resentful reaction at Angora because of its failure, since it actually would have been of value to Turkey only because it accepted the principle of diplomatic equality for Turkey already accepted by 27 other nations." The Constantinople dispatch above quoted represented the Turkish press as philosophic over the rejection of the treaty by the United States Senate, attributing the result to the American public's indifference toward foreign affairs, especially concerning the Orient. The attitude of the Angora Government was not known, it was added, but leaders in Constantinople said there was no danger of American institutions in Turkey being closed.

Representing the determined opposition, which at length prevailed against the Lausanne Treaty, Senator King of Utah, after the Senate adjourned following rejection of the treaty, gave out the following statement: "The treaty was opposed upon three major grounds, namely that it failed to provide for the fulfillment of the Wilson award to Armenia, guarantees for the protection of Christians and non-Moslems in Turkey, and recognition by Turkey of American nationality of former subjects of Turkey.

"Any new treaty with Turkey which fails to meet these objections will be naturally opposed and rejected. Obviously, it would be unfair and unreasonable for the United States to recognize and respect the claims and professions of Kemal so long as he persists in holding control and sovereignty over Wilson Armenia—now a 'No Man's Land,' while nearly a million Armenian refugees are people without a country. A debt of gratitude is due to those who made the rejection of the treaty possible, and particularly to the American Committee Opposed to the Lausanne Treaty, the American Committee for Independence of Armenia, the Bishops of the Episcopal Church, the Northern Baptist Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church (South), the Reformed Church and many Catholic organizations, and to Bishop Manning, Dr. Cadman, Bishop Rhineland, Bishop Cannon, Rabbi Wise, James W. Gerard, David Hunter Miller, former Ambassadors Morgenthau, Straus and Elkus, Professor Hart and many other friends of Armenia and of Greece."

Seeking information on the Parliamentary situation and the Government's position with regard to the long delayed ratification of the Berenger debt accord, United States Ambassador Myron T. Herrick paid a visit last Monday to Premier Poincare, which the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" the same day reported remained a "diplomatic secret." The Ambassador had been assured the accord would be submitted to the Chamber at its present session but it is said that "between M. Poincare's desire to do so and its advisability, there exists a considerable gulf." The time for ratification apparently is not held to be ripe yet. Premier Poincare is said to think it should take its place in a series of financial measures at a period when practical stabilization of the franc has been well secured, follow-

ing official stabilization. "That point," the dispatch continues, "has not yet been reached; for despite the evenness of the franc exchange rate and the gradual improvement of the situation, there are several important difficulties to be overcome and not a few dangerous corners to be turned. Nor is it yet very certain that the Premier has altered entirely his first conception of the Berenger agreement as faulty and insufficient, in so far as it does not give sufficient security to France. His position there is still extremely delicate. At present and as long as the franc manages to maintain its level of 25 to the dollar there need be no hurry, according to the Premier, in seeking to open the debt discussion with a request to the Chamber for ratification of the Washington agreement. And in view of his past attitude, there is good reason to believe that the Premier is still a believer in the influence of time in securing a change for the better on the part of France's creditors." The same correspondent two days later cabled that, "following yesterday's meeting of the Finance Commission of the Chamber of Deputies and the communication to it by Deputy Malvy of the Premier's letter announcing that the United States Government was in no way seeking to hasten the ratification of the debt accord, that vexed question is regarded here as having been definitely laid on the shelf for a considerable time to come."

Winston Churchill, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, went to Rome last week and it was officially given out that his object was sightseeing. A London dispatch to the New York "Herald-Tribune" on Jan. 17 said it has since been learned from an authoritative source that his purpose was more than a holiday and included important financial conferences with Premier Mussolini and Count Volpi, Italian Minister of Finance. The Chancellor, it is said, hoped by his visit to Italy to launch "a definite move in Europe for a general reduction of armaments with a view to keeping governmental expenditures within the limits of incomes." The dispatch added that Mr. Churchill's activities were understood to have the full approval of Prime Minister Baldwin and the Cabinet and continued: "Mr. Churchill had an interview to-day (Jan. 17) with Count Volpi, following a long interview with Signor Mussolini yesterday. The matter of the Italian war debts to Great Britain was brought up by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who hopes to have a substantial increase in payments from that source to help him through the difficult task of framing this year's budget." A dispatch from Rome to the Associated Press on Jan. 17 said that Mr. Churchill called at the Quirinal that day and paid his respects to King Victor Emmanuel and then at the Ministry of Finance, where he had an interview with Count Volpi. The Chancellor congratulated the Italian Finance Minister on his splendid achievement in floating an internal loan which surpassed the Government's expectations. The "Tribuna" said the loan would largely exceed 2,500,000,000 lire, the subscribers comprising all classes of citizens.

Germany has been another week without a Cabinet to succeed the Marx Ministry which held over the holidays following its defeat and resignation last month. Only minor matters consequently were placed on the program of the Reichstag when it

opened on Wednesday after the Christmas recess. "Benevolent neutrality" by the majority in the Reichstag is reported as the object all the groups were seeking to insure in their Cabinet bargaining with each other. An Associated Press dispatch on Jan. 17 said that President von Hindenburg commissioned former Chancellor Marx to negotiate for the formation of "at least a Government coalition of the middle parties with the possible support of either of the two flanking parties, the Socialists and the Nationalists," after Dr. Curtius gave up the task. The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times" on Jan. 19 reported that the Socialists showed slight signs of willingness to compromise by stating that they were not opposed to a coalition Government similar to the one they overthrew; but, before announcing whether they would support or oppose such a Cabinet, they must know the names of the Ministers and their policies concerning civic legislation which they hope to pass during the present Reichstag session." The Nationalists were still firm and it was said they would support no Government unless it controlled the Reichstag and they had representation in it. Consequently failing to form a coalition Cabinet of the Middle parties, Chancellor Marx was requested on the following day (Jan. 20) by President von Hindenburg to attempt the organization of a Cabinet including the Middle and Right, according to Associated Press advices of that day. He conferred anew to-day (Jan. 20) with the Chairman of the People's Party, it was added, but the conference was reported to have developed insurmountable difficulties for the formation of a coalition of the Middle parties, whereupon Dr. Marx visited Von Hindenburg and reported his efforts had been fruitless. The President is represented as thereupon insisting upon the constitution of the Cabinet at the earliest possible moment commanding a majority in the Reichstag.

M. Briand, the French Foreign Minister, on Thursday made public a treaty of "friendship and alliance" between France and Rumania which a copyright dispatch from Paris to the New York "Times" on Jan. 12 said is of exactly the same character as the treaties which France has made, within the framework of the League of Nations, with Poland, Czechoslovakia and Belgium and is preparing with Yugoslavia. The dispatch said its terms are "skilfully drawn" and adds: "France and Rumania mutually reaffirm their League of Nations vow to abstain from any attack or invasion and to avoid any recourse to war except in the case of legitimate defense or in circumstances foreseen in Articles XV and XVI of the covenant of the League. They bind themselves to examine in common all questions which might endanger their external security or injure the order of things established by the Treaty of Versailles. Finally, in the case of non-provoked aggression against either, they agree to give mutual counsel, help to safeguard their national interests and maintain the status quo." Discussing the treaty further the "Times" correspondent declared it constitutes formal recognition by France of the Rumanian title to Bessarabia and therefore is a better treaty than the Rumanian agreement with Italy. "The publication of the treaty terms," he continued, "is expected to have no little effect in the Balkans, where the two Latin countries have become rivals for influence since the Italian treaty with Albania alarmed Yugo-

slavia and made a new beginning of the old policy of the balance of power. Hungary is a country which is still outside the various combines, and it is toward Hungary that Fascist Italy appears to be leaning in search of new friendship. On that side of M. Briand's work not even his most ardent opponents can find any reproach to make. He may be idealistic and mystical at times, but he has lost none of his shrewdness.

Spanish financial circles are described in a special Madrid dispatch to the New York "Times" on Jan. 18 as concerned over the Government's plans to meet Treasury obligations of more than 1,000,000,000 pesetas which will mature on Feb. 4.

"Although the royal decree giving the terms of the plan have not yet been published," it is said, "it is evident that the holders of obligations will have the option to convert to a new fifty-year issue at the same rate of interest or to receive reimbursement. The obligations maturing next month are only a fifth part of the total for which plans must soon be made, for within the next four years 5,225,000,000 pesetas worth of bonds must be taken up by the Government." Declaring that this is the greatest indebtedness Spain has ever faced, the dispatch continues:

"The number of creditors is very large and includes banks, savings societies, insurance companies, loan societies, colleges, asylums and other benefit organizations. What the Government does in the matter, therefore, is of extreme importance to the whole country, which not only does not possess a great surplus of wealth, but is in dire need of more funds for productive purposes. All the obligations pay 5% interest with 1% premium on amortization." The New York "Times" Madrid correspondent on Jan. 20 announced that a National Assembly of a consultative character was soon to be convened by the Government for the spring. He said: "It will be formed of representatives of all the provinces, patriotic unions, municipalities and provincial councils. Agricultural, industrial, commercial, financial and mining interests will also be represented, as well as the working classes. Although its election is simply by designation of the Government and not by election, the Assembly is to be as far as possible representative of the country."

Secretary of State Kellogg's efforts to solve the Tacna-Arica problem for Peru and Chile by cession of the disputed provinces to Bolivia met with a definite reverse on Monday, when a note transmitted by Pedro Jose Rada, Foreign Minister of Peru, was delivered to the State Department at Washington unequivocally rejecting the proposal. While the memorandum declared that "even at the risk of running counter to its traditional policy of deference to the United States of America" Peru could not accept a "solution which carries with it the forsaking of its citizens," yet it added that "this rejection does not carry with it the intention of obstructing other solutions" and a door for further action is therefore believed to have been left open. Indeed the note itself says that Peru "is disposed to listen to all suggestions for a settlement, but under the condition that the towns of Tacna and Arica be returned to it, the latter with its port and Morro." The Foreign Minister pointed out concessions Peru has made in the past when "Peru accepted the partial or complete internationalization of the provinces and their division, giving Bolivia gratuitously an outlet

to the shore, and there an inlet whose condition would allow it to be converted into a large, suitable safe port," and added that Peru had been a supporter of an arrangement on the basis of neutralization, because, "as she sees it, such formula upholds the principles involved and establishes a regime of liberty and protection for the natives of those territories."

"My Government," Senor Rada added in his note to Washington, "would gladly favor neutralization, more than anything else because it would put an end to the martyrdom of the natives of Tacna and Arica, and because the international policy of Peru has never been inspired in material interest but in high ideals of justice and protection to human rights. Neutralization has been opposed by Chile on the ground that the countries of America look upon it with suspicion, or as a mark of American predominance in those territories. That is merely a piece of sophistry. Indeed, neutralization involves a juridical conception entirely opposed to that of imperialism and to that of the predominance of a nation to the detriment of another."

From Santiago, Chile, the Associated Press learned on Jan. 19 that the newspaper "El Mercurio," discussing the Peruvian note to Secretary Kellogg, said that President Leguia of Peru was to blame for rejection of the Kellogg plan because he promised his people that the provinces would be returned to Peru, and did not desire a solution of the controversy.

Five ships comprising the first cruiser squadron of Great Britain were dispatched from Malta to Shanghai on Wednesday and 1,000 marines were scheduled to leave England on a liner to-day (Saturday) for China. Three other liners are reported to have been chartered to convey troops and stores to the scene of trouble. The London correspondent of the New York "Herald-Tribune," cabling on Jan. 18, said "the decision to take these steps is believed to have been a sequel to a special meeting of the Cabinet yesterday afternoon, after which it was announced that, while the government still was ready to negotiate with the Chinese leaders, it cannot be expected to surrender to violence or threats of violence. The dispatching of additional troops and ships to the Orient is taken to mean that any further encroachment on British rights at Canton or Shanghai similar to those at Hankow will be met with armed resistance." The Washington correspondent of the same paper on the same day wired that the possibility that additional American warships would be ordered shortly to Chinese waters arose to-day with the receipt of alarming dispatches from Admiral C. S. Williams, commander in chief of the Asiatic Fleet, who is now at Shanghai. In addition to the subject being discussed at to-day's Cabinet meeting, Secretary of the Navy Wilbur had a long conference with Secretary of State Kellogg, mapping out plans to provide additional protection for Americans in the danger zone of China."

From Peking the Associated Press received a dispatch dated Jan. 17 which said that "hostility toward foreigners seemed to be gathering momentum as dispatches pour in from widely separated sections relating to anti-foreign agitation and violence. The northern and southern sections which have been engaged in civil war for months announced similar programs for eradication of foreign influence and rights in China as a means of rallying adherents to

the rival Governments—the Peking and the Cantonese, or Nationalist.”

American lives and property were threatened in extensive riots at Foochow and while the mobs there were said to be influenced by anti-Christian feelings yet, according to the Shanghai correspondent of the New York “Herald-Tribune,” cabling on Jan. 17, “there was a definite trend in its mood toward anti-foreignism.” The situation at Foochow was said by the Washington correspondent of the New York “World” on Jan. 19 to be regarded “as very serious by State Department officials, who are following the developments with concern,” and last night it was announced in Associated Press advices from the Capital that American Minister MacMurray who was on his way home for conferences with Secretary Kellogg, has been intercepted by cablegram and ordered back to Peking as a result of the increasing seriousness of anti-foreign demonstrations and rioting China. “The State Department,” it was added, “said the spread of the anti-foreign movement to Foochow and Amoy had prompted Mr. Kellogg to order Mr. MacMurray back to his post. No immediate condition at Peking had called for the change, the Department not having been advised of fears felt by diplomats there that the trouble might spread to the capital.” Mr. MacMurray was intercepted at Seoul, Korea, the Associated Press learned, and said he would start back to Peking to-day (Saturday).

The Bank of Austria this week announced by cable that it had reduced its discount rate $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%, to $6\frac{1}{2}\%$; the previous rate of 7% was in effect since Aug. 6 of last year. Except for this change, however, official discount rates on leading European centres remained at 7% in Italy; $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ in Paris and Belgium; $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ in Denmark; 5% in London, Berlin and Madrid; $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ in Sweden and Norway, and $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ in Holland and Switzerland. In London open market discount rates were again lowered, this time to $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ @ 4 3-16% for short bills, as against $4\frac{3}{16}\%$ @ $4\frac{1}{4}\%$, and $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ @ 4 1-16% for three months' bills, in comparison with $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ @ 4 3-16 a week ago. Money on call at the British centre declined to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, as against $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ last week. In Paris open market discounts are down to 5%, while in Switzerland the rate is $3\frac{1}{2}\%$.

Another though smaller gain in gold was reported by the Bank of England in its latest weekly statement, amounting to £2,437. Total holdings of gold coin and bullion now amount to £151,491,156 as against £143,711,895 last year and £128,571,640 in 1925 (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). The reserve of gold and notes in banking department increased £985,000, due to the reduction in note circulation of £983,000 combined with the gain in gold, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities advanced to 27.58%, from 26.12% last week. Public deposits fell off £3,320,000 but “other” deposits gained £209,000. Loans on Government securities declined £2,885,000 and loans on “other” securities £1,179,000. Total note circulation stands at £137,012,000, in comparison with £141,060,535 last year and £124,843,320 in 1925. The Bank's official discount rate of 5% was not changed during the week. We furnish below comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England report for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
	Jan. 19.	Jan. 20.	Jan. 21.	Jan. 23.	Jan. 24.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	137,012,000	141,060,535	124,843,320	125,143,180	120,798,570
Public deposits.....	12,052,000	19,429,955	22,922,608	13,611,617	11,372,032
Other deposits.....	111,748,000	109,147,578	107,006,810	112,429,695	114,431,342
Govt. securities.....	31,883,000	45,867,626	49,213,492	49,942,032	53,444,811
Other securities.....	75,876,000	78,365,678	75,279,527	71,471,923	65,238,047
Reserve notes & coin	34,140,000	22,401,360	23,478,320	22,682,897	25,140,584
Coin and bullion.....	151,491,156	143,711,895	128,571,640	128,076,077	127,489,154
Proportion of reserve					
to liabilities.....	27.58%	17 7-16%	18%	18%	20%
Bank rate.....	5%	5%	4%	4%	3%

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

In its weekly statement issued Wednesday (Jan. 19) the Bank of France again showed a large reduction in note circulation item, the decline this week being 704,456,000 francs. Thus, total notes in circulation now amount to 52,811,831,980 francs, as against 50,817,768,680 francs for the same time in 1926 and 40,601,870,615 francs in the year previous. Another favorable feature was the reduction of 900,000,000 francs in the State's indebtedness to the Bank, thereby bringing total advances to the State down to 33,650,000,000 francs as compared with 34,800,000,000 francs for the corresponding date last year and with only 21,500,000,000 francs in 1925. In contrast, a loss of 997,725 francs occurred in gold holdings. Total gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,547,823,350 francs. In 1926 gold holdings amounted to 5,548,146,110 francs, and in 1925 stood at 5,545,485,840 francs. Changes in the other items of the Bank's report were: Silver increased 252,000 francs; bills discounted, 10,256,000 francs, and general deposits, 268,117,000 francs. On the other hand, advances to trade fell off 34,142,000 francs, while Treasury deposits declined 14,532,000 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and with corresponding dates in the two previous years, are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of—			
		Jan. 19 1927.	Jan. 24 1926.	Jan. 22 1925.	
Gold Holdings—	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	
In France.....	Dec. 997,725	3,683,502,443	3,683,825,203	3,681,164,932	
Abroad.....	Unchanged	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	
Total.....	Dec. 997,725	5,547,823,350	5,548,146,110	5,545,485,840	
Silver.....	Inc. 252,000	341,107,564	323,306,477	304,284,856	
Bills discounted.....	Inc. 10,256,000	3,596,952,055	2,954,327,970	5,523,989,031	
Trade advances.....	Dec. 34,142,000	2,101,540,148	2,535,291,371	3,011,960,442	
Note circulation.....	Dec. 704,456,000	52,811,831,980	50,817,768,680	40,601,870,615	
Treasury deposits.....	Dec. 14,532,000	13,746,872	5,482,348	15,770,972	
General deposits.....	Inc. 268,117,000	5,848,833,975	3,352,316,939	1,966,686,036	
Advances to State.....	Dec. 900,000,000	33,650,000,000	34,800,000,000	21,500,000,000	

Important changes are shown in the statement of the German Reichsbank, issued under date of Jan. 15. Chief among these was a contraction of 303,686,000 marks in note circulation, at the same time that daily maturing obligations expanded 169,948,000 marks and other liabilities increased 2,792,000 marks. Notes in circulation now stand at 3,133,117,000 marks as compared with 2,508,030,000 marks and 1,646,198,000 marks in 1926 and 1925, respectively. As to asset side of the account the majority of the items recorded decreases. Bills of exchange and cheques declined 189,244,000 marks, advances 9,801,000 marks and investments 1,092,000 marks. Reserve in foreign currencies decreased 12,233,000 marks, while deposits abroad showed a loss of 10,472,000 marks. “Other” assets, however, increased 55,290,000 marks and notes on other German banks 4,466,000 marks, while 18,292,000

marks were added to silver holdings. Gold and bullion holdings which gained 3,376,000 marks now aggregate 1,834,537,000 marks, as against 1,208,433,000 marks for the corresponding date in 1926 and only 791,652,000 marks in 1925.

Below we give a detailed comparative statement back to 1925:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.	Jan. 15 1927.	Jan. 15 1926.	Jan. 15 1925.	
Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	
Gold and bullion.....Inc.	3,376,000	1,834,537,000	1,208,433,000	791,652,000
Of which depos. abr'd. Dec.	10,472,000	149,386,000	96,599,000	198,653,000
Res've for for'n curr. Dec.	12,233,000	501,035,300	368,135,000	263,883,000
Bills of exch. & checks Dec.	189,244,000	1,505,152,000	1,536,773,000	1,743,587,000
Silver and other coin. Inc.	18,292,000	121,787,000	74,559,000	56,752,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks. Inc.	4,466,000	17,100,000	34,624,000	29,136,000
Advances.....Dec.	9,801,000	4,975,000	3,187,000	17,418,000
Investments.....Dec.	1,092,000	89,800,000	214,432,000	109,796,000
Other assets.....Inc.	55,290,000	629,949,000	747,083,000	1,774,029,000
Notes in circulation. Dec.	303,686,000	3,133,117,000	2,508,030,000	1,646,198,000
Oth. dally matur. oblig. Inc.	169,948,000	1,012,720,000	800,115,000	983,651,000
Other liabilities.....Inc.	2,792,000	207,626,000	533,150,000	1,629,765,000

Further reductions in bill holdings and further additions to gold reserves featured this week's returns of the Federal Reserve banks. The gold holdings of the banks as a group increased \$19,900,000. Rediscounts of bills secured by Government obligations fell \$52,500,000, while in "other" bills there was a decrease of \$21,900,000, so that total bills discounted for the week were reduced \$74,400,000. Total bills and securities declined \$74,500,000 and deposits fell off \$6,000,000. Member bank reserve accounts shrank \$30,200,000. A decrease of \$40,500,000 was shown in Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. The report of the New York Reserve Bank indicated an addition of \$17,500,000 to gold reserves. Rediscounts of Government secured paper decreased \$30,400,000, and in "other" bills there was a decrease of \$7,800,000. The net result of the week's operations, therefore, was a reduction of \$38,200,000 in bills rediscounted. Open market purchases increased \$12,618,000. Total bills and securities decreased \$21,646,000, deposits decreased \$4,400,000 and member bank reserve accounts \$14,900,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation increased \$2,307,000. The addition to gold reserve along with the contraction in deposits brought gains in the reserve ratio for the System to 76.9%, up 1.5%, and at New York to 83.4%, up 1.5%.

The New York Clearing House banks and trust companies in their statement last Saturday showed an excess reserve of \$12,210,020, as against the previous week's huge deficit of \$69,015,900. There was an expansion of \$20,979,000 in loans, bringing the aggregate to \$5,592,022,000, which was accompanied by an increase of \$56,943,000 in net demand deposits to \$4,559,094,000, exclusive of Government deposits of \$29,168,000. Time deposits decreased \$9,624,000 to \$667,264,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank decreased \$4,432,000 to \$45,020,000. Reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve Bank also fell off, declining \$439,000 to \$9,591,000, as did the reserves kept by these institutions in other depositories, this latter decline being \$241,000. The change of greatest consequence was an increase of \$89,050,000 in the reserves of member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank, thereby converting the previous weeks deficiency in reserves into a surplus of \$12,210,000 also already noted. The surplus is calculated on the basis of a required legal reserve of 13% against demand deposits of member banks of the Federal Reserve, but not including the

\$45,020,000 cash in vault held by these members on Saturday last.

Money was in abundant supply this week and continued easy with only slight changes in call and practically none in time loan rates. Call money opened unchanged at 4½% and declined to 4% on Wednesday, this figure remaining the renewal rate for the rest of the period. Time money showed fair activity for distant periods and ruled at 4½% for all maturities. No change was made by the Federal Reserve Bank in its discount rate of 4%, contrary to expectation based on the downward trend of money here and abroad. A decrease of \$27,426,000 in brokers' loans, the first reduction to be announced since early in December, was reported for the week ending Jan. 12 but activity in several departments of the stock market showed some advantage being taken of the increasing amount of credit. Gold continued to come from Canada, \$4,000,000 arriving this week, bringing the total received from that source this month to \$21,000,000.

Referring to money rates in detail, loans on call have ranged between 4 and 4½%, the same as last week. On Monday and Tuesday all loans were negotiated at 4½%. Wednesday, although call funds were again renewed at 4½%, and this was the high, before the close easier conditions set in and there was a decline to 4%. Increased ease developed on Thursday, so that the renewal basis was lowered to 4¼%; the low was 4%, and 4¼% the high. Friday there was no range, all funds on call loaning at 4%.

In time money the market was quiet and easy in tone. Sixty day money continues to rule between 4⅜ and 4½%, with 4½% practically the ruling rate for all maturities from ninety days to six months, unchanged from the previous week. So far as could be learned, no large individual trades were put through.

Mercantile paper rates were steady, at previous levels, viz., 4@4¼% for four to six months' names of choice character and 4½% for names not so well known. Slightly more activity was reported, with country banks in the market, but trading was somewhat restricted by lack of offerings of prime names. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names are still passing at 4%.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances figured for only a light turnover in a comparatively steady market, with quotations still at the levels previously current; though towards the close of the week a slight softening in tone was noted. A broadening in demand was evident, but offerings were scanty; hence the small volume of business passing. For call loans against bankers' acceptances, the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council remains at 3¾%. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3¾% bid and 3⅝% asked for bills running 30 days and 60 days; 3⅞% bid and 3¾% asked for 90 and 120 days, and 4% bid and 3⅞% asked for 150 days and 180 days. Open market quotations follow:

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

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT
JAN. 21 1927.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 Months, but Within 9 Months.
	Com'rcial Agric'l & Livestock Paper. n.e.s.	Secured by U. S. Govern't Obliga- tions.	Bankers' Accep- tances.	Trade Accep- tances.	Agricul.* and Livestock Paper.	Agricul'l and Livestock Paper. 1
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.

In the sterling exchange market quiet strength has predominated and price levels have been well maintained, at a fraction above or below 4 84 7/8 for demand bills, throughout the entire week. Trading continues of a routine character, with very little in the way of important news developments to record. So far as can be ascertained, dealers are still transacting the bulk of whatever business is passing through the medium of either cable transfers or sight bills, with the radio telephone resorted to—if at all—only in special transactions. In a general way it may be said that a quiet but fairly substantial movement to accumulate sterling is under way among the larger banking institutions who appear to be shifting some of their balances back to London with a view to availing themselves of the higher money rates prevailing there. Opinion in financial circles appears to be favorable to sterling and the outlook is regarded as distinctly bright. Easy local monetary conditions, which will tend to drive funds to centres where better returns are obtainable, are regarded as practically certain to make for higher foreign exchange quotations. Talk has been revived of the likelihood that rediscount rates both in London and at New York are soon to be lowered. At the close of the week news that Premier Poincare was soon to make known his finance plans to the Chamber Finance Commission, improvement in Germany's cabinet situation, and encouraging statements by Chancellor Churchill on Italy and Fascism, all helped strengthen the confidence shown earlier in the week.

As to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was slightly lower, and demand declined to 4 84 13-16@4 84 7/8 and cable transfers to 4 85 5-16@4 85 3/8; trading was quiet and featureless. Monday's market was steady, at previous levels; there was no range, however, and demand ruled all day at 4 84 7/8 and cable transfers at 4 85 3/8. There was no perceptible change on Tuesday and quotations remained at 4 84 7/8 for demand and at 4 85 3/8 for cable transfers. On Wednesday, although trading was still inactive, firmness developed and demand was fractionally higher, ranging between 4 84 27-32 and 4 84 29-32, with cable transfers at 4 85 11-32@4 85 13-32. Quoted rates were maintained on Thursday under the impetus of steady buying of sterling bills by some of the large banks, and there was a further small gain to 4 84 7/8@4 84 15-16 for demand and to 4 85 3/8@4 85 7-16

for cable transfers. Friday the undertone was steady and demand bills were firmly held, ruling unchanged at 4 84 7/8@4 84 15-16, with cable transfers at 4 85 3/8@4 85 7-16; moderate activity was reported. Closing quotations were 4 84 7/8 for demand and 4 85 3/8 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 84 3/4, sixty days at 4 80 3/4, ninety days at 4 78 5/8, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 81, and seven-day grain bills at 4 84 1/2. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 84 3/4. Gold continues to flow from Canada this way. The week's movement comprised \$4,000,000 shipped by the Canadian Bank of Commerce. The National Bank of Commerce announces the receipt of \$2,500,000 shipped by the Banco Centrale of Chile on the "Ebro," which brings the total sent in the last 12 months by the Chilean bank to \$21,000,000. The Bank of England has exported £87,000 in gold sovereigns to Spain, sold £470,000 in bars, and reports purchases of £240,000 in bar gold.

Trading in Continental exchange was very similar to what transpired last week, namely an exceptionally light volume of business and small, irregular price changes in all of the larger European currencies, but active speculative purchasing, accompanied by sharp up and down fluctuations, in Norwegian krone and Spanish pesetas. French francs were dealt in to a comparatively limited extent at close to the levels previously prevailing; the week's range was again 3.96@3.97 for sight bills. Traders claim that speculative dealings have come to an absolute standstill for the time being. Antwerp belgas were slightly easier, being now quoted at 13.90 as against a previous range of from 13.91 to 13.92. This fact has aroused some comment in market circles. It is pointed out that the belga has been held at a par of 13.90 since official announcement from Brussels that all restrictions on exchange trading had been removed. As other foreign exchange units that are on either a complete or partial gold standard usually fluctuate at least a few points as money rates change, it is beginning to be felt that the "removal of restrictions" in reality applied to only certain types of exchange transactions, and could not be interpreted as meaning a free market.

Italian lire also tended downward, declining from 4.34 at the opening to 4.27, with fluctuations during the greater part of the week between 4.28 and 4.30, but a rally to 4.33 at the close on improved loan prospects for Italian public utilities. In the minor Central European group, inactivity continues to prevail, with Rumanian lei the weakest feature of the list. Following an opening quotation of 0.54 there was a subsequent drop of over a point to 0.52 5/8, mainly on political uncertainties. Polish zloties appear to be fairly stable, at 11.50. Greek currency was firm and finished about 2 points up. It is interesting to note that while the so-called gold exchanges are almost uniformly steady, they are usually well below par. This applies more particularly to reichsmarks, Swiss francs, Swedish and Danish kroners and Dutch guilders. In none of these, however, has the quotation dropped to anywhere near the point at which gold could flow to New York. As a matter of fact, the only country which at present is in a position to ship gold to the United States is England and there seems very little likelihood of such a movement being inaugurated for the time being at least.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 122.43, which compares with 122.13 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 3.96½ against 3.96½; cable transfers, 3.97½, against 3.97½, and commercial sight bills 3.95½, against 3.95½ a week ago. Antwerp beglas finished at 13.90 for checks and 13.91 for cable transfers. This compares with 13.90½ and 13.91½ the previous week. Closing rates on Berlin marks, which again have shown a disposition to sag, were 23.70½ for checks and 23.71½ for cable transfers, against 23.73 and 23.74 last week. Austrian schillings continue to be quoted at the fixed rate of 14⅛. Italian lire finished at 4.33 for bankers' sight bills and at 4.34 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 4.34½ and 4.35½. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.96⅜ (unchanged); on Bucharest at 0.52⅝, against 0.52½; on Poland at 11.50 (unchanged), and on Finland at 2.52½ (unchanged). Greek exchange finished at 1.30¼ for checks and 1.31¼ for cable remittances, in comparison with 1.28 and 1.29 a week earlier.

Trading in the neutral exchanges, formerly so-called (the smaller Continentals) continued dull and neglected, except for speculative activity in Spanish pesetas, which again constituted the feature of an otherwise dull and uneventful week. In the early part of the week peseta rates were sharply down as a result of realizing sales and the quotation ruled for a while at 16.07@16.10. It was not long, however, before a fresh avalanche of buying orders appeared and the price began to mount sensationally, until a top figure of 16.31 had been reached. Nervous excitement of course attended these erratic fluctuations and before the close of the week profit-taking once more brought about a slump that carried the peseta down to 16.04½, with the close at 16.20. It is worth noting that while considerable business was transacted on the local market, the real centre of activity was London, with some buying and selling reported from the Continent. Short selling was strongly in evidence and it was stated that for a time spot pesetas were bought, while futures, particularly for three months' delivery, were freely sold at a discount of 5 points under the immediate delivery price; and this by Spanish interests. The Bank of England is reported as having sent several small shipments of gold to Spain, and while the movement has probably nothing at all to do with the gyrations of the exchange market, it is thought to have influenced speculative interests. Some take the view that the metal is being imported by the Spanish authorities to obviate the necessity of buying pesetas and thus further increasing the rate; but it is considered more likely that the imports are for the account of Spanish importers who find it cheaper to pay in actual metal than to meet the duties exacted on the paper equivalent of the gold pesetas. In the opinion of traders usually well informed the speculation in pesetas has been overdone and a reaction is now due. Reports persist that Spanish authorities have actually been selling pesetas; but these were not confirmed.

The remainder of the market was in comparative neglect. Dutch guilders remain dull and weak, at near to 39.96. Swiss francs again lost ground and dropped to 19.25½. In the Scandinavian group trading was quiet and prices practically stable, with the exception of Norwegian krone which moved fitfully and declined from 25.64 at the opening to

25.44, mainly on selling without adequate takers, then finished at 25.48.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 39.96½, against 39.96½; cable transfers 39.97½, against 39.99, and commercial sight bills 39.95½, against 39.92½, last week. Swiss francs closed at 19.25½ for bankers' sight bills and 19.26½ for cable transfers. This compares with 19.26¾ and 19.27¾ a week ago. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.63 and cable transfers 26.64, against 26.64 and 26.65. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.69 and cable transfers 26.70, against 26.71 and 26.72, while checks on Norway finished at 25.48 and cable transfers 25.49, against 25.64 and 25.65 the preceding week. Spanish pesetas closed at 16.20 for checks and 16.21 for cable transfers, which compares with 16.07 and 16.08 a week ago.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, JAN. 15 1927 TO JAN. 21 1927, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Jan. 15.	Jan. 17.	Jan. 18.	Jan. 19.	Jan. 20.	Jan. 21.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.4087	1.4089	1.4085	1.4075	1.4077	1.4077
Belgium, belga	1.391	1.391	1.391	1.391	1.391	1.391
Bulgaria, lev	.007220	.007213	.007225	.007236	.007218	.007232
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029620	.029619	.029620	.029621	.029619	.029618
Denmark, krone	.2665	.2665	.2664	.2664	.2664	.2664
England, pound sterling	4.8530	4.8534	4.8535	4.8534	4.8536	4.8538
Finland, marka	.025213	.025204	.025206	.025212	.025204	.025212
France, franc	.0398	.0398	.0398	.0397	.0397	.0396
Germany, reichsmark	.2373	.2372	.2372	.2372	.2372	.2371
Greece, drachma	.012925	.012916	.012925	.013043	.013072	.013077
Holland, guilder	.3998	.3999	.3999	.3999	.3999	.3998
Hungary, pango	.1751	.1750	.1751	.1753	.1751	.1753
Italy, lira	.0433	.0430	.0433	.0432	.0432	.0433
Norway, krone	.2564	.2563	.2555	.2546	.2548	.2547
Poland, zloty	.1128	.1130	.1138	.1144	.1125	.1131
Portugal, escudo	.0511	.0511	.0513	.0512	.0512	.0511
Rumania, leu	.005381	.005351	.005331	.005307	.005271	.005269
Spain, peseta	.1605	.1625	.1613	.1606	.1619	.1619
Sweden, krona	.2671	.2671	.2671	.2670	.2670	.2670
Switzerland, franc	.1927	.1926	.1927	.1926	.1926	.1927
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017643	.017629	.017633	.017626	.017628	.017629
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael	.6458	.6479	.6479	.6483	.6546	.6600
Hankow, tael	.6341	.6347	.6341	.6359	.6441	.6488
Shanghai, tael	.6146	.6182	.6188	.6194	.6277	.6298
Tientsin, tael	.6492	.6513	.6504	.6517	.6571	.6633
Hong Kong, dollar	.4861	.4892	.4910	.4902	.4949	.4993
Mexican dollar	.4528	.4525	.4534	.4569	.4558	.4631
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar	.4421	.4458	.4450	.4417	.4429	.4500
Yuan, dollar	.4404	.4442	.4433	.4400	.4413	.4483
India, rupee	.3644	.3644	.3644	.3648	.3648	.3647
Japan, yen	.4880	.4878	.4876	.4877	.4870	.4873
Singapore (S.S.), dollar	.5594	.5594	.5594	.5594	.5594	.5594
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.998506	.998410	.998382	.998304	.998404	.998318
Cuba, peso	.999500	.999438	.999438	.999438	.999625	.999656
Mexico, peso	.466667	.467167	.467000	.467500	.467833	.468000
Newfoundland, dollar	.996313	.996250	.996188	.996125	.996188	.996125
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.9393	.9358	.9392	.9383	.9383	.9381
Brazil, milreis	.1163	.1163	.1165	.1168	.1166	.1170
Chile, peso	.1203	.1203	.1203	.1204	.1203	.1203
Uruguay, peso	1.0143	1.0149	1.0148	1.0136	1.0135	.0136

As to South American exchange comparatively few changes were reported. The market was stagnant, and the trend was toward lower levels, at least for Argentine pesos, which declined to 41.28 for checks and 41.33 for cable transfers then rallied to 41.31 and 41.36, as against 41.39 and 41.44 last week. Brazilian milreis ruled nearly all week at 11.65 for checks and 11.70 for cable transfers, but finished at 11.75 and 11.80 against 11.65 and 11.70 at the close of a week ago. Chilean exchange was firmer, closing at 12.00, against 11.98, while Peru was strong, and finished at 3.63, against 3.58 the week before.

Far Eastern exchange was not especially active, although the so-called silver currencies were strong and recorded further advances. Japanese yen remain firm at close to the high levels that have prevailed in recent weeks, notwithstanding publication of a less favorable foreign trade report. Announcement from Tokio that Japan had modified her embargo on the flotations of loans abroad was interpreted as still another step toward return to the gold standard. However, in the opinion of the banking fraternity, restoration of the gold standard is not likely to be undertaken before August, at the earliest, while it is possible that any unfavorable

development of a political or financial nature would cause still further postponement. Demand for silver, the metal, continues unabated and prices this week have been on an advancing scale. Hong Kong closed at 50 13-16@51¼, against 49 11-16@50¼; Shanghai, 63½@63⅞, against 61⅝@62; Yokohama, 48.75@49.00, against 48.80@49.00; Manila, 49.50@49.60 (unchanged); Singapore, 56½@56½ (unchanged); Bombay, 36½@36⅝ (unchanged), and Calcutta, 36½@36⅝ (unchanged).

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$5,140,675 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Jan. 20. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$6,024,275, while the shipments have reached \$883,600, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended January 20.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$6,024,275	\$883,600	Gain 5,140,675

As the Sub-Treasury was taken over by the Federal Reserve Bank on Dec. 6 1920, it is no longer possible to show the effect of Government operations on the Clearing House institutions. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York was creditor at the Clearing House each day as follows:

DAILY CREDIT BALANCES OF NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK AT CLEARING HOUSE.

Saturday, Jan. 15.	Monday, Jan. 17.	Tuesday, Jan. 18.	Wednesday, Jan. 19.	Thursday, Jan. 20.	Friday, Jan. 21.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 95,000,000	\$ 113,000,000	\$ 106,000,000	\$ 94,000,000	\$ 81,000,000	\$ 95,000,000	Cr. 584,000,000

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

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

Banks of	January 20 1927.			January 21 1926.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
England ..	151,491,156	-----	151,491,156	143,711,895	-----	143,711,895
France ..	147,340,098	13,640,000	160,980,098	147,353,008	12,922,000	160,275,008
Germany ..	584,257,550	994,600	85,252,150	50,186,440	994,600	51,181,040
Spain ..	102,280,000	26,964,000	129,244,000	101,478,000	26,049,000	127,527,000
Italy ..	45,656,000	4,161,000	49,817,000	35,665,000	3,394,000	39,059,000
Netherl'ds.	34,540,000	2,334,000	36,874,000	36,647,000	2,060,000	38,707,000
Nat. Belg.	17,722,000	1,073,000	18,795,000	10,954,000	3,644,000	14,598,000
Switzerl'd.	17,687,000	2,899,000	20,586,000	18,286,000	3,665,000	21,951,000
Sweden ..	12,470,000	-----	12,470,000	12,778,000	-----	12,778,000
Denmark ..	11,610,000	838,000	12,448,000	11,621,000	752,000	12,378,000
Norway ..	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000
Total week	633,233,804	52,903,600	686,137,404	576,865,343	53,478,600	630,343,943
Prev. week	633,154,726	52,937,600	686,092,326	577,456,021	53,313,600	630,769,621

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,572,836 held abroad. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany this year are exclusive of £7,469,300 held abroad. c As of Oct. 7 1924.

The Rejection of the Lausanne Treaty with Turkey.

The refusal of the Senate on Tuesday, by a vote of 50 to 34, to ratify the long-pending Lausanne Treaty with Turkey, apparently puts an end, for the time being, at least, to a controversy which has been carried on actively by friends and opponents of the treaty for more than three years. While the organized propaganda of the opposition has thus attained its end, there are probably a very large number of persons, as sincerely regardful of the claims of humanity or religion as the opponents of the treaty, who will regret that the friendly diplomatic relations between Turkey and the United States which were ruptured by the World War could not now have been restored,

even though the provisions of the treaty were not in every respect all that might be desired.

It will be recalled that the Treaty of Sevres of Aug. 10 1920, which Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and nine other Powers, including the then State of Armenia, sought to impose upon Turkey, was never ratified by Turkey, and became a dead letter once the constitutional Government under Mustapha Kemal Pasha came into power at the beginning of 1921. It was for the purpose of re-establishing diplomatic relations with the new Turkish Republic that a conference, participated in by Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Greece, Rumania and Turkey, met at Lausanne on Nov. 20 1922. The refusal of the Turkish representatives, with the backing of their Government, to approve certain provisions of the treaty which was drafted led to a break-up of the conference on Feb. 2 1923, but the conference reassembled on April 23 and on July 24 of that year a treaty was signed which was ratified by the Turkish National Assembly on Aug. 23, and to which the other Powers have since given their adherence.

Although the United States was not a party to the Treaty of Sevres, it was represented at the Lausanne Conference, the American representatives taking part in the discussions to the extent of expressing the views of the American Government regarding general humanitarian matters and subjects in which the United States was directly interested. The American representatives did not sign the treaty for the reason that the United States, not having been at war with Turkey, did not deem it proper to join in a treaty which dealt in general with peace in the Near East. On Aug. 6, however, the representatives of the United States concluded with Turkey two separate treaties, one of a general nature, embodying the substance of many of the provisions of the previous Treaty of Lausanne, and the other relating to extradition. It is the first of these two Lausanne treaties that the Senate rejected on Tuesday.

The Lausanne Treaty, an official summary of which has been issued by the Department of State, provides among other things for the abrogation of the capitulations which formerly regulated the status of foreigners in Turkey, and extends to the nationals of the two contracting Powers full liberty of entry, residence and travel upon conforming to the laws of the country, and protection for themselves and their property in accordance with international law. The right to engage in commercial or professional occupations, provided such occupations are not forbidden to all foreigners, is also accorded, subject to local laws and regulations, together with a guarantee of full liberty of conscience and worship in conformity with the laws. Commercial relations are regulated on the principle of the most favored nation, while in matters of personal status and family law it is specified that American citizens in Turkey shall be subject exclusively to the jurisdiction of American tribunals or other national authorities outside of Turkey, unless the parties agree to accept Turkish jurisdiction.

The persistent opposition to the treaty which has been manifested in this country appears to be based mainly upon two grounds. The first is the alleged barbarous treatment of Christians, principally Armenians, by the Turkish Government. A protest signed by 110 bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, made public on April 15 1926, and sent to every member of the Senate, declared that "we are asked to resume friendly relations with an avowedly

unrepentant and anti-Christian Government which destroyed a million inoffensive Christian men, women and children, expelled from their homes over a million and a half, and is now holding in slavery in Turkish harems tens of thousands of Christian women and children. We cannot forget that over a million Armenian refugees and exiles are now a people without a country, while their own homeland lies deserted under Turkish domination; that thousands of Armenians fell in the field of battle, and that President Wilson and President Harding made solemn pledges to Armenia. We feel that the failure on our part to fulfil our moral obligation to Armenia to the extent of our opportunity would be equivalent to a condonation of acts which are abhorrent to all who love righteousness and justice."

Passing over the partisan controversy which has been waged regarding the responsibility of the Armenians for the harsh and cruel treatment they have received, there is much to substantiate the allegations of the bishops' statement. Precisely how the moral obligation which President Harding and President Wilson assumed in regard to Armenia is to be discharged, however, now that Armenia has practically disappeared from the political map and the Armenian people have been reduced to numerical unimportance, is not clear, nor is it clear how a rejection of the Lausanne Treaty will better the situation. As Senator Borah pointed out in a published reply to the bishops, it is hardly to be assumed that the United States, in the name of righteousness and justice, ought to undertake to restore the Armenians to their original country, and maintain them there in peace and security, in open opposition to the Turkish Government.

The other principal ground of objection to the treaty appears to be a fear lest the continuance of Christian missions and schools in Turkey will be jeopardized, and the missions and schools perhaps be driven out, by the anti-Christian attitude of the present Turkish Government. The summary of the Lausanne Treaty issued by the Department of State contains no direct reference to missions or schools. In a letter of July 24 1923 to the Powers, however, Ismet Pasha stated that while the Turkish Government would recognize the existence of British, French and Italian institutions, whether religious, educational, medical or philanthropic, already established in Turkey, such institutions would be placed upon a footing of equality with similar Turkish institutions in regard to fiscal charges of every kind, and subjected to administrative measures of a public character; and, further, that the Turkish Government would "take into account the conditions under which these establishments carry on their work, and, in so far as schools are concerned, the practical organization of their teaching arrangements." A number of steps reported to have been taken during the past year by the Turkish Government looking to the elimination of religious instruction in elementary schools, and the inauguration of a national program of secular education, appear to have conformed to this general declaration of national policy, and to have been applied to American as well as other institutions.

As the Lausanne Treaty guarantees full liberty of conscience and worship so long as the requirements of law are observed, there would seem to be no threat to personal religious liberty as the term is commonly understood in this country. It is obviously the right of the Turkish Republic, on the other hand, to pre-

scribe the conditions of public education, and to set such limits to private schools or teaching as it may deem wise. The United States would be going far if it denied to Turkey in this respect a right which it preserves for the several States in the American Union. It is possible, too, that the time has come to reconsider the desirability of Christian missions, at least in the form in which such enterprises have hitherto been conducted, in countries the overwhelming majority of whose people profess a religion which is not Christian, and in which Christianity has thus far made no important conquests. The day has passed when the "infidel Turk" should be allowed to obsess the imagination or dictate the policy of Christian nations. The temper of the present age favors co-operation between the great historic faiths, rather than hostility one to another, while in politics a new Turkey has replaced the old.

On the whole, it seems unfortunate that the treaty should have failed. Even a poor treaty is often better than no treaty at all, since it at least affords a tangible basis for further negotiation, and the Lausanne Treaty can hardly be called a poor treaty in view of the substantial rights and privileges which it embodies. The rejection of the treaty will not only leave the United States without even informal diplomatic relations with Turkey after Feb. 20, next, when the ad interim agreement that was concluded at Lausanne in anticipation of the treaty expires, but also raises a troublesome question as to whether or not the capitulations which regulated the status of foreigners in Turkey are still to be regarded as legally in force. It is possible, of course, as a matter of procedure, for the Senate to reconsider its action, but in view of the success of the opposition in defeating ratification on Tuesday, some other way out of the difficulty may have to be found.

Putting the Government into Politics.

A new use has been discovered for government—namely, the payment of campaign expenses of candidates for office. Unconsciously, we think, this statesman has fallen into a trap of his own setting, for we admire Senator Borah's courage, independence and ability. We quote what he said recently concerning campaign contributions and expenditures, as reported in the Los Angeles "Times" of Jan. 7: "It must be a sound maxim of government that institutions which control legislation, direct administration and sustain or defeat national policies, should not be financed by private capital. It would be infinitely better for the people of this country, and it would come back to them a thousand times in the benefits of a clean public service, to have these political parties treated as quasi-governmental institutions to the extent at least of the Government taking care of the actual legitimate cost of a campaign rather than to encounter the evils of this private financing" . . . "When we contemplate the future, with its stupendous business organizations and the natural dominancy of wealth, it seems utterly ruinous to consider that our political parties are to continue to be the recipients of the gifts and donations of great business interests. And lest I be misunderstood, I do not regard the business interests more to blame than political parties." The eminent Senator from Idaho has repeatedly voiced his opposition to the creation of more boards and commissions to be administered by the Federal Government, but here is one that would embrace such rami-

fications as to tax the ingenuity and erudition of our most capable bureau-builders.

However, to do Mr. Borah justice, he does not advocate this method of improving our elections, he only says that it would be "infinitely better" than present conditions and customs. But the suggestion is so impossible of fulfillment as to be almost preposterous. What parties could be designated as the recipients of this favor? What chance would a new party, such as the Progressive Party, for example, have to be considered as eligible to become a "quasi-governmental institution"? A new party to properly present itself before the people would require larger expenditures proportionately than an old one. Its quota of candidates for public office, under a full roster, would naturally cost as much for campaigning as an old one. And if limitation be put upon the parties eligible, how would a new party ever acquire sufficient prominence, measured by votes, to come under the rule? A budding party paying its own expenses would have hard traveling in a race with parties whose "actual legitimate cost" in a campaign is paid by the Government. No such legislation as this is likely to pass, but it may be considered for what it is worth. We often talk of a two-party government, but we do not mean that parties are a part of the actual machinery of government rule. They are necessary factors in the creation and maintenance of government, but their function ceases when public offices are filled, though they continue to prefer national policies.

Who can define the legitimate cost of a party campaign? We already have a law compelling candidates to file a bill of their expenses, and party campaign committees must do likewise. But enormous sums are expended by party workers for which no accounting is required, and some of which are necessary and legitimate. Take the matter of public halls, usually furnished and paid for by local political committees, in which candidates for the House and Senate are expected to address the people. How many of these would be allowed in State and district by this new supervising board, and where and when? And would candidates be expected always to speak in the same hall? At the end of a campaign, so much weight is given to the use of public halls, that it is considered a great advantage to "secure the best hall in town", and often this is engaged long weeks in advance. Or would the new election supervising board expect candidates to confine themselves to open-air meetings for the masses? Having declared the number of the halls to be used in a legitimate campaign tour would not all other "meetings" be illegitimate unless they were in the open air? And since local candidates usually (or at least State candidates) accompany Senatorial candidates on speaking tours, what proportion of the cost would be borne by the nation and State?

This is only a single illustration of the difficulties to be encountered. Would national party committees be expected to draw upon the Government to pay a part of the expenses incident to printing the ballots? Would the agent of the Government select the place for holding national conventions and hire the hall and pay for it? Legitimate must include the indispensable; and Presidential conventions cannot be expected to hold their meetings in the woods. What is not legitimate comes immediately under the ban, and, naturally, would be prohibited in the proposed law. A people as devoted to politics as ours

would find a party campaign run by the national government an elephant. A people striving to use its government through class, clan and section, would, naturally, fine use "legitimately" for huge sums of money in order to effectively promulgate various policies for making the Government do what the people should do for themselves. Or—elections would become arid wastes of perfunctory advertising. And the primaries are to be considered—pre-election campaigns, in which, according to recent investigations, the use of vast amounts of "tainted" money endangers the "foundation of the Republic." It might prove easy to run our campaigns on Government appropriations, but would expenses lessen, and would the people rejoice in paying the taxes therefor?

To incorporate political parties into the structure of the government, if the Constitution will permit such a thing, might prove the end of popular rule, for more reasons than that parties would no longer be free to form and function. It is politics, partisan politics, that holds "dominancy" now, rather than wealth, over government, and it is reasonable to expect the States to follow the nation in this extreme form of espionage, if it shall ever be instituted. If wealth, in its many forms and in its activities, should ever become a unit, its influence on government might prove disastrous. But where it does approach government seeking favors or control it is protean in form and diverse in desire. There would be a merry war among the "business interests" if their lives and actions depended upon either the permission or the preference of the government. They can not have existence or independence, in a sense, without the *protection* of government. But if we look upon consolidations as a form of concentration, the future is no more dark than the past, for the organization and growth which we sometimes call "centralization" is into so many kinds and classes that they (these business interests) are compelled to let government alone or be engaged in eternal warfare over its control.

All this talk of the danger of the use of money in elections presupposes that men will in spirit if not in direct action allow themselves to be bribed in order to obtain office. If incorruptible, fearless, capable and honest men be selected by the people for office, it would not make any difference how much or how little the elections cost. And no government rises higher than its source in the people. Mr. Borah is right in dividing the responsibility. But in our opinion he is wrong in his assumption of influence, sought or delivered. Is there not a greater furor over farm legislation than over anything else at the present time? Did the investigations into corruption funds trace a single dollar to farmers or to farmers' organizations? No; the danger of political influence wrecking legislation lies at the door of classes enamored of wild theories of "government help," rather than from corporations or business interests trying to buy their way into immunity and privilege. And the truth is apparent in every campaign. In one State it was "discovered" that the head of a chain of public utility corporations contributed in the Senatorial election primaries to *both* the major parties. He evidently helped pay the expenses all around. But United States Senators do not control public utilities that operate under State Commissions.

What immediate advantage, therefore, could accrue? And this discloses the futility of nationally endowed elections. States must follow suit—a

then counties. And then, the invitation to "run for office," all expenses paid, would be complete, and at the same time the expression of free popular will would be a farce. No; we want no such law. It would be a travesty on our ability as a people to maintain a free government. Let all honest men vote and elect only honest men to office and the infractions of honorable legislating will be so few as to form the exceptions that prove the rule. As it is, bribery is not rampant in office, and this very investigation into unlawful or unrighteous campaign expenditures shows that when they do occur it is in response to the fanaticisms of class and faction more than to the hobgoblin of business interests. Did the railroads, the iron and steel companies, the lumber, textile, cereal producers and manufacturers spend a dollar in their own direct interest, and was it developed that they did? But great sums were traced to "wet" and "dry" interests seeking political control in the preservation or repeal of a law that in enforcement attempted, though not accomplished, is costing the Government tens of millions annually.

Once in the history of American political campaigns there was a hue and cry. "Turn the rascals out! Let us see the books!" And with trembling heart the people swept a political party out of office. The "books" were opened, the Treasury funds were counted and not a single penny was missing. We are not a dishonest people in the care of our public funds and never have been. Defalcations in States and counties and cities sometimes do occur, because of personal derelictions and they are usually punished.

But we cannot make men honest by law any more than we can make them temperate and sober. An oil lease, a hundred thousand dollar "loan" delivered in a black satchel, a trial by jury, is most recent in the public mind. The jury said "not guilty." If it were true that "big business" is seeking to buy favors through campaign contributions, it would be a long shot without some promise in writing or without open acceptance. The wholesale charge is in itself for political effect, and is dishonest, and a form of bribery through fear. What is needed is a "shaking up" of the voters that they go to the polls, and that they distinguish between the hysterics of class political pressure and the indiscriminate and much too large use of money, legitimate and illegitimate, in party and partisan politics. The cure lies in the people, not in new laws.

Receipts from Motor Taxation in Great Britain.

The total gross receipts from motor taxation in Great Britain in the twelve months ended Nov. 30 1926 amounted to £19,032,682. Rebates allowed on pre-1913 engines amounted to approximately £87,000, while about £192,000 were refunded in respect of the surrender of 35,058 licenses, according to date transmitted to Bankers Trust Co. of New York by its British Information Service. Further adjustments for other refunds were also made, says the trust company under date of Jan. 15; it adds:

Excluding tramcars and trade licenses, the total number of motor vehicles for which licenses were current at the end of November was 1,519,000. This total includes 643,600 cars taxes on horse-power, 498,000 bicycles, 257,000 delivery vehicles and 83,000 motor buses.

Cars taxed on horse-power paid an average of £14 17s. for the year, bicycles paid an average of £2 14s., commercial vehicles £21 6d., and motor buses £33 18s. 6d.

The 1926 Record of New Building Construction

With complete statistics now available, according to the extensive tabulations presented at the end of this article, it is possible to say that the year 1926 marked a distinct turn in the record of projected new building work in the United States. After uninterrupted increases in the yearly additions, extending back to 1918, when ordinary new building work was virtually suspended owing to American participation in the European war, a change occurred in 1926, and the volume of new work projected, while still of huge proportions, as measured by former standards, showed somewhat of a decline, to moderately smaller totals. This is in accord with expectations when the year opened, and it seems reasonable to conclude that the aggregates reached in 1925 will stand as the maximum for at least the immediate future. Very strong further warrant for such a conclusion is found in the circumstance that the 1926 falling off is not limited to any one section of the country, or to any particular geographical group, but extends to virtually the whole United States, no leading geographical division having escaped some decrease from the high totals reached in 1925.

Perhaps this means simply that new building projects are being entered upon with greater prudence and caution, owing to the general admonition against excessive building, and that speculative building is now being indulged in to a much smaller extent than before. If so, and there are many reasons for so thinking, new building projects to-day are on a correspondingly sounder and safer basis, offering less occasion for apprehension and uneasiness lest the pace be too fast. At all events, and whatever the explanation, projected new work is definitely of some-

what smaller volume, relieving to that extent the fears so widely prevailing that new building may be overdone.

In the general downward trend, however, an exception must be made in favor of the Greater New York, where in 1926 a new high record was achieved and even the splendid total of 1925 excelled. But New York City in many respects stands in a class all by itself by reason of the huge edifices that are being erected not alone for business purposes, but also as hotels, theatres, churches, apartments and in various other special ways incident to a population of such great size and the position which the city holds as the metropolis of the country. But even here the further expansion in 1926 does not extend to all the different boroughs, the Borough of Manhattan being an exception, though its projected building work still outranks that of any of the other boroughs. New York City not having shared in the 1926 falling off, it follows that with New York City eliminated from the general totals the 1926 decrease would be even larger than it now appears—which serves to emphasize what has already been said as to there having been a turn in the tide in 1926.

After all, the falling off in the yearly additions to projected new building work in 1926 has been moderate, especially bearing in mind the previous expansion, and must be considered gratifying rather than the reverse, seeing how desirable it is to eliminate speculative and excessive building. This view finds confirmation, too, in the warning issued the present week against overbuilding by S. W. Straus of S. W. Straus & Co. In brief, the building permits obtained in 1926 called for construction work of an estimated

cost of \$4,098,498,560, as against \$4,393,364,166 in 1925, being a decrease of, roughly, \$295,000,000, or 6.7%; but this followed an increase of over \$690,000,000 in 1925, as compared with 1924, or 18.6%. Even after the 1926 falling off, the total for that year at \$4,098,498,560 compares with \$3,702,135,335 in 1924. In other words, the projected new work in 1926 was over 10% larger than that of 1924, which previous to 1925 was the highest figure ever attained up to that time. If we carry the comparisons back further the magnitude of the 1926 total (notwithstanding the decline in it which occurred) stands out with still greater prominence. However, the number of cities included in our tabulations in these earlier years was somewhat smaller than it now is. Altogether the number of cities included for the last three years is 354. For previous years the number included was only 310 cities. For these 310 cities the aggregate of the building plans filed in 1926 was \$3,986,923,327, against \$4,302,696,723 in 1925, but comparing with only \$3,614,662,440 in 1924, \$3,449,465,740 in 1923, \$2,807,884,753 in 1922, \$1,869,694,975 in 1921, \$1,634,378,397 in 1920, \$1,515,054,225 in 1919, and but \$507,359,503 in 1918, when the country was still engaged in war with Germany, and when as a consequence all construction work had to be held in abeyance except such as was essential for the conduct of the war. Obviously this last was an exceptionally small figure due to the circumstance mentioned, but even in 1916, when normal conditions still prevailed in the United States, the total was no more than \$1,131,572,355. Not only that, but prior to 1916 it happened only twice that the total reached or went slightly above the billion mark. The two previous years thus distinguished were 1912, when the total was \$1,027,515,183, and 1909, when it was \$1,013,785,972. The reader should not miss the point of the comparison. In other words, notwithstanding the 1926 falling off, the total for that year was still nearly four times that of the earlier years referred to, when \$1,000,000 counted as a total of exceptional size; for 1926 the figure for the 310 cities is not far from \$4,000,000,000, and in the case of the whole 354 cities from which we now obtain returns it is well above the four billion mark—being, in exact figures, \$3,986,923,327 for the 310 cities and \$4,098,498,560 for the 354 cities. With such a record of growth as this there is no occasion for complaint in the small falling off that has now occurred.

We have stated that at New York, standing by itself, there was no falling off in 1926 in the aggregate cost represented by the building projects filed, but rather a further increase. And here a notable fact which should not be overlooked is that in the Greater New York the cost represented by the projected new work is now greater each year than it was prior to the war for all the cities combined, including New York. For two successive years the estimated cost of the work involved in the New York City building plans has been in excess of a billion dollars, the amount for 1925 having been \$1,008,571,342 and for 1926 \$1,060,051,394. The further increase in 1926 over the large total of 1925 was, it will be seen, \$51,480,052, or 5.1%. In the rapid expansion in new building work which came with the close of the war, New York City for a time lagged behind, then it rapidly forged ahead and is now proceeding at a pace that outranks the rest of the country. Up to and including 1920 the city enjoyed only moderate

growth. Its maximum building figure prior to the war was \$273,108,030 in 1909; in 1916 the estimated cost of the building projected was \$221,293,974; in 1919 the amount was \$261,500,189, and in 1920 \$290,828,942. After this last-mentioned year, however, the city's yearly totals rose with great and uninterrupted rapidity, being \$476,827,194 for 1921, \$638,569,809 for 1922; \$785,557,945 for 1923; \$846,505,817 for 1924; \$1,008,571,342 for 1925, and \$1,060,051,394 for 1926.

By reason of its prodigious growth New York City (the Greater New York) is again gaining on the rest of the country. Back in 1906 the projected building operations in this city constituted nearly 30% of those for the whole number of cities included. But gradually the proportion declined until the city's ratio in 1918 got down to 11.14%. Of course, in 1918 everything was deeply disturbed by reason of the war; and the burden of the war bore perhaps more heavily upon this city than it did upon other parts of the country. Being the country's financial centre, financing the war made a greater drain here than elsewhere. And the requirements of the war being so huge and so urgent little was left for financing local building work, even if all building work throughout the country had not been rigidly limited to what was absolutely essential for the conduct of the war. After 1918 the city was slow in regaining its former prominence. In 1919 and 1920 its percentages of the whole were respectively 17.26% and 17.79%. In 1921 the city got as high once more as 25.50% of the whole. But in the very next year (1922) it dropped back to 22.74%; this was because, though its own total greatly increased, it did not increase proportionately as fast as the rest of the country. Since then, however, the city has again been forging ahead, its total keeping steadily rising, as we have seen, and in 1926, with its own building record still expanding while that of the rest of the country was now beginning to fall off, the city's proportion of the whole advanced over 3% and reached 26.6%. The changes in the yearly percentages are very interesting, and in the following we furnish a record of the comparisons for the last twenty-one years. In this table we do not use the totals for the enlarged number of cities now included, but only those which we have been able to get continuously for the last dozen years.

Year.	No. of Cities.	New York.	Per Cent of Whole.	Outside Cities.	Total All.
1926	310	1,060,051,394	26.60	2,926,871,933	3,986,923,327
1925	310	1,008,571,342	23.44	3,294,125,381	4,302,696,723
1924	310	846,505,817	23.41	2,768,156,623	3,614,662,440
1923	310	785,557,945	22.77	2,668,907,795	3,449,465,740
1922	308	638,569,809	22.74	2,169,314,914	2,807,884,753
1921	307	476,827,194	25.50	1,393,407,781	1,869,694,975
1920	306	290,828,942	17.79	1,343,549,455	1,634,378,397
1919	297	261,500,189	17.26	1,253,554,036	1,515,054,225
1918	287	56,500,495	11.14	450,859,008	507,359,503
1917	277	103,068,798	12.54	718,970,094	822,038,892
1916	273	221,293,974	19.56	910,278,381	1,131,572,355
1915	254	172,945,720	15.49	758,991,580	931,937,300
1914	254	138,115,266	16.61	753,730,258	891,845,524
1913	273	162,942,285	16.51	818,029,278	980,971,563
1912	235	228,601,308	22.25	798,913,875	1,027,515,183
1911	235	200,325,288	20.81	762,174,380	962,499,668
1910	223	213,848,617	21.88	763,368,183	977,216,800
1909	209	273,108,030	26.94	740,677,942	1,013,785,972
1908	206	174,757,619	23.94	555,324,252	730,081,871
1907	200	197,618,715	24.63	604,671,736	802,290,451
1906	163	241,064,458	29.93	564,486,823	805,551,281

Before proceeding further with our analysis it may be well to recall what we have said in previous annual reviews with reference to the change in the method of financing new building projects, particularly those of the larger kind, and the ease with which new financing generally is now carried on since that has played an important part in swelling the total, especially in New York and other leading cities where large building projects are so numerous. In brief,

the money needed for new building ventures is being obtained in steadily increasing degree from public offerings of securities instead of from private loans. Formerly when big structures were to be erected loans for the work were obtained mainly from the large life insurance companies or other financial institutions. These loans were often held for years as permanent investments. Now no inconsiderable amounts are obtained by the offering of bonds to general investors in the usual denominations, secured by mortgage on the property. Where this is not possible in the earlier stages of the work, it is entirely feasible after the erection of the buildings, thereby releasing the moneys embraced in the original loans from the moneyed institutions and enabling these institutions to repeat the operation by using the funds in similar loans on other buildings. This applies, of course, to large buildings in other cities as well as New York. And no feature of recent financing has been more noteworthy than the way in which offerings of bonds secured by mortgages on buildings have been coming on the market. As in virtually all the years since the collapse of the post-war boom in 1921 financing of all kinds was easy in 1926. Money rates ruled somewhat higher but credit was at all times abundant. Not only that, but there was throughout an insatiable investment demand for securities of the right kind and type, as a result of which further appreciation occurred in the market value of all sound bond issues with a corresponding decline in income yield. The state of the money and the investment market is obviously at all times a factor of the highest importance, even in the matter of obtaining small building loans, and this continued favorable throughout 1926.

While the Greater New York as a whole further enlarged its projected new work during 1926 this was not true, as has already been stated, for the Borough of Manhattan, taken by itself. In that borough estimated cost of the work was about \$50,000,000 smaller than in the previous year, the amount for 1926 being \$348,255,890, as against \$398,931,402 for 1925, but the gains in the other boroughs were so pronounced as to absorb this large loss in Manhattan and leave a considerable increase in the general total. In the Borough of the Bronx alone the gain was more than sufficient to wipe out the loss in Manhattan, and these two boroughs may properly be considered as a single unit, Manhattan Island being more and more devoted to business and office structures, as well as theatres and amusements, and the flow of population northward, as it is crowded off Manhattan Island, finding an outlet in the Borough of the Bronx. The latter borough surpassed all its previous records of growth during 1926, the total jumping from \$157,601,066 in 1925 to \$214,682,356 in 1926. Back in 1919 and 1920 the Bronx had a building record of only \$23,383,799 and \$22,324,741, respectively. For Manhattan and the Bronx combined the amount for 1926 stands at \$562,938,246, as against \$556,532,468 in 1925 and \$420,169,175 in 1924. Brooklyn also has a big increase to its credit for 1926, its total having risen from \$258,914,583 to \$288,868,987. The Brooklyn total dropped sharply from \$284,215,480 in 1923 to \$242,918,892 in 1924, but has been rising since then, and in 1926 left 1923 behind. Perhaps most noteworthy of all is the steady advance of Queens, whose total keeps rising year by year, and in 1926 reached \$192,803,601, against \$179,409,536 in 1925, \$165,-

400,100 in 1924, \$156,317,300 in 1923, \$136,721,778 in 1922, \$83,133,933 in 1921 and very much smaller totals in the years preceding. The expansion in Queens Borough and Brooklyn reflects the flow of population across the East River. Altogether the growth and expansion of the different boroughs of New York City constitute one of the most notable developments of recent times.

It may be pointed out that during 1926 Manhattan suffered a sharp decline in the building of multi-family houses or apartments and tenements, but the decrease in that category was more than made up by the other boroughs, with the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens running far above their 1925 figures in that respect. The estimated cost of the projects involved in this class of buildings is \$426,633,700, or over 40% of the city's entire plan for the year, as against \$331,988,750 for this class of structures in the different boroughs during 1925.

As pointed out by us in previous annual reviews, the Greater New York has a problem all its own. Population is not only large, but growing very fast, and its manufacturing industries are also growing. Manhattan Island is only a narrow strip of land and very congested. Therefore provision for the flow of population has to be made in the outlying sections. In Brooklyn, in the Bronx and in Queens, new building construction is proceeding on an enormous scale. In the older sections of these three boroughs apartment houses in great numbers and of large size are replacing private dwellings and the small store, and in the newer sections, the remoter suburbs, vacant lots are rapidly being utilized for the erection of private dwellings—the one-family and the two-family house. In Manhattan, on the other hand, while many costly apartment houses, as well as tenements, are constantly being built, very little housing accommodation of any other kind is being undertaken, but huge sums are being spent in erecting large hotels, theatres, churches and numerous other similar structures that stand in a class by themselves. It must also be remembered that in a place like the Borough of Manhattan, where little vacant land remains to be built upon, the erection of new structures means the demolition of old structures that have outlived their usefulness or must be supplanted because they are no longer profitable propositions and hence must be replaced by larger, better equipped and more modern edifices in order to get a return on the investment. In Manhattan that process is under way on a greater scale than anywhere else in the country and probably on a greater scale than in any other part of the world. The new structures are correspondingly more costly and they serve greatly to swell the grand total of the money value of the new building projects. Obviously, building work of this kind belongs in a different category from the putting up of new dwellings and apartments in outlying districts on previously vacant land, mainly for housing accommodation, for there is a distinct limit to the latter, measured by the additions to population, whereas replacing old structures of an obsolete type with new ones more in accord with modern requirements is a process that must all the time go on. It may on occasions be accelerated or be retarded, but it cannot be avoided.

All this will explain why the amounts involved in the building projects in Greater New York have kept so steadily rising, though obviously they cannot keep on rising forever. Richmond Borough still lags

far behind the other boroughs because of its lack of subway connections with Manhattan Island and the other boroughs. Its 1926 building permits involved an outlay of only \$15,440,560, against \$13,714,755 in 1925 and \$18,017,650 back in 1920.

While the greater city has thus been further enlarging its building construction work, the building bill for the rest of the country suffered very considerable reduction during 1926, as already remarked. Taking New York City out of the general totals, the building work projected at the 353 remaining cities is seen to have a value of \$3,038,447,166, as against \$3,384,792,814 in 1925, showing therefore a decrease of 10.2%. If we confine ourselves to the 310 cities for which the comparison extends further back, the total for the 309 cities outside of New York stands at \$2,926,871,983, as against \$3,294,125,381 in 1925, the decrease here being 11.1%. This brings out the fact that at the cities which have been added to our compilations in more recent years representing mostly smaller places rising in prominence, new building work has not decreased at all, but actually increased, the 1926 amount for the 44 cities that have been added to the list having been \$111,575,233 and the 1925 amount only \$90,667,433. The cities added are all small places, and in these the need of new building work is evidently still increasing. The distinctive feature, however, is that whether we take the 309 original cities or the 353 cities in the enlarged list, the falling off from 1925 noted extends to all the different geographical divisions of the country, indicating that a common cause or influence has been at work, diminishing the totals. In the New England group the falling off reaches 19%. In the Middle States group it is 8.2%, and in the Middle Western 9.6%. In the other Western, or what might be termed the distinctively Western outside the Pacific group, the falling off is heaviest of all, reaching 24.4%, and this we may suppose reflects the difficulties and hardships encountered in the agricultural sections of the West because of the low level of prices ruling for many agricultural products. For the Pacific group of cities the falling off is only 11%, but most surprising of all, the Southern group of cities records the smallest decrease of any, namely 6.5%. This last runs counter to the general impression that the Southern cities have suffered most in their plans for new building work owing to the collapse of the real estate boom at the winter resorts. Real estate values certainly have suffered deflation at many of these places, but evidently the check thereby imposed on new building work has not been so striking as is generally supposed. We shall go more into detail regarding the decrease in the South and in other parts of the country further along in our review.

Before taking up the record of the separate cities and dealing at length with the falling off in the different geographical groups, one other feature deserves to be noted. New York City does not stand alone in showing a greater volume of projected building than in 1925. Some other prominent cities share with it that distinction. As a matter of fact, among the three cities especially distinguished for the magnitude of their yearly building work, next to New York, namely Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles, the last-mentioned is the only one which has suffered a diminution in its total. The other two have, like New York, actually further increased their annual volume of building construction, which means

that in 1926 they laid out a greater volume of new building work than in any previous year in their history. Chicago made provision for new work to cost \$364,584,400, as against \$360,804,250 in 1925; and Detroit has projected new buildings to cost \$183,721,438, as against \$180,132,528. The thriving Michigan city has evidently not yet reached the limit of its growth and development. On the other hand, Los Angeles, out on the Pacific Coast, which has had a record of development no less noted than that of the automobile city, has evidently advanced much nearer to the completion of its building program. At all events the plans filed for new construction work in Los Angeles during 1926 represented an aggregate outlay of only \$123,006,215, as against \$152,636,436 in 1925 and \$150,147,516 in 1924 and no less than \$200,133,181 in 1923. Here there has been, it will be seen, a progressive decline from the maximum reached in 1923. Yet Los Angeles' general growth and development has not been arrested, even though the volume of its construction work may no longer be of the exceptional dimensions of a few years ago. In our review, a week ago, of bank clearings in the United States for the late calendar year we found that Los Angeles had in 1926 further enlarged the total of its bank exchanges, making still more noteworthy a phenomenal record in that respect. While nearly all other leading cities of the country suffered a sharp reduction of their clearings in the business depression of 1921, Los Angeles experienced no slump whatever in that year, and the totals of its clearings have kept rising year by year until in 1926 they reached \$8,917,000,000, against \$3,994,000,000 in 1920, \$2,339,000,000 in 1919 and only \$1,547,000,000 in 1918. The falling off, therefore, in new building work at Los Angeles the last three years cannot be deemed as having any general significance, but be held as due entirely to local causes.

With reference to the continued growth at New York and cities like Chicago and Detroit, the last mentioned belongs in a class all by itself by reason of the wonderful expansion of the automobile industry which is so largely centered at that point. New York and Chicago, on the other hand, because of their large population, their financial prominence and the magnitude of their trade and commerce, have benefited beyond all others from the wonders wrought by science in recent years, leading to the creation of new industries and working radical transformations in many different directions, as a result of which new building work on an enormous scale has been found necessary.

We alluded to this in our article of a year ago, but the point cannot be too often recalled or emphasized, and it has reference not alone to our chief cities, but to building work all over the country. Consider for one thing the great power development of the last decade everywhere throughout the United States. What an enormous volume of construction work this involves in the erection of big power houses and numerous other buildings of one kind or another. The erection of electric generating plants is a commonplace of the activities of the day. Electric and power development are such palpable elements in promoting economy and cheapening costs, as well as in adding to the comfort and welfare of the human race, that steady expansion has almost become the law of life. Then consider the sudden rise to huge proportions of the automobile industry. Think of

the structures and plants that have had to be provided so that the millions of machines could be turned out (and housed as well) to satisfy an almost insatiable demand for this new means of transportation and travel, and to cater not only to the pleasures of multitudes but also to their actual everyday needs. The gasoline engine has worked wonders no less than marvelous than electricity and power development, and has in many respects completely transformed modern life. Structures of various kinds to take care of the manufacturing facilities connected therewith have followed as a matter of course and will be a similar attendant in the future. Few people sense the many different ways in which the rise of the automobile industry to overshadowing prominence in the nation's industrial activities serves to promote activity in other directions and especially to bring a call for new structures and edifices, often indirectly. Then in such large cities as New York and Chicago, as has already been pointed out, new theatres, new church edifices, new school houses and other large structures of one kind or another are a constant requirement, as also a constant provision of modern life. Nothing akin to it has been known in the past. And unless complete industrial collapse should come the process of providing for all these needs and requirements is certain to go on and to attain (with variations from year to year) larger rather than smaller dimensions as population grows and time goes by.

Taking up now detailed consideration of the building figures for the separate cities in the different groups, we find that while the trend of new building work has been downward, the falling off has been by no means uniform and that there were many exceptions to the rule, due to local or special causes. Taking up first the Southern group of cities because interest converges so strongly upon them, it is a surprise to find, as above indicated, that the falling off has been actually and relatively so small. This is the more noteworthy as the South during 1926 encountered some severe setbacks, the influence of which was seen in sharp decreases in both railroad earnings and bank exchanges the latter part of the year. Deflation from the speculative real estate boom previously prevailing was in progress all through the year. Then in September came the great slump in the price of cotton, the chief money crop of the South, sharply curtailing the purchasing power of that important section of the country and making it necessary to provide extra credit facilities to enable the Southern planter to withhold from market part of his crop so as to prevent utter collapse in the value of the staple. In September, too, the Florida hurricane came in as an additional disturbing influence. And yet projected building work for the 60 Southern cities in our list declined no more than 3.3%, falling from \$451,741,309 in 1925 to \$436,696,462 in 1926. Several of the Florida points do show a large reduction in contemplated building expenditures for 1926 as compared with 1925. At Miami the amount has fallen from \$60,026,260 to \$33,430,461, though even after the reduction the 1926 figure is double that of 1924 and several times the aggregate for any prior year. At St. Petersburg the amount has dropped from \$24,081,700 to \$15,580,200 and at Tampa from \$23,418,836 to \$15,872,772; and in these instances the same comment as in the case of Miami applies with reference to comparisons with earlier years. On the other

hand, to offset in part at least the losses at the points named, gains appear at other Florida points which had lagged somewhat behind while expansion was progressing so rapidly elsewhere. Thus the expenditures involved in the plans filed at Jacksonville have risen from \$14,760,711 in 1925 and \$7,311,497 in 1924 (up to which time the yearly additions at Jacksonville had been nearly stationary) to \$21,393,945 in 1926. At Orlando, which only a few years ago was not important enough to be represented in our tables, the amount, after having risen from \$3,036,006 in 1924 to \$7,993,658 in 1925, advanced further to \$8,288,359 in 1926. Pensacola, where things have been at a virtual standstill for a long time, also has a small gain to its credit, estimated expenditures for 1926 at \$1,691,352 comparing with only \$754,415 for 1925. The amount of increase in this case is not very large, though the total has more than doubled, and yet the rise appears to indicate a change in the prevailing trend. With the promise of new railroad connections (through the extension of one of the lines of the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.), Pensacola seems destined to have a much larger growth in the near future.

And what is true of the Florida points is true of the cities in other Southern States, and, as a matter of fact, is true of most other States in all parts of the country—that is, while there are many decreases from the figures of 1925, some of them very heavy, there are also many increases, not a few of them for no inconsiderable amounts. North Carolina seems to be experiencing considerable building activity, and at Asheville the amount has risen from \$6,010,919 in 1925 to \$9,299,545 in 1926. Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Wilmington and Winston-Salem also all show larger totals for 1926 than for 1925. The South Carolina points have not fared so well, all showing decreases, though building activity at all of them is so insignificant as to be almost inconsequential. At the Virginia points Roanoke has added to its total, and in a minor way so has Newport News, but all the other Virginia points show decreases, including Richmond, where the amount has fallen from \$13,398,246 in 1925 to \$10,024,874 in 1926. The Georgia cities give a very good account of themselves, all registering increases except Augusta. At Atlanta, where there had been a big decline in 1924 and 1925, the total is up again from \$10,403,558 to \$17,789,363. In Alabama, Birmingham is continuing its steady record of progress and the cost of the new work planned in 1926 stands at \$22,263,116, as against \$21,464,878 in 1925, \$20,247,707 in 1924, \$12,166,996 in 1923, \$7,491,020 in 1920 and still smaller amounts in previous years. Montgomery, also, has added to its total of the previous year, but Mobile has fallen slightly behind, though we are not dealing with very impressive totals in either case.

In Tennessee, Memphis, after having suffered a drop from \$23,757,040 in 1924 to \$18,667,605 in 1925, pretty well held its own in 1926 with a total of \$18,579,260. At Nashville there has been a drop from \$7,012,768 in 1925 to \$3,823,829 in 1926, but at Knoxville there has been an increase from \$6,329,396 to \$10,730,451, and at Chattanooga from \$5,154,558 to \$6,016,569. In Kentucky, Louisville had a large building program in 1925 at \$29,910,246, but a smaller one in 1926 at \$20,919,545. Lexington and Newport have improved on their totals of the previous year.

In Mississippi, Jackson is again coming to the front with a total for 1926 of \$3,045,285, against \$2,171,271 for 1925, but at Vicksburg, with building work of no great consequence at any time, the amount has still further dwindled away. In Louisiana, New Orleans has come prominently to the front with \$18,789,444 for 1926, against \$16,345,140 for 1925, and Lake Charles, also, shows an increase, but there is a loss at Shreveport and at Alexandria.

West of the Mississippi River comparisons are very uneven, there being some conspicuous decreases, with equally prominent increases. Oil development has played a part in swelling the totals at some points. At Dallas the amount has fallen from \$29,379,558 in 1925 to \$16,133,426 in 1926, but at Fort Worth there has been an increase from \$8,872,323 to \$17,014,768. At Houston, where there had been a jump from \$17,222,059 in 1924 to \$35,040,010 in 1925, the total in 1926 dropped back to \$28,512,805—still a large figure. At El Paso there has been a decrease from \$2,184,332 to \$1,163,657, but at all the other Texas points growth has been the feature, in several instances to a very conspicuous degree. At San Antonio the total has risen from \$9,428,043 to \$14,462,952; at Amarillo from \$3,436,953 to \$16,475,029; at Wichita Falls from \$5,098,866 to \$10,022,263; at Beaumont from \$1,638,870 to \$2,451,961, and at Galveston from \$1,707,439 to \$3,213,095. In Oklahoma the total at Oklahoma City has moved up from \$6,751,775 in 1925 to \$10,028,228 in 1926, while that of Tulsa has dropped, from \$10,075,971 to \$7,615,428. The smaller Oklahoma places showed decreases. In Arkansas the amount at Little Rock has increased from \$5,107,847 to \$5,954,740, and at Fort Smith from \$1,075,595 to \$1,310,921, but at El Dorado there has been a trifling decrease.

The 50 cities on the Pacific Coast have suffered a reduction of their building outlay from \$472,616,154 in 1925 to \$422,083,682 in 1926, a decrease of 10.7%. The bulk of the loss is found at Los Angeles and Long Beach. At the first-mentioned place there has been a decrease, as already stated, from \$152,636,436 in 1926 to \$123,006,215 in 1925, and at Long Beach from \$19,046,766 to 8,615,720. At Oakland, too, there is a big decrease—that is, from \$39,085,863 to \$28,075,295, though, on the other hand, San Francisco has increased its total from \$50,392,793 to \$57,953,948. San Diego, too, keeps forging ahead, having planned expenditures of \$20,001,729 in 1926, against \$18,198,200 in 1925, and \$13,561,106 in 1924. In Oregon, Portland has suffered a decrease from \$38,476,335 in 1925 to \$32,588,975 in 1926, but in Washington, Seattle's total has risen from \$30,626,995 in 1925 to \$34,207,700 in 1926, though Tacoma's total has fallen from \$9,926,134 to \$7,121,632.

In the Far West, as distinct from the Pacific Coast, the decline, as already pointed out, is more pronounced than anywhere else, the 45 cities in that group having suffered a decrease of 23.7%. All the larger cities share in the decrease, and also most of the smaller ones, though in this last instance there are a few notable exceptions where increases appear, some for substantial amounts. At Kansas City, Mo., there has been a drop from \$38,382,965 to \$23,116,740; at St. Louis from \$54,877,013 to \$39,841,564; at Duluth from \$7,093,075 to \$6,060,437; at Minneapolis from \$29,446,310 to \$20,609,340; at St. Paul from \$24,045,858 to \$15,710,425; at Lincoln from \$7,006,077 to \$5,951,465; at Omaha from \$14,-

624,520 to \$10,052,338; at Denver from \$25,333,310 to \$14,591,000, and at Salt Lake City from \$6,603,235 to \$5,397,728. Among the exceptions to the rule, some of the Iowa cities are prominent, Cedar Rapids having increased its total from \$3,624,186 to \$6,219,713.

The Middle Western group gives a much better account of itself. The 66 cities in that group show a decrease of only 9.1%. Here the good showing made by Chicago and Detroit, to which reference has already been made, largely controls the general results. Many other well known cities share with Chicago and Detroit the distinction of having bettered their totals of 1925. Cincinnati has increased from \$30,939,285 to \$32,915,939; Gary, Ind., from \$13,057,987 to \$20,690,162, and Milwaukee from \$39,583,736 to \$41,210,250. On the other hand, at Cleveland the total has declined from \$69,254,400 to \$61,776,575; at Columbus from \$29,353,300 to \$25,250,700; at Toledo from \$17,734,587 to \$13,046,365; at Indianapolis from \$26,225,155 to \$21,505,000. On the whole, there is considerable irregularity in the results as between the different cities, and the same is true as regards the cities in the Middle States. The 72 cities in this latter group show a decrease of only 7.4%, and many prominent places have enlarged their totals, among which may be mentioned Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, Utica and Pittsburgh. Contrariwise at Philadelphia the total has dropped from \$170,913,530 in 1925 (which, however, was exceptionally large) to \$140,267,200 in 1926, and larger or smaller decreases also appear at Baltimore and Washington, D. C., and at Rochester, N. Y.

At the nearby Jersey cities, which really constitute outlying sections of the metropolitan district, the comparisons are decidedly irregular. Newark shows a substantial increase, as also does Elizabeth and East Orange, but Jersey City, Hoboken, Bayonne and some others report decreases. Similar irregularity appears in the case of the four cities in Westchester County in this State. In 1925 every one of these four cities broke all its previous records for building growth. These cities, as is well known, get the overflow of part of the population from the Greater New York. But, while Yonkers has further enlarged its total from \$20,909,473 to \$25,829,843 and White Plains from \$8,337,775 to \$14,152,143, New Rochelle shows a decrease from \$9,498,267 to \$8,218,160 and Mt. Vernon a drop from \$11,371,198 to only \$4,195,190.

In the case of the New England group, where 60 cities show a decrease of no less than 18.8%, decreases are the rule, though with the usual exceptions. The only very large city in this group is Boston, and it has suffered a reduction in its building work from \$70,718,365 (which was an exceptionally large total) to \$51,484,404 in 1926. Most of the other Massachusetts cities have likewise suffered reduction. In Connecticut Hartford shows a decline from \$22,130,193 to \$16,829,158, but in Rhode Island Providence has a larger total to its credit for 1926 than for 1925 at \$23,780,900 against \$22,748,500.

	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	
	\$	\$	%	\$	
New England.....	60	266,478,269	328,126,502	-18.8	289,548,249
Middle.....	72	711,026,867	768,179,693	-7.4	681,768,671
Middle West.....	66	1,001,969,688	1,101,831,475	-9.1	880,722,496
Other Western.....	45	200,192,198	262,297,691	-23.7	214,574,119
Pacific.....	50	422,083,682	472,616,154	-10.7	448,745,841
Southern.....	60	436,696,462	451,741,309	-3.3	340,270,142
Total.....	353	3,038,447,166	3,384,792,814	-10.2	2,855,629,518
New York City.....		1,060,051,394	1,008,571,342	+5.1	846,505,817
Total all.....	354	4,098,498,560	4,393,364,166	-6.7	3,702,135,335

Table with columns for years 1926, 1925, Inc. or Dec., 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1916. Rows include R.I.—Cent. Falls, Middle Atlant, N.J.—Atlant. C'y, Pa.—Allentown, Del.—Wilmington, W. Va.—Char'n, Middle Wester n States, Ind.—Elkhart, Ill.—Aurora, and Springfield.

Table with 11 columns representing years from 1916 to 1926 and several rows listing cities and states with their corresponding monetary values and percentage changes.

Table with columns for years 1926-1916 and Inc. or Dec. %, listing construction values for various US states and cities. Includes sub-totals for Southern, Eastern, and Western regions.

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Table with columns for years 1926-1916 and Inc. or Dec. %, listing construction values for various Canadian provinces and cities. Includes sub-totals for Eastern, Western, and British Columbia regions.

The New Capital Flotations in December and for the Twelve Months of the Calendar Year

Capital flotations in December, the closing month of the year, did not reach as large proportions as in November when Standard Oil financing, which involved the putting out of debentures and new stock in amount of over \$200,000,000, served to raise the total to unusual size, nor did they come up to the figures for December of the previous year, and yet they were by no means small, running in excess of \$600,000,000. Our tabulations, as always, include the stock, bond and note issues by corporations and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also Farm Loan emissions. The grand total of the offerings of new securities under these various heads during December amounted to \$621,764,765. This compares with \$697,961,617 in November, with \$579,018,819 in October, with \$541,128,633 in September and with only \$351,822,154 in August, a dull summer month; but with \$581,471,484 in July, with \$727,146,502 in June, with \$664,938,357 in May, with \$638,372,147 in April, with \$652,778,436 in March, with \$609,153,480 in February and with \$731,011,432 in January.

At \$621,764,765 for December 1926 comparison is with \$731,447,028 for December 1925. The falling off is mainly in the corporate issues, which foot up \$429,303,605 for December 1926, against \$518,359,381 for December 1925, though the municipal total also fell below that of the previous year at \$143,569,160, against \$157,987,647, and no Farm Loan issues came upon the market in the closing month of 1926, while \$43,600,000 were placed in the final month of 1925. Industrial offerings during December totaled \$249,477,903, and for the seventh consecutive month led in volume among the corporate issues. This amount, however, shows a decided decrease from the \$405,087,375 of industrial offerings during November. Public utility issues at \$136,655,702 for December also showed a decrease from the previous month's total of \$162,328,347. Railroad issues were somewhat heavier in December, amounting to \$43,170,000 as compared with \$27,821,000 in November.

Total corporate offerings in December were, as already stated, \$429,303,605, and of this amount long-term issues comprised \$305,020,000, short-term accounted for \$29,315,000, while the remainder, \$94,968,605, consisted of stock issues. The portion used for refunding purposes was \$76,076,000, or nearly 18% of the total. In November no less than \$264,542,925, or over 44% of the total, was for refunding; in October the amount was \$73,776,300, or about 21%; in September, \$45,474,200, or about 14%; in August, \$67,294,500, or 38%; in July, \$59,748,000, or about 12%; in June, \$93,362,700, or almost 20%; in May only \$12,237,000, or less than 3%; in April, \$111,069,770, or over 25%; in March, \$37,168,000, or only about 7%; in February, \$33,095,000, or slightly over 8%; while in January \$68,706,575, or 11% of the total, was for refunding purposes. In December of the previous year (1925) \$43,457,100, or slightly over 8% of the total, was for refunding purposes.

The \$76,076,000 raised for refunding in December comprised \$56,191,000 new long-term to refund existing long-term; \$3,045,000 new long-term to refund existing short-term; \$6,300,000 new short-term to refund existing short-term; \$9,550,000 new stock to replace existing long-term, and \$990,000 new stock to replace existing stock.

Foreign corporate issues sold in this country during December amounted to \$83,500,000 and comprised the following: \$35,000,000 Chile Copper Co. 20-year debenture 5s, 1947, brought out at 96¾, yielding 5.25%; \$20,000,000 Berlin City Electric Co., Inc. (Germany) 25-year debenture 6½s, 1951, issued at 98, yielding 6.65%; \$10,000,000 Mortgage Bank of Chile 5-year 6% agricultural notes of 1926, due Dec. 31 1931, offered at 98¾, yielding 6.30%; \$6,000,000 Mortgage Bank of Colombia 20-year external 7s, 1946, sold

at 95¾, yielding 7.40%; \$6,000,000 United Industrial Corporation (Viag), Germany, debenture 6½s, 1941, brought out at 97½, yielding 6.75%; \$1,500,000 Housing Realty & Improvement Co. (Germany) 1st mortgage 7s, 1946, issued at 98, yielding 7.19%, and 200,000 shares of capital stock of Patino Mines & Enterprises Consolidated (Inc.), sold at \$25 per share, involving \$5,000,000. There were no Canadian corporate flotations here during December.

The largest offering on behalf of domestic corporations during December was that of \$50,000,000 Standard Oil Co. (N. Y.) 25-year debenture 4½s, 1951, at 97¾, yielding 4.65%. Other important industrial issues were: 100,000 shares of American, British & Continental Corp. 1st \$6 cumulative dividend preferred stock, offered at \$100 per share, with a bonus of 1 share of common stock; \$6,500,000 Dierks Lumber & Coal Co. (Kansas City, Mo.) 1st mtge. 6s, 1932-41, issued at par; \$6,500,000 New York Trap Rock Corp. 1st (closed) mtge. 6s, 1946, brought out at 98½, yielding 6.12%; \$6,000,000 McCrory Stores Corp. debenture 5½s, 1941, offered at 98, to yield 5.70%, and \$6,000,000 Mortgage Security Corp. of America (Norfolk, Va.) insured mtge. 6s, 1931-46, offered at par.

Public utility financing was featured by the following: \$10,000,000 Interstate Public Service Co. 1st mtge. & ref. 5s, "D," 1956, offered at 96, to yield 5.25%; \$10,000,000 Standard Gas & Electric Co. 40-year debenture 6s, 1966, issued at 99, yielding 6.06%; 100,000 shares of Associated Gas & Electric Co. (N. Y.) \$6½ cumulative dividend preferred stock, offered at 95½, to yield 6.80%; \$7,500,000 Illinois Power & Light Corp. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, "C," 1956, sold at 97, yielding 5.20%, and \$7,000,000 New York Water Service Corp. 1st mtge. 5s, "A," 1951, brought out at 94½, yielding 5.40%.

Railroad issues of importance comprised: \$13,756,500 capital stock of Atlantic Coast Line RR., offered at par (\$100); \$7,500,000 Wisconsin Central Ry. Co. 3-year secured 5s, Jan. 1 1930, issued at 99, to yield about 5.35%; \$6,848,500 The New York Chicago & St. Louis RR. Co. cumulative preferred stock 6% series "A," brought out at 103½, yielding 5.80%, and \$5,000,000 Indiana Harbor Belt RR. general mtge. 4½s, 1957, sold at 96, yielding 4.75%.

There were no farm loan issues offered during December. Foreign Government financing in this country during the month consisted of seven separate loans aggregating \$47,492,000. The issues were as follows: \$24,121,000 Province of Buenos Aires (Argentina) external 7% consolidation loan of 1926, due 1957, offered at 94¾, yielding 7.40%; \$8,000,000 Republic of Costa Rica external secured 7s, 1951, offered at 95½, yielding 7.40%; \$5,171,000 City of Montevideo (Uruguay) Southern Boulevard loan external 6s, "A," 1959, brought out at 93¼, yielding 6.50%; \$4,500,000 Kingdom of Bulgaria 7% settlement loan of 1926, due 1967, sold at 92, to yield 7.65%; \$3,000,000 Department of Cundinamarca (Colombia) external secured 7s, "A," 1946, offered at 94¾, yielding 7.50%; \$2,200,000 Republic of Panama external secured 6½s, 1956, issued at 103, yielding 6.30%, and \$500,000 City of Barranquilla (Colombia) external secured 8s, 1946, sold at 101, yielding 7.90%.

Offerings of various securities made during the month, which did not represent new financing by the company whose securities were offered and which, therefore, are not included in our totals, embraced the following: 55,890 shares of no par value common stock of the Hobart Mfg. Co. (Troy, O.), offered at \$28 per share; 40,000 shares of no par value common stock of Waukesha (Wis.) Motor Co., offered at \$32 per share; 50,000 shares of no par value class "A" stock of Fedders Mfg. Co., Inc., offered at \$25 per share; 30,224 shares of preference stock of Schulze Baking Co., offered at 37½ per share; 10,000 shares of Curtis Publishing Co. \$7

cumulative dividend preferred stock, offered at \$116½ per share; \$1,000,000 Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry. ref. mtge. 5s, "B," 1966, offered at 99½, yielding 5.03%; 13,700 shares of no par value common stock of United Porto Rican Sugar Co., offered at \$37 per share, and 21,000 shares of no par value common stock of Hutto Engineering Co., Inc., offered at \$7¼ per share.

The Results for the Full Year.

In any contemplation of the new capital issues for the full twelve months the overshadowing feature is their magnitude. For two successive years now the new securities floated have been in excess of seven billion dollars, and in keeping with the constant upward tendency the total for 1926 runs larger even than that for 1925, it being \$7,396,567,826, against \$7,126,023,683 in 1925. Since the signing of the armistice in November 1918 these new capital flotations—barring an occasional dip downward—have been steadily growing in size. In 1922 they went above five billion dollars and in 1923 fell only a trifle short of that amount. That was very properly considered an exceedingly big sum. But for 1924 the grand total of the new issues of all kinds brought out reached the huge sum of \$6,352,479,987, while now for 1925 and 1926, as we have seen, the aggregates are up to \$7,126,023,683 and \$7,396,567,826, respectively. As compared with the years preceding 1922, when the totals hovered in the neighborhood of four billions, the aggregate of the new issues in 1921 having been \$4,203,793,085, in 1920 \$4,010,048,184, and in 1919 \$4,286,188,860, the gain is over \$3,000,000,000 per annum.

It is proper to point out, however, that with each succeeding year the amount of the new issues used to take up or replace existing securities keeps increasing. For 1926 the amount applied to refund outstanding issues went well above a billion dollars, reaching in exact figures \$1,085,388,852, and this indicates the importance of separating the portions of the different issues representing refunding from the amounts representing strictly new capital. And as showing the steady growth in the refunding portion, it is only necessary to say that the 1926 amount at \$1,085,388,852 compares with \$902,158,264 in 1925, with \$759,300,015 in 1924, with only \$685,319,706 in 1923, with \$931,499,496 in 1922, with \$627,054,673 in 1921, with \$375,213,992 in 1920, and with \$697,785,662 in 1919. Allowing for the amounts used for refunding purposes, the grand totals of the new issues for each period of twelve months are substantially reduced, but even then remain of huge proportions. In other words, the aggregate of the new issues put out in 1926 which represented strictly new capital was \$6,311,178,974, which compares with \$6,223,865,419 in 1925, \$5,593,179,972 in 1924, \$4,304,425,893 in 1923, \$4,304,362,798 in 1922, \$3,576,738,412 in 1921, \$3,634,834,192 in 1920 and \$3,588,403,198 in 1919.

Of course new financing on behalf of foreign countries plays an important part in swelling the yearly totals of new capital flotations. The character, however, of the foreign issues brought to this market is changing. Where at first the foreign loans offered on the American market consisted almost entirely of Government issues, latterly they have been made up in increasing degree of capital applications by foreign industrial enterprises. The total of both kinds of foreign financing remains very large, having been 1¼ billion dollars or over for the three succeeding years, and yet not having varied greatly as far as the grand aggregates are concerned during this three-year period. More specifically, out of the grand total of \$7,396,567,826 of new capital issues of all kinds during 1926, the foreign offerings were no less than \$1,351,193,040. This is not greatly different from the amount of the foreign offerings (though just a little larger) in 1925 and 1924, when the aggregates were respectively \$1,307,307,500 and \$1,244,795,765, the totals including in all cases Canadian offerings. But the important point to note is that the financing on behalf of foreign Governments, which forms part of these totals was only \$625,316,000 in 1926,

against \$791,336,000 in 1925 and \$927,019,765 in 1924. It follows that the offerings on behalf of foreign industrial undertakings reached \$725,877,040 in 1926, against \$515,971,500 in 1925 and no more than \$317,776,000 in 1924 and but \$53,931,600 in 1923.

The foregoing makes it very plain that foreign corporations are coming to the American market for their new capital supplies in a steadily growing measure. Canadian corporations have always been obtaining new capital in larger or smaller extent in the United States, but as far as Europe is concerned the development is largely new and grows out of the confidence in the economic revival of the Old World engendered by the Dawes plan; \$203,448,000 of Canadian corporate issues were disposed of in the United States in 1926, against \$112,261,500 in 1925 and \$112,366,000 in 1924, but comparing with only \$29,831,600 in 1923. In addition, \$522,429,040 of other foreign corporate issues were placed in this country, against \$403,710,000 in 1925, only \$205,410,000 in 1924 and but \$24,100,000 in 1923. Another point worth noting is that the foreign offerings now to a preponderating extent represent borrowings on behalf of German States and corporate enterprises and on behalf of South and Central American countries. During 1926 the contribution by the latter was \$466,850,040 (including \$42,500,000 for the Republic of Chile and many loans for Argentina and Brazil), while the German contribution was \$351,555,000. Among other European borrowings the Kingdom of Belgium brought out a stabilization loan for \$50,000,000 in October.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL ISSUES PLACED IN UNITED STATES IN THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1926.

	Price.	Yield %.
January—		
\$4,000,000 British Columbia (Prov. of) 4½s, 1928	99.27	4.89
7,000,000 Montreal, Que., 4½s, 1946	94.141	4.97
February—		
\$40,000,000 Canada (Dominion of) 4½s, 1936	—	—
March—		
\$5,000,000 Nova Scotia (Prov. of) 4½s, 1928	99.423	4.81
May—		
\$25,000,000 Ontario (Prov. of) 4s, 1927-1928	99.1863	4.53
2,500,000 Winnipeg, Manitoba, 4½s, 20-years	94.3571	—
June—		
\$6,000,000 British Columbia (Prov. of) 4½s, 1927-1956	95.85	4.92
2,792,000 Ottawa, Ont., 4½s, 1936	98.80	4.91
7,500,000 Quebec, Que., 4½s, d 1936-1951	97.167	4.68
October—		
\$6,000,000 Alberta (Prov. of) 4½s, 1956	92.75	4.96
November—		
\$4,000,000 Toronto, Ont., 4½s, 10-30 years	96.197	4.93
December—		
\$1,400,000 Manitoba (Prov. of) 4½s, 1956	93.75	4.90
\$111,192,000 grand total (comprising \$60,792,000 new capital and \$50,400,000 ref.)		

d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later year.

OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES DURING 1926.

Government and Municipal.	Price.	To Yield About, Per Cent.
January—		
\$14,472,000 Province of Buenos Aires (Argentina) 7½s, 1947	99	7.60
4,500,000 Consolidated Municipalities of Baden (Germany) 7s, 1951	93	7.63
2,000,000 Province of Lower Austria 7½s, 1950	98½	7.60
4,000,000 City of Oslo (Norway) 5½s, 1946	97	5.75
February—		
\$3,800,000 Bavarian Palatinate Consolidated Cities (Germany) 100½ External 7s, 1927-1945	93½	6.50 7.65
March—		
\$6,000,000 Department of Caldes (Colombia, S. A.) 7s, 1946	95½	7.95
5,000,000 City of Leipzig (Germany) 7s, 1947	94½	7.50
7,500,000 State of San Paulo (Brazil) Water works 7s, 1956	96½	7.30
3,000,000 Serbs, Croats & Slovenes 6s, Oct. 1 1926	100	6.00
April—		
\$20,000,000 Argentine 6s, 1960	98	6.12
10,600,000 Province of Buenos Aires 7s, 1952	96½	7.30
4,200,000 Province of Buenos Aires 7s, 1936	99	7.15
6,000,000 Dept. of Antioquia (Colombia, S. A.) 7s "B," 1945	91½	7.87
3,300,000 Dominican Rep. Customs Administration 5½s, 1942	98	5.70
5,000,000 State of Hamburg (Germany) 5½s, May 1 1927	—	5.75
4,000,000 City of Porto Alegre (Brazil) 7½s, 1966	96	7.80
30,000,000 Republic of Uruguay 6s, 1960	96½	6.25
May—		
\$35,000,000 United States of Brazil 6½s, 1957	90	7.30
5,000,000 Province of Styria (Austria) 7s, 1946	92½	7.75
2,000,000 Free State of Anhalt (Germany) 7s, 1927-1946	—	6.00-7.60
June—		
\$25,000,000 United States of Brazil 6½s, 1957	90½	7.25
2,000,000 Republic of Panama 6½s, 1961	103	6.30
July—		
\$10,000,000 Free State of Bavaria 6½s, 1945	92½	7.20
2,000,000 Republic of Peru 8% Sanitation Loan, 1944	—	Placed privately
520,000 Republic of El Salvador Customs Lien 6½s, Aug. 1 '29	99½	6.60
August—		
\$16,000,000 Republic of Peru 7½s, 1956	100	7.50
10,000,000 Republic of Chile 6 mos. Treasury 5s, Feb. 2 1927	99½	5.25
8,000,000 German Consolidated Municipal Loan of German Savings Banks and Clearing Ass'n 7s, 1947	98	7.20
September—		
\$20,000,000 Argentine 6 months' Treasury bills	—	5.25
16,900,000 Argentine 6% Public Works issue of 1926, due 1960	98½	6.10
20,000,000 Free State of Prussia 6½s, 1951	95	6.92
15,000,000 Republic of Finland 6½s, 1956	94	6.98
3,000,000 Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes 6 months' Treasury 6s, March 31 1927	100	6.00
October—		
\$50,000,000 Kingdom of Belgium Stabilization 7s, 1956	94	7.50
42,500,000 Republic of Chile 6s, 1960	93½	6.50
10,000,000 State of Hamburg (Germany) 6s, 1946	91½	6.75
6,000,000 Hungarian Consolidated Municipal Loan 7s, 1946	93½	7.65
3,000,000 Dept. of Antioquia (Colombia, S. A.) 7s, "A," 1945	93	18.42-7.71
2,500,000 Dept. of Cauca Valley (Colombia, S. A.) 7½s, 1946	96½	7.90
2,000,000 City of Chemnitz (Germany) 1-year Treasury 5½s, Nov. 1 1927	99½	6.00
2,000,000 City of Hanover (Germany) 1-year Treasury 5½s, Oct. 1 1927	99½	6.00

\$35,000,000 Bethlehem Steel Corp. 7% cum. pref., offered at par (\$100); \$17,500,000 Pacific Mills 5-year 5 1/2s, 1931, placed at 96 3/4, yielding 6 1/4%; 153,815 shares of no par value common stock of Public Service Corp. of N. J., offered at \$80 per share, involving \$12,305,200, and \$12,000,000 The Otis Steel Co. 1st mtge. 6s, "A," 1941, brought out at 98 1/2, yielding 6.15%.

March.—\$46,000,000 Tide Water Associated Oil Co. conv. 6% cum. pref., priced at 97 1/2, yielding 6.15%; \$36,000,000 Philadelphia Electric Power Co. 1st mtge. 5 1/2s, 1972, placed at par; \$29,250,000 capital stock of Humble Oil & Refining Co., offered at par (\$25); \$20,000,000 Brown Co. 1st mtge. 5 1/2s, "A," 1946, sold at 97, yielding about 5.75%; \$20,000,000 Empire Gas & Fuel Co. (Del.) 1st & ref. 6 1/2s, 1941, offered at 97 1/2, to yield about 6.75%; \$18,000,000 Carolina Power & Light Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, 1956, offered at 97 3/4, yielding 5.15%; \$15,000,000 Standard Fruit & Steamship Corp. 7% pref., placed privately, and \$15,000,000 Florida East Coast Ry. Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, "A," 1974, offered at 98, yielding 5.10%.

April.—\$65,000,000 Associated Electric Co. conv. 5 1/2s, 1946, offered at 95 3/4, to yield about 5.90%; \$35,000,000 Appalachian Electric Power Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, 1956, sold at 97, yielding 5.20%; \$18,632,000 Chicago & North Western Ry. Co. gen. mtge. 4 3/4s, 1987, brought out at 102 1/2, yielding about 4 5/8%; \$17,030,000 Pennsylvania RR. gen. equip. tr. 4 1/2s, "D," 1929-41, offered on a 4.67% basis; \$15,000,000 Loew's, Inc., deb. 6s, 1941, sold at 99 1/2, yielding 6.05%, and \$11,172,000 New York Central Lines equip. tr. 4 1/2s of 1925, due 1927-40, offered on a 4.65% basis.

May.—\$154,000,000 American Tel. & Tel. Co. capital stock, offered at par (\$100); \$40,000,000 New England Tel. & Tel. Co. 1st mtge. 4 1/2s, "B," 1961, placed at 94 1/2, yielding about 4.80%; \$15,000,000 Indiana Limestone Co. 1st mtge. 6s, 1941, offered at 99, to yield about 6.10%, and \$10,000,000 Indianapolis Power & Light Corp. 1st coll. tr. 6s, "A," 1936, placed at 98, to yield about 6.25%.

June.—\$40,000,000 Southern California Edison Co. ref. mtge. 5s, 1951, sold at 98 1/2, yielding 5.10%; \$23,000,000 The Nevada-California Electric Corp. 1st tr. mtge. 5s, 1956, offered at 95 1/2, yielding 5.30%; 191,482 shares of no par value common stock of Famous Players-Lasky Corp., offered at \$107 49 per share, involving \$20,582,400; \$15,000,000 Detroit Edison Co. gen. & ref. mtge. 5s, "B," 1955, offered at 101 1/2, yielding about 4.90%; \$15,000,000 Public Service Corp. of N. J. secured 5 1/2s, 1956, sold at 99, yielding about 5.57%; \$15,000,000 The Prudence Co., Inc., coll. tr. 5 1/2s, 1961, issued at par; \$15,000,000 Great Northern Ry. Co. gen. mtge. 4 1/2s, "D," 1976, offered at 94, yielding about 4.80%, and \$12,500,000 Southeastern Power & Light Co. deb. 6s, "A," 2025, brought out at 95, to yield about 6.30%.

July.—\$19,996,500 capital stock of the International Tel. & Tel. Corp., offered at par (\$100); \$18,500,000 West Penn Power Co. 1st mtge. 5s, "G," 1956, offered at 100 1/2, yielding 4.97%; \$15,500,000 Wabash Ry. Co. ref. & gen. mtge. 5s, "B," 1976, offered at 95 1/2, to yield about 5.25%; \$14,500,000 Central Power & Light Co. (Mass.) 1st mtge. 5s, 1956, placed at 96, yielding 5.25%; \$12,257,600 capital stock of Commonwealth Edison Co. (Chicago), offered at par (\$100), and \$12,000,000 Florida Power & Light Co. 1st mtge. 5s, 1954, sold at 95, yielding 5.35%.

August.—\$30,000,000 Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. 5s, 1946, sold at 99, yielding 5.08%; \$15,000,000 North American Light & Power Co. (Del.) deb. 5 1/2s, "A," 1956, offered at 94 1/2, to yield 5.90%, and \$10,500,000 Interstate Natural Gas Co., Inc. (Del.) 1st mtge. 6s, 1936, placed at 105, yielding 5.35%.

September.—\$35,000,000 Illinois Central RR. Co. 40-year 4 3/4s, issued at 96 1/2, yielding 4.95%; \$13,000,000 Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp. (Del.) 1st mtge. 6s, "A," 1941, placed at 99 1/2, yielding 6.05%, and 300,000 shares of no par value common stock of the same company, offered at \$43 per share, involving \$12,900,000; \$13,000,000 Union Tank Car Co. equip. tr. 4 1/2s, 1927-36, sold on a 4.70% basis, and \$10,000,000 Consolidated Cigar Corp. conv. 6s, 1936, offered at 99 1/2, yielding 6.07%.

October.—\$25,000,000 International Paper Co. conv. deb. 6s, 1941, placed at 98, yielding 6.20%; \$25,000,000 The Western Union Telegraph Co. 5s, 1951, sold at par; \$12,000,000 California Petroleum Corp. conv. deb. 5 1/2s, 1938, offered at 98, to yield about 5.75%; \$12,000,000 Richfield Oil Co. of Calif. 1st mtge. & coll. tr. conv. 6s, "A," 1941,

offered at 99, to yield about 6.10%, and \$10,000,000 The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. gen. mtge. 5s, "B," 1961, offered at 102 1/2, to yield about 4.85%.

November.—\$120,000,000 Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) deb. 5s, 1946, offered at 100 1/2, yielding 4.96%; \$86,232,925 par value common stock of the same company, sold at par (\$25); 392,697 shares of capital stock of Marland Oil Co., offered at \$50 per share, involving \$18,634,850; \$18,000,000 Arkansas Power & Light Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, 1956, offered at 95 3/4, yielding about 5.27%; \$16,000,000 Texas Power & Light Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, 1956, sold at 97, yielding 5.20%; \$15,000,000 Public Service Electric & Gas Co. 6% cum. pref., 1925 series, issued at 102 1/4, yielding 5.87%; \$13,156,000 Missouri Pacific RR. secured 5 1/4s, 1931-56, sold on a 5.30% average yield basis, and \$11,500,000 Northern Indiana Public Service Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, "C," 1966, brought out at 98 1/2, yielding 5.09%.

We have already referred to the importance of segregating the refunding portions of the issues from the rest. Of the corporate issues sold in 1926 no less than \$942,550,970 went for refunding. The most conspicuous refunding offerings brought out during the year were as follows: \$35,846,970 out of the \$65,000,000 Associated Electric Co. 5 1/2s, 1946, offered in April; \$21,414,800 out of the \$35,000,000 Appalachian Electric Power Co. 5s, 1956, also offered in April; \$21,209,000 out of the \$23,000,000 Nevada-California Electric Corp. 1st mtge. 5s, 1956, offered in June; \$36,236,400 out of the \$40,000,000 Southern California Edison Co. 5s, 1951, also offered in June; entire issue of \$30,000,000 Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. 5s, 1946, brought out in August; \$30,000,000 Montreal Light, Heat & Power Consolidated 5s, "A," 1951, issued in October; entire issue of \$120,000,000 Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) deb. 5s, 1946, and \$86,232,925 raised by the same company through the sale of common stock, both issues originating in November; entire issue of \$13,156,000 Missouri Pacific RR. 5 1/4s, 1931-56, also issued in November, and entire issue of \$35,000,000 Chile Copper Co. deb. 5s, 1947, brought out in December.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing—corporate, State and city, foreign Government, as well as Farm Loan issues—for December and the twelve months of the calendar year. It should be noted that in the case of the corporate offerings we subdivide the figures so as to show the long-term and the short-term issues separately, and we also separate common stock from preferred stock.

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

Table with 4 columns: 1926., New Capital, Refunding, Total. Rows include MONTH OF DECEMBER—Corporate, Domestic—Long term bonds and notes, Short term, Preferred stocks, Common stocks, Canadian—Long term bonds and notes, Short term, Preferred stocks, Common stocks, Other For'n—Long term bonds & notes, Short term, Preferred stocks, Common stocks, Foreign Government, Farm Loan issues, War Finance Corporation, Municipal, Canadian, United States Possessions, Grand total, TWELVE MOS. END. DEC. 31—Corporate, Domestic—Long term bonds and notes, Short term, Preferred stocks, Common stocks, Canadian—Long term bonds and notes, Short term, Preferred stocks, Common stocks, Other For'n—Long term bonds & notes, Short term, Preferred stocks, Common stocks, Foreign Government, Farm Loan issues, War Finance Corporation, Municipal, Canadian, United States Possessions, Grand total.

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

New Capital Issues in Great Britain.

The following statistics have been compiled by the Midland Bank Limited of London. These compilations of issues of new capital, which are subject to revision, exclude all direct borrowings by the British Government for national purposes, shares issued to vendors, allotments arising from the capitalization of reserve funds and undivided profits, issues for conversion or redemption of securities previously held in the United Kingdom, short-dated bills sold in anticipation of long-term borrowings, and loans by municipal and county authorities except in cases where there is a specified limit to the total subscription. They do not include issues of capital by private companies except where particulars are publicly announced. In all cases the figures are based upon the prices of issue.

SUMMARY TABLE OF NEW CAPITAL ISSUES* IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Month of December, Year to Dec. 31, and Year to Dec. 31. Rows for years 1919-1922.

* Excluding British Government loans raised directly for national purposes.

NEW CAPITAL ISSUES* IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY MONTHS.

Table with 5 columns: Month, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926. Rows for months January-December.

* Excluding British Government loans raised directly for national purposes.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF NEW CAPITAL ISSUES* IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, BY MONTHS.

Table with 5 columns: United Kingdom, India and Ceylon, British Possessions, Foreign Countries, Total. Rows for months January-December.

Table with 5 columns: United Kingdom, India and Ceylon, British Possessions, Foreign Countries, Total. Rows for years 1925-1926.

* Excluding British Government loans raised directly for national purposes.

NEW CAPITAL ISSUES* IN GREAT BRITAIN BY GROUPS.

Table with 3 columns: Year 1924, Year 1925, Year 1926. Rows for various groups like Governments, Municipalities and Public Boards, etc.

* Excluding British Government loans raised directly for national purposes.

x Including motors and aviation.

Should Socialists Be Rich?—Practising What You Preach

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Owing to the prominence given to the proceedings at a recent by-election and subsequent correspondence in the "Times," the question of the sincerity of rich Socialists has lately been the subject of a good deal of discussion. And the discussion has been very adroitly twisted in the wrong direction by the Socialist champion who started it. He, in effect, asked not the difficult question with which I have headed this article, but one which is much easier to answer, namely whether rich men should be Socialists.

Mr. A. Ponsonby, M.P., opened the ball in a letter to the "Times" raising the question of the "presence in the Labor Party of men of means, aristocrats and those who have no claim to be regarded as working men and women;" and was very easily able to show reasons why no useful purpose would be served by the exclusion from this party of everybody except members of the artisan class, and he went on to assert that the result of including others is that "the Labor Party is the most comprehensively representative party that has ever appeared in British politics." This is a claim that will hardly be conceded by members of other parties. In the days before the formation of the Labor Party the Liberals certainly included quite as many varieties of men and women as the Labor Party of to-day—a fold that contained Mr. Gladstone, the Marquis of Hartington and Mr. Bradlaugh must have been of pretty elastic construction. And the fact that at the last General Election the Conservatives gained an enormous majority is fairly convincing proof that millions of working class men and women must have voted for it. The mere fact that so much dis-

cussion is raised because a comparatively small number of rich and titled folk and of social "brainworkers," have joined the Labor Party, is surely sufficient proof that it is not yet nearly as comprehensive as the others; and one of the most obvious criticisms of it and its objects is its definite claim, by the name that it has chosen, to represent one class only rather than the interests of the nation as a whole.

Obvious as this criticism is, it is one that is very easily answered by members of the Labor Party, who can reply that the working classes are so great a majority in every nation that as long as their claim to a better share in the good things of life are genuinely furthered, there will not be much amiss with the state of the nation as a whole. The idea that a country can pursue a wholesome political existence if its activities are devoted to the support of the interest of one comparatively small class is as dead as Queen Anne. The "greatest happiness of the greatest number" was a sound political slogan long before the Labor Party was ever heard of, and a population enjoying plenty of commodities and services well distributed throughout all classes, so that mental and bodily health and strength may be within the reach of all, is now generally admitted to be the ideal to be aimed at.

Socialists have thus no monopoly in their desire to improve the lot of the working classes. If they had, thousands of people would join them who at present are quite sincerely convinced that they can serve this end much better by supporting other parties. The monopoly that Socialists suffer from is the curious delusion which makes them believe that

they can improve the lot of the working classes by handing production and industry over to State control and by abolishing or undermining the rights of private property. On this last point their views are indefinite and various, and in fact it may be said that their whole creed is so fluid that criticizing it is as difficult as handling an underdone poached egg. But most Socialists will admit that subordination of the individual to the State in production, distribution and possession is the chief means by which they hope to achieve their object.

After all that we have seen of the results of State action during and after the war it seems curious that any large body of intelligent people can really believe that the great growth of wealth which is necessary for widely diffused comfort can be secured by tying industry up in red tape; and the answer that one gets when one raises this doubt—that the State under Socialism would be something quite different—is a weak assumption on which to base a political creed, involving the overturning of the present fabric of society.

But because a man is rich and what is called "well-born," there is no reason why he should not cherish any political opinion that may suit his fancy, and the fact that if his creed is put into practice he will lose his privileged position makes it all the more honorable for him to support it. The implica-

tion often put forward in criticism of the wealthy Socialist, that he is simply a political self-seeker eager for notoriety and office, is generally a very unfair gibe at sincere and earnest men who are giving devoted work to a cause in which they believe.

But when we put the question the other way round, and ask not whether rich men should be Socialists, but whether Socialists should be rich, we put those who are both these things into an awkward corner. If the poverty of the masses is, as they imply, due to the fact that some people are better off, and if the existence of private property is an evil that ought to be rooted out, then it is very easy for the rich men who think so to begin by abolishing wealth as far as they are concerned, by devoting their wealth to public purposes, of which there are always plenty which need funds, instead of enjoying it by spending it on comforts and luxuries for themselves. And such action would have a tremendous moral effect. Those of us who believe that the interests of all classes can best be served by leaving private enterprise to work for the general good by providing an ever growing mass of wealth for the general consumption, at least are not guilty of the glaring inconsistency of those who think that private property is a social evil and yet continue to enjoy its advantages.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Jan. 21 1926.

At best trade in this country is only fair where it is not actually quiet. Cotton textiles are in the van. They are distinctly the most active of any of the industries. Mills in Massachusetts and Maine long closed are reopening, and will run at capacity or close to it. The tendency is for business to increase in cloths and yarns in New York, Fall River, Philadelphia and Charlotte, N. C. Yarns are not so active as cloths. Manchester, England's business in both, shows a distinct increase, as the demand expands from India and even to some extent from China. Lancashire's cotton industry from present indications has turned the corner. So has British business in coal, iron and steel. Cotton has advanced here slightly owing to an excellent demand from mills and merchants and growing indications of a rising consumption at home and abroad even if the increase in the world's spinners takings this week was not so large as expected. The immediate future of the price hinges on the report of the quantity ginned from Dec. 13 to Jan. 16. It will be made by the Census Bureau on Monday. Private estimates of late have been 995,000 to 1,250,000 bales as contrasted with recent guesses of 600,000 to 800,000 bales. The total may show the effects of the quicker harvesting in Texas by "sledding" and snapping and a consequent increase in ginning beyond what was expected. The "sledding" cotton process of gathering costs only a tithe of that for hand picking.

Retail trade has suffered from snow-storms and cold weather in many parts of the country, and not improbably here from the wet and unseasonably warm weather. The grain markets have advanced, though speculation in wheat has dwindled to the smallest total in three years. But at Liverpool and Buenos Aires prices have at times advanced. The Argentine Government, it is said, will buy 37,000,000 bushels to hold off the market in an effort to help the farmer. There, as well as in the United States, there is to be an effort to help the grower of wheat, regardless of economic law which is bound to assert itself in the long run. The world's stocks on Jan. 1 are stated at 378,641,000 bushels, or 78,000,000 bushels more than a month previous, and 55,000,000 more than at the same date last year. The visible supply in this country is the smallest for some months past. Recently the stock at Chicago has fallen off nearly 3,000,000 bushels. There is a steady if not active export demand here. An export demand for rye and barley is noticed. Corn has been steady and at times higher, with prospects of a good feeding demand. Argentina corn prices are being watched with unwonted interest, even if nobody at present looks for any important foreign demand for Ameri-

can corn. Coffee has declined with no clear indications that Brazil has not yet been able to effect a stabilization of its currency. Yet the effort to do so has not been without some salutary effects. The Defense Committee, too, has thus far succeeded in maintaining coffee prices unexpectedly well. Brazilian statistics of coffee supply, moreover, have had a tendency to curb any downward movement of prices. Mild coffee prices, however, seem to be bound for a lower level. Sugar has been steadier of late here and in England, with a larger demand.

Bad weather has tended to restrict building. One idea, too, is that the construction at New York is nearing the point of saturation. In the shoe and leather industry trade is not brisk, but prospects are said to be promising. The jewelry trade is noticeably dull. The flour mills are not doing well. They are running at only about 50% of capacity in the Central West. In general, commodity prices have been steadier, notably on cotton, cotton goods, grain and hog products. The winter wheat belt in the main has now got a good snow covering. It has needed that for some weeks past. There is some gain in the operations of automobile factories, though there is still a good deal more unemployment than a year ago. In 1926 imports of general merchandise into this country increased close to 5% and were the second largest on record. They were largely made up of rubber, coffee and the minor metals. On the other hand, the exports in 1926 were 2% smaller than in 1925. Chicago has been doing a larger business with the Southwest. The President of Cuba has reiterated his intention to adhere strictly to the plan to limit the marketed crop to 4,500,000 tons. Rubber has been declining with increasing supplies and decreased consumption. The hardware trade is dull. Steel as a rule has been dull, the demand for pipe and cars being the only exception, and prices of sheets and bars have been reported lower. Youngstown, O., advices suggest that the fear of a soft coal strike in April, if the present wage scale is not renewed, may yet cause a revival of steel business there. Pig iron has been quiet and prices show a downward trend. Copper has declined. Lumber sells more readily. The London wool sales are going off at firm or slightly higher prices. Broad silks have been in a little better demand. The American Woolen Co. has made prices for all wool blankets about the same as a year ago and reduced wool and cotton blankets 10 to 15%. The weather in the Southwest has been so severe, what with freezing temperatures and heavy snows that special measures have had to be taken to protect the cattle on the ranches. The fundamental condition of business in this country is good, although trading is proceeding on a very conservative basis. In general the outlook in foreign countries is promising also. For some time past, as is well known, the tendency has been for civilized nations to

get back to the gold basis and another notable feature is the gradual return of balanced budgets.

Stocks have been irregular but the railroad traffic is so large that even the cheaper railroad shares are getting more attention. Moreover, bonds are again rising, a significant index of the times. At times recently bonds, it is well known, have actually acted as a pathfinder in the upward movement of securities. That bears eloquent testimony of itself to the underlying optimism of the times, despite a reduction in Western railroad traffic of late compared with the high total of December. Moreover, car loadings for the first complete week of January show an increase over those for the corresponding week of 1926. To-day the disturbed conditions in China had some effect in London, but as regards the condition of British trade the feeling was cheerful, and stocks, moreover, ended very steady, with the possibility, perhaps, of a reduction in the Bank of England rate in the near future.

At Fall River, Mass., preparatory machinery was started on Jan. 17 in the No. 1 Flint mill, which has been closed for nearly four years. The mill, when at capacity, employs 350 hands. Dover, Mass., wired: "Durfee Mills No. 1 and 3 were reopened after a shutdown of a month. The company will run almost at capacity with opening of these two plants. Plans are being made for the opening of No. 4 mill of the Pocasset Mfg. Co., better known as the White Mill, as a plant independent from remainder of the mills. The project means the purchase of the mill outright. It is a plain goods mill, equipped with 35,000 spindles and 950 looms." New Bedford, Mass., reports that there is a possibility of the General Motors Corp. may establish a plant there for the manufacture of tires and tire fabrics, owing to the purchase of the Monomet Mills, as engineers who have been investigating the plant are said to represent prospective purchasers. At Waterville, Me., the Lockwood Mills, manufacturers of cotton cloths, which had been running on a four-day schedule for a number of months, resumed full time operations on the 17th inst. Improvement in business is the reason. There are about 1,200 workers. Charlotte, N. C., wired that the "Bulletin" of the Southern Yarn Spinners Association said that the total volume of business for the past week is reported to be greater than for some previous weeks, although the individual purchases are small. Prices show an advance. The anticipated forward buying movement has not materialized yet, possibly being influenced by the recent advance in yarn rates which buyers are opposing vigorously. At Burlington, N. C., hosiery mills have cut knitters wages 2½% because of the lowered prices received for their product. Most mills there are operating full time, many of them with double shifts.

S. W. Straus warns New York and other large cities of the United States that the saturation point in building construction has been reached.

On the 15th inst. there was a driving snow storm here with low temperatures, but it cleared on the 16th inst., and was pleasant on the 17th and 18th. It was mild in the Far Southwest, but very cold over Sunday in the South Atlantic and Eastern Gulf States. On the 18th Chicago reported two cold waves coming from the Northwest, and there was a forecast of a cold wave for the Southwest and temperature of 5 to 10 degrees. On the 20th inst. it was 26 to 40 degrees below zero in Canada and zero to 14 below in the American Northwest. Chicago yesterday was 32, New York 43, Cincinnati 38, Cleveland 46. Yesterday and to-day were rainy and warm here. To-day at 2 p. m. it was 44 and at 3 p. m. 43. The forecast is for rain here to-night and to-morrow and continued warm temperatures.

S. W. Straus & Co. Advocate Restriction of Building Operations in Principal Cities.

The shelving for a period of six months to a year of all new office building, hotel, partment house and apartment hotel projects not now in course of construction, in New York and all the other principal cities of the United States, was strongly urged in a note of warning issued on Wednesday by S. W. Straus, President of S. W. Straus & Co. He declared that he was moved to issue this warning to the building industry of the country in the hope of creating a more conservative attitude upon the part of builders and lending institutions with regard to these four types of construction. Mr. Straus sought to make it clear that as matters now stood he did not apprehend any great falling off in the aggregate volume of building in general throughout the country this year. In confirmation of this fact he pointed out that over

\$2,000,000,000 of building construction had been carried over from 1926, that there would be an unusual amount of public building and public utility construction in 1927 and than many lines of private building would be maintained at high levels.

"Current conditions lead me to the conclusion that there should be a temporary breathing spell in the construction of office buildings, hotels, apartment hotels and apartment houses throughout the United States," Mr. Straus declared in his statement addressed to the building industry of the entire country. "I am convinced of the advisability of this course in order that the supply of accommodations of these types may not become abnormally in excess of demand. A six months to a year's period of extreme caution and conservatism would be sufficient to maintain a normal condition of supply and demand. This does not mean, of course, that there may not be isolated cases in one city or another where a legitimate demand for hotels, office buildings, apartment houses or apartment hotels exist. There will, in fact, be new projects started here and there in keeping with good business judgment. What I refer to is the situation only in its broad and general aspects.

"I wish to make it plain that I do not look for any radical drop in the volume of building in the country during 1927, and the general business interests of the nation need feel no apprehension on this point. There has been at least \$2,000,000,000 worth of private building carried over from 1926. There also is an unusual amount of public building scheduled for this year in addition to a considerable volume of expenditure on power plants and other types of construction by public utility corporations. Approximately \$2,000,000,000 worth of building permits have been issued in the last six months in the 500 principal cities and towns of the country. There is every indication that there will be no let-up of consequence in private home building of the investment type, which is a form of thrift and progress that should under no circumstances be curtailed.

"My conclusions with regard to office buildings, hotels, apartment houses and apartment hotels have been reached from studies showing that after five years of very heavy building, we have reached the saturation point in these four types of structures. Of course, all new buildings must be allowed a reasonable time in which to become established and in any case an occupancy of 90% is considered normal. The market will be able to absorb the rentable space in the buildings now completed or in process of construction.

"It would, however, not be advisable to continue bringing out new projects of the types I have designated until the supply now on the market and in process of construction has been more thoroughly absorbed."

With regard to the general building situation, Mr. Straus, said:

"In the building operations of the last five years the speculative factor has played an important part. The average amount of building in the country during that time has been more than \$6,000,000,000 a year. A considerable proportion of this has been speculative in character. I am not saying this in condemnation of this kind of building for it has played an important part in the building up of our cities and in relieving the housing shortage following the war. From now on, however, I feel that there should be no further projects contemplated except in response to a definite ascertained demand.

"For the most part, the volume of building of the last half-decade was in response to a sound and rightful demand and has consequently been well absorbed. The housing shortage after the war had to be made up. Moreover, the development of good roads, the growing popularity of the automobile and the rapid advancement in American standards of living have all been reflected in heavier building demands, both urban and rural. Obsolete structures have had to give way to the march of progress and every city and town of consequence in the country has experienced a much needed wave of rebuilding. Never before has there been such development in suburban communities. All of these activities have proved a substantial factor in maintaining the general prosperity of the country.

"I do not anticipate any change of consequence in rental conditions during the year. If the volume of construction of apartments and office buildings were to continue, particularly as they have in the last two or three years, we would in time have an over-supply which would bring about lower rents, but in my opinion supply and demand conditions will be so adjusted that the rental situation will remain in its present stabilized condition.

"It should be borne in mind that while the amount of building in the United States since the war has been very large in terms of dollars, it has not been as far out of line as the public at times has been led to believe. The pre-war volume of construction was \$3,000,000,000 a year. Taking into consideration the greatly reduced value of the building dollar, the increase in population and the higher standards of living, it is not unlikely that a new normal of building volume at this time would approximate \$6,000,000,000."

With particular reference to New York City, Mr. Straus, said:

"The note of caution which I have uttered, while intended for the whole country should apply with a special emphasis in New York City where building has been carried on along high levels for a number of years. Both in 1925 and in 1926 more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of building was done in the five boroughs, or about one-sixth the total amount of the country's construction. There has been, during each of these years, about \$250,000,000 of work done in the metropolitan section outside the city limits. Against this unprecedented amount of building there has been a very heavy demand due to a number of causes.

"Rental surveys that recently have been made by the Survey Department of S. W. Straus & Co. along Park, Madison, Fifth and West End Avenues and intersecting streets and in the principal office building districts of the city, indicate that the present percentage of vacancies is not abnormal. However, owing to the amount of new space which will be coming on the market in these sections during the year 1927, it would be the part of wisdom not to increase the supply already projected. If this policy be pursued there should be no apprehension as to the ability of the market to absorb a reasonable period of time the space already arranged for."

Building Situation Stable, According to Secretary Mellon—Saturation Not General Throughout Country, He Believes—Costs Make Present Good Time for Construction.

Secretary Mellon does not agree entirely with the contention of S. W. Straus, President of the S. W. Straus Co., to the effect that the country is overbuilt as to apartment houses and office buildings, according to Washington

average of 2,498 tons in November. In October the output was 75,099 tons with the daily average of 2,423 tons. For the 12 months ended Dec. 31 last the total production of crude was 872,318 tons with the daily average 2,390 and the monthly average 72,693. In the corresponding period 1925, 842,117 tons of crude copper were produced, or a daily average rate of 2,307 and a monthly average of 70,176 tons.

The following table gives the production of copper with comparisons (figures in tons of 2,000 lbs.):

Table with 3 columns: Dec., Nov., Oct. Rows include Porphyry mines, Lake mines, Vein mines, Custom ores, Total crude, Blister from scrap, Smelted production.

*Partly estimated. Revision will be made next month.

The same paper on Dec. 18 stated that the production of copper by the principal countries of the world which furnished about 97% of the world's total in 1924 and 1925, in December amounted to 142,191 tons, compared with 148,321 tons, a decrease of 6,130 tons in the monthly output and 357 tons in the daily rate, according to American Bureau of Metal Statistics. Continuing, the "News" said:

For the year ended Dec. 31 1926, the output amounted to 1,600,382 tons, a monthly average of 133,365 tons, and a daily rate of 4,385. In 1925 the production aggregated 1,540,875, with the monthly average 128,406 and the daily rate 4,222 tons.

Allowing for estimates for non-reporting companies the output in the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1926, amounted to 1,651,500 tons.

The following table gives the production for December with comparisons:

Table with 4 columns: Dec., Nov., Oct., 12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31 1926. Rows include United States, Mexico, Canada, Chile and Peru, Japan, Australia, Europe, Belgian Congo, Total, Non-reporting countries, est., World's total.

* Estimated. † Incomplete; partly estimated.

Steel Business Remains Moderate—Pig Iron Market Shows Sharp Competition.

New business in finished steel is still of moderate volume, reports the Jan. 20 "Iron Age" in its market review. Current orders and specifications are so closely gauged to actual requirements and are for such prompt shipment that in most products there is almost no building up of backlogs.

In the Pittsburgh and Youngstown districts about 70% of ingot capacity is active and on that basis a few companies are stocking some steel against an expected improvement in demand, as well as the possibility of a soft coal strike on April 1.

Automotive demand, particularly for sheets and strip steel, has improved slightly, but not to the extent expected, and mills are now looking for an increased production of cars in February to release steel in larger quantities.

Interest in the price situation still centres in the sheet and wide hot strip markets, and the latest business in wide strips has shown the same concessions from 2.15c. noted in the preceding week. In northern Ohio a large contract for blue annealed sheets developed a new low price, in view of the competition from wide strip mills.

In the Cleveland district there has been more meeting by outside mills of the 1.90c. bar price named by a local producer on certain sizes a few weeks ago. The 2c. Pittsburgh basis still appears in other districts on ordinary business, but to some larger buyers the 1.90c. price has carried over from 1926.

There is weakness in reinforcing bars, also some evidence of concessions on structural steel, and in northern Ohio one or two contracts for fabricated work developed particularly low b'd. ing.

On about 30,000 tons of plates, shapes, bars and other products, representing the first quarter requirements of the Pennsylvania RR., a leading producer quoted 1.90c. Pittsburgh on the three first named items, 2.25c. on blue annealed sheets, 2.90c. on black sheets and 3.75c. on galvanized. One mill bid 2.20c. on blue annealed sheets. Bids of some producers were higher by \$2 or more a ton on all the products named.

The Wabash RR. has ordered 1,000 cars. These, with 400 in small orders and \$00 to be built by the Southern Pacific in its own shops, bring the total for the year to more than 12,000. A Canadian road is inquiring for 66 locomotives. The Santa Fe has bought 10, bringing its recent orders up to 60.

A Los Angeles hospital now up for bids will take 10,000 tons of steel and a railroad office building in St. Louis close to 5,000 tons. New structural steel awards include 3,200 tons for an office building in Louisville, Ky., and 3,100 tons for Baltimore & Ohio bridges. The total was not large compared with the heavy lettings of the preceding two weeks.

In volume of fabricated steel 1926 fell at out 9% below 1925. Capacity is now rated by the Department of Commerce at 315,000 tons per month, against an average of 308,000 tons per month for 1925, but bookings averaged 64% last year and 72% in the year preceding.

In pig iron competition between producing districts is more sharply marked. Northern Ohio iron is at the moment dominating the southern Ohio market on the score of price, one transaction figuring back to less than \$17 50 Lake Erie furnace. Chicago furnaces find their market more circumscribed by iron from the East and Southwest, and resale Chicago iron has displaced Ohio iron in Michigan. Concessions were made also on business just closed in New York. In eastern Pennsylvania a steel company bought 13,000 tons of basic at \$21 50 delivered.

Pig iron production has decreased in the week, one merchant and two steel company furnaces having gone one.

At Pittsburgh, due to the action of steel companies in limiting shipments of heavy melting steel scrap, that market is somewhat weaker.

Competition for cast iron pipe contracts is unusually sharp. A recent award at Milwaukee brought out a price under \$35 base, Birmingham, which is \$2 below the recent market.

England reports poor demand for tin plate, and second quarter orders have been placed at less than 20s. per base box, compared with 21s. for spot delivery. Japanese sheet demand is reported in London to be light; in New York, on the contrary, Japan's inquiries amount to 5,000 to 6,000 tons.

Both the "Iron Age" composite prices are unchanged this week, pig iron standing at \$19 39 per ton and finished steel at 2.439c. per lb. Both are lower than a year ago—pig iron by 11% and finished steel by 0.3%, as shown by the following composite price tables:

Table with 4 columns: Jan. 18 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Finished Steel, Pig Iron, High, Low. Sub-rows show prices for various steel products and dates.

In point of inquiry, new business and shipments finished steel still shows modest improvement over December but the rebound since the holiday and inventory season has not come up to expectations, declares the "Iron Trade Review" in its weekly summary of conditions in the iron and steel markets on Jan. 20. Producers have become noticeably keener for tonnage and the resulting sharper competitive situation has unsteadied prices. Concessions of several dollars a ton, commanded by attractive business, have become more general, observes the "Review" from which we quote as follows:

Prices, in fact, dominate the week's market developments. Steel bars and structural shapes, heretofore held at 2.00c., Pittsburgh, are more easily had at 1.90c. Plates at 1.90c. are none too firm. Galvanized and blue annealed sheets have surrendered an additional \$2, now having a general minimum of 3.75c. and 2.20c., respectively, but with still less having been done; prices in other districts have been proportionately sensitive. Automobile sheets have weakened \$2 to 4.15c. Hot strip steel makers in the Pittsburgh district have dropped several dollars to meet competition and have adjusted contracts.

Finished steel production this week is averaging not much over 70% for the entire industry, or fully 10% below last January, but no particularly bad spots have developed. A year ago, as now, the automotive industry was maneuvering for lower prices and getting under way more slowly than had been anticipated. Awards of freight cars thus far in January are over 50% greater than in last January, and inquiry is larger. Tin plate, steel pipe, rail and track fastening business is at least on a parity with this time last year. Consumers on the whole appear more inclined to wait out the market than was the case last January.

By Way of contrast pig iron is a shade stronger in the Mahoning Valley This reflects the decision of Connellsville coke operators not to reduce wages at this time, and the consequent abandonment of hope for a downward adjustment in coke prices. Some furnaces are asking \$19 for foundry and malleable iron, or 50 cents higher. In other districts pig iron shows no quickening. Freight car awards, featured by 1,020 by the Northwestern Refrigerator Line and 1,000 by the Wabash, crossed the 2,000 mark for the week and assured iron and steel producers of nearly 20,000 tons additional. Pending inquiry has been increased to nearly 22,000 by the reinstatement of 3,000 by the Baltimore & Ohio, which it is understood will be placed in a few days, and new inquiry for 1,108 by the Canadian National and 300 by the Northern Pacific. The Illinois Central inquiry for 9,000 cars is nearer placement.

Although shipments of fabricated steel in December totaled only 214,200 tons, or 36,000 less than in December, 1925, the year's shipments are shown by the department of commerce to have been 2,858,550 tons, against 2,754,150 tons in 1925. Bookings in December were 220,500 tons; they were 225,700 tons in December, 1925. December sheet sales are shown to have been considerably higher than those in November, the comparison being 240,862 tons against 185,235, but December shipments of 219,498 tons fell below the total of 262,797 for November. Both sales and shipments were considerably below the level of Dec. 1925. Despite lack of support from the automotive industry and the continued weakness in prices, the morale of the sheet industry has become slightly better in the past week. Shipments and new business both gained a little ground. Tin plate production continues at 95% or better for the entire industry.

The first show of real interest in 1927 Lake Superior iron ore requirements as come from three steelworks and two blast furnace interests who have begun negotiating long-term contracts at Cleveland. The combined annual ore consumption of these five inquirers is about 1,000,000 tons.

For the seventh consecutive week the "Iron Trade Review" composite of fourteen leading iron and steel products has registered a loss, due to further weakness in sheets and finished steel. This index stands at \$37 47 this week, compared with \$37 78 last week and \$38 46 in the first week of December, when the present recession began.

Cold Weather Aids Coal Markets—Prices Fairly Stable.

The cold has arrived, the industries are accumulating reserve stores of coal. If these two outstanding facts could be noted without qualification, the work of reviewing the market for the past week would be ended. For they have overshadowed other events that are upon us, or are in prospect, declares the "Coal and Coal Trade Journal" in its Jan. 20 review of market conditions. What may happen on the first of April is just now in the back of the coal man's mind. He has not forgotten it, but he is not giving it immediate attention. Almost all of the country that ever knows snow knows it now, or has known it within the past few days. The cold is as general as could be desired. The old eternal problem of the coal man—that of getting fuel immediately to the place where it can be burned—is a

sufficient one to engage all his energies, observes the "Journal," adding:

Of course he is cheerful. The general trend of quoted prices reflects conditions, and explains his good humor.

Back of the events of the moment are some significant facts. Cincinnati for one place, reports that production is high in spite of the shutdown of some mines. It is to be noticed also that while there has been an adjustment in wages in many places, this has not been carried to a point to cause any disturbance of workers. Those who believe they see the situation most clearly are anxious to have the diggers of coal at hand and to have them digging.

The cause of this is the tendency, that is now clearly observable, to have accumulations of coal at the points where it will be used. The industries are buying; indeed, the truth is that they have been buying and contracting for continuous buying, so that their reserves will amount to thirty days at this time, and sixty days in the near future and ninety days by the middle of spring. This is by no means invariably being done, but it has so far become the prevailing practice that it may be said to be reasonably general.

It would appear as if the situation is well in hand. The approaching days of possible trouble are being taken care of. Without excitement or undue haste, coal is being produced in sufficient quantities to meet the needs of winter and to provide for a dangerous period thereafter.

This coal is being as carefully purchased as possible, so that prices are not seriously affected or transportation unduly burdened. But, nevertheless, it is being secured and stored by those who must have it.

It seems to be noticeable that there is greater activity among those who tap the regions where the union mines are situated. The reason for this is obvious. Some of the railroads are buying ahead. Those that go to non-union districts are tranquil about the future.

The storms that have prevailed are considerable ones. No impediment to transportation has been reported. In most of the cities the trucks have moved without delay. It might be pointed out here that one cause for this latter condition is that better trucks do the moving. The general improvement in the equipment of the wholesale and retail trade in this line is something we are apt to overlook. In a very large way the difficulties of coal distribution in all its branches have been lessened in the last few years because the means of transportation have greatly improved.

Indeed it may be recorded in the consideration of the present moment that the situation in the whole coal industry is better than it has ever been before by reason of improvement in forestalling a contemplated strike and in being able to meet immediate demands, whatever those demands may be.

In contrast with the remarks quoted above, the "Coal Age" of New York in its summary of the state of the coal markets during the week declared that storage buying as a factor was of greater importance than weather conditions. The "Age's" resume, dated Jan. 19, follows in full:

Weather and storage buying were the determining factors in shaping the course of the bituminous trade throughout the country in the past week. Storage buying, however, was the more important factor. Accumulation of reserve stocks as insurance against any suspension in production on April 1 was in evidence in varying degree in every market east of the Mississippi River. It is this buying which undoubtedly is responsible for lifting the production figures over the 13,000,000-ton mark in the first week of the new year. This same class of buying promises to grow in intensity as the time for the expiration of the Jacksonville agreement draws nearer.

Decreases in spot realizations on central Pennsylvania coals and on the high volatiles of southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky were responsible for a slightly easier price trend. "Coal Age's" index of spot bituminous prices on Jan. 17 was 192 and the corresponding weighted average price was \$2.33. Compared with the figures on Jan. 10 this was a decline of 2 points and 1 cent. In the Middle Western fields price maintenance has been fairly successful. The smokeless shippers also have been able to maintain prices.

Developments in the labor situation are complicated. It is strongly hinted that Ohio and western Pennsylvania operators will meet the union with a demand for a reduction in the 1917 scale. From other quarters comes advocacy for a sliding scale wage.

Domestic anthracite showed some signs of reviving interest last week. The feature in the market was No. 1 buckwheat, independent tonnage selling up to \$4.25 in the New York market and \$1 less in Philadelphia.

Production of Bituminous Coal Increases to High Level—Anthracite Gains a Trifle—Coke Declines.

With the holidays past, the output of bituminous coal has smartly increased and the production for the week ended Jan. 8 shows a gain of 2,504,000 net tons over that for the week ended Jan. 1, according to the United States Bureau of Mines report issued Jan. 15. Anthracite, while recouping from the holiday slackening, did not attain its former level, while coke, on the other hand, continued to decline, adds the Bureau's statistics, from which we quote the following:

The decline in production of bituminous coal from the new record established in early December was arrested in the first week of the new year. The total output in the week ended Jan. 8 is estimated at 13,215,000 net tons. Although this is much less than the level of November and early December, it is close to the maximum ever reached in any year prior to 1926.

The average production per working day was 2,203,000 net tons, about the same as in the week of Dec. 18.

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

Table with 4 columns: Week, Coal Year to Date, 1926-1927, 1925-1926, Coal Year to Date. Rows include Dec. 25 1926, Daily average, Jan. 1 1927, Jan. 8 1927, and Daily average.

ANTHRACITE.

The total production of anthracite during the first full week in January is estimated at 1,368,000 net tons. Although this is a gain over the output in the preceding week, which was curtailed by the New Year holiday, it continues the downward trend in anthracite output which has been apparent for some time.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

Table with 5 columns: Week Ended, Week, Coal Year to Date, 1926-1927, 1925-1926, Coal Year to Date. Rows include Dec. 25, Jan. 1, and Jan. 8.

a Minus one day's production first week in April to equalize number of days in the two coal years.

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke in the week ended Jan. 8 is estimated from reports of railroad shipments at 168,000 net tons.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Table with 6 columns: State/Region, Week Ended, 1927, 1926, to Date, to Date. Rows include Pennsylvania and Ohio, West Virginia, Ala., Ky., Tenn. and Georgia, Virginia, Colorado and New Mexico, Washington and Utah, and United States total.

Output of Coke During Month of December.

Although there were 31 days in December, the output of by-product coke in that month fell from a total of 3,743,000 tons in November to 3,706,000 tons, a decrease of 37,000 tons, or 1%, reports the U. S. Bureau of Mines on Jan. 15. The daily rate declined from 124,783 tons to 119,555 tons, a loss of 4.2% per day. There were 76 active plants, the same number as in November and October, and these plants produced about 88% of their capacity, continues the Bureau, adding:

According to the "Iron Age," the production of coke pig iron for the 31 days in December was 3,091,060 gross tons, or 99,712 tons per day, as compared with 3,236,707 tons or 107,890 tons per day for the 30 days in November.

The output of coke pig iron for 1926 was 39,070,470 tons, which compares with 36,403,470 tons in 1925 and with 40,059,308 tons in 1923, the record year.

Production of beehive coke in December continued to decline, the total being estimated at 780,000 tons, a decrease of 9% when compared with November.

Production of all coke amounted to 4,486,000 tons, of which by-product plants contributed 83% and the beehive plants 17%.

Indications are that the total production of by-product coke during the calendar year 1926 amounted to 44,500,000 net tons, and that of beehive coke to 11,500,000 tons.

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

Table with 4 columns: Month, By-Product Coke, Beehive Coke, Total. Rows include 1924 monthly average, 1925 monthly average, 1926b monthly average, and September-December 1926.

a Excludes screenings and breeze. b Preliminary figures. c Revised since last report.

The total amount of coal consumed at coke plants in December was 6,555,000 tons, of which 5,325,000 tons were consumed in by-product ovens and 1,230,000 tons in beehive ovens.

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

Table with 4 columns: Month, Consumed in By-Product Ovens, Consumed in Beehive Ovens, Total Coal Consumed. Rows include 1924 monthly average, 1925 monthly average, 1926a monthly average, and September-December 1926.

a Preliminary figures. b Revised since last report.

Of the total production of by-product coke during December, 3,032,000 tons, or 81.8%, was made in plants associated with iron furnaces, and 674,000 tons, or 18.2%, was made at merchant or other plants.

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

Table with 12 columns: Month, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926. Each year has two sub-columns: Furnace, Other. Rows include January through December.

Estimated Total Production of Bituminous Coal in 1926.

The United States Bureau of Mines' final estimate of bituminous production in the last week of December, taking

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Jan. 19, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows a further decline of \$74,500,000 in bill and security holdings, practically all in discounted bills, of \$30,200,000 in member bank reserve deposits and of \$40,500,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, and an increase of \$24,400,000 in cash reserves. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Discount holdings of the New York Reserve Bank declined \$38,200,000 during the week, of Boston \$16,700,000, Cleveland \$12,000,000, San Francisco \$8,300,000, and St. Louis \$4,300,000, while the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago reports an increase of \$8,000,000 in discounts. Open market acceptance holdings increased \$12,600,000 at the New York bank and declined \$5,400,000 at Chicago, the system as a whole showing a small reduction for the week. Increases of \$4,200,000 in holdings of Treasury notes and \$2,500,000 in United States bonds were largely offset by a decrease of \$5,000,000 in holdings of Treasury certificates.

All of the Federal Reserve banks report a smaller volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation than a week ago, except New York, which shows an increase of \$2,300,000. The principal declines were: Cleveland, \$12,100,000, Chicago \$8,500,000, Boston \$6,100,000, Philadelphia \$4,500,000, and San Francisco \$3,800,000.

The statement in full, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages—namely, pages 479 and 480. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Jan. 19 1927, is as follows:

	Increases (+) or Decreases (-) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	+\$24,400,000	+\$128,600,000
Gold reserves.....	+19,900,000	+121,200,000
Total bills and securities.....	-74,500,000	-70,000,000
Bills discounted, total.....	-74,400,000	-37,100,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	-52,500,000	-50,200,000
Other bills discounted.....	-21,900,000	+13,100,000
Bills bought in open market.....	-800,000	+31,500,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	+1,700,000	-57,200,000
Bonds.....	+2,500,000	-5,300,000
Treasury notes.....	+4,200,000	-85,800,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	-5,000,000	+33,900,000
Federal reserve notes in circulation.....	-40,500,000	+17,900,000
Total deposits.....	-6,000,000	+19,500,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	-30,200,000	+700,000
Government deposits.....	+13,200,000	+8,600,000

**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 1926 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 Monday instead of on Thursday. Under this arrangement the report for the week ending Jan. 10 was given out after the close of business on Monday of the present week.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 683 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Jan. 12 shows an increase of \$55,000,000 in investments and declines of \$167,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$29,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$141,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported an increase of \$27,000,000 in investments and reductions of \$132,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$83,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$42,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including U. S. Government obligations, were \$140,000,000 below the Jan. 5 total. Of this decline \$107,000,000 was at banks in the New York district, \$16,000,000 in the Boston district and \$10,000,000 in the Cleveland district. All other loans and discounts declined \$27,000,000, reductions of \$24,000,000 in the New

York district, \$13,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$10,000,000 in the San Francisco district being offset in part by increases of \$15,000,000 and \$8,000,000 in the Philadelphia and Richmond districts, respectively. Total loans to brokers and dealers were \$27,000,000 below the previous week's figure, loans for their own account having declined \$89,000,000, while loans for out-of-town banks and for others increased \$51,000,000 and \$11,000,000, 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 U. S. Government securities increased \$24,000,000 during the week, of which \$22,000,000 was at reporting banks in the Chicago district. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities were \$31,000,000 above the previous week's figure at all reporting members and \$36,000,000 above at reporting members in the New York district.

Net demand deposits were \$29,000,000 below last week's total, the larger decline of \$91,000,000 in the New York district being partly offset by increases of \$28,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, \$14,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$12,000,000 in the San Francisco district. Time deposits increased \$20,000,000, mostly in the New York district.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks were \$141,000,000 below the January 5 total, reductions being reported by all districts except Dallas. The principal reductions were \$44,000,000 in the New York district, \$42,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$15,000,000 in the Philadelphia district and \$12,000,000 in the San Francisco district.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 480—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:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) During	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total.....	-\$167,000,000	+\$3 5,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+6,000,000	-2,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	-146, 00,000	+24,000,000
All other.....	-27,000,000	+353,000,000
Investments, total.....	+55,000,000	+108,000,000
U. S. securities.....	+24,000,000	-203,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	+31,000,000	+311,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	-67,000,000	-12,000,000
Cash in vault.....	-11,000,000	-6,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	-29,000,000	-56,000,000
Time deposits.....	+20,000,000	+515,000,000
Government deposits.....	-36,000,000	-75,000,000
Total borrowings from F. R. banks.....	-141,000,000	-14,000,000

**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 (Jan. 22) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

CANADA.

Wholesale trade is normal or better in most Canadian distributing centres, with retail business encountering its customary dullness at this season.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The United Kingdom imported merchandise in December to the value of £113,310,000, as compared with £113,293,000 in November and £134,269,000 in December 1925, according to Board of Trade figures. Exports of domestic goods during December were valued at £49,700,000, as against £53,664,000 in November and £65,769,000 in December 1925. The values of re-exports during the same months were £11,500,000, £11,001,000 and £14,644,000, respectively. The foreign commerce of the United Kingdom during the calendar year 1926, accordingly, was valued as follows: Imports, £1,243,364,000; exports of domestic goods, £655,885,000; and re-exports, £125,565,000. The valuations for 1925 were: Imports, £1,320,715,000; exports of domestic goods, £773,381,000; and re-exports, £154,037,000.

The dollar valuation of the declared exports of the United Kingdom and the Irish Free State to the United States during the calendar year 1926 aggregated \$375,872,000, which was nearly \$46,000,000 less than the 1925 valuation. By American consular districts, the largest decreases were in London (\$12,500,000), Manchester (\$9,000,000), Bradford (nearly \$7,500,000), Liverpool (\$4,500,000), and Belfast and Dundee and Glasgow (about \$3,000,000 each). The Swansea consular district reported the greatest increase (nearly \$2,500,000).

BELGIUM.

Notable financial accomplishments and high activity in the principal industries have marked the past year in Belgium. Financial achievements include the stabilization of the currency, balancing of the budget, consolidation of the internal debt, removal of control over exchange activity, a reorganization of the National Bank and the establishment of an autonomous organization for operating the railroads. The heavy industries had their most successful year since the war. The beginning of the year finds Belgium on a relatively sound economic and financial basis and with a hopeful outlook, although the usual seasonal calmness is now evident in business. Money is cheap and large sums are available for investment. The Treasury position continues on a sound basis. Bourse activity is high in all departments. Living costs are still rising but more slowly than during the preceding months. The demand for iron and steel is slack, the coal market is calmer and glass and cement sales are slower. The textile and leather industries are strong, lumber and gasoline sales are better and cereals are active. Motor sales are slow, but an improvement is expected locally.

NETHERLANDS.

Business in the Netherlands towards the close of the year was seasonally quiet though retail centres have felt the effect of a healthy holiday buying movement. The year which has just closed has in most respects been a satisfactory one of the Netherlands, being somewhat better than 1925 but showing not the same relative improvement as 1925 over 1924. Unemployment is comparatively low and wages are fair. Government revenues for the first eleven months of 1926 exceed estimates by more than thirty million florins. The excess of imports to October was sixty-two million lower than last year.

FRANCE.

The senatorial election, which preceded the reconvening of Parliament on Jan. 11, resulted in no material changes in the political complexion of the upper house. As yet no announcement has been made of the dates on which the financial policy of the Government and the debt agreement will be discussed.

The decline in wholesale prices noted in November continued in December, while retail prices dropped for the first time since last August. December wholesale prices decreased by 57 points to 641 and the Paris retail price index went to 599, or 29 points below November.

GERMANY.

The year 1926 was marked by a pronounced improvement in German business activity; domestic production and consumption, as well as international trade increased steadily. The financial situation shared in this recovery and the Reichsbank recently reduced its rediscount rate, bringing it to 5% as compared with 8% a year ago. Bankers loan and deposit rates have also been reduced. Unemployment declined throughout the year with the exception of the last few months when, owing to seasonal factors, it again showed a slight upward tendency.

The year was generally a favorable one for the industries; machinery production and exports continued to rise with the prospect of further large orders for heavy installations from Russia. The steel production quota of 80% of normal has been steadily maintained since the conclusion of the continental steel agreement, imports advanced and domestic prices remained firm. Sales of rails and other railway material featured the exports of steel products. Cotton spinners were well occupied and much attention was devoted to the development of synthetic textiles. The situation in the chemical industry was marked by an increase in potash prices and the further expansion of the dye trust.

Last year about 5,000 American passenger cars were sold in Germany. The market for American motorcycles remains steady but that for trucks is not so promising. Sales of American office equipment are improving. There is also said to be an outlook for better sales of American rubber products.

SPAIN.

With the close of the year public utilities, railroads and Government issues were in a strong position, but the general commercial situation of the country was unfavorable, a condition reflected in the weakness of industrial securities. Except for the strongly entrenched and specially protected and subsidized industries the past year was bad for Spanish business with probably a record number of failures and protests. The credit situation required greatest caution with evidence of increasing competition for Spanish export products. The textile and mining industries were depressed and markets greatly reduced. December figures show a slight improvement, however, in Bilbao iron exports. The year ends with prospects for depression in the coal mining industry for the coming year. Exchange and Government paper are firm on account of the announced reductions in the deficit and the prospects of improvement in Government finances with the reduction of expenditures in Morocco and the general betterment of the Government financial situation. United States trading position as regards Spain was bettered during 1926 due to stability of dollar exchange and prospects for the coming year are for continued good markets in many lines represented in Spanish commerce. The new budget makes estimate for a lower budget than that of previous years. The crop situation is slightly unfavorable as a result of adverse weather conditions and a large percentage of the orange crop has been declared unfit for exportation.

ITALY.

It has been officially announced that subscriptions to the new loan are to close on Jan. 18, which is the date originally fixed. The total amount of subscriptions are expected in Italy to reach the 3,000,000,000 lire mark. The recent weakness of the lira is attributed exclusively to local transactions. The Government has reaffirmed its financial program, including an avoidance of all currency inflation.

HUNGARY.

The Hungarian National Bank has maintained a policy throughout 1926 of gradually calling in its gold reserves held in the form of high grade foreign exchange and has purchased a corresponding amount of gold to be held by the Bank. This action has been taken in preparation for the resumption of specie payments in Hungary whereby Hungary will change from a gold exchange standard in relation to the pound sterling as maintained since 1924 to a gold standard. Up to the end of 1925 gold held in the vaults of the Bank amounted to 25% of the total "legal gold reserve", including foreign exchange; during 1926 this proportion increased until it stood at 60% as of Nov. 30.

ESTONIA.

The budget for 1927-1928, passed by Parliament on Jan. 8, was balanced at 7,923,300,000 estmarks (one mark = \$0.00267), and is higher by nearly 75,000,000 estmarks as compared with the previous budget.

LATVIA.

The butter export of Latvia continues to be very important in Latvian foreign trade, and this export during November totaled 9,806 casks, weighing 500 metric tons. These shipments, which were an increase of 517 casks over November 1925 went almost entirely to Germany (99%). During the month the Landbank assisted several of the dairy societies to the extent of 207,000 lats (one lat = \$193 -----s), for the purchase of new machinery and, in general to modernize their equipment. On Jan. 8 the budget for 1928-1928 was passed by Parliament. It is balanced at 157,000,000 lats over the previous budget.

NORWAY.

An improved trade balance, and consequently, a reduced balance of payment resulted from trade activities during 1925 as against 1924. The deficits totaled 80,000,000 crowns and 200,000,000 crowns, respectively. It is believed locally that this reduction continued during 1926 as the import excess for the first 11 months totaled only 266,000,000 crowns, as against 331,500,000 crowns during the corresponding period of last year. The importance of the reduction is, however, limited by the appreciation of the crown.

DENMARK.

Depression continues in Denmark and one of the primary problems confronting the Government is the lightning of the burden caused by the rise

in the value of the crown. Production costs and prices have not been adjusted to a level corresponding to the crown's par status. The Ministry hopes to bring about an adjustment through a reduction in taxes and public expenditures. Danish imports during the first ten months of 1926 totaled, by value, 1,304,000,000 crowns, while exports, including re-exports, amounted to 1,271,000,000 crowns. There was, therefore, an unfavorable balance of 33,000,000 crowns during this period, but it is quite likely that with the inclusion of "invisible" items, Denmark's 1926 trade was favorable.

JAPAN.

Japan's domestic trade is being adversely affected by national mourning for the late emperor. The import excess for the first ten days of January is unexpectedly large. Weakness in the silk market is more pronounced and prospects of an improvement are small; a new low quotation of yen 1.410 per bale has been made for Grand Double Extra. (1 yen equaled \$0.4878 on Jan. 14.)

CHINA.

Business conditions in China are confused and uncertain in most lines. However, this is the dull season and very little buying is expected until after the Chinese New Year, which comes the first week in February. Reports of the Chinese banks in Shanghai show that 1926 was a very satisfactory year, but the outlook this year is not good, owing to disrupted conditions in trade circles in the Yangtze region. It is not anticipated in China that the proposed embargo against silver shipments to Hankow will be effective, although efforts to hold up silver shipments are being made. With the exception of some foreign banks, all banks in Hankow continue to operate. Conditions in Shanghai are quiet at present, but it is feared locally there may be disturbances if and when the local government changes hands. The insurance rate against non-military disturbances in Shanghai is reported at 1% quarterly.

INDIA.

The Indian Tariff Board report favors changes in the existing steel bounty system under which the steel industry of India has been operating for some time, but recommends continued protection of the industry by the substitution of a scale of duties involving smaller amounts than are provided for in the old schedule. These recommendations include two sets of duties, namely, basic duties applicable to all steel imported during the next seven years, and an additional duty on non-British steel varying according to the difference between British and Continental prices. When the rolling and finishing processes are completed from the bloom, billet or sheet bar stage in Britain the product may be designated as British. Anti-dumping duties are considered in the recommendations as impractical.

The Tariff Board recommends that railways revise their present bridge designs to permit a greater use of Indian steel products in these projects.

With reference to lower duties on steel rails, the Board states it is only possible provided the Government arranges to satisfy its total rail requirements from Indian mills so far as local production permit.

The Board's recommendations also take up the matter of protection for the tin plate industry. It points out that a large increase has occurred in its production of these goods and that the cost has been reduced so that the protective duty may be lowered.

The Government announces introduction at the next session of the Legislature of a bill embodying these recommendations.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Business is generally quiet but the outlook is optimistic. The copra market is firmer and arrivals at Manila are heavier, largely as a result of increased shipments from the Island of Samar, southeast of Luzon. All oil mills are operating, the provincial equivalent of rescado (dried copra) delivered at Manila is now quoted at from 12 to 12½ pesos per picul of 139 pounds. (1 peso equals \$.50.)

Trade on the abaca market is light with United States grades somewhat weaker and United Kingdom grades steady. Arrivals of the raw fiber are heavier but production continues low on account of rains in growing areas. Present price quotations are 41 pesos per picul for grade F; I, 35.50; JUS, 25.50; JUK, 23.50, and L, 22.50.

The estimated property loss from the recent fire in the Tondo district of Manila is placed at \$200,000. The fire was confined chiefly to the native residential section of the Tondo district, which is in the heart of Manila and includes also Chinese business sections.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

With the opening of the new year there is little indication of revival in trade. Retail business continues slow, probably owing to the recent disturbances among the natives. There is moderate business activity in wholesale trade, however, although the situation is generally quiet.

AUSTRALIA.

Wool sales at Sydney and Hobart were brisk during the week ended January 15 and prices at Sydney approximately 5% higher than the year end levels. Prices at Hobart reached the high of 41 pence 3 farthings per pound. Wheat prices have been further reduced to 5 shillings 2½ pence per pound ex trucks at Sydney, and farmers are reluctant to sell at such low levels.

Tasmania's apple crop is estimated at 2,450,000 bushels as compared with 1,890,000 bushels for the 1923-24 season.

The new freight rate increases which went into effect on Nov. 24 are causing considerable discussion in the country districts, it being contended that the burden is falling wholly upon the shoulders of the farmers.

It is rumored that the Government is considering the matter of changing the Federal fiscal year to end Sept. 30 instead of June 30 as now.

ARGENTINA.

Trade was slow in Argentina during the week ended Jan. 15, as a result of auditing and taking of annual inventories. The automobile trade is relatively inactive. Greater activity is in evidence in export markets, with increased sales of wool and hides. The Argentine Government and the Province of Mendoza have been successful in negotiating loans through New York bankers. A protective tariff measure was introduced into Congress as a rider to the 1927 budget bill, which proposes to increase the import duty on items of foodstuffs, textiles, steel and vegetable oils.

BRAZIL.

Business conditions in Brazil continue satisfactory, with exchange steady but slightly below the stabilization level which is approximately \$0.11963.

The stabilization law passed in December, 1926, provides for various steps in the reform and stabilization of the national currency, one of which is the establishment of a Stabilization Bureau. This bureau is to have charge of the mechanical functions entailed by the entire reform plan, including the issuing of bills, the caring for which will serve gold deposits as security for the notes, &c. Milreis notes are to be issued against gold deposits at the rate of 200 milligrams per milreis, but the date and manner of conversion of the present circulation has not yet been established. Regulations just issued for the Stabilization Bureau provide for branches in New York and London, the main function of which will be that of gold depositories, but details concerning their establishment are still lacking. The Bank of Brazil

establish a Government board for the consideration of population and food problems.

- 7. To raise the pay for the employees in the mail service and other Government enterprises.
8. To increase the amount of pensions attached to decorations.
9. To create an air service and to establish our policy toward international air service.
10. To extend telephone service in rural towns and villages.
11. To increase national subsidies toward local communities for their educational expenses.
12. To carry out the second tax reform plan, endeavoring to distribute tax burdens more fairly.
13. To limit the total amount of national loans to be floated during the coming fiscal year to 150,000,000 yen, without borrowing in the open market.

- 14. To extend and improve the railway system in Hokkaido, Chosen (Korea) Taiwan (Formosa) for their further cultivation.

Total Revenue and Expenditures in General Account.

The total revenue and expenditures in the general account for the coming fiscal year is estimated as follows:

Table with columns: Revenue, Yen, Expenditures, Yen. Rows: Ordinary, Extraordinary, Total.

Redemption of National Loans.

National loans to be issued during the coming fiscal year following the aforesaid general policy are:

Table with columns: General Account, Special Account, Yen. Rows: Reconstruction loans, Extension and improvement of railways, For public works in Korea, etc.

Retrenchment and Postponement of Works.

The amount to be saved in the coming fiscal year by government economy and postponement of works are as follows:

Table with columns: Retrenchment, Postponement, Yen. Rows: Ordinary, Extraordinary, Total, Grand total.

General Economic Conditions.

The steady recovery of our economic and financial conditions has been evidenced by such facts as decrease in Bank of Japan note circulation, reduction of its discount rates, advance in the prices of stocks and bonds, lower trend of commodity prices and recovery of our foreign exchange.

Offering of \$3,000,000 5% Bonds of San Antonio Joint Stock Land Bank.

Hayden, Stone & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Stevenson, Perry, Stacey & Co., and William R. Compton Co., offered on Jan. 17 a new issue of \$3,000,000 The San Antonio Joint Stock Land Bank 5% Farm Loan bonds, dated Jan. 1 1927, at 103 and interest, to yield 4.62% to the optional date, Jan. 1 1937, and 5% thereafter.

The balance sheet of the San Antonio Joint Stock Land Bank as of Dec. 31 1926 follows:

Assets and Liabilities table. Assets: New mortgage loans, United States Government bonds and securities, Cash on hand and in banks, etc. Liabilities: Farm Loan bonds outstanding, Due borrowers on uncompleted loans, etc.

The President of the bank is Wm. B. Lupe, President, for many years engaged in the farm mortgage business in Texas.

Offering of \$6,500,000 Bonds of Province of Mendoza (Argentine Republic)—Books Closed.

Offering of the \$6,500,000 external 7.50% secured sinking fund gold bonds of the Province of Mendoza (Argentine Republic), which was referred to in these columns last week (page 315), was made by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., and A. M. Lamport & Co., Inc., on Jan. 17 at 98.75 and interest, to yield over 7.60%.

The bonds will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal. Principal and semi-annual interest will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the office of the fiscal agent in New York.

Security.

Table showing pledged revenues for the years 1922, 1923, 1924, and 1925. Rows include Pledged wine export tax, Pledged land tax, Pledged grape and wine production taxes.

Total pledged revenues... \$3,188,309 \$3,248,771 \$3,540,290 \$3,275,839. The average annual income from these pledged taxes, available exclusively for the payment of principal and interest on these bonds, is over \$3,300,000, as shown above, or more than 6.8 times the annual interest charges and over 5.6 times the combined annual interest and sinking fund requirements, totaling \$585,000.

amount, that it will similarly pledge additional taxes in order that said ratio may be maintained.

The total debt of the Province, including this issue, and after retiring the corresponding amount of existing indebtedness, will amount to approximately \$16,379,000. The per capita wealth in 1925 was estimated at over \$1,550, or more than 35 times the present per capita outstanding indebtedness.

Application will be made to list the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. All conversions of Argentine pesos to United States dollars have been made at par of exchange (one peso equals \$0.4245). Original delivery to be made in the form of interim receipts or temporary bonds.

Offering of \$10,000,000 7% Bonds of State of Rio Grande do Sul (United States of Brazil)—Issue Sold.

Offering was made on Jan. 18 of a new issue of \$10,000,000 State of Rio Grande do Sul (United States of Brazil) 40-year 7% sinking fund gold bonds, external loan of 1926, by Lee, Higginson & Co. and Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. The bonds were priced at 98 and accrued interest, to yield over 7.15%; they will be dated Nov. 1 1926 and become due Nov. 1 1966. The bonds are non-callable except for the sinking fund prior to Nov. 1 1931. The bonds were disposed of on the day of the offering. As to the purpose of the issue, it is stated:

In accordance with Law No. 411 of Nov. 24 1926, under which these bonds are issued, the proceeds of this issue are to be used for the retirement of floating indebtedness, capital expenditures for railroads, widening and deepening inland canals and the prosecution of other public works.

A sinking fund will be set up to provide for the retirement of the entire bond issue at or before maturity. It is officially stated that:

Prior to Nov. 1 1931, callable in part for sinking fund only on any interest date at 100 and accrued interest; on and after Nov. 1 1931 callable on 60 days' notice as a whole at any time, or in part on any interest date for sinking fund only at 100 and accrued interest.

The bonds, coupon, in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, will be registerable as to principal. Principal, sinking fund and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, free of any present or future Brazilian Government taxes or any State or municipal taxes, present or future, of the State of Rio Grande do Sul. Principal and interest payable at the office of Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., fiscal agents, in New York, interest also payable at the offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., in New York, Boston and Chicago. The State of Rio Grande do Sul covenants to deposit a fixed annuity of \$747,697 a year, payable in semi-annual installments, to be used for the payment of interest and as a sinking fund for the purchase or call and retirement of bonds of this issue. The sinking fund is calculated to retire the entire issue at or before maturity.

Regarding the State's finances, debt, &c., the President of the State of Rio Grande do Sul in his advices to the bankers offering the bonds says:

Finances.

Ordinary revenues of the State of Rio Grande do Sul for the last 20 years have in every year shown a surplus over ordinary expenditures, and combined total of ordinary revenues and extraordinary revenues for entire period is in excess of combined total of ordinary expenditures and extraordinary expenditures.

Credit.

There is no record of default on any funded debt obligation, either internal or external, of the State of Rio Grande do Sul.

Security.

These bonds are issued as the direct and general obligation of the State of Rio Grande do Sul. They are specifically secured by a first hypothecation mortgage or charge on the consumption tax and the transportation tax, together estimated by the State to amount to more than \$1,115,000* per annum, or more than one and one-half times the requirement for payment of interest and sinking fund on these bonds. They are further specifically secured, subject to the external loan of 1921 or any extension or refunding thereof, on all taxes imposed by the State on the transmission of property, on inheritances and legacies and on the net annual revenues of the port of Porto Alegre, together estimated by the State to show, over interest and sinking fund on the prior issue, a surplus to amount to an additional \$676,000*.

Debt.

Total direct debt of State, including this issue, is \$36,268,926*, or less than \$20 per capita. Contingent obligations, consisting of guaranteed city bonds, \$14,631,529*.

It is expected that interim receipts will be ready for delivery about Jan. 25.

* All statistics herein relating to foreign money and values, unless otherwise stated, are expressed in terms of United States dollars at par of sterling exchange, £1=\$4.8665; and at 1 milreis=12 cents for Brazilian exchange.

\$1,100,000 Gold Notes of Danish Export Credit Committee.

The Guaranty Co. of New York, Dillon, Read & Co., and the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., offered on Jan. 17 \$1,100,000 Danish Export Credit Committee guaranteed 4½% gold notes, unconditionally guaranteed as to principal

and interest by endorsement by the Kingdom of Denmark. The notes are due in the amount of \$200,000 each Jan. 1 1929-1933, and \$100,000 Jan. 1 1934, and were offered at prices to yield 4½% to 5¼%, according to maturity. The notes will bear date Jan. 1 1927. Official advices regarding the issue state:

Total dollar amount authorized limited to a total principal amount equivalent to 20,000,000 kroner at the rate or rates of exchange existing at the time of issuance thereof (equivalent at par of exchange to \$5,360,000). To be issued from time to time in installments of not less than \$500,000, each installment maturing annually in from one to not exceeding seven years. Outstanding (this issue), \$1,100,000. Interest payable semi-annually on Jan. 1 and July 1. Principal and interest payable in New York at the office of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in gold coin of the United States of America of or equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing on Jan. 1 1927, without deduction for or on account of any taxes, assessments or duties of any character, now or hereafter levied or imposed by the Danish National Government or by or within any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or within the territories of the Kingdom of Denmark. Coupon notes of \$5,000 denomination.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is paying agent. Information received from M. N. Slesbager, Minister of Commerce, by the banking houses offering the bonds, says in part:

These notes are to be the direct obligation of the Danish Export Credit Committee and each note is to be unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by endorsement by the Kingdom of Denmark. The Mortgage Bank of the Kingdom of Denmark will control and supervise the issuance of the notes.

The Danish Export Credit Committee was established by the Danish Government by decree of the Minister of Commerce dated July 10 1922, to foster the export trade of Denmark. Pursuant to paragraph 17 of the Finance Act passed by the Danish Parliament on March 31 1926, and decrees of the Minister of Commerce of Aug. 26 1926, and of Sept. 7 1926, this committee is authorized to grant credits to responsible Danish exporters and to issue interest-bearing notes to bearer, payable in United States gold dollars and carrying the unconditional guaranty of the Danish Government. The Danish Export Credit Committee has authorized the Mortgage Bank of the Kingdom of Denmark to issue these notes on its behalf, the proceeds to be used to extend credit to Danish exporters or to reimburse the committee for credits so extended.

Under this arrangement the advances thus made to Danish exporters are to be liquidated by payments by the buyers of the exported goods, which payments will be collected on behalf of the Danish Government by the Privatbanken in Copenhagen.

The debt of Denmark on March 31 1926 amounted to \$304,500,000, of which \$125,600,000 was foreign indebtedness. State assets, consisting of railways, port works, &c., are valued at \$412,500,000, which is in excess of the total debt. The wealth of Denmark at the beginning of 1926 was estimated at \$5,305,000,000, or about seventeen times the present national debt.

For the fiscal year ended March 31 1926, ordinary revenues showed a surplus of \$290,000 over ordinary expenditures. After using this surplus, net expenditures for capital account for the year, including amortization of debt, construction works and revenue producing investments, will amount to approximately \$1,234,000. The preliminary budget for 1926-27 shows a surplus of ordinary revenues over ordinary expenditures of about \$234,000.

The Danish krone, with a gold parity of 26.8 cents, has appreciated during the last four years and was quoted on Jan. 5 1927 at 26.68 or substantially at par of exchange. The Danish Parliament recently passed laws by which the gold standard was re-established on Jan. 1 1927.

All conversions of Danish kroner into dollars have been made at par of exchange.

It was expected that due bills of Guaranty Co. of New York, issued against the deposit of temporary notes of this issue, would be ready for delivery on Jan. 20.

Offering of \$25,000,000 Debentures of the Batavian Petroleum Company.

Dillon, Read & Co. on Jan. 20 offered an issue of \$25,000,000 Batavian Petroleum Co. 15-year 4½% guaranteed debentures at 96¼ and interest, to yield 4.85%. The issue was oversubscribed the day of offering. The debentures are guaranteed jointly and severally by endorsement by the Royal Dutch and "Shell" companies. The Batavian Petroleum Co. handles the Royal Dutch and Shell operations in connection with the production of petroleum in the Dutch East Indies. The company also has extensive interests in Venezuela and the Argentine. Royal Dutch owns 60% and Shell 40% of its capital stock. Net profits of the Batavian company for the year 1925 are given as \$24,637,000. This figure is ten times the annual interest charge on the company's total funded debt. Further data regarding the offering and the company are given in our "Investment News" Department, on page 511.

\$500,000 Issue of Bonds of City of Barranquilla (Republic of Colombia).

According to information received by Moody's Foreign Department (and made public Jan. 14), the City of Barranquilla, Republic of Colombia, has sold an issue of \$500,000, which is being offered for public subscription in this market. Moody's says:

Bonds represent Series "C" of an 8% external loan, authorized to the amount of \$4,000,000, of which Series "A" and Series "B," representing each \$500,000, were sold in this market in the course of 1925 and are outstanding at present at \$428,200 and \$466,300, respectively. The present offering is dated Dec. 1 1926 and is due Dec. 1 1946, bonds being redeemable as a whole on any interest date at 105 for the first four years, the premium

being subject to reduction by 1% for each subsequent four-year period. Bonds are secured by a first mortgage upon municipally owned public market, waterworks system, &c., as well as upon the gross revenues of such public utilities and the proceeds of the real estate tax, the vehicle tax and the tax upon outside meat markets. Proceeds from the sale of bonds are to be used for the construction of a new pumping plant and a filtration plant for the municipal waterworks.

City of Brussels Internal Loan to Be Offered in Home Market.

The following information was released by Moody's Foreign Department on Jan. 14:

Negotiations are understood to have started some time ago between an American group and the City of Brussels with a view to extending a loan to the city of about \$15,000,000. Belgian authorities, however, viewed with disfavor such transaction, fearing lest Belgian foreign loans might complicate the country's balance of payments and consequently impair the stability of the currency. The city, therefore, resorted to the home market and there will be offered within the next few days a City of Brussels internal loan to the amount of Fcs. 150,000,000. Bonds will bear interest at the rate of 7% per annum and will be redeemed within sixty years. Offering price is to be 94%, to yield currently 7.44% and about 7.45% to maturity. It is expected that bonds will be free from all Belgian taxes.

Secretary Jardine to Address Farmers on Co-Operative Marketing at Athens, Ga., On Jan. 29.

Secretary of Agriculture Jardine has accepted an invitation to speak at Athens, Ga., Jan. 29, immediately following a four-day school of co-operative marketing at the Georgia State College of Agriculture, Jan. 24 to 28. The co-operative marketing school will be conducted by the College of Agriculture, assisted by the co-operative associations of Georgia, and the newly created Division of Co-Operative Marketing in the Department of Agriculture. Arrangements are being made for a large attendance of officers, directors, and employees of a number of co-operatives in Georgia and other States. The American Cotton Growers' Exchange has announced that its executive committee, composed of the general managers of 12 State-wide cotton marketing associations, will attend the school. The school will be a short course in co-operative marketing with emphasis placed on problems in business management and membership relations. The program is designed especially for directors and employees of co-operative associations, county agents and agricultural workers, bankers, farmers, and others interested directly in the operations of co-operative marketing organizations. The list of lecturers and speakers include representatives of the Georgia State College of Agriculture, specialists from the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and the general managers of co-operative associations handling cotton, peaches, watermelons, apples, pecans, sirup, peanuts, and other commodities.

Reported Land Bank Indictments in Minnesota.

According to Associated Press advices Jan. 18 from St. Paul, Minn., six men were indicted on that day by the Federal grand jury at St. Paul on charges growing out of the operation of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank while it was located at Redwood Falls, Minn. The Associated Press accounts said:

Several former officers of the bank were named in the indictments, together with Guy Huston of New York City, President of the Joint Stock Land Bank Association of the United States, and John E. Huston of Chicago.

Reorganized in September 1925, the Southern Minnesota Bank now is located in Minneapolis and none of its present officers or affairs was involved in the grand jury investigation.

One indictment, containing 14 counts, charged violation of the Federal Farm Loan Act by William H. Gold, former President; Glenn W. Gold, former Vice-President; Donald W. Gold, former Vice-President, and Guy Huston, "agent" of the bank.

Another indictment of 12 counts, charging use of the mails to defraud and conspiracy, named William G. M. Smith, Redwood Falls, and John E. Huston, Chicago.

The six men are charged with conspiring and organizing the Farmers' Fund, Inc., of Minnesota, operating at Redwood Falls, for the announced intention of buying and selling real estate and mortgages, but that they misapplied \$500,000 to the Guy Huston Company of Illinois.

It also is charged there was not ample warrant in increased business for increasing the shares of the Farmers' Fund from 18,000 to 30,000, with a resultant increase in capitalization from \$1,800,000 to \$3,000,000, which made the bank the fifth largest of its kind in the country.

The Joint Stock Land banks, operating in many cities, have special Federal authorization under the Federal Farm Loan Act to make loans on farms and issue bonds to the amount of these loans.

Bill Providing \$8,000,000 Fund to Aid Farmers Favored by House Committee.

An appropriation of \$8,000,000 for farm aid was favored on Jan. 19 by the House Committee on Agriculture, which ordered a report on the Norbeck-Johnson bill. The "Journal of Commerce" from which this is learned said:

This measure proposed originally \$6,000,000 for the purchase of seed for the farmers in the drought-stricken area in the South. To-day the balance was added so as to provide \$500,000 for loans to citrus growers in the storm stricken areas of the South and \$1,500,000 for the purchase of fertilizer for the cotton producers who suffered similar losses.

It was contended that to make the seed proposal effective it would be necessary to provide for the purchase of fertilizer. The amendment was put through by Representative Fulmer, of South Carolina.

1926 Record Year for New York State Banking Institutions—Annual Report of State Superintendent of Banks.

Institutions under the supervision of the New York State Banking Department had a record-breaking year in 1926, having increased their resources and deposits more than any other year in the history of the department, according to the annual report of Frank H. Warder, State Superintendent of Banks, which was submitted to the State Legislature on Jan. 17. The report says:

While the exact figures from the date of the last reports to the close of the year are not yet available, an estimate made in the manner which has proved reliable in previous years indicates resources of \$12,815,000,000 and deposits of \$10,170,000,000 as of Dec. 31 1926. This gives us an increase in resources during the year of approximately \$1,425,000,000 and an increase in deposits during the same period of more than \$1,290,000,000. It is interesting in this connection to note that the total deposits of our State institutions as of Sept. 30 1926, \$9,780,000,000, was 47.3% of the \$20,642,164,000 reported as the total deposits of all the national banks in the United States on June 30 1926.

We are glad to be able to report that there has been no failure of any bank, trust company or other corporation under supervision during the year 1926. In fact there has been no such failure for the past five years. The following table gives the resources, deposits and capital and surplus of State banks, trust companies and private bankers as of Nov. 14 1925 and Nov. 15 1926:

1. Resources November 14 1925	-----	\$6,357,264,163
Resources November 15 1926	-----	7,247,019,207
Increase	-----	\$889,755,044
2. Deposits November 14 1925	-----	\$5,272,408,622
Deposits November 15 1926	-----	6,003,261,727
Increase	-----	\$730,853,105
3. Capital, surplus and undivided profits, Nov. 14 1925	-----	\$682,892,586
Capital, Surplus and undivided profits Nov. 15 1926	-----	809,908,578
Increase	-----	\$127,015,992

Notwithstanding the large increase in deposits, the ratio of capital and surplus to deposits is still better than 1 to 7½, showing that the officers and directors of our institutions are mindful of their duty to afford depositors adequate protection in that respect. Seventy-five new authorizations, not including branch authorizations or special authorizations to exercise fiduciary powers, were granted during the year. Forty-nine of these were to new institutions and the others were in connection with various conversions.

The number of private bankers continues to decrease, due largely to the fact that the Department encourages the transfer of their business to corporate banks whenever possible. While our roster shows 72 private bankers, 15 of these are liquidating, having either organized new banks to take over their business or sold out to already existing institutions; consequently, there are at this time but 57 private bankers actively in business, as compared with 64 a year ago.

There are 17 personal loan companies and one firm of personal loan brokers actively in business. Two applications for new companies up-State were filed this year. Neither was approved. During the year 1926 four new credit unions were authorized and three of those previously authorized closed.

There are 122 credit unions on the roster, 17 of which are in process of voluntary liquidation, leaving but 105 actively engaged in business. There are 16 applications for new charters pending.

The department again recommends legislation designed to further safeguard the business of certain so-called investment companies and renews its recommendation to make bonds of certain utility companies legal investments for savings banks.

Superintendent Warder reports that his department has taken the position that it will not authorize any mortgage company doing a second mortgage business and the department's attitude on all authorizations is "that the standing and prestige of the Banking Department which has under its supervision banking institutions with resources running into billions of dollars cannot directly or indirectly be used as a means of selling certificates for any mortgage company. For that reason few authorizations for mortgage companies have been issued in recent years."

Annual Report of Discount Corporation of New York.

An important feature of the acceptance market is the considerable volume of purchases by banks abroad for the profitable employment of gold exchange reserves, John McHugh, Chairman of the Discount Corporation of New York, declared on Jan. 20 in presenting the eighth annual report to shareholders. A further increased demand for American acceptances, he said may materialize as more European Governments stabilize the currency of their countries. Net profits of the corporation during 1926, after making provision for taxes, Mr. McHugh said, were \$492,470. Dividends amounting to \$350,000 were declared during the year, being at the rate of 7% per annum on the capital stock. The sum of \$142,470 was added to the undivided profits account which now stands at \$1,838,704. "During the year just closed the volume of acceptances dealt in by your corporation," said Mr. McHugh, "approximated the average of the past three years." Total assets of the Discount

Corporation of New York as of Dec. 31 1926, amounted to \$117,302,193, an increase of \$22,439,893 as compared with a total of \$94,862,300 at the end of 1925. Capital, surplus and undivided profits stood at \$7,838,704, compared with \$7,696,234 on December 31 1925.

Paul M. Warburg Pictures 1927 as Closing Year for Europe's After-War Readjustment—Says United States Will Continue as World Banker—Growth of International Acceptance Banks

The year 1927 should prove to be the closing year in the period of after-war readjustments for European nations. This was the prediction made by Paul M. Warburg, international banker and Chairman of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., in his annual report submitted to stockholders at their annual meeting on Jan. 18. "From a violently disturbed sea of unfettered inflation," Mr. Warburg said, "we see the world now emerging into the smooth waters of balanced budgets and stabilized currencies." After citing the various countries which have returned to the gold standard during 1926, he said: "It would seem as if we might expect that the year just begun would see the few remaining prodigal sons returning to the fold of the gold standard family. 1927 would thus mark the end of the period of fiscal and currency anarchy into which Europe was thrown as a consequence of the Great War."

The loans granted by the United States to foreign countries in recent years "have, no doubt, played a most helpful part, and it would seem that in 1927 Uncle Sam will have to continue to play the role of a world banker," Mr. Warburg said. But, he added, "the degree to which countries will be able to take care of their own wants without an excessive appeal to foreign markets will be one of the soundest tests by which to measure the growing economic strength of these nations." Mr. Warburg continued:

If we are right in believing that 1927 may prove to be the closing year of the period of the after-war readjustment, completing the return of the major part of the world to stabilized budgets and currencies (leaving Russia out of our consideration as a derelict with an uncertain course) several additional years will be required to permit the physicians to observe how the patients will act without the excessive use of drugs (i. e., foreign loans) to which they had become accustomed.

In other words, when the real strength or weakness of countries will have become apparent, after a few years of fairly normal operation, the time will have arrived to determine how heavy a man-made burden may safely be imposed upon God-made countries without crippling their growth. That is the thought which one may read between the lines of Mr. S. Parker Gilbert's admirable reports, a thought which will ultimately, we believe, fashion the policy to be adopted in dealing with all inter-governmental debts springing from the liquidation of the Great War.

In reviewing conditions of the past few years, and recalling predictions made earlier, Mr. Warburg, said:

We chartered 1924, the year of the Dawes plan, and 1925, the year of Locarno, as the economic and political turning points, as milestones marking the end of war and decline, and the beginning of Europe's rise and return towards normal conditions. The year 1926 may be written down as having accomplished the greatest progress yet achieved in this direction, so much so that one would feel inclined to chance the prediction that 1927 should prove to be the closing year in this period of after-war readjustment.

The most significant event in Europe's upward march in 1926, Mr. Warburg said, is the rapprochement between France and Germany and the spirit of mutual good will as manifested first on the occasion of Germany's entering the League of Nations and subsequently by the conferences between Briand and Stresemann. The agreements since perfected between the steel manufacturers of the various European countries and the manifesto urging lower tariff bars also are encouraging signs of a growing realization that Europe's salvation lies in co-operation rather than in destructive struggles for economic or political superiority. It is not an uninteresting thought, he adds, to ponder how far, unwittingly, Uncle Sam has been instrumental in bringing about the growth of this conciliatory spirit amongst European nations.

"It is greatly to be deplored that it proved impossible for France to reach the port of safety (i. e., currency stability) in the course of 1926 as had been hoped by her friends," Mr. Warburg said. He added it is difficult to understand why a country like France should be alarmed at the thought of undertaking a burden involving a reasonable annual foreign debt service. He believes that "the France of the future will be even stronger than the France of 1914." After commenting upon the position of France at the present time, Mr. Warburg said:

There is no reason to believe that in these circumstances a reasonable foreign debt would prove beyond her strength and involve dangers as grave as envisaged by a people unstrung by the long tortures of war and inflation. On the other hand, if the United States are certain that the burden that France is to undertake is not heavier than she may safely and fairly assume, it is just as difficult to understand why we are so unwilling to declare our readiness to reconsider the whole subject in case a series of years of normal

economic conditions would have furnished convincing evidence for the justification of a demand upon us to do so. For, whether or not we commit ourselves to such a course now, it is inconceivable that we could avoid it if circumstances then really warranted it.

Mr. Warburg added we should remember that payments from foreign governments are less valuable than our debtors' good will and their ability to trade with us in peace and prosperity.

True enough, that in many cases foreign loans are imperatively required in order to instill new life into the constructive powers of a country or in order to give it the exchange stability necessary to enable it to get under way. In this regard the \$280,000,000 which the United States granted in foreign loans during 1926 have no doubt played a most helpful part. As to the end of after-war readjustment Mr. Warburg, said:

If we are right in believing that 1927 may prove to be the closing year of the period of after-war readjustment completing the return of the major part of the world to stabilized budgets and currencies (leaving Russia out of our considerations as a derelict with an uncertain course), several additional years will be required to permit the physician to observe how the patients will act without the excessive use of the drugs (i. e. foreign loans) to which they had become accustomed. In other words, when the real strength or weakness of countries will have become apparent, after a few years of fairly normal operation, the time will have arrived to determine how heavy a man-made burden may safely be imposed upon God-made countries without crippling their growth. That is the thought which one may read between the lines of S. Parker Gilbert's admirable reports, a thought which will ultimately, we believe, fashion the policy to be adopted in dealing with all inter-governmental debts springing from the liquidation of the Great War.

England Renders World Service in Breaking General Strike.

England in 1926 has rendered the world a service of immeasurable value by proving that a General Strike can be broken by the calm and well organized co-operation of the non-labor population. On the other hand, she has suffered grievously through the prolonged coal strike. Her loss has been the gain of other countries, including ourselves, and particularly Germany, whose marked recuperation during the year has been due, to no small degree, to the great stimulus given to her coal trade by the British stoppage. That England could survive as well as she did these inroads upon her outstanding national industry and branches affiliated therewith, is due to a very large extent to the huge reserve power she had accumulated through generations in the shape of her foreign investments. The secret of American prosperity lies in high efficiency of labor, which enables us to pay the high real wages that give an unparalleled purchasing power to our vast domestic market and furnishes the basis for large scale production by modern machinery. England will have to bridge a wide gap in order to adjust her present conditions to those prevailing over here, but the reserves upon which she can draw will permit her "to take her own time" in readjusting herself to the standard of her competitors.

Business Outlook in United States.

American activity and prosperity reached record heights in 1926, and it is generally anticipated that 1927 may show more modest figures both as to scope and profits. A general contraction of business, which in itself would not be a serious matter and might simply mean that production cannot always proceed at top speed and in record volume would logically entail a tendency toward easier money in the new year. The agricultural problem, however, remains puzzling for reasons which we have already slightly touched upon and with which we have dealt more fully in our last year's report.

Commenting upon the operations of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., Mr. Warburg said, "our shareholders will be pleased to learn that the year 1926 was one of encouraging development, and of highly satisfactory return. We are glad to report that in spite of competition we have managed to hold our own. The volume of our acceptance business topped 1925, the average total of acceptances during the year being \$40,253,000, against an average of \$39,100,000 for 1925."

During the year the International Acceptance Securities & Trust Company was established and opened for business. Its entire capital is owned by International Acceptance Bank, Inc., excepting directors' qualifying shares. In its first year it paid its organization and operating expenses and earned a satisfactory surplus. It reported deposits of \$9,536,775 on Dec. 31 1926. The balance sheet of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., as of Dec. 31 1926 was the most favorable issued since its organization. Total resources amounted to \$105,622,080, a new high record. Acceptances outstanding aggregated \$47,117,538, also a new year-end record for the bank. Cash on hand and due from banks aggregated \$11,076,476; call loans secured by acceptances, \$5,751,414; United States Government securities, \$11,495,726, and collateral loans, \$5,798,549. Undivided profits totaled \$3,902,703. The following changes in the bank's official staff were announced; H. J. Rogers, formerly Assistant Vice-President, W. H. Schubart, Manager of the Foreign Exchange Department, and L. S. Chandler Jr. were appointed Vice-Presidents, and J. A. Milholland became Assistant Treasurer.

Tribute by Order and Liberty Alliance to Memory of Charles F. Brooker.

A resolution paying tribute to the late Charles F. Brooker was passed as follows on Jan. 10 by the joint boards of man-

agers of the North American Civic League for Immigrants and its subsidiary, the Order and Liberty Alliance:

Resolved. That these boards engross on their records appreciation of their high esteem for the late Charles F. Brooker, long a member of the League's Industrial Committee, a wise counsellor and a consistent friend.

He was a great industrialist, but a greater citizen.

Clear of vision, and wise, he saw the threat in unregulated immigration and did what he could to correct mischievous tendencies.

He knew the upstanding need there was for industry to form abiding and mutually beneficial contacts with foreign-speaking labor. What is more significant, he realized that confidence which begets amity cannot be won by patronage, but is the fruit of service and co-operation. Once convinced that the North American Civic League for Immigrants was conducting its patriotic campaigns along lines which appealed to his judgment, he gave it his generous and never-failing support. This continued during his life.

Voted. That a copy of this tribute to our late associate, Mr. Brooker, be printed and sent to his friends and business colleagues.

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.

- Jan. 17—Renewal, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; high, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; low, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; last, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$. Fairly large turnover, but with money on hand all day.
- Jan. 18—Renewal, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; high, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; low, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; last, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$. Moderate turnover. Money in supply at close.
- Jan. 19—Renewal, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; high, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; low, 4% ; last, 4% . Volume light. Abundant offerings brought about reduction in rate to 4% .
- Jan. 20—Renewal, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; high, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; low, 4% ; last, 4% . A very small turnover and a plethora of funds were the features of the money market to-day.
- Jan. 21—Renewal, 4% ; high, 4% ; low, 4% ; last, 4% . Very light turnover; money in supply at close.

Statements of previous weeks have appeared weekly in our issues since July 10 1926; last week's statement will be found on page 317 of our issue of Jan. 15.

National Banks Show Decline in Proportion of Paper Available for Rediscount with Federal Reserve Banks, According to Economist Anderson.

Speaking before the State Bankers' Association of New York (Group 6) at the Hotel Commodore, New York, last Saturday afternoon, Benj. M. Anderson Jr., Ph.D., Economist of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, pointed out that the percentage of loans and investments of national banks which can be taken to the Federal Reserve banks for rediscount or as collateral for loans has heavily declined since 1923. For the United States as a whole the figures stood at 37.05% on June 30 1923 and at 30.98% on June 30 1926; for New York City the drop has been from 38.62% to 30.32%; for Chicago from 40.5% to 31.38%; for country banks generally from 35.07% to 30.27%, and for country banks in New York State from 31.59% to 24.22%. These figures are not alarming, Dr. Anderson thinks, but they do call for study, he opines, and they particularly suggest that individual banks should examine their own figures with reference to the tendency in question. The following is a digest of his views:

The prudent banker gives daily consideration to his reserve position. It is not enough that his assets should be sound; it is also necessary that a high percentage of his assets should be liquid. He has constantly to consider two questions, (1) whether he is able to meet all demand or short notice calls from his depositors for cash, and (2) whether he is prepared to expand loans to meet the legitimate needs of his borrowing customers. If he has made too many slow loans, even though they are good loans, or if he has tied up too large a proportion of his funds in investments which, while good, are not readily marketable, he may find difficulty in doing one or both of these things.

The provisions of the Federal Reserve Act reduced the legal requirements for cash reserves very greatly, and these requirements now stand for demand deposits at 13% for central reserve cities (New York and Chicago), at 10% for other reserve cities, and at 7% for country banks, while against time deposits, the national bank is required to keep only 3% cash reserves. The Federal Reserve System also provides, however, facilities for the quick conversion of part of the banker's loans and investments into cash, and that part of his loans and investments which can be used at the Federal Reserve Bank becomes a secondary reserve. It is, therefore, interesting to examine such figures as are available showing how much of such secondary reserve the banks of the country have, and to see what the tendencies are in connection with these figures. Fortunately, for the national banks we have figures going back to June 30 1923, which enable us to exhibit the tendencies clearly. For State banks and trust companies, published figures are not yet available, but it is to be hoped that they soon will be.

Commercial paper which meets the technical requirements of the Federal Reserve banks, and which matures in 90 days or less, and approved agricultural paper maturing in nine months, may be rediscounted with the Federal Reserve banks, and United States Government securities may also be used as collateral for borrowing at the Federal Reserve banks. Real estate loans cannot be rediscounted, stock and bond collateral loans (other than those based on United States securities) cannot be rediscounted, finance paper representing installment buying cannot be rediscounted, investments other than United States securities cannot be used as collateral for loans at the Federal Reserve banks, and there are a good many other loans which, for one or another reason, are not eligible for rediscount. The Federal Reserve banks are supposed to take only the really liquid resources of member banks, and not all of them. The following tables based on the annual reports of the Comptroller of the Currency, show (a) the percentage of loans eligible for rediscount to total

loans and discounts for national banks and (b) more significant, the percentage of eligible paper plus United States securities to total loans, discounts, and investments for national banks.

NATIONAL BANKS.
Percentage of Eligible Paper to Loans and Discounts and Percentage of Eligible Paper Plus United States Securities to Total Loans, Discounts and Investments.

(Figures as of June 30).	P. C. of Eligible Paper to Total Loans and Discounts.	P. C. of Eligible Paper Plus U. S. Securities to Total Loans, Discounts and Investments.
United States-----	1923 30.16	37.05
	1925 26.93	32.33
	1926 26.06	30.98
New York City-----	1923 38.62	38.62
	1925 21.03	31.97
	1926 19.71	30.32
Chicago-----	1923 40.50	40.50
	1925 30.11	33.50
	1926 27.33	31.38
Boston-----	1923 32.53	35.61
	1925 12.50	17.26
	1926 21.00	27.65
Reserve cities (excluding New York and Chicago)---	1923 31.43	39.18
	1925 26.55	33.53
	1926 26.16	32.49
All reserve cities-----	1923 30.11	39.11
	1925 25.16	33.01
	1926 24.20	31.69
All country banks-----	1923 30.21	35.07
	1925 28.91	31.63
	1926 28.16	30.27
Country banks in New York State-----	1923 31.07	31.59
	1925 30.39	26.95
	1926 27.70	24.22

The foregoing figures show a steady decline for the country as a whole, for the country banks, for the Reserve cities, and for New York and Chicago, the only exception shown in our table being for the City of Boston, where a striking improvement has taken place since 1925.

I repeat that these figures are not alarming, though they do show a tendency which ought to be watched and checked. There has been a great expansion of bank loans, discounts, and investments in recent years. Un-needed by commerce, this expansion has gone preponderately into real estate loans, investments in securities, stock and bond collateral loans, and finance paper representing installment buying. When a bank goes too far in these directions, the ability of its Federal Reserve bank to help it is restricted, and the Federal Reserve System may be unable to help it adequately in time of emergency. The averages still present figures which we may view without undue concern, but it must be remembered that the averages are averages, and that they are made up of some figures which are much higher, and of some figures which are undoubtedly lower, than the average. The individual banker, therefore, does particularly well to examine at frequent intervals his portfolio and investment list with reference to the question of how much he has that the Federal Reserve banks can take.

McFadden Branch Banking Bill to be Reported Back to House with Recommendation to Recede From Hull Amendment—Representative Strong Named as Conferee.

Representative McFadden (Rep.), of Canton, Pa., Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, addressed a letter, Jan. 20, to every member of the House of Representatives explaining the attitude of the House conferees in declining to agree to Senate amendment on the House Bill No. 2, known as the McFadden branch banking bill. The measure has been in conference since the last session of Congress. Mr. McFadden said in his letter:

In order that you may know the status of the procedure with reference to the bank bill (House bill No. 2), I wish to say that I filed yesterday a report to the House to the effect that the conferees have been unable to agree.

On Monday, Jan. 24, I propose to make a motion that the House disagree to certain amendments of the Senate, agree to others, and agree to others with amendments. A vote for the motion will mean passage of the bill without further reference to conferees, and it will go directly to the Senate for action there.

The copy of this proposed motion is enclosed herein with explanatory remarks. A copy of the bill marked to conform to the motion is also enclosed.

Were it not for the blanket instructions by the House "to adhere to the provision of the said bill relating to branch banking" as it passed the House, the conferees could probably have reached an agreement through which the main anti-branch banking policy of the House would have been retained in the bill, but with the Hull amendment rejected. Under the instructions, however, it is necessary to bring the bill back to the floor of the House for further action.

The motion which I shall introduce will give the House an opportunity to vote directly upon the whole matter in disagreement between the House and the Senate. I am firmly of the opinion that this motion embodies the only opportunity to secure banking legislation at the present session.

The report of the House conferees, announcing a disagreement in conference, was made to the House, Jan. 19. The bill as it left the House contained an amendment proposed by Representative Hull (Rep.), of Chicago, Ill., providing that national banks should not be permitted to establish branches in those States which do not now but in the future may enact laws permitting branches of State banks to be established. This provision was struck out by the Senate. The bill now would permit branches to be established in any State permitting the establishment of branches of State banks, either at the time of the enactment of the proposed legislation or when State laws should be enacted in the future. It has been announced from the floor of the House by Representative Tilson (Rep.), of New Haven, Conn., Majority Leader in the House, that the conference report on the bill would be called up on Jan. 24. It is understood, he

said, that the opponents of the bill as it passed the Senate would be given opportunity to present their objections.

According to the Washington correspondent (Jan. 20) of the New York "Journal of Commerce" under the action of Representative McFadden it is proposed to accept Senate amendments as follows:

(1) Eliminating the Hull amendment which would prevent national banks from having branches in States which hereafter permit branch banking.

(2) Permitting State banks upon entering the Federal Reserve system, or upon nationalization, to retain all extra-city branches in lawful existence at the time of the enactment of this bill. The House permitted all such branches to be retained only by those State banks which were members of the Federal Reserve system at the time of the enactment of the bill.

(3) Striking out House provisions giving power to Federal Reserve banks to rediscount a greater quantity of eligible paper.

(4) Permitting national banks' stock to be divided into shares at less than \$100 per value.

(5) Extending the Federal Reserve Charter.

(6) Authorizing the Federal Reserve Board to discontinue branches of the Federal Reserve banks.

The same advices state:

The amendments put into the bill by the Senate which are to be rejected are as follows:

(1) Two provisions which taken together would permit State-wide consolidations of State and national banks under certain conditions.

(2) Amendment to the Clayton Anti-trust Act, modifying the provisions as to interlocking directorates of banks, the Senate also withdrawing certain amendments so as to restore House provisions dealing with the regulation of the purchase and sale of investment securities by national banks, and two amendments covering the question of branch banking with respect to permitting branch banking in contiguous territory to cities.

On Jan. 14 Representative James G. Strong of Kansas was named to replace Representative King of Illinois as one of the House Conferees on the McFadden bill. Following this action, which was necessitated by the continued illness of Representative King, the conferees this week undertook to resume their deliberation on the bill.

Formal report of disagreement of the conferees was made to the House on Jan. 19 by Representative Strong in the absence of Chairman McFadden of the House Committee on Banking and Currency. The New York "Journal of Commerce" in reporting this added in part:

Issue Up on Monday.

Democratic members of the New York delegation have been notified to be present in the House on Monday, the indication being that they are expected to vote affirmatively for the legislation. It is pointed out that the matter is of vital interest to the State since the State banks and trust companies are permitted to operate branches and it is desired to give like privileges to national banks to prevent their withdrawing from the Federal Reserve system by conversion to State banks.

Since Representative Strong was appointed a member of the conference committee he has been deluged with letters and telegrams giving him advice as to how he should vote and act in the handling of this matter. Inasmuch as he is getting advice both to vote for and to vote against the Hull amendment, he must use his own judgment, he pointed out, based on the facts at issue and upon developments.

"Since my appointment by the Speaker as one of the House conferees to endeavor to work out an agreement with the conferees of the Senate on the McFadden bill I have been receiving a great many wires for and against one provision of the McFadden bill. These center attention on amendments, and realizing that 95% of such appeals are prompted by prejudiced propaganda from those interested in branch banking, anti-branch banking and chain banking, I have thought best to prepare this general statement giving the facts regarding the provisions of the bill," declared Mr. Strong in a letter to his advisers.

"I believe that in the interest of the whole country this question (should the national banking system be maintained...) should be answered in the affirmative; first, because only through a system of national banks can a Federal national banking policy be enforced, so necessary in times of great national stress and a comparison need only be made of the financing of the War of 1812 and the Civil War with that of the World War to demonstrate the need of nationally controlled financial institutions. Second, as only the national banks can be compelled to maintain membership in the Federal Reserve system, it seems to me necessary to the perpetuation of that system that the inducements for national banks to give up their charter in order to secure more liberal operation under State laws should be lessened. Third, commercial credit like commerce itself is predominately inter-State, and therefore vested with an essential, national interest, which situation makes a national banking system mandatory."

Continuing Mr. Strong explains the other features of the bill and going into the matter of branch banking he said:

"Our present law does not permit national banks to have branches, yet in more than twenty States branch banking is permitted by State law and many of our large commercial centers like New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New Orleans are located in such States and the fact that in such cities State banks are permitted to have branches while the national banks may not do so, is causing many large national banks to give up their charters.

"Though I do not approve of branch banking (nor chain banking, which, I believe to be worse) I nevertheless realize the necessity of permitting national banks to have branches in large cities where State banks were permitted to have them, and I assisted in having amendments adopted, when the McFadden bill was being considered by our banking and currency Committee of the House which would:

"First.—Limit national banks to have branches where the same were permitted by State law only in the city where the parent bank was located. This would prohibit State wide branch banking.

"Second.—To permit no national banks to have branches in cities under 25,000; only one branch in cities from 25,000 to 50,000; two branches in cities from 50,000 to 100,000, and only such branches in cities over 100,000 as the Comptroller of the Currency should authorize. This provision I feel would prevent the large majority of national banks in any State favoring legislative action in their State for branch banking.

"I voted for the Hull amendments and for the motion to instruct the House conferees to insist upon it and as a recently appointed member of the House conferees have carried out such instructions, but the conferees of the Senate absolutely refuse to accept the plan, holding that it would be

unjust legislation to recognize State laws in more than twenty States and refuse to recognize them in others and I am, therefore, to-day reporting such disagreement to the House for its further instruction and the question as to whether the benefits of the bill with its restrictive branch banking features will be accepted or whether the House will further insist upon the Hull amendments, will come up before the House for full discussion and decision on Monday next."

House Passes Jones Bill Reducing Number of Cotton Estimate Reports.

The House of Representatives passed on Jan. 17 the bill introduced on Dec. 21 by Representative Jones of Texas, reducing from 11 to 4 the number of cotton estimate reports issued by the Department of Agriculture. The bill was referred to in these columns Dec. 25, page 3257. It amends the Act of May 3 1924, which provided for semi-monthly cotton crop reports. From the "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 18 we take the following:

The new order would be for the department to issue production estimates only on the first day of September, October, November and December. The bill does not disturb the ginning reports now being made by the Census Bureau every two weeks during the growing season.

Semi-monthly reports were adopted as a requirement of the law two years ago to supplement the monthly reports on the ground that the cotton crop frequently sustained a radical change in less than thirty days and that reports every fifteen days would give the producer that much advantage in the market quotations. Semi-monthly reports during the last growing season continued to increase the estimated size of the crop and occasioned severe drops in the market price. The Jones bill is the result of agitation now for fewer cotton reports and marks reversal of the policy adopted two years ago. The bill goes to the Senate for consideration.

Another important feature of the Jones bill requires the department to make a carryover cotton and also of the cotton production. Under the present order the amount of cotton on hand includes a vast amount that is not tenderable under the ten grades named in the Cotton Futures Act, and the purpose of this provision is to determine how much of the cotton is tenderable.

Joseph E. Otis Elected President of Chicago Clearing House.

Joseph E. Otis was elected President of the Chicago Clearing House Association at the annual meeting on Jan. 18. Ralph Van Vechten was made Vice-President; Thomas C. Stibbs, Manager; T. T. Thedieck, Assistant Manager, and Charles H. Meyer, Official Bank Examiner. The following were named members of the Clearing House Committee: George M. Reynolds, John A. Lynch, John J. Mitchell, Frederick H. Rawson and Frank C. Wetmore.

Bill Introduced in New York Assembly Would Supervise Exchanges.

The "Wall Street Journal" announced in Albany advices Jan. 19 that Assemblyman Cuvillier had introduced a bill in the Legislature providing for incorporation of all stock exchanges, for their supervision by the State Banking Department and for the licensing of brokers. It also stated:

He has also introduced a bill appropriating \$25,000 for investigation by legislative committee, whose members shall include two appointed by the Governor, into the business of marketing bonds secured by real estate mortgage, other than bonds of public service companies.

President Coolidge Receives New Nicaraguan Minister — Tells Dr. Don Alejandro Cesar United States Has No Selfish Nor Imperialistic Designs.

President Coolidge on Thursday received the new Nicaraguan Minister, Dr. Don Alejandro Cesar, at the White House. He said the United States desired the independence and prosperity of all the Central American republics and, referring to the landing of American forces in Nicaragua, "with the consent and at the request of your Government," declared: "I know that your Government and the people of Nicaragua fully appreciate that the United States has no selfish ends or imperialistic designs to serve."

The new member of the diplomatic corps was presented to the President by J. Butler Wright, Assistant Secretary of State. In explaining his position Dr. Cesar, whose reception by the President has been held up for almost a week, said:

Excellency: Once again I am honored with the representation of the Nicaraguan government before the government of the United States, and I am peculiarly gratified to be able to begin my mission as the first diplomatic representative of the new constitutional government of Nicaragua, presided over by President Adolfo Diaz.

In the unhappy course of events which have disturbed the peace of Nicaragua during the last year there has never been a moment when the consistently friendly interest of the United States government in the peace, welfare and progress of Nicaragua was not manifest both in the United States and in Nicaragua—especially in Nicaragua, where the American representatives have been untiring in their efforts to serve the ends of peace. For this reason, as well as for the well known and historic relations of amity and cordiality which have always existed between our two countries, it is natural that, in presenting the letter which accredits me as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Nicaragua to your excellency's government, I should be especially charged by my government to interpret to your excellency the genuine sentiments of grateful appreciation and

sincere devotion which my government and people feel toward the great American nation.

To this manifestation of Nicaraguan friendship and gratitude toward the government and people of the United States I desire to add the expression of my best wishes for the personal fortunes of your excellency and for the welfare and happiness of the great nation over which your excellency so worthily and happily presides.

At the same time, I must not be unmindful of the grave political, social and economic problems that now confront my country. With a view to the solution of these problems, Nicaragua looks confidently to the United States for guidance, co-operation and aid, having learned that it may always count on finding here loyal and disinterested friends. And, inasmuch as the promotion of the welfare and prosperity of Nicaragua cannot fail to prove agreeable to the United States, I enter upon the duties of my new mission with no small amount of optimism.

President Coolidge responded as follows:

It is a genuine pleasure to receive you and to recognize you as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Constitutional Government of Nicaragua.

While official relations between the United States and your country were unfortunately interrupted for nearly a year by the prevalence of political conditions in Nicaragua which did not permit the United States and the other governments of the world to maintain regular official contact, it is gratifying to note that the ties of friendship which have always bound together the peoples of the United States and of Nicaragua have at no time been impaired, and that throughout the trying period of non-recognition most amicable, though informal, relations were always maintained. That we are now once more in a position, due to the establishment in Nicaragua of a Constitutional Government to which the United States and other Powers are able to extend recognition, to resume official relations is a matter of great satisfaction. I am glad to receive you as the duly accredited representative of the new Nicaraguan Government.

For many years the United States has been a good friend to the Nicaraguan people. Through our assistance, asked and apparently welcomed, Nicaragua has enjoyed years of peace and tranquillity, restored her almost hopelessly shattered national finances, increased her economic resources and vastly improved her position before the world. We take no undue credit for what was accomplished during that time. The chief credit belongs to the Nicaraguan people themselves. It was the sincere hope of this country that these conditions would continue and that it would be unnecessary for the United States to take any action for the protection of its citizens and their interests; but unfortunately such has not been the case.

I take this opportunity of expressing the earnest hope that such internal dissension as still exists in your country may soon be dissipated so that no obstacle may bar the way to progress toward a new era of permanent peace and prosperity for Nicaragua. Although American forces have with the consent and at the request of your Government been landed in order to safeguard the legitimate interests of the United States and the lives and property of its citizens, this state of affairs should not continue longer than is necessary. The United States, as I know your Government and the people of Nicaragua fully appreciate, has no selfish ends or imperialistic designs to serve. Least of all have we any desire to influence or dictate in any way the internal affairs of your country. The United States desires the independence and the prosperity of every Central American republic. The foundations for permanent stability within Nicaragua must, of course, be laid by its own Government and I have been pleased to see that the initial steps for the elimination of disaffection and the composing of factional differences are already being taken.

Death of David R. Francis, Former Ambassador to Russia.

David Rowland Francis, former Ambassador to Russia, former Secretary of the Interior and former Governor of Missouri, died at his home in St. Louis on Jan. 15 after a long illness. Mr. Francis had also served as Mayor of St. Louis and President of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co., which conducted the world's fair in St. Louis in 1904. Mr. Francis was born in Richmond, Ky., in 1850 and went to St. Louis in 1866. In its detailed account of his career the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" said in part:

A Banker Also.

In private life he was first a grain merchant and then a banker. In 1898 he founded the financial house of Francis Bros & Co. He served as Vice-President of the Merchants-Laclede Bank, as director of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. and as Chairman of the Board of Directors, Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad.

He also held many other public and semi-public connections. At various times he was President of the National Drainage Congress, Secretary of the Interior under President Cleveland for one year (1896-97) and President of the Merchants' Exchange of St. Louis.

He also was head of the company which built the Merchants' Bridge and Railroad, which were later sold to the Terminal Railroad Association.

Owned Old Republic.

Francis was also owner of the old St. Louis Republic, the leading Democratic newspaper of the State. This paper was bought and absorbed by the "Globe-Democrat" and on Dec. 4 1919, the "Republic" printed its last issue, after having been published continuously since 1808.

He was also a director of the United Railways Co. and was long identified with traction interests here.

He was identified with two of Missouri's leading universities, the University of Missouri and Washington University. He was Chairman of the Board of Curators of the State University until he became Ambassador to Russia. A fountain on the campus of Washington University was dedicated in his honor two years ago in his presence.

Honored by University.

He was a member of the corporation of Washington University at the time of his death. Francis Field, the athletic field, and Francis Gymnasium, both built in time for the World's Fair, are memorials to him there. Francis Field was the site of the Olympic games held here in connection with the exposition.

John Nickerson & Co. on Trend of Liberty Bonds.

The probable trend of United States Government bonds for the next few years based on the movement over the past several years is analyzed in a special review issued by John

Nickerson & Co. Based on the performance of ten United States Government securities plotted on an income basis for the period from 1919 to 1926 and for the period from 1921 to 1926 and striking an average between these trends it is estimated that by 1930 United States Government obligations should be selling on a basis to yield an average of 3.12% as contrasted with the present average of about 3½%. Five United States Government bond issues during the current week reached the highest levels of the post war period. Based on current prices the Treasury 3¼%—30 year bonds—brought out last March are now selling to yield 3.49% with shorter term obligations also selling under 3½%. The review issued by John Nickerson & Co., says:

The trend line from 1919 to 1926 is obviously affected to an unwarranted extent by the stringent money conditions of 1919 and 1920 which caused all bonds including Government bonds to drop sharply to panic levels. On the other hand, the trend line from 1921 to 1926 is deflected too much in the opposite direction because of the extraordinary recovery in bond prices during 1921 and 1922. Of the two trend lines the 1921-1926 line more closely follows the course of interest rates in recent years. However, a trend line midway between these probably reflects to a truer extent the trend of interest rates during this period. The projection of this trend line shows the expected normal for Government interest rates for the years immediately following 1926. According to the chart, United States Government obligations in 1930 should be selling on a basis to yield an average of 3.12%.

Figured on a 3.12% basis for 1930, the Treasury 4½s, and the 3½s will have appreciated more than 4½ points, the Treasury 4s about 3½ points, while the Liberty 4th 4½s will be about the same price. If the trend line of 1921 to 1926 period is continued to 1930 it would give an average yield basis for ten Government securities of 2.62%.

It is a paradox, that notwithstanding the business expansion which this country has experienced since 1922, with its concomitant expansion of bank credits, interest rates have steadily declined. Evidences are accumulating which indicate that if this period of business expansion has not already culminated, at least some slackening is to be expected. The shortages created in certain lines by the war conditions have largely been rectified. With an easing in the business movement, the demands on the credit supply will lessen, so that it is entirely reasonable to assume that not only will the trend of interest rates continue downward but that this trend will be intensified.

With prices at their present levels and with indications of a continuance of low money rates many believe that the next Government bond issue will bear a 3½% coupon. This would place Government financing on a basis comparable with that before the war.

Report by Gilbert H. Montague, of New York Bar, Proposing Reclassification of Work of National Conference on Uniform State Laws.

Reclassification of the work of the National Conference on Uniform State Laws, and substantial changes in the procedure of the National Conference and the American Bar Association as regards many of the recent Uniform State Laws now pending in this and other States, are suggested in the report submitted to the New York State Bar Association at its annual meeting in New York City yesterday (Jan. 21) by Gilbert H. Montague, Chairman of the Committee on Uniform State Laws. After noting the great number of recent Uniform State Laws that have failed of adoption in New York and other States, Mr. Montague says in his report:

In some States some of these unenacted Uniform State Laws may be wholly or partly inconsistent with principles now held by the Legislature, the Courts and by public opinion—principles that perhaps have won approval and been adopted after consideration of all arguments to the contrary, or principles on which public policy and property rights have become established.

This, probably, is the reason why the Uniform Arbitration Act has not been adopted, and the present Arbitration Law has not been repealed, in New York. One way of dealing with this situation, as it exists in all the States of the Union, might be for the National Conference, or the American Bar Association, or both, to appoint a committee, who might review the action, and inaction, of the several States as regards all Uniform State Laws adopted by the National Conference and approved by the American Bar Association, and such of these questions as may relate to them.

If it were concluded that the unenacted Uniform State Laws, and the current and future work of the Commission, should in some fashion be reclassified, in the light of conclusions arrived at regarding the various questions above outlined, so that some laws should, as at present, still be designated and pushed as Uniform State Laws, while others, in some States at least, might be designated and submitted for consideration simply as "Model Laws," this conclusion might be taken under advisement by the National Conference and by the American Bar Association and if these organizations should arrive at the same conclusion, they might then consider the advisability of making such changes as might seem to them desirable or appropriate in their respective by-laws.

Movement by Municipal Officials to Combat Legislation Which Would Remove From Legal Investments for Savings Banks Certain State and Municipal Bonds.

It was announced on Jan. 18 that a movement has been launched in New York to combat prospective legislation in New York State, which, it is contended, would, if enacted, depress by many millions of dollars the market price of certain types of municipal bonds now rated as legal investments for savings banks in this State. Following a conference with

Frank Morse in the office of Lehman Brothers, Mayor Holcombe and City Treasurer Myer of Houston, Tex., have sent out a call to officials of other Texas cities warning them of the prospective move and asking their co-operation. Later, this call will be extended to cities in other States, principally Ohio, Alabama and North Carolina, which principally would be affected. An announcement in the matter says:

The action by Mayor Holcombe and associates follows a movement sponsored by the Savings Bank Association of New York which calls for the enactment by the New York State Legislature of a law which would remove from the legal investment class all State and municipal bonds which are secured by limited taxes. Passing of such a law, it is claimed, would force out of the preferred position as "legal investments" the bonds of a number of American cities; and would prevent other cities now seeking to make their bonds "legal" from achieving that objective; would force savings banks, trustees for estates, and like institutions, to liquidate their present holdings of limited tax bonds now rated as legal investments; and would cause a decline in present values of such bonds, thus injuring the credit of the cities concerned; and would result in the loss of thousands of dollars to many holders of such bonds which at present enjoy a high price level in view of their legal status.

In Texas, alone, the bonds of Dallas, San Antonio and El Paso would be removed from their present status as "legal investment" and the bonds of Houston and Fort Worth—two cities which hope to raise their bonds to the preferred status—would be further removed from that objective.

In this connection, it was stated by Mayor Holcombe that the purpose of his present visit to New York was to promote ways and means of making Houston bonds legal investments. For over fifty years the city has been promoting its credit to a point where prevailing legislation would in all probability make the city's bonds legal for investment here. But the prospective legislation, if successful, would checkmate this development as Houston's bonds like those of many other cities with diversified sources of income, are paid from limited taxes.

Death of Lee Kohns, Former President New York Board of Trade and Transportation.

Lee Kohns, former President of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, who retired from active business several years ago to devote himself to educational and charitable work, died at his home in this city on Jan. 18. Mr. Kohns, who was born in Columbus, Ga., in Sept. 1864, was a grandson of the late Lazarus Straus. Mr. Kohns was a graduate of the College of the City of New York and from 1906 until his death was an active member of the Board of Trustees; since 1913 he was Chairman of the Alumni Library Committee, and from 1919 to 1921 he was President of the Associate Alumni. Mr. Kohns had served as President of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation for seven years. He was also a former President of the Crocker Board of Trade and a director of the American Exchange Irving Trust Co. Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of the Board of the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., on Jan. 19, paid tribute to the memory of Mr. Kohns, for twenty-five years a director of the company, Mr. Pierson said:

Mr. Kohns was one of the best and most lovable men it has ever been my good fortune to know. His instinct always was to think of others first. His sense of justice to his fellow men was developed to a most unusual degree. I recall that, only a few days ago, I heard him say in a very intimate conversation, "It is consoling to feel that if I were to die to-night, it would be with a consciousness that I have never intentionally injured a fellow human being."

Mr. Kohns was a most charitable man, with an extremely wide range of human sympathies. Although intensely active in business until very recent years, his contributions to civic improvement, education, letters and the arts, and to the betterment of relations between the United States and other countries, were most substantial.

His service as a member of the board of directors of our institution was most highly regarded. His business judgment, always keen and well balanced, was rendered still more valuable because of his effort constantly to seek out the human background against which business transactions might show. The memory of our pleasant association with him will long remain.

L. S. Bache Elected President of New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, Inc.

Leopold S. Bache, of J. S. Bache & Co., was elected President of the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange at the annual election of officers on Jan. 20. Mr. Bache succeeds Carl H. Stoffregan, whose term expired. E. L. Leuder, of Minford, Leuder & Co., was elected Vice-President to succeed Mr. Bache. Willard T. Thompson, of Hopkins Bros., was made Treasurer, succeeding C. H. Middendorf.

It was voted, 144 to 5, to automatically close the Exchange on Saturdays during the months of June, July, August and September. It had previously been the custom to circulate a petition on the question of Saturday closing during the summer months.

James Brown of Brown Bros. & Co. Retires from Presidency of British Empire Chamber of Commerce—Luncheon in His Honor—Review of World Reconstruction.

The monthly luncheon meeting of the British Empire Chamber of Commerce took place on Jan. 18 at the Lawyers'

Club, 115 Broadway, this city, the luncheon having been held in honor of James Brown of Brown Bros. & Co., bankers, who retired from the Presidency of the Chamber after holding that office for three years. Following the luncheon, Mr. Brown reviewed the activities of the Chamber during his administration. Addresses were also made by Sir Harry Armstrong, K.B.E., British Consul-General; Robert R. Appleby, President, Kemsley, Millbourn & Co., Chairman of the Executive Board, and Edward F. Darrell, ex-President of the Chamber.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—C. S. LePoer Trench, of Charles S. Trench & Co.

First Vice-President—Robert R. Appleby, President Kemsley, Millbourn & Co.

Second Vice-President—Kennard L. Wedgwood of Josiah Wedgwood & Sons, Inc.

Honorary Treasurer—Norman C. Stenning, President Anglo-South American Trust Co.

Secretary—R. F. Munro.

Mr. Appleby also continues as Chairman of the Executive Board. Mr. Brown's address dealt with events which have transpired during the past three years, which, he noted, "have perhaps been the most constructive since the war." In his concluding remarks he said:

While the world is a long way from entire rehabilitation, and while many of you are still despondent and perhaps rightly so from your individual point of view, can any of us deny that great progress has been made and should we not be encouraged and look forward with assurance to improving business conditions in all war-scarred countries.

In his review of the years 1924, 1925 and 1926 Mr. Brown said:

In the fall of 1923 German inflation was at its height. The Ruhr was occupied by Allied armies and in Germany poverty and starvation were forced by every one and home seemed extinguished.

France's currency was falling rapidly. Her political situation and Government finances were going from bad to worse.

Little Belgium was suffering from her own troubles and also from her geographical position between France and Germany.

Austria and Hungary, yet, in fact all Central European States, were politically and economically in the dark and in dire suffering.

Italy was not much better off and the Scandinavian countries were having very hard, uphill fights.

England was the only country that had had the courage to agree upon a debt settlement with the United States, ratified by the British Parliament on June 18 1923, but in the fall her pound sterling was still at considerable discount.

Unemployment figures were appalling. Taxes were oppressive.

Labor was recalcitrant, and the change of industrial conditions from war time to peace-time occupations had not been accomplished.

All Europe was thinking lugubriously about its debt to the United States and the hard feelings engendered by the war between nations appeared to be as prevalent as ever.

Since then what has happened? Except France, agreements have been entered into by almost all other countries for the settlement of their debts to the United States.

In Germany in 1924 the so-called "Dawes Committee" went to work.

In the fall of that year the "London Agreement" was made.

The "Dawes Plan" was inaugurated. Germany was put on a gold basis. Allied troops have been substantially withdrawn. Germany has become a member of the League and is economically and industrially working on sound lines towards normality.

Belgium is on a gold basis.

With the aid of the League of Nations both Austria and Hungary have been put on their feet and are in a position to maintain themselves.

Other Central European countries are emerging from chaos.

Italy's currency is being rapidly deflated and the country's internal affairs are being reformed, both politically and industrially.

Many of the Scandinavian countries have definitely returned to the gold standard and others are getting ready to do so.

As I said before, good, old England was the first to agree on a debt settlement with the United States.

She has re-established the pound sterling as the premier gold currency of the world and Englishmen are fighting her economic battles like men.

You will recall that when I returned from Europe in the fall of 1925 that I stated that "in my humble opinion before industrial conditions and international trade can approach normality there will have to be an out-and-out contest with labor, which can only be won if the country is organized in such a way as to continue the operation of its utilities and maintain its food supply during the contest."

The strike has come and gone. Let me differentiate, however, between the coal strike and what I will call the general strike.

This chamber has had the advantage of listening to Sir Josiah Stamp on the subject of the coal strike and I can add nothing to his able exposition of that situation except to observe that while the strike is over, the great economic questions involved were not solved and I fear must be fought out again some day.

With regard to the general strike, however, the results were, to my mind, decisive, and have settled for all time the real question at issue, namely, whether orderly Government was to survive or whether it was to be replaced by Socialists labor organizations and Communist leaders.

The way that Englishmen, yes and English women too, rose in a body to do their part in keeping the necessary wheels turning demonstrated beyond question to the unions and their leaders that Government could not be trifled with and gave a lesson to the world.

While this is all also true, the economic loss to England has been very great, and it will take some years for her to regain her position in world trade.

It is a matter of history, however, that after all wars and times of great adversity men's minds are forced to what has been aptly called by Moody's Service "creative thinking," and the inventors and efficiency experts and industrial managers are stimulated to extra effort to decrease costs.

I am told these forces are active now in England, and if this is so, her recovery will be much more rapid, and representatives of British firms in foreign countries, of which so many are members of this Chamber, will again find themselves able to compete successfully with the world.

There is one subject that I have not mentioned, which is conceded on all sides to have been one of the most important steps forward during the last

three years, and that is Locarno. This treaty demonstrated that the extreme antagonisms of the world were diminishing and that the attitude of mind of one nation towards another was changing, for the better.

Utopia is too much to expect, but Locarno is certainly an outstanding step forward on new and constructive lines.

This review, gentlemen, while longer than I wished to make it, is yet a very brief account of the great events that have taken place during the last three years.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

Referring to the statement last week of arrangements for the sale of New York Stock Exchange memberships at \$180,000 and \$185,000, respectively, the highest prices at which they have ever sold, announcement was made this week that the following memberships were posted for transfer: That of Cornelius S. Lee to Philip W. Smith and that of Marshall J. McAnerney to Alden H. Vose, both for a consideration of \$185,000; that of John King Hodges to Frank G. Florentino for \$180,000; that of Kenneth L. Fleming Jr. to Harry E. Collins for \$175,000; that of Henry W. Miller to Robert T. Dodge, consideration nominal.

The transfer of the membership of Kenneth L. Fleming Jr. to Harry E. Collins brings to notice the increasing number of out-of-town holders of New York Stock Exchange memberships, Harry E. Collin being a resident of Toledo. The number of such memberships is reported to be 133.

The second New York Cotton Exchange membership of William Mitchell was reported sold this week to Richard T. Harriss, for another, the consideration being stated as \$27,750. The last preceding transaction was at \$28,000.

At the annual meeting on Jan. 19 of the stockholders of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, the following directors were elected to serve for three years: Edward F. Carry, Henry G. Dalton, Howard Elliott, Cornelius F. Kelley, Clarence H. Mackay, William C. Potter, Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, George Whitney, and Harry Payne Whitney. All officers of the trust company were re-elected for the ensuing year. A letter from Edgar L. Marston, resigning as director, was read and accepted with regret. Mr. Dalton was elected to succeed Mr. Marston. Mr. Dalton is the First Vice-President of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. of Youngstown, Ohio, and is a director of Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, and partner of Pickands, Mather & Co., of Cleveland.

The following appointments are announced by the Bank of America: Frederick G. Curry, Assistant Vice-President and Trust Officer; John W. McKeon, P. J. Hebard and A. E. Vellers, Assistant Cashiers. The directors of the Bank of America Safe Deposit Co. have been re-elected, and F. Wilder Bellamy has been added to the board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frederick T. Parsons. The special stockholders' meeting of the Bank of America, scheduled for Jan. 17 to act on the question of increasing the capital stock of the bank from \$6,500,000 to \$8,000,000, was indefinitely postponed, subject to the call of the Chairman. On Jan. 18, Edward P. Morse, President of the Morse Drydock & Repair Co. of Bay Ridge, obtained an order from Supreme Court Justice James A. Dunne requiring the bank to show cause why its election of a board of directors on Jan. 11 should not be vacated. Reporting that the action centres around the voting trust by which control of the bank is held by the present management, the "Times" of Jan. 19 said in part:

Like all the moves that have preceded it, the latest turn in the contest for the direction of a concern with millions of dollars of resources was surrounded by mystery. Neither Mr. Morse nor his attorneys, Miller & Otis, of 61 Broadway, would discuss the reasons for the action. Henry R. Stern, attorney for the bank, also was unwilling to discuss the case. The order requires the bank to show cause on or before Jan. 24 why the election should not be declared void.

All interests concerned in the controversy take the stand that no publicity is desired. In some circles in Wall Street it is believed a settlement will be reached out of court and that the situation is settling down to a stage where one of the contending interests will buy out the stock holdings of the other at a price to be agreed on.

Colonel Thomas H. Birch has been re-elected as President of the Trust Co. of North America. The other elections were: Adrian W. Renz and J. L. Cunha Gomes, Vice-Presidents; Ronald B. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer; Charles D. Runyan, Assistant Secretary. The directors for the coming year are: Colonel Birch, Senator Edward I. Edwards of New Jersey, J. L. Cunha Gomes, Samuel L. Hoffman, George DeB. Keim, John J. Long, Frederiek G. Morley, Adrian W. Renz, Eugene Lamb Richards, Jacob Scha-

piro, Louis Schapiro, William C. Sproul, J. H. Ulrich and Frederick W. Wakefield.

The French American Banking Corporation announces that the directors and officers of the corporation have been re-elected for the ensuing year.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York held on Jan. 13, William A. B. Ditto was appointed Assistant Vice-President. This was noted in our issue of Jan. 15 (page 332) along with other appointments. Mr. Ditto entered the Seaboard as a junior clerk and after working his way through the various departments was appointed Assistant Cashier in 1920, associated with the loan department. He was born in Hancock, Md., and was connected with the Hancock bank prior to his affiliation with the Seaboard. He has taken an active interest in banking and institute affairs, having been a member of the American Institute of Banking for a number of years.

James G. Blaine was this week formally elected President of the Fidelity Trust Co. of this city by the directors. Preceding his election to the presidency at the annual meeting of the trust company on Jan. 19, Mr. Blaine was elected a director, succeeding the late Courtlandt Linkroum. William J. Kohl, Assistant Secretary, was appointed Manager of the William Street office. The announcement that Mr. Blaine would head the institution was noted in our issue of Dec. 11 1926.

The annual stockholders meeting of the American Exchange Irving Trust Co. of New York, was held in the Woolworth Building on Jan. 19. The officers and members of the board of directors were reelected without change.

John I. Downey, President of the John I. Downey Building Construction Co., and a director of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, since 1917, was on Jan. 17 elected Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Co. at a meeting of its board of directors, and after March first he will take up his official duties at the Fifth Avenue office of the company at Fifth Avenue and Forty-second Street. Mr. Downey has served this office of the Bankers Trust Co. and its predecessors, the Astor National Bank and the Astor Trust Co., since 1901, at which date he succeeded his grandfather as a director of the Astor National Bank, and when that became the Astor Trust Co. in 1907 he continued on its board. When the Astor Trust Co. was merged with the Bankers Trust Co. in 1917, he became a director of the latter organization. He has also, since the merger, served on the Advisory Committee of the Fifth Avenue Office of Bankers Trust Co., and he expects eventually to retire from his building construction company and devote his entire time to banking. Mr. Downey was graduated from Yale Sheffield Scientific School in 1897, and he has, since that time, been active in his service to Yale. He is a director and Vice-Chairman of the Yale Alumni University Fund, a member of the Yale Alumni Advisory Board and President of his class. Mr. Downey is a director of the Fifth Avenue Bank and a Trustee and Vice-President of the Franklin Savings Bank, he will continue his services as such to both of these organizations.

It was announced on Jan. 18 that Charles J. Mason had been appointed Manager of the Credit Department of the New York Trust Co. James McC. Law and Willis McDonald, 3rd, were on Jan. 9 appointed Assistant Treasurers of the company. Following the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at the New York Trust Co. on Jan. 19 it was announced that George F. Rand of Buffalo had been added to the board. Mr. Rand is President of the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo, which is the fifth largest bank in the United States outside of New York City and Chicago. During 1920 and part of 1921 Mr. Rand was Vice-President in charge of branches of the Marine Trust Co. He became President of the Buffalo Trust Co. in July 1921, and remained at the head of that bank until Dec. 1926. During that period deposits of the Buffalo Trust Co. increased from \$15,000,000 to \$60,000,000. Mr. Rand became President of the Marine Trust Co. in Jan. 1926. He is also a director of the Niagara Falls Power Corp., Buffalo, Niagara Western Power Corp., General Baking Corp., Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co., Rand-Kardex Bureau, Cleveland and Buffalo Steamship Co. and First Trust Co. of Tonawanda. He is also Chairman of the board of the State Trust Co. of North Tonawanda.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Trade Bank of New York, Robert P. Sobel was made Vice-President; J. B. Schubert, Assistant Vice-President; and Lawrence A. Meyers, Assistant Cashier. The entire board was re-elected.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seventh National Bank of New York on Jan. 11, Arnold Gottlieb was elected a director. The following directors were re-elected: Jacob L. Alberts, Julius Blauner, Charles G. Bond, Joseph Dallet, Jacob De Jong, Alfred Fantl, Joseph Frackman, Louis M. Rabinowitz, Harry H. Revman, D. J. Rubinstein and Samuel Sherlip.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of Grace National Bank of New York all directors were re-elected. At a meeting of the directors on Jan. 19 the following officers were re-elected: J. Louis Schaefer, President; J. A. Allis, First Vice-President, and Robert F. C. Benkiser, Cashier. All other officers were reappointed.

At the annual meeting of the Corn Exchange Bank of this city, A. A. Fowler, President of Rogers, Brown-Crocker Bros., Inc., and Robert Lehman, of Lehman Bros., were elected directors, which increased the board from 15 to 17. All retiring directors were re-elected.

The National Bank of Commerce in New York announces the appointment of James M. Nicely as Second Vice-President effective Feb. 1. Mr. Nicely is now associated with Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Gardiner & Reed.

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Corn Exchange Bank of New York on Jan. 18, Arthur A. Fowler, President of Rogers, Brown & Crocker Bros., Inc., and Robert Lehman of Lehman Bros. were elected additional directors of the bank. All retiring directors were re-elected. This increases the board of directors from fifteen to seventeen.

The Hamilton National Bank of New York announces the appointment of nine Assistant Cashiers, they are: W. D. Pike, Oscar J. Goerke, Henreitta J. Fuchs, H. Laurence Harter, E. V. Smith, Thomas J. King, Frank A. Wanner, Robert O'Leary and John V. H. Leary.

C. B. Hall, Assistant Vice-President of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., has been elected Secretary of the institution.

William G. Scott was on Jan. 19 appointed as Assistant Treasurer of Lawyers Trust Co. of New York.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of New York held Jan. 18 the following were elected trustees:

Class expiring in the year 1930—Robert S. Brewster, Robert W. de Forest, Darwin R. James, V. Everit Macy, William H. Nichols, Robert Olyphant, James H. Post, Walter N. Rothschild.

At the organization meeting of the trustees the following officers were elected:

Chairman of the Board, Clarence H. Kelsey; President, Clinton D. Burdick; Vice-Presidents, Frederick P. Condit, J. Wray Cleveland, Harold W. Hoyt, Clarence F. Lamont; Treasurer and Manager Banking Department, Clarence O. Harmstad; Secretary, Herace Anderson; Manager Manhattan Mortgage Department, Randall Salisbury; Assistant Treasurers, John W. Shepard, Loren H. Rockwell, John F. Kelsey; Assistant Secretaries, David Blank, Fred H. Freeman, Stephen T. Kelsey, Doane S. Guardenier, Howard Burdick, John T. Egan; Vice-President, in charge of the Brooklyn Banking Department; Frank L. Sniffen; Vice-President in charge of the Jamaica Branch; Raye P. Woodin; Assistant Vice-President, P. C. Robertson; Trust Officer in Brooklyn, Thomas E. Pilsworth; Assistant Trust Officer in Brooklyn, Alexander S. Ross; Trust Officer in Manhattan Francis F. Thomassen; Assistant Trust Officers in Manhattan, Allen H. Remsen, Thomas A. Foster.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the County Trust Co. of New York held on Jan. 18 the following directors were re-elected: Vincent Astor, Peter J. Carney, Howard S. Cullman, Edward H. Kelley and S. Le Boutillier.

Directors of the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo at their annual meeting on Jan. 11 elected James E. Wells, who has been Trust Officer of the institution, to the position of Vice-President, and promoted George F. Bates, formerly Assistant Secretary and Manager of the credit department, to Assistant Vice-President. In reporting the election of Mr. Wells, the Buffalo "Courier-Express" of Jan. 12 said:

Mr. Wells was admitted to the bar in 1898 and for many years was actively engaged in the practice of law. He served for several years as clerk of the surrogate court of Erie County and his services there gave him a wide acquaintance ship with the lawyers in Western New York. His duties there also gave him a very wide experience in supervising administration of estates and he is noted as an authority in this work. He later

became trust officer of the Citizens Trust Co. and when that bank was merged with the Marine Trust Co., he became trust officer in that organization.

George F. Rand, President of the Marine Trust Co., issued the following statement: "We are pleased to make this recognition of Mr. Wells' ability in handling trust business. Services of an expert are needed in the administration of estates and Mr. Wells is unusually well qualified."

At the annual stockholders' meeting on the same date John D. Larkin Jr., President and Treasurer of the Larkin Co., Inc., and Edward B. Germain, President of the Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co. were elected directors of the company.

The stockholders of the Liberty Bank of Buffalo, Buffalo, on Jan. 11 elected two new directors, according to the Buffalo "Courier-Express" of Jan. 12, namely Thomas H. Hanrahan, President of the Buffalo Freight Terminal & Warehouse Co. and well known in transportation circles throughout the country, and Isaac S. Given, President of Given's, Inc., and one of Buffalo's leading merchants. At the directors' annual meeting of this bank the present officers were re-elected. Oliver Cabana Jr. is Chairman of the Board and John A. Kloepfer, President.

A press dispatch from Portland, Me. on Jan. 13, printed in the Boston "Transcript" of the same date, stated that Walter S. Wyman, President of the Central Maine Power Co., now controlled by Insull interests, had been elected President of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Portland at the recent annual meeting of the directors. Mr. Wyman, who for the past year has been a Vice-President of the bank, succeeds Charles Sumner Cook, who remains with the institution as Chairman of the Board, the dispatch stated.

The Third National Bank & Trust Co. of Springfield, Mass.—the new institution resulting from the consolidation of the Third National Bank and the Chicopee National Bank, to which reference was made in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 20, page 2614—opened for business on Jan. 13. The new bank, with resources in excess of \$35,000,000, is said to be the largest commercial bank in Massachusetts outside of Boston. The former quarters of the Chicopee National Bank is being maintained as the Court Street office of the Third National Bank & Trust Co. The personnel of the new institution is as follows: Frederic M. Jones, President and Trust Officer; George J. Clark, Harlan S. Kaplinger (and Cashier), George C. Stebbins and Leander W. White, Vice-Presidents; Leland F. Bardwell, Charles G. Butterworth, Henry F. Colton, Preston D. Gilmore, Charles A. Pierce, Harlan A. Sears and Harry A. Spaight, Assistant Cashiers, and Winslow Wetherbee, Assistant Trust Office.

Walter M. Libbey, a leather dealer of Lynn, Mass., was elected President of the Manufacturers' National Bank of that city on Jan. 11, succeeding the late Clifton Colburn, according to the Boston "Transcript" of Jan. 12.

Following the annual meeting of the directors of the National Bank of Commerce of Providence, R. I., on Jan. 11, the institution announced its new roster as follows: C. Prescott Knight, Chairman of the Board; Henry L. Wilcox, President; Frank W. Gale, William P. Chapin Jr., Vice-Presidents; W. Howard Perry, Cashier, and Edward B. Fessenden, Assistant Cashier. Prior to the election, according to the Providence "Journal" of Jan. 12, Mr. Knight and Mr. Wilcox were respectively President and Vice-President.

The following changes took place in the personnel of the Federal Trust Co. of Newark at the directors' annual organization meeting on Jan. 11, as reported in the Newark "News" of Jan. 12: Winton C. Garrison was elected Chairman of the board of directors to take the place of Christian W. Feigenspan, who resigned to become President of the institution. Mr. Feigenspan succeeds in the Presidency Edward P. Maguire, who was retired on a pension. He will continue as a director of the bank. Mr. Maguire has been ill for more than a year. Albert T. Martin was elected Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, to succeed Edward J. Moffatt, who resigned to become Vice-President and Cashier of the newly organized Hayes Circle National Bank of Newark, and Harrison P. Lindabury was chosen General Counsel and will retain a Vice-Presidency.

Dr. I. J. Rachlin was elected a Director of the Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey (Newark) at the annual stockholders' meeting on January 11. All other directors were re-elected. The organization meeting of the Directors was held on Jan. 13. At this meeting Albert L. Earle was elected Secretary and Treasurer and James G. Newbury and Peter

J. Grace were elected, respectively, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. The following officers were re-elected: Michael Hollander, Chairman of the Board; Clarence G. Appleton, President; Grover C. Trumbull, James Rattray and William W. Kamm, Vice-Presidents; William E. Ford, Assistant Vice-President, and Ralph S. McDonald, Trust Officer.

The board of directors of the new Hillside Trust Co. of New Jersey were formally installed at a banquet tendered to them at the Elizabeth Elks Club on Dec. 27. The Hillside Trust Co. has been formed with a capital of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$50,000. It began business on Jan. 3. The issuance of a charter to it was noted in these columns Nov. 6 1926. The opening day's receipts were \$100,000 plus; the number of accounts opened was close to 500. The officers of the institution are: Harry Schnabel, President; Charles E. McCraith, Jr., Frank J. Travers and Charles T. Woodruff, Vice-Presidents; George C. Hulick, Secretary-Treasurer.

Special meetings of the respective stockholders of the Colonial Trust Co. and the Peoples Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia will be held on Feb. 7 to vote on the proposed union of the institutions under the title of the former, to which reference was made in these columns in our issue of Jan. 15. The Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 13 stated that the directors of the Colonial Trust Co. on the previous day had declared the usual quarterly dividend of 2½%, together with an extra dividend of one-half of 1%, both payable Feb. 1.

After nearly half a century in the banking business, William B. Kessler, Secretary and Treasurer of the Mutual Trust Co. of Philadelphia, has retired because of failing health, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 15. Mr. Kessler had been with the Mutual Trust Co., it was stated, since the bank opened in 1908. He started as receiving teller and was made Secretary and Treasurer in 1912. He entered the banking business in 1879 with the old Spring Garden Bank.

E. W. Pargny, President of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co.; E. M. Byers, Chairman of the Board of A. M. Byers Co., Inc., and Vernon F. Taylor, banker and oil operator of Indiana, Pa., were elected director of the First National Bank at Pittsburgh at the annual meeting of the shareholders on Jan. 11, according to the Pittsburgh "Gazette" of Jan. 12.

What, it is said, will be, when consummated, the most important consolidation of financial institutions in Northwestern Pennsylvania, is now under way in Scranton, Pa. The banks involved in the proposed merger are the First National Bank and the County Savings Bank and their respective affiliated institutions, the Lackawanna Trust Co. and the Scranton Trust Co. The consolidation of these four banks, according to the Scranton "Republican" of Jan. 8 will result in two new institutions, namely the First National Bank, formed by the union of the present First National Bank and the County Savings Bank, and a trust company, formed by the merging of the Lackawanna Trust Co. and the Scranton Trust Co., which will probably be known as the Scranton-Lackawanna Trust Co. The enlarged First National Bank will be capitalized at \$2,250,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$3,880,000; deposits of over \$45,000,000 and total resources of upwards of \$50,000,000. On the other hand, the new trust company according to the "Republican" will be capitalized at \$1,350,000 with a combined surplus and undivided profits of \$1,070,000. On Jan. 7, as stated in the paper mentioned, the directors of all four institutions, at meetings held on that day, "unanimously approved and recommended to their stockholders the proposed consolidation, and "in each instance the majority of shareholders are favorable to the merger plan and will ratify the action of the boards when called together to vote on the proposition." Charles S. Weston, President of the First National Bank since Jan. 1913 and a director since Sept. 1905 and also President of the Lackawanna Trust Co., will be President of the enlarged First National Bank and Colonel Louis A. Watres, President of the County Savings Bank and the Scranton Trust Co., which latter institution he helped to organize in 1905, will head the enlarged trust company.

The Pittsburgh Deposit & Title Co. of Pittsburgh was closed on Jan. 7 by the Pennsylvania State Department of

Banking. According to the Pittsburgh "Gazette" of Jan. 8 the bank was closed, after an examination of its books by State banking officials, because "frozen assets" valued at more than \$1,200,000 and consisting almost wholly of mortgages, had made it impossible for the institution to maintain the required legal reserve. A statement of the bank, according to the "Gazette," as of April 12 1926, showed that the authorized capital stock was \$125,000 and surplus and undivided profits, \$16,672; the total deposits were \$1,067,769.27 and the total assets, \$1,231,898.47. Its statement of Jan. 3, to the Banking Department showed, it is said, assets of \$1,236,843. The bank was incorporated in 1911 as a State banking institution.

Dwight A. Murphy and C. Milton Kelly, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, of the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis, were each given the additional title of Vice-President at the recent annual meeting of the directors of the bank, according to the Indianapolis "News" of Jan. 12. Other officers of this bank (re-elected) are: Dick Miller, President; H. J. Barnard, Vice-President, and Justin Forsythe, Auditor. C. Dwight Peterson was elected a director of the bank at the stockholders' meeting to succeed Charles Barnaby.

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, held on Jan. 12, \$400,000 was added to the surplus account, making the capital and surplus \$35,000,000. All of the present directors were re-elected, and R. V. Mitchell of Harris, Seyboldt & Potter was added to the board. At the directors' meeting which followed, all of the present officers of the bank were re-elected.

Four officers were advanced and one new officer elected at the annual directors' meeting of the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, on Jan. 12. T. V. Bastel, of the 105th-Pasadena Office, was made Assistant Treasurer. At the main office J. H. Clark, Employment Manager, formerly Assistant Secretary, was made Assistant Vice-President. C. D. Hajek, Manager of the Kinsman-East 140th Office and Assistant Secretary, was made Assistant Vice-President. J. H. Lackamp, Manager of the East 105th-Pasadena Office, formerly Assistant Treasurer, was made Assistant Vice-President. C. H. Handerson, Publicity Manager, was also made Assistant Vice-President. Mr. Handerson is President of the National Financial Advertisers' Association.

Directors of the Cosmopolitan Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati at their annual meeting on Jan. 11 made Russel J. Holmes, Cashier, to succeed E. J. Johannigman, who resigned a short time ago both as Cashier and a member of the board, according to the Cincinnati "Enquirer" of Jan. 12. Mr. Johannigman's place on the directorate was not filled at the stockholders' meeting on the same day.

As noted in our issue of a week ago (page 335), James P. McManus and Alfred B. Johnston were elected Vice-Presidents of the First National Bank of Chicago at the meeting of the directors following the annual meeting of stockholders, on Jan. 11. Both are promotions from Assistant Vice-President and both are members of the bank's Quarter-Century Club. Mr. McManus is in the Banks and Bankers Division and is well known throughout the Middle West. Mr. Johnston is at the head of the personnel division of the bank. Carl E. Schiffner, who served a long apprenticeship in the bank's advertising and new business department, was made Assistant Cashier in one of the loaning divisions. He has a large acquaintance among men who write financial copy.

In the First Trust & Savings Bank, Austin Jenner was appointed Assistant Cashier and John D. Pollock was made Assistant Manager of the real estate loan department. Roy R. Marquardt was promoted from Assistant Cashier to Assistant Vice-President. All officers of both banks were elected and there were no changes in the boards of directors.

In addition to the changes at the annual meetings of Chicago banking institutions which were noted in these columns last week (pages 334-335) the following changes also occurred in the Chicago district at the recent bank elections:

Amalgamated Trust & Savings.—Everett L. Millard and Harry A. Mills, directors; Charles E. Merriam, added to the board of advisors.

Auburn Park Trust & Savings.—Charles W. Vail Jr., director; Walter Loeber, Fourth Vice-President; T. Earl Barry, Assistant Cashier.

Alliance National.—Clayton F. Smith, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Chairman of the Board; Leo. S. Mallek, President; Frank J. Burns, Vice-President.

Bowmanville National.—W. J. Feldman, Vice-President; Elmer A. Suckow, Cashier.

Bryn Mawr State.—Louis Kahn, Chairman of the board; Ambrose V. Conners, director.
 Calumet National.—Fletcher A. Tinkham, Vice-President; Thomas J. Daley, Cashier; Thomas J. Peden, Trust Officer; S. J. Auerlius, Assistant Cashier.
 Central Manufacturing District.—Thomas Kekich, Auditor.
 City Trust & Savings.—Paul H. Schroeder, director and Second Vice-President.
 Commonwealth & Savings.—Lloyd N. Wheeler, Assistant Cashier.
 Community State Bank.—B. L. Zinder, Vice-President; Harry Morris, elected a director and B. Antonow, elected a director and Assistant Cashier.
 Cragin State.—Dr. Fred Drennan and John Wojciechowski, directors.
 Elston State.—M. E. McGivern, Herman R. Wenger and E. T. Carlson, directors.
 Evanston Trust & Savings.—W. L. Taylor and I. A. Archambault, directors.
 First National of Cicero.—Frank Mudra, director.
 First National of Englewood.—H. G. Johnson, director.
 First National of Palatine.—Dr. Ray M. Gibbs, director.
 Garfield Park State Savings.—Louis J. Marschak, director; name of the bank changed to Garfield State Bank.
 Harbor State.—Roy E. Evans, Assistant Cashier.
 Home Bank & Trust.—Judge Peter M. Schwaba, director.
 Inland Trust & Savings.—William L. Runzel, Vice-President; Griffin M. Zimmerman was added to the board of directors.
 Interstate National.—Marcus A. Aurelius, director.
 Lawndale State.—Lee Hurby, Assistant Cashier.
 Madison & Kedzie State.—S. Springer, Vice-President and Sales Manager.
 Marshall Square State.—Adam J. Trembacz, director.
 Mercantile Trust & Savings.—Neil C. Hurley, director; J. G. Roseland and B. H. Rubenzik, Assistant Cashiers.
 Milwaukee Western State.—Leo Michael, Vice-President and Cashier.
 Montrose Trust & Savings.—John P. King and L. Adelmair, Vice-President.
 Mutual National.—Ernest H. Holtorf, director.
 Noel State.—William J. Reese and A. R. Le-Moon, directors.
 Oak Park Trust & Savings.—E. H. Wegener, Assistant Cashier and Auditor.
 Papanek-Kovac State.—John Papanek, Assistant Cashier.
 Parkway State.—Ray E. Meriwether, Assistant Cashier.
 Rogers Park National.—Mrs. Anna E. Kelsey, Manager of New Business.
 Schiff Trust & Savings.—Ben Cohen, Samuel Roscnfeld and Fred W. Roth, Assistant Cashiers.
 Second Security.—Martin J. Grau, director; L. D. Smith, Vice-President and Manager of real estate loans.
 Security Bank.—A. G. Lauterbaugh, Vice-President.
 Service State.—Albert C. Svoboda, Assistant Cashier.
 Sherman State.—W. G. Doker and F. A. Frankowski, directors; W. G. Pokorny, Cashier; M. A. Lew, Assistant Cashier.
 Sheridan Trust & Savings.—Victor J. Curto, director; W. R. Prince, Vice-President.
 South Shore State.—Floyd M. Phillips, President; Robert C. Christy, director and Vice-President; Clemon A. Nance, Vice-President; William A. Carlson, Cashier; J. L. Lynch, Assistant Cashier. Directors voted to transfer \$25,000 from undivided profits to the surplus account, making that item \$75,000.
 Standard Trust & Savings.—Walter S. Brewster, former President of the Chicago Stock Exchange and John H. Winterbotham, elected directors.
 State Bank of West Pullman.—G. E. Roberts, Chairman of the board; Henry J. Reichwein, President; B. G. Graff, Vice-President; Frank Boersma, Assistant Cashier.
 West Englewood National.—Dr. W. H. Huhlig and Dr. J. W. Seaborg, directors.
 West Madison State.—James J. Walsh, Vice-President.
 Woodlawn Trust & Savings.—Edward G. Carter and James A. Malooley, directors.

Ernest A. Hamill, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago, whose death on Jan. 14 after a brief illness was noted in these columns in last week's issue of the "Chronicle," was a pioneer Chicagoan widely known in civic and philanthropic as well as financial circles. Born in Bloomington, Ind. in 1851, he received his education in the grammar and high schools of Chicago and went to work in a hardware store. After a period on the Board of Trade, Mr. Hamill, in 1889, entered the banking field, going into the employ of the Corn Exchange Bank, at that time located in the Rookery Building. As Vice-President for nine years and as President for twenty years until the merger of the institution with the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., he achieved an international reputation as a financier. John J. Mitchell, President of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. paid the following tribute to his late confere on the day he died (as printed in the Chicago "Tribune" of Jan. 15):

Mr. Hamill's death comes to all of us in our bank as a great shock. He has been a close and intimate friend for many years, a man of fine character and respected by all who knew him. He has been known for many years as one of our most conservative bankers and his counsel in our boisterous financial times of the past has been of great assistance. He will be missed in our banking circles by a host of friends.

His death, as that of J. B. Forgan's, reminds me of the passing of the old guard of bankers that served as a bulwark in the past.

A special dispatch from Jerseyville, Ill., to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" on Jan. 5 reported the closing by its directors of the First National Bank of Jerseyville on that date, following the suicide of Frank D. Heller, Cashier of the institution for the past twenty years and a highly respected citizen of the town. The bank, which was capitalized at \$50,000, was taken in charge by a bank examiner. Mr. Heller, the dispatch stated, had been ill and despondent for some time. Subsequently, in its issue of Jan. 11, the "Globe-Democrat" stated that a loss estimated at \$50,000 had been suffered by the bank, according to national bank examiners

who began an audit of the bank's books on Jan. 5, the day the Cashier took his life, and further went on to say:

This loss is protected by the fact that the bank is capitalized for \$50,000. Under the laws of Illinois, stockholders will be responsible for a similar sum. It is believed depositors will not suffer any loss on account of the shortage. The bank's reserve fund totals \$12,000. Examiners found nothing of value when Heller's personal safe deposit box was opened last Saturday. The examiners will continue their work throughout the week.

A request for a receiver is reported to have been made yesterday by Dan L. Taylor, examiner in charge, who has reported his findings to Washington. Taylor said he thought the appointment might be made inside of a few days. As yet no plans for the reorganization of the bank have been announced. The appointment of a receiver is said to meet with the approval of a number of the bank's depositors.

The following directors were added to the board of the Merchants' National Bank of Detroit at the bank's annual shareholders' meeting on Jan. 11: G. N. Yerkes, attorney and Vice-President of Fidelity Trust Co. and the Michigan Industrial Bank; Geo. Harrison Phelps, President of Geo. Harrison Phelps, Inc., and Frank J. Navin, capitalist and President of the Detroit Baseball Co.

According to the Detroit "Free Press" of Jan. 12, D. Dwight Douglas, heretofore a Vice-President of the First National Bank of Detroit, was elected President of the institution on Jan. 10, succeeding William J. Gray, for whom a new position, that of Vice-Chairman of the Board, was created. Mr. Douglas, the new President, is also head of the First National Co., an affiliated investment company of the bank, and has been actively identified with the financial development of Detroit, it is said, since 1914. In regard to Mr. Gray's career, the paper mentioned said:

Gray was born in Detroit July 9 1857; he attended Detroit public schools and graduated from the University of Michigan in the class of 1877 with a B. A. degree. After graduation Gray studied law in the office of R. P. Toms, Detroit, and was admitted to the bar in 1879. For 32 years thereafter he was in active practice. During this period, particularly in the latter years, Gray served as counsel for various banks and other business enterprises of importance. The experience thus gained paved the way for his entrance upon a banking career when in 1912 he entered the First National Bank as Vice-President. Since then he has gained national recognition in the banking profession.

Directors of the People's State Bank of Detroit at their recent annual organization meeting advanced Donald N. Sweeny from Cashier to Vice-President, promoted D. E. Leuty from Assistant Cashier to Cashier, and advanced Earl J. Failor from chief clerk to an Assistant Cashier, according to the Detroit "Free Press" of Jan. 12. Robert W. Smylie, Vice-President and for the past 38 years connected with the institution, it is said, retired as an officer and as a director.

Two new Assistant Cashiers were elected by the directors of the National Bank of Commerce of Detroit, according to the Detroit "Free Press" of Jan. 12. They are W. D. Brown and Arnold D. Freydl.

H. O. Seymour was selected to succeed Oliver C. Fuller as President of the First Wisconsin Trust Co. of Milwaukee at the annual election of officers of the First Wisconsin Institutions, Thursday, Jan. 13. Mr. Seymour has been Vice-President of the Bank and Trust Company since 1919. Prior to that date he was General Manager of the Wisconsin Telephone Co., of which he is still a director. Walter Kasten, President of the Bank, was elected Chairman of the Trust Company, to fill a newly created office. He was also made Chairman of the First Wisconsin Co. The position of Chairman of the Bank, held by Mr. Fuller until his recent resignation, was abolished, making Mr. Kasten chief executive of the three institutions.

Among other promotions made by the directors at their meeting was the elevation of George B. Luhman, Vice-President of the Trust Company, to Executive Vice-President, and George T. Campbell to Assistant Cashier of the Bank. Herman Graf, formerly Assistant Manager, was appointed Manager of the Savings Department. Both Mr. Kasten and Mr. Seymour started from the bottom ranks. Mr. Kasten entered the employ of the Wisconsin National Bank at the age of 18, as a messenger. Three years ago, at the age of 44, he was elected President. Mr. Seymour began working for the Telephone Company as a solicitor twenty-three years ago. Following a series of promotions, he became General Manager in 1907, leaving that position to join the Bank as Vice-President in 1919. All the directors were re-elected.

The combined net profits of the three affiliated First Wisconsin Institutions, after payment of dividends on the preferred stock of the company, amount, it is stated, to \$1,139,788 80, or 18.99% on the capital stock of the Bank, or 8.47% on the combined capital, surplus and undivided

profits. This is an increase of a little better than 1% over the previous year. Dividends aggregating 12% on the capital of the Bank were paid during the year. The average deposits of the Bank for the year were \$92,592,749 as compared with \$92,328,840 for the year previous. Savings deposits increased from \$15,488,912 95 on Jan. 1 to \$15,675,817 34 on Dec. 31.

All of the officers and directors of the Grand and Sixth National Bank of Milwaukee were re-elected. The complete list is as follows: President, John LeFeber; Vice-President, Jesse A. Smith; Cashier, N. Rendenbach. Directors: Charles E. Albright, Robert W. Baird, Louis Heilbronner, Walter Kasten, Christian Kurth, John LeFeber, Jesse A. Smith, Henry M. Thompson, Gustave Pabst.

All of the officers and directors of the Mechanics National Bank of Milwaukee were re-elected. The complete list is as follows: President, W. R. Franzen; Vice-President, Fred Hoffmann; Cashier, A. H. Lembeck; Directors: W. R. Franzen, Carl Geilfuss, Fred T. Goll, Fred Hoffmann, C. R. Messinger, Gustav C. Mueller, H. O. Seymour, Fred Vogel, Jr., J. T. Wilson.

Four employees of the Des Moines National Bank, Des Moines, Iowa, were promoted at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 12, as reported in the Des Moines "Register" of the following day. They were: T. S. Holland, manager of the bond department of the bank, who was made a Vice-President as well; R. H. Collins, who was promoted from an Assistant Cashier to Assistant Vice-President, and Owen P. McDermott and Leland J. Andreck, who were made Assistant Cashiers.

Directors of the International Trust Co. of Denver at their recent annual meeting chose two new junior officers, according to the "Rocky Mountain News" of Jan. 12. They were Charles B. Engle, formerly office manager, who was made Assistant Treasurer, and C. W. Copeland, Vice-President of Irving Woods, Inc., who was appointed Assistant Secretary.

At the annual meeting of the United States National Bank of Denver on Jan. 11, according to the Denver "Rocky Mountain News" of Jan. 12, E. C. Ellett, the Cashier, was given the added title of Vice-President, and Ben B. Aley, formerly an Assistant Cashier, was promoted to a Vice-Presidency.

The Denver "Rocky Mountain News" of Jan. 12 reported that at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Denver National Bank held the previous day the capital of the institution was increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000 and the following promotions made in the personnel of the institution: William Faircloth, formerly Cashier, was made a Vice-President; C. L. Green, Trust Officer, was elected Vice-President and Trust Officer; A. M. Haggerty, formerly an Assistant Cashier, was promoted to Cashier, and P. J. Laughlin was named First Assistant Cashier. H. J. Jennings was made Comptroller.

The "Oklahoman" in its issue of Jan. 5 stated that John E. Dickson, General Manager of the Homaokla Oil Co., was added to the board of directors of the Fidelity National Co., of Oklahoma City, at the bank's annual meeting of shareholders on Jan. 4, according to an announcement by John A. Campbell, the President of the institution. Present officers of the bank are as follows: R. E. Finerty, Chairman of the Board; John A. Campbell, President; C. M. Bosworth, Vice-President, and Royal C. Stuart, Vice-President and Cashier.

The directors of the New England National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 11 elected Judge T. B. Landon Trust Officer of the institution, with the title of Vice-President, according to the Kansas City "Star" of that date. Judge Landon and H. P. Wright of the Prescott-Wright-Snyder Co., were elected directors of the institution at the stockholders annual meeting.

The Kanas City "Star" of Jan. 11 reports that at the annual meeting of the directors of the People's Trust Co. of Kansas City (Mo.) the old officers were re-elected with the addition of Aldridge Corder as a new Vice-President; the advancement of Joseph C. Davis, formerly Assistant Secretary, to the post of Treasurer, heretofore held by Bert B. Bell; the election of Wilton L. Nash as Assistant Treasurer, and of George L. Nash as Assistant Vice-President in the mortgage loan department.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis, on Jan. 12, E. J. Mudd, a Vice-President of the bank, was also made Cashier, succeeding Raymond F. McNally, who had resigned several days previously to become a Vice-President and a director of the National Bank of the Republic in Chicago. At the annual stockholders' meeting held on the same day Mr. Mudd was also elected a director. Mr. Mudd is considered an outstanding authority on credits and discounts. He is a graduate of the St. Louis University and began his banking career as a collector twenty-five years ago. Before going to St. Louis he was with the Union Savings Bank and the First National Bank of St. Charles, Mo., his home town.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Louisville National Bank on Jan. 11 these changes were made in the official staff, according to the Louixille "Courier-Journal" of Jan. 12: B. J. Metcalfe, former Vice-President and Cashier, was promoted to First Vice-President, and J. W. Watkins, heretofore an Assistant Cashier, was made Cashier, to succeed Mr. Metcalfe in that capacity. Richard Bean heads this bank.

The following changes were made in the personnel of the American National Bank of Nashville at the annual meeting of the directors of the institution on Jan. 13, according to the Nashville "Banner" of that date: P. D. Houston, President of the bank for the past seven years, was promoted to the position of Chairman of the Board, while Paul M. Davis, formerly a Vice-President, was elected President to succeed Mr. Houston. Buford Wilson and Herbert Fox were appointed Assistant Cashiers, and Meredith Flautt Auditor. Mr. Houston as Chairman of the Board will still remain in active charge of the bank's affairs, it was stated.

The proposed amalgamation of the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk, Va., the Norfolk National Bank, and the Trust Co. of Norfolk, to form one large organization (noted in our issue of Dec. 18, page 3141), became effective Jan. 7, and the new bank, under the title of the Norfolk National Bank of Commerce & Trusts, opened for business on Jan. 10 with its headquarters in the National Bank of Commerce Building. The Trust Company of Norfolk continues in operation as formerly in its offices at Granby St. and City Hall Ave., it is understood, and eventually will become the Granby Street branch of the bank. The Norfolk National Bank of Commerce & Trusts starts with a capital of \$2,500,000; surplus and undivided profits of like amount, and total resources of more than \$40,000,000. According to the Norfolk "Virginian" of Jan. 8, it is the third largest bank in the State of Virginia. The personnel of the new bank is as follows: R. S. Cohoon, President; A. E. Wharton, Vice-President and Cashier; Tazewell Taylor, C. W. Granby, A. B. Schwarzkopf, H. M. Kerr, J. B. Dey, Jr., A. W. Broek, C. S. Witehurst, A. L. Eggleston and Z. A. Gay, Vice-Presidents; R. C. Taylor, Jr., and R. C. Cornelius Taylor, Assistant Vice-Presidents; C. S. Phillips, I. T. Van Patten, Jr., F. C. Schmoele, E. D. Denby, R. H. Moore and S. E. Tudor, Assistant Cashiers; J. H. Fanshaw and H. B. Reardon, Auditors, and Charles Webster, Trust Officer.

Failure of the Bank of South Jacksonville, South Jacksonville, Fla., on Jan. 13 was reported in the following press dispatch from Jacksonville on that date, printed in the New York "Times" of Jan. 14:

The Bank of South Jacksonville was closed to-day by order of E. M. Porter, State Bank Examiner, who was called in by L. A. Usina, President of the bank, when unexpected withdrawals put the reserve below the point of safety.

Mr. Usina issued a statement which said in part: "Our deposits during the so-called boom period went up to the \$1,200,000 mark. For about a year there has been a gradual decrease in deposits; they now total \$535,000."

He expressed the opinion that most of the bank's loans could be collected and that it could be reopened in a reasonable period of time. The bank was established in May 1912, with capital stock of \$30,000. The capital was increased to \$35,000 a year ago. The stockholders are all South Jacksonville residents. Mrs. Usina owns about 50% of the total.

H. H. White, who has been Purchasing Manager, and I. D. Scharff Sr., who has been Sales Manager of the Bond Department of the Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank of New Orleans, were elected Vice-Presidents of the institution at the annual directors' meeting on Jan. 11, according to the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of Jan. 12. Stockholders of the same institution added B. C. McClellan to the board of Directors, while stockholders of the Whitney-Central National Bank (with which the Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank is affiliated) added Sidney J. White

to the directorate of that institution. John E. Bouden Jr. is President of both banks.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the South Texas Commercial National Bank, Houston, on Jan. 11, Captain James A. Baker, for the past thirteen years President of the institution, was advanced to the position of Chairman of the Board, where he will continue as head of the institution, according to the Houston "Post" of Jan. 12. Mr. Baker was succeeded as President by S. M. McAshan, for the past six years a Vice-President. Captain Baker, the new Chairman of the Board, is also President of the Guardian Trust Co. of Houston, President of the Houston Gas & Fuel Co., and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Rice Institute.

Only one change was made in the personnel of the Houston National Bank, Houston, Tex., at the annual meeting of the directors of the institution on Jan. 11 (according to the Houston "Post" of Jan. 12); this was the election of C. S. E. Holland as President to succeed Joseph F. Meyer, who retired. Mr. Holland, it is understood, resigned recently as Active Vice-President of the Second National Bank of Houston (formerly the Lumbermans National Bank) to accept the presidency of the Houston National Bank. At the stockholders' meeting on the same day (Jan. 11) Mr. Holland was elected a director in lieu of Harry T. Kendall, who has left Houston.

At the annual meeting of the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles held on Jan. 11, all the retiring Board of Directors were re-elected and the number of directors increased by two. The new directors elected were C. Sumner James, Executive Vice-President of the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, and John Burbaw, Executive Vice-President of the Citizens National Co. The two institutions thus represented on the board of the Citizens National Bank are affiliated with it.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Crocker First National Bank and the Crocker First Federal Trust Co. of San Francisco the Board of Directors was re-elected without any change. It was also announced that R. A. Newell and W. D. Lux, former Assistant Cashiers of the bank, were promoted to the offices of Assistant Vice-Presidents and that J. A. White, formerly Assistant Cashier of the trust company, was made an Assistant Cashier of the National Bank.

Several changes occurred in the executive staff of the Portland Trust & Savings Bank, Portland, Ore., at the directors' annual meeting which took place on Jan. 13, according to the "Oregonian" of Jan. 14. Charles F. Milliman, heretofore in charge of the bank's insurance department, was made a Vice-President; C. L. Philliber, who had been Assistant Secretary, was elected Cashier, a newly created position; Charles Carver, Jr., and C. A. Wood were appointed Assistant Secretaries, and George W. Stewart was elected Assistant Trust Officer. At the annual stockholders' meeting of this bank, Virgil A. Crum was elected a director, succeeding George H. Kelly.

The Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" of Jan. 12 reported the election of Albert Brygger, formerly First Vice-President of the People's Savings Bank of Seattle, to the presidency of the institution at the directors' annual meeting on Jan. 11. Charles E. Gaches was elected First Vice-President to succeed Mr. Brygger.

Directors of the Dexter Horton National Bank of Seattle, Wash., at their recent annual meeting gave Wilbur W. Scruby, the Cashier of the institution, the added title of Vice-President, according to the Seattle "Post" of Jan. 12.

Lawrence M. Arnold, formerly in charge of the bond department of the First National Bank of Seattle, was made a Vice-President while continuing in charge of the bond department at the annual meeting of the directors of that institution on Jan. 11, according to the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" of Jan. 12. A. R. Truax, Cashier of the bank, was elected a director at the stockholders' meeting.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Seattle National Bank on Jan. 11, three former Assistant Cashiers were made Assistant Vice-Presidents, according to the Seattle "Post" of Jan. 12. They are: E. W. Andrews, F. H. Brownell, Jr., and C. W. More. R. B. Jenkins, H. Bingham and T. H. Twing were chosen Assistant Cashiers.

The Bank of Montreal announces the declaration of a quarterly dividend of 3% on its capital stock, payable March 1 1927 to stockholders of record Jan. 31.

The directors of Lloyds Bank, Ltd. (head office London) announce that, after payment of salaries, pensions, staff bonuses and allowances, other charges and expenses, the annual contributions to the provident and insurance fund and to the staff widows and orphans fund and making full provision for rebate, income tax, bad debts and contingencies, the available profit for the past year is £2,523,582. To this has to be added £534,295 brought forward from the previous year making a total of £3,057,877. Out of this total interim dividends were paid for the half-year ended June 30, last, at the rate of 16 2-3% per annum on the "A" shares, equal to 1/8d. per share, amounting, less income tax, to £958,197, and at the maximum rate of 5% per annum on the fully paid "B" shares, equal to 6d. per share, amounting, less income tax, to £28,746. £300,000 has been placed to the staff Superannuation fund and £250,000 to bank premises account. After making these appropriations there is a balance of £1,520,934 remaining, and the directors have decided to recommend to the shareholders at the ensuing general meeting that dividends on the "A" and "B" shares at the same rates, amounting together, less income tax, to £986,943 be paid for the past half-year leaving £533,991 to be carried forward to the profit and loss account for the current year.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Speculative activity in the stock market this week has centered largely in the railroad stocks and oil shares, though the market was frequently irregular and at times uncertain. The movement in the railroad list was at improving prices in continuation of last week's advance, while oil stocks were fairly firm and held a prominent place in the trading throughout the week. Industrial stocks made little progress and the general trend of motor stocks was toward lower levels. During the two-hour session on Saturday many of the more active railroad stocks advanced from 1 to over 5 points. Interest centered especially in Wabash, Wheeling & Lake Erie and Western Maryland, all of which scored sizable gains. On Monday railroad issues were again prominent, and under the leadership of Lehigh Valley, which moved forward to a new high, many issues in this group touched new high levels. In the final hour Reading took the lead away from Lehigh Valley and sold nearly 6 points in advance of the previous close. Oil stocks continued to attract attention, the strong stocks including Mid Continent, Marland and Pan-American B. The Motor stocks were somewhat unsettled and such stocks as General Motors, Hudson, Studebaker, Mack Trucks and Chrysler moving slowly downward. The market was unsettled on Tuesday, though railroad stocks continued strong and oil shares displayed substantial improvement. Baltimore & Ohio was especially prominent and closed with a net gain of nearly 3 points. Reading continued in the foreground and New York Central, Rock Island, Erie and Missouri Pacific and Pere Marquette moved to higher levels. Industrial stocks were under pressure and sustained losses ranging from 1 to 4 points. This was especially true of Baldwin Locomotive, which showed a decline of over 5 points. American Woolen was another weak spot and sold off nearly 3 points. Lehigh Valley was again the outstanding feature of the trading on Wednesday, particularly in the final hour, when an outburst of new buying carried the stock forward more than 6 points to a new high record. Atchison, Chesapeake & Ohio were also in strong demand at improving prices. Timken Roller Bearing was in strong demand and rose over 4 points to 147, the buying being based on reports of large orders from the new railroad department. Other strong stocks notable for their gains included United States Rubber, American Smelting, Colorado Fuel & Iron, Pressed Steel Car, International Harvester, Du Pont and International Combustion. The trend of the market continued confused and uncertain on Thursday, though the railroad stocks displayed considerable strength. Bangor & Aroostook crossed 51 for the first time during the present movement. Lehigh Valley and Missouri Pacific also were strong. Timken Roller Bearing was exceptionally strong and reached a new peak above 90, following a brisk advance of 3 points. Motor stocks improved in the early trading, but reacted downward later in the day. The weak issues included such stocks as Du Pont, Consolidated Gas, Pan-American B and Montgomery Ward. The dominating feature of the market on Friday was the unusual activity in low priced railroad stocks, Wheeling & Lake

Richmond Reserve District of 7.6%, and the Atlanta Reserve District of 22.7%, the latter due largely to the decrease at the Florida points, Miami having fallen 66.7% behind, and Jacksonville 41.0%. The Chicago Reserve District suffers a decrease of 7.0%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 11.5%, and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 10.3%. The Kansas City Reserve District shows a gain of 1.6%, and the San Francisco Reserve District of 2.9%, but the Dallas Reserve District records a decrease of 5.4%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week End. Jan. 15 1927., 1927., 1926., Inc. or Dec., 1925., 1924. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, etc.), Total (129 cities), and Canada.

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—, 1927., 1926., Inc. or Dec., 1925., 1924. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve Districts (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth) and include various cities like Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, etc.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1927., 1926., Inc. or Dec., 1925., 1924. Rows include various cities like Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, etc., and are organized by Federal Reserve Districts (Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1927., 1926., Inc. or Dec., 1925., 1924. Rows include various cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc., and are organized by Federal Reserve Districts (Canada, Grand total).

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Jan. 12. d Week ended Jan. 13. e Week ended Jan. 14. * Estimated.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Jan. 11-1330-The Elkins Park National Bank, Elkins Park, Pa. \$50,000
President, Philip A. Hall; Cashier, Stanley E. Craig.
Jan. 13-13031-The Springfield National Bank, Springfield, Pa. 50,000
President, Edward T. Bartlett; Cashier, J. W. Walch.

CHANGES OF TITLES.

Jan. 13-The First National Bank of Summit, N. J., to "The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Summit."
Jan. 15-The Security National Bank of Tulsa, Okla., to "Tulsa National Bank."
The Capitol National Bank of New York, N. Y., to "The Capitol National Bank & Trust Co. of New York."

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Jan. 14-The First National Bank of Wharton, N. J. \$50,000
Correspondent, Peter E. Stryker, Wharton, N. J.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

Jan. 11-The First National Bank of Wynona, Okla. \$25,000
Effective Dec. 16 1926. Liquidating agent, R. F. Mullendore, Hominy, Okla. Absorbed by the Wynona Nat. Bank, Wynona, Okla.

CONSOLIDATION.

Jan. 12-The Third National Bank of Springfield, Mass. \$1,000,000
The Chicopee National Bank of Springfield, Mass. 500,000
Consolidated under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under the charter of the Third National Bank of Springfield, and under title of "The Third National Bank & Trust Co. of Springfield," with capital stock of \$1,420,000.

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 shares and stocks for Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York, including items like Bortonsite Homes Corp. (N. Y.), Columbia Consol. Mines Co. (Wash.), Glenwood Holding Co. (N. Y.), Meade Transfer Co. (N. Y.), Metals Production Co. (Colo.), Multnomah Mining, Milling & Devel. Co. (Wash.), Old Colony Inc. (Del.), Old Colony Inc. (Del.), Stout Motor Co. Inc. (N. Y.), Mason's Detachable Tooth Co. (N. J.), and Bucknam & Vanderpool Co. (N. Y.).

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing shares and stocks for Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston, including items like Atlantic Nat. Bank, Old Colony Trust Co., West Boylston Mfg. Co., Wm. Whitman Co. Inc., Merrimack Mfg. Co., Ludlow Mfg. Associates, Naumkeag Steam Cot., Nashua Mfg. Co., Pepperell Mfg. Co., Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co., Hamilton Manufacturing Co., Flintkote Co., N. Bost. Ltg. Properties, Lynn Gas & Elec. Co., Walter Baker & Co., Boston Wharf Co., special units First Peoples Trust, and New Bedford Gas & Edison Light.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing shares and stocks for R. L. Day & Co., Boston, including items like National Shawmut Bank, American Trust Co., Merchants Nat. Bk., Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co., Ludlow Mfg. Associates, Nat. Fabric & Finishing Co., Lancaster Mills, Everitt Mills, Tremont & Suffolk Mills, Hamilton Woolen Co., Pepperell Manufacturing Co., J. P. King Manufacturing Co., Lowell Hosiery Co., Shaw Stocking Co., Fitchburg Duck Mills, U.S. Worsted Corp., Hamilton Manufacturing Co., Nonquitt Spinning Co., Brooksde Mills, Potomaska Mills, Arlington Mills, Nyanza Mills, Nashua Mfg. Co., Franklin Co., Cambridge Gas Lt. Co., Kinney Mfg. Co., Business Real Estate Trust, Merrimack Hat Corp., American Glue Co., Flintkote Co., Draper Corp., Ry. & Lt. Securities Co., Fulton Lt., Ht. & Pr. Co., \$1,000 Quincey Market Realty, \$2,000 Androscooggin Electric Co., Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec. Co., Citizens Nat. Bk. of Jenkintown, Pa., Algeheeny Title & Tr. Co., Manheim Trust Co., Manheim Trust Co., Finance Co. of Pa., Girard Trust Co., Commonwealth Title Ins. & Tr., United Security Life Ins. & Tr., Broad St. Trust Co., Parkway Trust Co., Metropolitan Trust Co., Metropolitan Trust Co., Colonial Trust Co., Havertown Township Title & Trust Co.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing shares and stocks for Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia, including items like Keystone Watch Case Co., Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia Bourse, Overbrook Nat. Bank, Commonwealth Title Ins. & Tr., Kensington Nat. Bank, Kensington Nat. Bank, Nat. Bank of Commerce, Delaware Co. Nat. Bank, Delaware Co. Nat. Bank, Mechanics Nat. Bk. of Millville, Cumberland Nat. Bk. of Bridgeton, N. J., Citizens Nat. Bk. of Jenkintown, Pa., Algeheeny Title & Tr. Co., Manheim Trust Co., Manheim Trust Co., Finance Co. of Pa., Girard Trust Co., Commonwealth Title Ins. & Tr., United Security Life Ins. & Tr., Broad St. Trust Co., Parkway Trust Co., Metropolitan Trust Co., Metropolitan Trust Co., Colonial Trust Co., Havertown Township Title & Trust Co., Citizens Nat. Bk. of Jenkintown, Pa., Algeheeny Title & Tr. Co., Manheim Trust Co., Manheim Trust Co., Finance Co. of Pa., Girard Trust Co., Commonwealth Title Ins. & Tr., United Security Life Ins. & Tr., Broad St. Trust Co., Parkway Trust Co., Metropolitan Trust Co., Metropolitan Trust Co., Colonial Trust Co., Havertown Township Title & Trust Co.

Table listing shares and stocks for various companies, including Horn & Hardart Baking Co., United N. J. R.R. & Canal, Little Schuylkill Nav., R.R. & Coal Co., Hare & Chase, Inc., Hare & Chase, Inc., common, no par.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing shares and stocks for A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo, including items like Buff. Niag. & East. Pow., Hill Piece Oil & Ref., Baldwin Gold Mines, and March Gold, Inc.

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:

Large table listing dividends for various companies, including Public Utilities (Cambridge Electric Light, Columbia Gas & Elec. Co., etc.), Banks (Continental), Trust Companies (Farmers' Loan & Trust, Kings County), and Miscellaneous (Abbotts Alderney Dairies, etc.).

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Jan. 20, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 453, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JANUARY 19 1927.

Table with columns for dates from Jan. 19 1927 to Jan. 20 1926. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold, Total gold reserves, Total resources) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes, Deposits, Total liabilities). Includes a distribution section for maturities.

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," previously made up of Foreign Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter item was 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, it was stated, are the only items included therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 19 1927.

Table with columns for cities: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include RESOURCES and LIABILITIES for each bank.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Jan. 21 1927.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 469.

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 of stock sales with columns for Stock Name, Par Shares, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), and Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Includes categories like Railroads, Industrial & Misc., and various individual stocks.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing New York City Banks and Trust Companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and company names like Bank of America, Chase National Bank, etc.

* Banks marked (*) are State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-div. § Ex-stock div. ¶ 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 for Bid, Ask, and company names like Alliance Realty, Amer Surety, etc.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness with columns for Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, and various price points.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Large table detailing United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates, including daily records of U.S. Bond Prices and sales figures for various bond types.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 1 1st 4 1/8s... 1 2d 4 1/8s...

Foreign Exchange.—To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 84 3/4 @ 4 84 15-16 for checks and 4 85 3/4 @ 4 85 7-16 for cables. Commercial on banks sight 4 84 3/4 @ 4 84 13-16, sixty days 4 80 3/4 @ 4 80 13-16, ninety days 4 78 3/4 @ 4 78 11-16, and documents for payment (60 days) 4 81 @ 4 81 1-16. Cotton for payment 4 84 3/4 @ 4 84 13-16 and grain for payment 4 84 3/4 @ 4 84 13-16.

New York Stock Exchange—Stock Record, Daily, Weekly and Yearly

OCCUPYING SIX PAGES

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Jan. 15. to Friday, Jan. 21.); Sales for the Week.; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Par); PER SHARE Range for year 1926. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

* Bid and asked prices. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for dates from Saturday, Jan. 15 to Friday, Jan. 21, and rows listing stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns for Shares and various stock categories like Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par, etc.

PER SHARE Range for year 1926 On basis of 100-share lots

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest prices for the year 1926.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest prices for the previous year 1925.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and rows for various stock prices per share.

Main table listing various stocks under 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'STOCKS', 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest), and 'PER SHARE Ranges for Previous Year 1925' (Lowest, Highest).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-Divid. Ex-Rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Jan. 15 to Friday, Jan. 21); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for year 1926; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. Includes various stock listings like Mid-Cont Petrol, Middle States Oil, etc.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day z Ex-dividend a Ex-rights * Ex-dividend one share of Standard Oil of California new

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see sixth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns: Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for year 1926, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. Rows list various companies like Sears Roebuck & Co, Standard Oil, etc.

Table with columns: Saturday, Jan. 15., Monday, Jan. 17., Tuesday, Jan. 18., Wednesday, Jan. 19., Thursday, Jan. 20., Friday, Jan. 21. Rows list high and low sale prices for various stocks.

* High and asked prices—no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend b Ex-dividend and ex-rights

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 with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Year 1926, and similar columns for the second section.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ended Jan. 21, Interest Period, Price Friday, Jan. 21, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Year 1926, Low, High, No. Includes entries like Cent Pac 1st ref gu g 4s, Registered, and various municipal and corporate bonds.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ended Jan. 21, Interest Period, Price Friday, Jan. 21, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Year 1926, Low, High, No. Includes entries like Day & Mich 1st cons 4 1/2s, Registered, and various municipal and corporate bonds.

b Due Feb c Due May d Due Dec

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ended Jan. 21, Interest Period, Price Friday, Jan. 21, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Year 1926, Bonds Sold. Includes entries for Pitts Clin Chic & St L, Reading Co gen gold, etc.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ended Jan. 21, Interest Period, Price Friday, Jan. 21, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Year 1926, Bonds Sold. Includes entries for U N J R R & Can gen 4s, West Maryland 1st gu 5s, etc.

INDUSTRIALS

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ended Jan. 21, Interest Period, Price Friday, Jan. 21, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Year 1926, Bonds Sold. Includes entries for Adams Express col tr g 4s, Ajax Rubber 1st 15-yr s f 8s, etc.

d Due May. e Due June. f Due August.

New York Bond Record—Concluded—Page 6

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked

Table of Bond Record with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ended Jan. 21, Price Friday, Jan. 21, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Year 1926, and various bond descriptions like Pressed Steel Car convy g 5s-1933, etc.

Table of Sundry Securities with columns: Standard Oil Stocks, Public Utilities, and other securities like American Gas & Electric, etc.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. α New stock. / Flat price. & Last sale. * Nominal. s Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. n Canadian quotation. \$ Sale price.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Range for year 1926

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales volume, stock names, price ranges for 1926, and price ranges for 1925. 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. d Ex-dividend. e Ex-rights. f Ex-dividend and rights.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Jan. 15 to Jan. 21, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1926 (Low, High).

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Jan. 15 to Jan. 21, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1926 (Low, High).

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1926 (Low, High).

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Jan. 15 to Jan. 21, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1926 (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1926 (Low, High).

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1926 (Low, High).

* No par value.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Jan. 15 to Jan. 21, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1926 (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies, including Middle West Utilities, Preferred, Prior Hen preferred, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1926.

Table of stock prices for various companies, including Pig'n Whistle pref., Pioneer Mill, Richfield Oil, S J L & Pr prio pref., etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1 1927.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Jan. 15 to Jan. 21, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies, including Amer Laund Mach, Preferred, American Products, Amer. Rolling Mill, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1 1927.

San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange Jan. 15 to Jan. 21, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock and bond prices for various companies, including American Trust Co, Anglo & Lon Paris Nat Bk, Armour & Co a common, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1 1927.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Jan. 15 to Jan. 21, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies, including Bank Stocks, Merchants-Laclede Nat 100, Nat Bank of Commerce, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1 1927.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1 1927, and Range for Year 1926. Includes entries like Huttig S & D com, Hyd Press Brick com, Preferred, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—For this week's record of transactions on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange see page 473.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Jan. 15 to Jan. 21, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists. As noted in our issue of July 2 1921, the New York Curb Market Association on June 27 1921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet which forms the basis of the compilations below.

Large table with columns: Week Ended Jan. 21, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for year 1926, and Range for Year 1926. Includes entries like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Alabama Power S7 pref., Allied Packers common, etc.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Status, &c.—

The corporation, through its subsidiaries, furnishes electric power and light to cities and towns in 12 States. It owns through a subsidiary a 12-story office building at the corner of La Salle and Van Buren Sts., Chicago, and it has near completion an 11-story office building in Asbury Park, N. J. The corporate structure of the corporation is set forth in the following:

- (I) Eastern New Jersey Power Co., in turn controlling (1) New Jersey Water & Light Co., (2) New Egypt Water Co., (3) Coast Cities Ry. Co.
(II) Colonial Gas & Electric Co., in turn controlling (1) Newport Electric Corp., (2) Colonial Coach Co., (3) Derby Gas & Electric Corp., in turn controlling (a) Derby Gas & Electric Co., (b) Waukegan Gas Light Co.
(III) Indianapolis Power & Light Corp., in turn controlling (1) Indianapolis Power & Light Co. (a recent merger of Indianapolis Light & Heat Co. and Merchants Heat & Light Co., see above), (2) Mooresville Public Service Co.
(IV) Interstate Power Co. (Del.), in turn controlling (1) Dubuque Electric Co., which controls (a) East Dubuque Electric Co. and (b) Eastern Iowa Electric Co.; (2) Interstate Power Co. of Wisconsin, (3) Minnesota Electric Distributing Co., which controls (a) Tri-State Utilities Co., (b) Peoples Light & Power Co., (c) Bemidji Electric & Mfg. Co., (c) International Public Service Corp., (e) Red River Valley Power Co., in turn controlling Minnesota Electric Light & Power Co.
(V) Utilities Building Corp. (Chicago).
(VI) Electric Building Corp. (Asbury Park).

The rapid growth of the corporation is shown in the following table of consolidated income and assets:

Table with 2 columns: Item, and 4 columns of values for Sept. 30, 26, June 30, 26, Dec. 31, 25, Dec. 31, 24. Rows include Gross income, Net after oper., taxes, and maintenance, Net after all deductions, Total asse.

The properties recently acquired in the merger of the Indianapolis Light & Heat Co. and the Merchants Heat & Light Co. will add \$4,500,000 to the gross income and \$25,000,000 to the total assets.

The corporation gives the holders of its class A common stock and of its class B common stock the option of taking their dividends either in cash or in stock of the respective classes. For the year 1926, the corporation paid in dividends on its class A stock \$569,033. Of this amount the stockholders elected to take \$53,365 in stock and only \$15,668 in cash, or less than 2% of the amount paid. During the same period the corporation paid in dividends on its class B stock \$556,853. Of this amount the stockholders elected to take \$556,087 in stock and only \$9,784 in cash, or less than 2% of the amount paid.—V. 124, p. 237.

Wisconsin Power & Light Co.—New Transmission Line.

One of its most important construction projects, last year, was put into service by the company with the recent energizing of the new 33,000-volt transmission line which was built during the past summer between Wild Rose and Clintonville, Wis. The new line connects several power developments of the company and the hydro-electric generating stations of the Wisconsin River Power Co. at Prairie du Sac and the Southern Wisconsin Power Co. at Kibbourn.

By the completion of this line the Wisconsin company's system also connects with power developments of the Lake Superior District Power Co. at Big Falls and Hayman Falls on the Embarras River. The company's 1926 construction program added 172 miles of transmission line to its system.—V. 123, p. 2903.

Woburn (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—New Control.

See Massachusetts Lighting Cos. above.—V. 118, p. 807.

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Refined Sugar Prices.—On Jan. 17 Arbuckle Bros. reduced price from 6.35c. straight to 6.20@6.35c. per pound. On Jan. 18 the following companies reduced price 25 points to 6.25c. per pound: American, McCahan, National, Revere and Warner, while Federal reduced price 10 points to 6.25c., and Arbuckle announced 6.20c. firm. On Jan. 21 Arbuckle Bros. announced an advance of 5 points to 6.25c. per pound.

Electric Refrigerator Price Reduced.—Kylvinator Sales Corp. has reduced prices from \$30 to \$55 on machines for refrigerators, and \$20 on some lines of complete cabinet models. "Wall Street News" (slips), Jan. 17.

Aluminum Price Cut.—Aluminum Co. of America has reduced cut sheet and contract orders 1 cent per pound. "Sun" Jan. 19, p. 33.

American Smelting & Refining Co. Reduces Price of Lead 15 Points to 7.50c. per Pound.—"Wall Street News" (slips), Jan. 21.

International Portland Cement Co. Reduces Prices 30 Cents in Boston Zone.—Universal Portland Cement Co. Reduces Hudson River Base Price 20 Cents per Barrel.—"New York Times" Jan. 18, p. 35.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle." Jan. 15.—(a) Listings on the New York Stock Exchange for the year 1926, p. 290, 294. (b) Dun's report of failures for 1926, p. 301. (c) Inactive shares put at one Exchange post—dealings of fewer than 100 shares sent out on tape, p. 317.

Aeolian-Weber Piano & Pianola Co.—Back Dividends.

The directors have declared a dividend of 5% on the preferred stock, on account of back dividends, payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Jan. 25. A similar distribution on account of accruals was paid on June 15 1926.—V. 122, p. 3213.

Alameda Investment Co. (Calif.)—Bonds Offered.

Wm. Cavalier & Co., San Francisco, and Central National Bank, Oakland, are offering at prices to yield from 6% to 6 1/4%, according to maturity, \$200,000 1st mtge. collateral trust 6% gold bonds, series D of 1926.

Dated Dec. 1 1926, due serially Dec. 1 1927 to 1948. Int. payable J. & D. at Central National Bank, Oakland, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable all or part on any int. date after Dec. 1 1932, on 40 days' notice at a premium of 1/2 of 1% for each unexpired 6 months but not exceeding 103. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Exempt from California personal property tax.

Company was organized in California in May 1906. Is engaged in the business of making loans on improved properties, of building homes which are sold on the installment plan, and of financing improvements for responsible individuals who own unimproved property.

These bonds are secured by the deposit with the trustee of first mortgages and deeds of trust having an aggregate unpaid face value in excess of 115% of the par value of these bonds. These deposited first mortgages, totaling over \$279,000, are the first liens on properties in various localities in the East Bay districts. These properties have been appraised by Walter G. Manuel of the Central Savings Bank of Oakland, and R. W. Kittrell, realtor, at approximately two times the amount of bonds outstanding, including this issue. First mortgages on improved properties are deposited in every case for less than 60% of appraised valuation, and first mortgages on unimproved properties in every case for less than 50% of the appraised valuation. Less than one-third of the total mortgages are on unimproved properties.

The company, of which these bonds are a direct obligation, had a net worth on Jan. 1 1926 of over \$800,000, and stipulates that its net assets will not be reduced below \$700,000 during the life of these bonds.

The earnings of the company applicable to interest, have, during the last 4 years, averaged approximately 2 times the maximum interest requirements of all outstanding bonds, including this issue.—V. 122, p. 2500.

Alaska Packers Association.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$2 per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, both payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Jan. 31. Extra dividends of \$2 per share were paid annually from Feb. 1917 to Feb. 1925, incl.; none in Feb. 1926. In addition the company paid a special cash dividend of \$20 in Feb. 1918, one of \$25 (in Liberty bonds) in Feb. 1919 and one of \$20 (in Liberty bonds) in Feb. 1920.—V. 122, p. 752.

American Brick Co.—Regular Dividends.

The directors have declared regular quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share on the common stock and 50 cents per share on the pref. stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 21. On Nov. 1 last an extra div. of 5 cents per share was paid on the common stock.—V. 123, p. 2143.

Alliance Realty Co., New York.—Annual Report.

Table with 2 columns: Item, and 2 columns of values for 1926 and 1925. Rows include Years Ending Dec. 31—Net income from real estate operations and sales, Interest on mortgages, Net profit, Income from other investments (incl. interest), Total income, General corporate expenses and taxes, Net earnings, Previous surplus, Total, Dividends in stock, Dividends in cash.

Profit and loss surplus

Table comparing Balance Sheet for December 31, 1926 and 1925. Rows include Assets (N. Y. C. real est., Other N. Y. City real estate inv., Bonds and mtgs., Marketable stocks and bonds other than real estate, Bills and accts. rec., Accrued interest and dividends., Furniture and fixtures.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accrued interest payable, Sundry accounts payable, Res'vs for dividend Res. for conting., & deferred cred., Reserve for taxes., Pay. acct. contracts real estate sales., Surplus.).

Total \$4,447,707 \$4,311,779 Total \$4,447,707 \$4,311,779 x Represented by 120,000 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 3323.

American Department Stores Corp.—Initial Div.

The directors have declared initial quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% on the 1st preferred and 2d preferred stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. See also V. 123, p. 3040.

American Founders Trust.—Stocks Offered.—The American Founders Trust, New York and Boston, and its group of associated dealers, are offering in units of one share of 6% cumul. first pref. stock and one share of common stock at \$82 per unit, 60,000 shares of pref. stock, series "D" (par \$50) and 60,000 shares common stock (no par value).

The 6% cumul. first pref. shares (series D) is preferred as to assets and dividends over the second preferred and common shares. Redeemable on any dividend date on 30 days' notice at 105 and dividends. Cumulative dividends payable Q.—F. Under the present Federal income tax law (Revenue Act of 1926) dividends on these shares are exempt from the normal tax and are entirely exempt from all Federal income taxes when held by an individual whose net income is \$10,000 or less.

Data from Letter of L. H. Seagrave, President of the Trust.

Business.—The business of American Founders Trust, organized as a voluntary trust under Massachusetts laws in 1922, has attained a leading position in the development of investment trusts in the United States.

Earnings.—The income of American Founders Trust is derived from the following sources: (1) Dividends, interest and profits from its own investment portfolio. (2) Supervision charge for investment services rendered affiliated investment trusts. (3) Dividends and profits from ownership of junior securities of affiliated investment trusts. (4) Profits from underwriting of investment securities. (5) Commissions on sale of securities of affiliated investment trusts.

Earnings from all sources, including increase in value of investment trust securities owned, have averaged over 4 1/2 times preferred share dividend requirements since organization.

Provisions of Issue.—No first preferred shares of any series may be issued unless the net earnings of the trust, as defined in the by-laws of the trustees, for 12 consecutive months shall have been at least three times the annual aggregate dividend requirements upon the preferred shares already issued and outstanding, and the preferred shares then proposed to be issued.

Dividends.—Dividends on all outstanding preferred shares have been paid in cash quarterly since the organization of the trust.

Dividends on common have been paid in cash or fractional shares since the organization of the trust. Since August 1924 fractional dividends of 1-70th of one share per quarter have been declared. A ready market for the 70ths exists for those shareholders who prefer to convert them into cash.

Reserve Fund.—As a first preferred share dividend reserve fund there is set aside on each dividend date, after providing for dividends on the first preferred shares, a sum equal to 10% of the remaining net earnings. This reserve fund is to accumulate until it equals ten times the annual first preferred dividends on shares then outstanding, and must be so maintained. Surplus, reserves and undivided profits now exceed \$3,500,000.

Assets.—As of Nov. 30 1926, more than 95% of the total assets of over \$13,000,000 comprised cash, receivables and investments. More than 200 diversified and readily marketable securities purchased in depressed market and distributed among many different countries afford liquidity and stability.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Cumulative first preferred stock (par \$50)—300,000 shs. 169,623 shs. Cumulative second preferred stock (par \$25)—80,000 shs. 9,528 shs. Common stock (no par value)—3,600,000 shs. 613,132 shs. a 109,623 shares cumulative 7% first pref. series A and B, \$5,481,150; 60,000 shares cumulative 6% first pref., series D, \$3,000,000.—V. 123, p. 2393.

American Glue Co.—Status.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders on Jan. 18 President J. P. Lyman said in substance:

The books of the company have not been fully audited by our accountants, so that it is impossible to give at this time final figures for 1925. As has been the usual custom, the annual report for the year will be mailed to stockholders as soon as audit is completed.

From the best estimate possible to make at this time there will not be available for the common stock, after all preferred dividends, depreciation, fixed charges and reserves for taxes, an amount quite equal to last year's earnings, or over \$7 a share on the common stock. We are, however, confident that final figures will be satisfactory, considering the low prices existing during the past year on glue and gelatine and by-products obtained from their manufacture. Commercial grease, an important and valuable by-product obtained from manufacture of glue and gelatine, has been depressed in value the latter part of the year due to the abnormal cottonseed oil crop. Compared with last year debt of the company, represented by notes payable and debenture notes outstanding, will show a slight increase. Cash on deposit will show somewhat greater.

During the year we have also been obliged to pay for raw materials entering into the manufacture of glue and gelatine a price out of line with the prices obtainable for the finished product. This condition does not now exist. All of this, however, had had a tendency to affect earnings as compared with the previous year, although not to any marked extent.

Sales during the past year have shown an increase over 1925 in nearly all items and prospects for the coming year are extremely propitious both as to volume of sales and profits.

For the first time in many years stocks of glues held throughout the country have become normal. Production at present is not in excess of yearly requirements and in this coming year glue sales should show a margin of profit not obtained heretofore for several years.

Sales of coated abrasives have maintained a satisfactory volume and a normal margin of profit.

The Federal tax questions of the company are progressing to a point where, in our opinion, all unsettled matters will be adjusted during the course of the coming year.—V. 122, p. 1920.

American Pneumatic Service Co.—To Pay Dividends Quarterly Instead of Semi-Annually.

In turn controls the Botany Worsted Mills and Garfield Worsted Mills, Passaic, N. J. The new company is also to acquire a majority of the stock of Kammgarn Spinner, Stoeber & Co., A. G., the leading wool spinning concern in Germany, and of the Elberfelder Textilwerke, A. G., one of the important German weaving plants. The German companies include as well holdings in numerous other textile enterprises in Central European countries.

The capitalization of the Continental Textile Co., Ltd., is \$3,500,000 6% pref. stock and 100,000 shares of no par value common stock. It has an authorized issue of \$1,600,000 2½-year 6% secured gold bonds. No public offering of these bonds will be made at this time.

The officers and directors of the new company include Oscar W. Dressler, President; Harold G. Aron, V.-Pres.; Alfred DeLagere, Sec.; Otto Kuhn, Treas., and Max W. Stoehr and George Stoehr, directors and voting trustees of the common stock. The New York office of the company will be at 200 Fifth Ave.

(The Coolidge (Frances-Ralph Realty Co.), St. Louis, Mo.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$685,000 first mortgage 6½% sinking fund gold bonds is being offered at par and interest by American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc.

Dated Jan. 3 1927; maturing Jan. 3 1937. Callable at 101 and interest except if redeemed on or after Jan. 3 1936, no premium shall be paid. Corporate trustee, American Trust & Safe Deposit Co. Individual trustee, John J. Yowell. Normal Federal income tax up to 2% on the annual interest paid when claimed; also certain State taxes refundable. Interest payable J. & J.

Security.—These bonds will be secured by land owned in fee (114 ft. by 142 ft.) and a 14-story fireproof unfurnished kitchenette apartment building to be erected at 3733-3737 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo. The building will contain 124 apartments with 275 rooms, and a 65-car garage in the basement. The total security, including land and building, has been valued at \$1,140,000. The operation of the sinking fund will reduce the amount of the outstanding bonds at final maturity to \$443,800.

Estimated Earnings.—After allowing 10% for vacancies and deducting for operating expenses, the net annual income is estimated at \$92,284, or over twice the largest yearly interest requirements.

Coronado Apartments (Rosemont-Winthrop Building Corp.), Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$5,750,000 first mortgage sinking fund 6½% gold bonds is being offered at par and interest by American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc.

Dated Dec. 1 1926. Callable at 101 and interest except if redeemed on or after Dec. 1 1935, no premium shall be paid. Interest payable J. & D. Trustee, American Trust & Safe Deposit Co. Normal Federal income tax up to 2% on the annual interest paid when claimed; certain State taxes also refunded.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a direct closed first mortgage on land owned in fee (150 ft. by 75 ft.) and a 9-story and basement fireproof apartment hotel building being erected at the southeast corner of Winthrop and Rosemont avenues, Chicago. The Coronado will contain 112 apartments of 1½, 2 and 3 rooms with bath, also 8 hotel rooms with bath. The building will be modern in every respect, with mechanical refrigeration, thermostatic heat control in all rooms, and maid service. The total security has been valued at \$900,000.

Estimated Earnings.—After deducting for operating expenses and allowing 10% for vacancies, the net annual income is estimated at \$76,362 or over two times the heaviest yearly interest charge.

Crescent Pipe Line Co.—Removal of Pipe Line.—The removal of the 27¼ miles of the company's pipe line system is reported to have been completed and announcement as to the amount realized by the stockholders will probably be made within a short time.—V. 123, p. 2001.

Cushman's Sons, Inc.—Extra and Increased Common Dividends.—The directors on Jan. 17 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the common stock, no par value, payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 15, and a further dividend payable in \$8 cummul. no par value preferred stock, amounting to \$3 per share on the common stock at a valuation of \$100 per share for such preferred stock, such dividend in preferred stock to be payable one-half on Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 15 and one-half on Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. Scrip representing fractional shares will not bear dividends and arrangements will be made accordingly for the purchase or sale of fractional scrip at market prices, at the office of the transfer agent, the United States Corporation Co., 150 Broadway, N. Y. City. From Dec. 1 1923 to Dec. 1 1926, incl., quarterly cash dividends of 75 cents per share were paid on the common stock.

The regular quarterly dividends of 1¾% on the 7% pref. stock and \$2 per share on the \$8 pref. stock also were declared, payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 15.

The company states that earnings for the year 1926 were in excess of \$7 per share on the common stock and that the outlook for the year 1927 was particularly bright.—V. 123, p. 2660.

Davega, Inc.—Buys Retail Store.—The corporation announces that it has bought from Schoverling, Daly & Gales Co., Inc., the retail store located at 302 Broadway, corner of Duane St., N. Y. City. Schoverling, Daly & Gales will continue their wholesale business in much larger quarters. For the present they will be located at the aforesaid address.

Announcement is expected soon by Schoverling, Daly & Gales of a merger with another large and old established wholesale business, which it is said will more than double its present wholesale sales.—V. 124, p. 378.

(Alfred) Decker & Cohn, Inc.—Annual Report.

Years End Oct. 31—	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Profit after exp. & depr.	\$536,493	\$592,802	\$417,107	\$837,899
Disc. on pref. stk. purch.	Dr. 12,531	Cr. 10,934	Cr. 36,744	Cr. 31,272

Net income	\$523,962	\$603,735	\$453,851	\$869,172
Provision for Fed. tax.	70,000	107,525	60,000	109,862
Adjustment. x	Cr. 81,359			
Preferred dividends	70,542	103,808	136,797	159,012
Common dividends	(\$2)200,000	(\$1)100,000	50c. 150,000	

Balance, surplus	\$264,778	\$292,402	\$207,054	\$600,298
Previous surplus	1,204,396	911,993	704,939	104,641

Profit and loss surplus	\$1,469,174	\$1,204,396	\$911,993	\$704,939
x Adjustments in book values of investments, properties, &c., less prior year's Federal taxes.				

Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Land, bldgs., mach. & equipment	\$260,026	\$277,389	Common stock	\$1,554,270	\$1,554,270
Good-will, &c.	—	—	Preferred stock	849,000	1,156,800
Invest'ts & adv.	259,541	106,700	Bills payable	708,128	743,590
Inventories	1,564,037	1,417,591	Accounts payable	208,564	226,585
Accts. & bills rec.	2,376,227	2,819,741	Payrolls	47,125	47,346
Cash	300,893	324,052	Fed. & gen. taxes & accrued int.	106,819	108,511
Cash val. of ins.	54,883	—	Profit and loss	1,469,174	1,204,396
Deferred charges	127,473	96,023			
Total	\$4,943,081	\$5,041,498	Total	\$4,943,081	\$5,041,498

a After deducting \$679,993 reserve for depreciation and including \$36,537 for land and building not used for business purposes. b Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 2525.

DeForest Radio Co.—Wins Another Patent Suit.

Another very interesting and important patent case has just culminated in a judicial decision with the decision of Judge Hugh J. Morris, of the

United States District Court of the District of Delaware, in the matter of the General Electric Co. against the DeForest Radio Co.

This case was instituted in 1924 by the General Electric Co. against the DeForest Radio Co. for the alleged infringement of the DeForest Radio Co., of the Coolidge patent on ductile tungsten filament as used in radio tubes and incandescent lamps. Judge Morris dismissed the bill of complaint filed by the General Electric Co., and decreed the Coolidge patent invalid.

At an interview, Samuel E. Darby Jr., the attorney who presented the case for the DeForest Co., stated: "As I view this decision, it should be of tremendous importance and value to the entire radio industry as well as the incandescent lamp industry."

Powel Crosley to Take Over Management of DeForest Radio Co.

In pursuance of the agreements recently announced between the De Forest Radio Co. and Powell Crosley Jr., prominent Midwestern radio manufacturer, the making of which agreement has been authorized by the Court of Chancery of New Jersey, a new Board of directors of the DeForest Radio Co. was, Jan. 4, elected, consisting of the following: Powell Crosley Jr., Lewis M. Crosley, Charles Sawyer, Cincinnati; James I. Bush, Arthur D. Lord, New York, R. E. Field, Cincinnati, and Dr. Lee DeForest. Powell Crosley Jr. was elected President and Dr. Lee DeForest was elected Vice-President, and Dr. DeForest retains his position as chief consulting engineer.

At an interview, Mr. Crosley made the following statement: "I have been familiar for a long time with the affairs and business and difficulties of the DeForest Radio Co. I have always believed that the name DeForest and certain other rights of the company could be made of great value. After a very considerable study given to the matter, and at the request of a large number of stockholders, I have entered into an agreement for the operation and management of the company with the intent to develop its business and to enable it to occupy the position in the radio field to which its name and other rights entitle it. I have placed at the disposal of the DeForest Company, for the benefit of its stockholders, the experience and knowledge acquired in the development of my own business."—V. 123, p. 2907.

De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd.—Dividend.

A dividend of \$1 45 per share will be paid on the "American" shares on Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 26. A year ago the dividend on this stock amounted to \$1 23 per share.—V. 123, p. 3325.

Dinkler Hotels Co., Inc.—Tenders.

The New York Trust Co., trustee, 100 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Feb. 10 receive offers for the sale to it of class "A" stock to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$18,979, at prices not exceeding \$30 a share and divs.—V. 123, p. 587.

Dodge Bros., Inc.—Sales, &c., for 1926.

Sales of Dodge Bros. cars and Graham Bros. trucks in 1926 ran about 27% ahead of those for the preceding year, according to an official announcement. A total of 331,764 units were sold last year, compared with 259,967 units in 1925. Despite record-breaking productions and shipments for the year, it is reported that stocks of vehicles in dealers' hands and in transit on Dec. 31 1926 were substantially smaller than at the end of the preceding year.

In the truck and commercial car field combined, the gain in sales of Dodge Bros., including Graham Bros.' truck division, was 32% for 1926 over 1925, or 67,293 units, as compared with 50,713, while the truck industry as a whole showed an approximate increase of 7%.—V. 124, p. 378.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Preliminary Earnings.

Period—	—Quar. Ended Dec. 31—	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
No. of tons milled	142,200	133,600	555,700	530,200	
Gross earnings	\$978,372	\$1,128,224	\$3,940,090	\$4,386,025	
Expenses	629,415	615,949	2,357,874	2,368,611	
Federal taxes	22,686	27,306	90,966	120,538	
Operating profits	\$326,272	\$484,969	\$1,491,250	\$1,876,876	
Other income	102,065	43,442	251,511	176,132	
x Total income	\$428,337	\$528,411	\$1,742,760	\$2,053,008	
x Before allowing for depreciation and depletion.	—V. 124, p. 240.				

Eagle Lock Co., Terryville, Conn.—Extra Dividend.

A dispatch from Terryville, Conn., said that the directors had declared an extra dividend of 50 cents a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share. On Oct. 2 1926 like amounts were paid.—V. 123, p. 1883.

Early & Daniel Co., Cincinnati, O.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 a share and the regular annual dividend of \$2 50 a share on the common stock, both payable in quarterly installments of 25 cents a share extra and 62½ c share regular on April 1, July 1, Oct. 1 and Jan. 1 1928, to holders of record on March 20, June 20, Sept. 20 and Dec. 20 1927, respectively.—V. 123, p. 211.

Electric Household Utilities Corp.—Div. Omitted.

In connection with the omission of the quarterly dividend due at this time, Secretary J. A. McCoy says:

The report of the management submitted to the directors at a meeting held Jan. 13, showed the completion of the improvement program which embraced the development of new products and radical economies in production and distribution.

Current orders are considerably in excess of the corresponding period last year, and the outlook for 1927 is good.

As has been the custom of the company for the past five years, there were no outstanding bills payable at the end of the year. The company is in a considerably strong financial position, the ratio of quick assets to current liabilities being about 7 to 1.

In anticipation of the additional requirements for working capital necessary to carry out the enlarged program of the management, the directors decided not to declare any dividend for the last quarter. See also V. 124, p. 378.

Electric Refrigeration Corp.—Omits Stock Dividend.

The directors have decided to omit the customary quarterly stock dividend of 1¼% but have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of 50c. a share, payable Feb. 21 to holders of record Jan. 31.

The company reports for the quarter ended Dec. 31 1926 a net loss of \$541,367 after charges, as compared with a net income of \$252,488 in the preceding quarter.—V. 124, p. 378.

Ely & Walker Dry Goods Co., St. Louis.—Ann. Report.

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Gross sales	Not available	(\$53,444,230)	\$45,441,757	\$50,959,331
Less returns		2,327,550	2,164,147	2,495,234

Net sales	\$55,900,674	\$51,116,680	\$43,277,610	\$48,464,097
Profits for year	\$1,776,322	\$1,651,521	\$1,002,371	\$1,472,278
First pref. divs. (7%)	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
Second pref. divs. (6%)	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Common dividends	(8%)720,000	(7)582,407	(6)444,343	(6)439,380

Balance, surplus	\$861,322	\$874,114	\$863,028	\$837,898
Profit and loss surplus	\$4,142,442	\$3,281,120	\$2,212,006	\$1,848,979

Comparative Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Factory lands and bldgs., machin'y and equipment	961,755	719,823	1st pref. 7% stock	1,500,000	1,500,000
Investments	706,284	574,396	2d pref. 6% stock	1,500,000	1,500,000
Inventories	10,798,128	11,169,858	Common stock	9,000,000	9,000,000
Accts. & notes rec.	12,726,309	11,972,458	Notes payable	8,060,000	7,820,000
Adv. to salesmen and employees	b103,455	123,179	Accounts payable	773,888	1,134,570
Cash	1,356,765	1,367,519	Due to employees	565,567	
Deferred charges		3,539	Accrued taxes	368,993	c862,069
			Sundry dep. accts.	471,809	563,012
			Res. for dividends	270,000	270,000
			Surplus	4,142,442	3,281,120

Total. 26,652,697 25,930,772 Total. 26,652,697 25,930,772 a Accounts and notes receivable, \$13,042,728, less reserve for doubtful debts, \$316,419. b Partially secured. c Includes bonus and Federal taxes.—V. 122, p. 488

Estey-Welte Corp.—Progress in 1926—Outlook, &c.
 The corporation in a letter to the stockholders reporting on the progress of the company for the year 1926 says that the organ business, principally in Welte reproducing organs, has shown remarkable growth and that the company entered upon the new year with unfilled orders on hand assuring capacity production throughout 1927. The piano business has likewise shown substantial increase and orders on hand and reports from dealers indicate that the year will be the largest in the company's history in this respect. The personnel of the manufacturing and sales organizations has been greatly increased, the organ department showing an increase in personnel of over 300% during the past year.

The company's financial condition is the strongest in its history. The 2-year gold notes outstanding as of Jan. 1 1926 have been paid and current liabilities reduced. In addition to the usual cash dividend of \$2 per share on the Class A stock, an extra dividend of 2%, payable in Class A stock, was paid both Class A and Class B stockholders during 1926. The outstanding minority shares of the Hall Organ Co. have recently been acquired and Estey-Welte Corp. now owns all of the capital stock of that company. The subsidiary, the North American Discount Corp., will show substantial earnings for the year, and commences the new year with an invested capital of over \$400,000, with further additions to capital to be made during 1927. It is expected that net earnings of the Discount Corporation will show a substantial increase for 1927. Dividends at the rate of \$7 have been paid on the outstanding preferred stock and an initial dividend of 50 cents per share was declared on the common stock, payable Jan. 1 1927.

Two new corporations, the capital stock of which is owned entirely by Estey-Welte Corp., have been added to the holdings of the company during the year: Eswel Realty Corp., organized to take over all the real estate and leaseholds formerly handled by Welte-Mignon Corp.

The new Welte Building, a 6-story fireproof structure at 695 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City, is nearing completion and will be occupied after Feb. 1 by the retail piano and organ stores and the executive and administrative offices of the various companies. The Eswel Realty Corp. is now acquiring for \$237,500 the factory property adjacent to the present properties in New York heretofore leased by the corporation, and further additions will be made to the Connecticut properties during the year.

The Welte-Mignon Studios of Florida, Inc., was formed during the year, the common stock being controlled by the Estey-Welte Corp., and a studio building in Spanish design is now nearing completion at Palm Beach. Negotiations are under way for the acquisition of other important properties and it is expected that important announcements will be made during the year, resulting in material additions to the assets and earnings of the Estey-Welte Corp.

Bankers for the company state that a substantial stock dividend will be declared between now and the March meeting, 2% in Class A stock was declared to both classes of shareholders in 1926 but it is understood that a larger distribution is now in contemplation.—V. 123, p. 3326.

Elgin National Watch Co.—Obituary.—

Vice-President Ernest A. Hamill died at Chicago on Jan. 14.—V. 124, p. 117.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared two regular quarterly common dividends of 75c. each, payable March 31 and June 30 to holders of record March 15 and June 15.

The directors also declared two regular quarterly dividends of \$1 75 per share on the preferred stock, payable March 1 and June 1 to holders of record Feb. 15 and May 14, respectively.—V. 124, p. 379.

Fisk Rubber Co.—To Reduce Preferred Stock.—

The stockholders will vote Jan. 26 on decreasing the authorized capital stock by \$1,036,800 1st pref. stock.—V. 124, p. 104.

General Baking Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—

Years Ended—	Dec. 25 '26.	Dec. 26 '25
Profit from operations before deprec. & Fed. tax	\$8,439,741	\$8,588,645
Depreciation	1,257,359	1,053,908
Federal income taxes	950,911	919,145
Net profit for year	\$6,231,472	\$6,615,592
Profit applicable to period prior to acquisition	—	4,249,331
Profit applicable to company	\$6,231,472	\$2,366,261
Previous surplus	885,814	—
Total surplus	\$7,117,286	\$2,366,261
Divs. paid and accrued on Gen. Baking Co. \$8 cum. pref. stock and minority holders of common stock	727,343	188,402
Dividends, Class A stock	4,861,960	1,292,044
Minority interest in Surplus	Cr.2,284	—
Profit and loss surplus	\$1,530,267	\$885,815

—V. 124, p. 117.

General Motors Corp.—December Sales.—President Alfred P. Sloan Jr. says:

Our retail sales for December total 52,729 cars, as against 56,129 cars in 1925 and 33,919 in 1924.

At the time of announcing our retail sales for November (V. 123, p. 3327) it was pointed out that due to a specially intensive sales campaign in our Chevrolet division, the total retail sales had been expanded much in excess of the normal trend. As a matter of fact, November this year exceeded November of last year by nearly 70%. The result of this was that sales that would normally have taken place in December were closed in November, therefore the best measure of the trend may be obtained by comparing the sum of the two months this year with last year. On this basis General Motors retail sales in November and December this year exceeded those in the same months of last year by about 32%, which is the general trend of the last few months.

Dealers' stocks have been reduced during the past 60 days by approximately 30,000 cars and stood at the close of the year in a very favorable relationship with the current trend of retail sales.

	Dealers' Sales to Users—		Divisions' Sales to Dealers—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
January	53,698	25,593	33,574	76,332
February	64,971	39,579	50,007	91,313
March	106,051	70,594	57,205	113,341
April	136,643	97,242	89,583	122,742
May	141,651	87,488	84,715	120,979
June	117,176	75,864	65,224	111,380
July	101,576	65,872	60,836	87,643
August	122,305	78,638	54,842	134,231
September	118,224	83,519	48,565	138,360
October	99,073	86,281	46,003	115,849
November	101,729	60,257	33,095	78,550
December	52,729	56,129	33,919	44,130

Total 1,215,826 827,056 657,568 1,234,850 835,902 587,341
 These figures include passenger cars and trucks sold in the United States, Dominion of Canada and overseas by the Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Oakland, Buick and Cadillac manufacturing divisions of General Motors.

Deliveries by Buick Motor Co. During 1926.—The "Wall Street Journal" says:

The Buick Motor Co. during 1926 delivered 254,356 cars at retail as compared with 200,041 cars in 1925, the best previous year, and with 168,920 cars in 1924. In the five months since Aug. 1 1926, when the new Buicks were introduced, the company delivered 109,088 cars.

Production of Oakland Motor Car Co.—

The Oakland Motor Car Co. produced and shipped in the past year 57,566 Oaklands and 76,699 Pontiacs, or a total of 134,265 cars, compared with 43,018 Oaklands in 1925. The Pontiac car was not in production in 1925.—V. 123, p. 3327.

General Electric Co.—Orders Received—New Contracts.—

	1926.	1925.	1924.
3 months ended Dec. 31	\$80,406,570	\$78,636,669	\$80,009,977
12 months ended Dec. 31	\$27,400,207	\$302,513,380	\$283,107,698

Sales billed and earnings for the year 1926 will not be announced until the accounts are closed for the year and the annual report is published in March.

The largest turbine generator ever used by a steel mill is to be installed by the Illinois Steel Co. at its Gary (Ind.) plant. This equipment, to be

furnished by the General Electric Co., will produce 30,000 kilowatts at 6,600 volts. Similar installations to be made by other plants are the Tennessee Coal, Iron & RR. Co., is soon to install two 20,000-kilowatt turbine generators, and another unit of the same size will be installed by the Bethlehem Steel Co. at Sparrow's Point, Md.

Columbus, (O.) is making the initial step toward the adoption of a uniform lighting system. The main business district of High Street, the main thoroughfare of the city, is to be equipped with intensive white way units, the secondary business district of the street with less intense illumination, and still another type of the same general design for the residential part of the street, beyond the business section. More than 800 lighting units of various types are to be installed. All of the electrical equipment will be supplied by the General Electric Co., and the poles, except where the old posts are being remodeled, by the Union Metal Mfg. Co.

President Gerard Swope, in a statement to the stockholders, says "On the basis of 1925 volume of sales, price reductions during the year have resulted in an annual savings to the company's customers of upwards of \$12,000,000. This is a result of improved designs, better methods of manufacture, and numerous suggestions from the workmen which have reduced costs, reflected in lower selling prices to customers." p. 241, 117.

General Silk Corp.—Organized in Delaware to Carry Out Klots Throwing Co. Consolidation and Readjustment Plan.—

The formation in Delaware of the General Silk Corp. was announced Jan. 14. This was in accordance with the plan for consolidation and readjustment of the capitalization of the Klots Throwing Co. (V. 124, p. 118) and its subsidiaries which has now been declared operative.

By special arrangement between the committee and the corporation, the Bankers Trust Co. has been authorized to accept until Feb. 1 1927 Klots Throwing Co. stock of all classes from those few stockholders who have not yet deposited their shares for exchange. A completely integrated organization comprising all stages in the conversion of raw material into finished product is thus placed under a new single corporate head, which will control an invested capital of some \$20,000,000.

The terms under which stockholders of Klots Throwing Co. will exchange their shares for stock in the new company were outlined very fully in V. 124, p. 118.

An official statement issued Jan. 19 says: "General Silk Corp. by reason of its vertical structure and its efficient equipment is one of the most important factors in the industry. Raw and waste silks are purchased in the Orient and in Europe, imported into this country, and manufactured into yarns of various commercial types. These yarns are woven on looms owned or leased by the corporation or, in some instances, sold to weavers, knitters and other users. The fabrics produced cover a wide range and, when converted, are distributed to manufacturers and retailers. Directly or through subsidiaries the corporation owns and operates 15 modern mills containing approximately 1,200,000 sq. ft. of floor space. The throwing plants have 113,060 thrown silk spinning spindles, about 8% of the country's total. In New Bedford, Mass., the manufacture of spun silk is carried on in a plant which is the largest and one of the most modernly equipped in the United States. The spun silk division of this corporation has capacity to produce over 125,000 pounds of high-grade yarn per month. Purchasing offices and grading and packing warehouses for handling the raw materials are maintained in Yokohama and Kobe, Japan, and Shanghai and Shantung-Canton, China. This extension into almost every branch of the silk industry has placed the corporation in an economically sound and strong competitive position."

The Bank of New York & Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for the 1st pref. stock and registrar of the class A and common stocks of the General Silk Corp. The Bank of America has been appointed transfer agent of 100,000 shares class A stock and 200,000 shares common stock of the General Silk Corp., also registrar of 33,400 shares of the partic. pref. stock of that corporation.

(B. F.) Goodrich Co.—English Sub. Co. Financing.—

The British Goodrich Rubber Co., Ltd., a subsidiary, has completed refinancing plans which involve a loan of £250,000 made by the International B. F. Goodrich Co. (another subsidiary of the American concern) to the British Goodrich Rubber Co., Ltd. The British Goodrich Rubber Co., Ltd., is increasing its capital to the extent of 250,000 ordinary shares, which the International B. F. Goodrich Co. will subscribe and pay for at par. The proceeds of the sale of this additional stock will be used to pay off a loan of the British Goodrich Rubber Co. to the International B. F. Goodrich Co.—V. 123, p. 2662.

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% and the regular quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 8. An extra dividend of like amount was paid in Feb. 1924, 1925 and 1926.—V. 122, p. 1178.

H. C. S. Motor Car Co., Indianapolis.—Receiver.—

Charles Merz has been named receiver of this company, manufacturer of Stutz motor taxicabs. The H. C. S. corporation is not connected with the Stutz Motor Car Co.—V. 119, p. 2071.

Hutto Engineering Co., Inc.—Production.—

President M. C. Hutto, commenting on automobile production for 1927, states that the business done by this company is more or less a guide to production plans of automobile manufacturers generally, inasmuch as over 85% use the Hutto process of cylinder grinding. In this connection, Mr. Hutto states, the plant will be required to operate two shifts for the next few months to fill orders from car manufacturers for cylinder grinding equipment and that on the opening day of the New York Automobile Show this company's entire production for the next 60 days of portable service station grinders was sold.

Stevens, Walden, Worcester Co., export managers of the Hutto Engine & Ing Co., announce that the Soviet Government has purchased 89 twin-3 type Hutto cylinder grinders and 108 extra sets of abrasive cutting units.—V. 123, p. 3192.

Huylers, Inc. (Candy Manufacturers).—Schulte Buys Control.—

It was announced Jan. 17 by Pres. Irving Fuerst that the Schulte Retail Stores Corp. had acquired control of the Huylers, Inc.

A little over a year ago Huyler's was purchased from the Huyler family by a syndicate composed of R. S. Hecht, Pres. of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans; Percy H. Johnston, Pres. of the Chemical National Bank, New York; Fred. Evans, Pres. of D. H. Holmes Co. of New Orleans; Stanton Griffis, of Hemphill, Noyes & Co., and Irvin Fuerst, formerly of New Orleans.

"Since the acquisition of Huyler's by this syndicate a complete reorganization of the company has taken place," the announcement says. "The factories have been entirely remodeled. A great many of the older stores have been refurbished and 10 new stores opened in New York, Newark, Chicago, Buffalo and New Orleans. The agency business has been extended and several thousand new agencies added. Huyler's at the present time operate 51 stores in all of the principal cities East of the Mississippi.

"In furtherance of the plans for the development of the company, Messrs. Hecht, Johnston, Griffis and Fuerst will remain as members of the new board of directors and the additional directors will be Messrs. D. A. Schulte, Jerome Eisner, J. R. Harbeck and M. J. Witman.

The officers of the new company will be as follows: D. A. Schulte, Pres.; Jerome Eisner, Chairman of the board, and Irvin Fuerst, V.-Pres.—V. 122, p. 221.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Great Britain & Ireland, Ltd.—To Pay a Final Dividend of 9% and a Bonus of 7 1/2%.—

The company has declared a final dividend of 9% and a bonus of 7 1/2% on the ordinary shares for the year ended Oct. 31 last, making a total distribution for the year of 24%, compared with 24% in the previous year and 22 1/2% two years ago.

After setting aside £500,000 for reserves and £250,000 as a provision for pensions, £821,000 was carried forward.—V. 122, p. 1035.

Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Rights Expire.—

The privilege of the holders of the \$3,000,000 5-year 6 1/2% gold notes to subscribe for 15 shares of stock for each \$1,000 note, on surrender of detachable stock purchase warrants, at \$35 a share expired on Jan. 15. Hereafter and until Jan. 15 1928, the price at which warrants may be exercised will be \$37 50 a share. As the notes are being redeemed through a sinking fund at the rate of \$300,000 semi-annually beginning July 15 1926.

with sinking fund payment due Jan. 15 1927, there remains \$2,400,000 of the notes outstanding.—V. 123, p. 2270.

Indiana Limestone Co.—Semi-Annual Statement.—

Results for the Six Months Ended Nov. 30 1926. Sales (net) \$7,359,605. Total income 2,192,721. Depreciation and depletion 472,880. Interest 158,500. Federal taxes 175,000. Preferred dividends 764,517. Surplus * Depletion and depreciation charged off at a rate which will exceed by approximately \$200,000 per year the total maximum sinking fund requirements on funded indebtedness.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1926.

Assets— Fixed assets (net) \$39,372,257. Other assets 372,140. Cash & U. S. Gov't. bds. 1,006,314. Notes & accts. receivable, less reserve 2,676,372. Inventories 2,506,474. Stripping 698,567. Total \$46,632,124. Liabilities— 7% cum. pref. stock \$5,000,000. Common stock & surp. 19,995,397. Accts, wages, taxes, int., &c., payable 982,195. Federal income tax 281,335. Total funded debt x19,809,700. Reserves 563,497. Total \$46,632,124.

Insurance Center Building (Sansone Realty Co.), San Francisco, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$340,000 1st mtge. leasehold 6 1/4% serial coupon gold bonds (safeguarded under the Straus plan) is being offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., at 100 and int. for all maturities (except 1929 maturity offered at 100.13).

Dated Sept. 15 1926; due serially, Sept. 1929-1941. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. at 103 and int. for first 5 years and at 102 and int. thereafter. Interest payable M. & S. Bonds and coupons payable at offices of S. W. Straus & Co., U. S. Federal income tax of 2% paid by borrower. Security—Secured by a first mortgage covering the 99-year leasehold estate in the land and the building. The land on which the building is being erected is the northeast corner of Pine and Sansone Sts., San Francisco. This land is held under a ground lease dated Sept. 11 1926, and running for 99 years at a graduated annual rental without reevaluation. This building is to be of class A, steel frame, fireproof construction, 15 stories high, with mezzanine and full basement. It is to be of commercial Gothic architectural type with face brick and with terra cotta trim. The structure will contain approximately 43,000 sq. ft. of rentable office space above the first floor, while 6 stores, in addition to the public entrance and elevator lobby, will occupy the street floor. In the basement will be 11 large rentable storage rooms.

Earnings.—The net annual earnings of this property, after deductions for taxes, insurance, operation, ground rent and ample allowance for vacancies, is estimated at \$62,230 available for payments required under this bond issue. This is nearly 3 times the greatest annual interest charge and is more than 2 times the greatest combined annual interest and serial principal payments required hereunder.

Approximately 60% of the rentable office space in the building has already been leased for terms of from 5 to 10 years and it is confidently expected that the entire area will be under lease to permanent tenants by the time the structure is completed.

International Combustion Engineering Corp.—New Vice-President.

G. G. Guthrie Hunter has been elected Vice-President and Comptroller.—V. 124, p. 118.

International Petroleum Co., Ltd.—Shipments.—The company is reported to have shipped 4,747,561 barrels of crude oil from the Infantas Structure in Colombia to Cartagena on the Atlantic seaboard since the completion of the pipe line on May 7 1926. The shipments month by month in barrels are given as follows: July, 759,364; August, 682,769; September, 614,518; October, 685,975; November, 1,078,916, and December (est.), 926,019.—V. 123, p. 2400.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Stock Dividend.—The stockholders will vote Jan. 31 on increasing the authorized common stock from 150,000 shares (118,801 8-9 shares outstanding) to 650,000 shares, par \$1 each. A circular to stockholders says:

The company's annual production of coal has increased from less than 2,500,000 tons prior to 1921 to more than 3,000,000 tons in 1921, 1922 and 1923, to nearly 5,000,000 tons in 1924 and to more than 6,000,000 tons in 1925 and 1926. The development of mines 15 to 21 has required a large investment and the development of the new mine 22, from which it is expected some coal will be produced this year, will require a large additional investment.

There has been no change in capital stock issued and outstanding to correspond with these expenditures for capital account and the directors are unanimously of the opinion, and they therefore recommend, that if the authorized common stock is increased there be issued for each share now outstanding as a stock dividend four additional shares, par \$1 each. If the stockholders approve this recommendation the directors intend to authorize and issue as a stock dividend to the common stockholders four additional shares for each share then outstanding.—V. 123, p. 3329.

Isle Royale Copper Co.—Dividend of 50 Cents.—The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the outstanding \$3,750,000 capital stock, par \$25, payable Feb. 19 to holders of record Feb. 4. In 1926 the following distributions were made: 50 cents on June 15 and 50 cents on Dec. 15, making a total of \$1 per share for the year, the same as for 1925.—V. 123, p. 2662.

Jenkins Bros. (N. J.).—Bonds Called.—Certain of the 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1923, aggregating \$190,000, have been called for payment Feb. 1 at 105 and interest at the Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 118, p. 2312.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.

52 Weeks of—	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$14,514,237	\$13,856,764
Average number of sales routes	1,075	1,043

—V. 123, p. 3329, 2910.

Journal of Commerce Corp.—Transfer Agent.—The Chase National Bank has been appointed transfer agent for an authorized issue of 100,620 shares of common stock.—V. 124, p. 242.

(Geo. E.) Keith Co., Brockton, Mass.—Par Changed.—The company has changed its authorized common stock from 50,000 shares of \$100 par value (20,248 shares outstanding) to 100,000 shares of no par value, two new shares being exchanged for one old.—V. 124, p. 243.

Kelsey Wheel Co., Detroit.—Obituary.—President John Kelsey died in Detroit on Jan. 19.—V. 123, p. 1256.

(G. R.) Kinney Co.—Omits Common Dividend—Sales Show Increase—Status.—The directors on Jan. 19 decided to omit the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share usually payable on the outstanding 60,000 shares of common stock, no par value, about April 1. This rate had been paid quarterly since July 1 1925 inclusive. An authoritative statement says:

The directors felt that although the balance sheet showed considerable improvement over the statements as of June 30 1926 and as at Dec. 31

1925 and while earnings for the last three months of the year were in excess of dividend requirement on both classes of stocks, the results for the year made it advisable not to declare the usual quarterly dividend on the common stock at this time.

The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2% (\$2 a share) on the preferred stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 18.

The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1926 and income account for the 12 months were presented in preliminary form. The balance sheet at the end of 1926 showed inventory of \$6,148,410, a reduction of \$947,813 from 1925, even though 18 new stores were added to the chain last year. Bank loans decreased from \$1,750,000 to \$900,000. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities stood at 3.6 to 1, as compared with 2.9 to 1 at the end of 1925. The company retired \$131,200 of its 15-year 7 1/2% notes, leaving \$1,841,500 outstanding.

Sales for the year amounted to \$18,441,556, as compared with \$18,031,460 in 1925 and net income after taxes for 1926 amounted to \$571,140, as compared with \$1,135,214 the previous year. After deducting preferred dividends, the balance available for the common stock amounted to \$136,962, equal to \$2 28 a share, as against \$702,086, or \$11 70 a share in 1925.

President E. H. Krom says in substance:

Sales for November and December 1926 were 14% greater than in the corresponding months of 1925 and store earnings in this period were 25% greater than in the corresponding period of the previous year. Profits were affected partly by the reduction of retail prices in many stores amounting to \$1 per pair, and by the fact that many stores were new and had not reached their fair earning capacity. The volume of business was satisfactory and expenses have been greatly reduced.—V. 124, p. 243.

Klots Throwing Corp.—Successor Company Organized—Consolidation and Readjustment Plan Declared Operative.—See General Silk Corp. below and V. 124, p. 118.

Lawton Mills Corp.—Annual Report.

Year Ended Nov. 30—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Sales	\$3,205,308	\$3,912,808	\$3,269,674
Operating expenses	3,056,556	3,373,802	2,958,561
Depreciation	97,210	113,785	110,918
Tax, interest & inventory adjustment	x162,756	92,714	95,149
Dividends	y(\$15)300,000	(\$10)200,000	(\$10)200,000

Deficit for year \$411,214 sur\$132,507

x Includes inventory adjustment of \$115,637. y Includes extra dividend of \$5 per share paid Dec. 31 1925.

Comparative Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real estate	\$4,582,689	\$4,561,995	Capital stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Securities	33,602	33,602	Notes & accounts payable	1,232,799	734,004
Bills & accts. rec'd	231,124	182,876	Reserve for deprec.	1,339,221	1,240,694
Inventory	1,506,757	1,595,611	Reserve for taxes		62,400
Cash	370,007	233,351	Surplus	2,228,073	2,639,287
Deferred assets	75,915	68,860			
Total	\$6,800,094	\$6,676,294	Total	\$6,800,094	\$6,676,294

—V. 122, p. 1036.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.—Extra Cash Dividend of 4% and Stock Dividend of 10% Declared on Common Stock.—The directors on Jan. 20 declared an extra cash dividend of 4% and a 10% stock dividend on the outstanding Common stock and common stock "B," par \$25, in addition to the regular quarterly cash dividend of 3% on both issues, all payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 10. Extras of like amount were paid on the common stocks on March 1 1926.

Stock certificates will not be issued for or include any fraction of a share of common stock B, for the fractional part of a share of said stock to which any stockholder may be entitled, there will be issued to the stockholder a scrip certificate in bearer form, which, upon presentation, may be consolidated with other scrip certificates and exchanged for the number of full shares of common stock B represented thereby. Scrip certificates will not carry the right to receive any dividend or interest, except that on such exchange the holder making it will be entitled to receive an amount in cash equal to the dividends which he would have received had he owned the full number of shares acquired in such exchange continuously from March 1 1927.—V. 122, p. 2510.

McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.

Period—	3 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	6 Mos. End. Dec. 31—		
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Gross recovery	\$936,756	\$946,689	\$1,900,556	\$1,832,807
Operating expenses	539,347	539,178	1,059,326	1,057,972
Operating earnings	\$397,409	\$407,511	\$841,229	\$774,835
Miscellaneous income	25,249	24,972	51,239	49,013
Gross income	\$422,657	\$432,483	\$892,468	\$823,848
Taxes	20,739	14,887	40,996	33,642
Net before plant depr.	\$401,918	\$417,595	\$851,472	\$790,206

—V. 123, p. 2147.

Manchester Terminal Corp., Houston, Texas.—Bonds Sold.—Edmund Seymour & Co., Inc., L. D. Pierson & Co., Inc., Cullen & Drew, New York, Paul & Co., Philadelphia and Faxon, Gade & Co., Boston, have sold at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 gen. mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds (closed).

Dated Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1941. Int. payable A. & O. in New York without deduction for any Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice on any int. date at 105 and int. Corporation agrees to refund, all state and District of Columbia personal property taxes not to exceed 6 mills per annum and all state income taxes not in excess of 6%, upon application. New York Trust Co., New York City, trustee.

Stock Purchased Warrants.—There will be delivered with each \$1,000 bond a stock purchase warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase 10 shares of common stock (par \$10) at \$7 50 per share any time prior to Oct. 1 1931; at \$10 per share from Oct. 1 1931 to Oct. 1 1936; at \$12 50 per share from Oct. 1936 to Oct. 1 1941. Holders of \$500 bonds will receive similar warrants calling for 5 shares of the common stock.

Data from Letter of R. D. Ernst, Vice-President of the Corporation.

Company.—Will own and operate the largest cotton warehouse and compress in the Houston district and will also furnish general wharf and storage facilities. The need for this terminal has been created by the steady growth of the cotton and general shipping business at Port Houston. The project is approximately 90% completed and the finished units are receiving cotton and other commodities for storage. Corporation does not own, buy or sell any cotton for its own account, but will handle, store and compress it for shippers and growers, charging for these essential services fees which are paid before the cotton is delivered from the terminal. Thus the business will be on a strictly cash basis. The fees to be received by the corporation are analogous to freight charges and, like them, form only a small percentage of the total commodity value.

Security.—Secured by a direct closed mortgage on all of the land, buildings and other fixed properties of the corporation, subject only to the existing 1st mtge. under which \$2,700,000 bonds are now outstanding.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the corporation over a 5-year period available for interest charges on these bonds and reserves are estimated, by Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., Engineers, to be \$285,800, or over 4 times the \$70,000 maximum interest requirement.

Sinking Fund.—The general mortgage will provide for an annual sinking fund of \$35,000, payable to the trustee semi-annually April 1 and Oct. 1 beginning with Oct. 1 1928, for the purchase and redemption of bonds of this issue. Compare also V. 123, p. 1640.

Massey-Harris Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Income from operations	\$3,005,220	\$3,007,682	\$1,065,180	\$1,120,937
Interest on borrowings	193,151	480,513	667,668	616,087
Approp. for deprec. of plants, &c.	500,245	939,165	282,567	174,708
Approp. for possible losses on rec.	-----	-----	-----	233,309
Approp. for foreign exch. & contingency	100,000	-----	-----	95,834
Approp. for pension fund	16,055	26,831	27,235	23,447
Approp. for income taxes	200,000	150,000	-----	-----
Net profit	\$1,995,768	\$1,411,173	\$87,711	loss \$22,448
Previous surplus	2,359,883	818,710	750,153	772,601
Less amount to adj. subs. cos. stock to par	-----	-----	19,154	-----
Add amt. held in conting. acct. of subs. cos., not now rec.	-----	130,000	-----	-----
Divs. paid on pref stock (7%)	846,293	-----	-----	-----
Surplus at Nov. 30—	\$3,509,358	\$2,359,883	\$818,710	\$750,153

a Includes \$661,139 recovery in cash of assets previously written off.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30.				
1926.		1925.		
Assets—		Liabilities—		
Land, bldgs., &c.	8,516,222	8,207,947	Preferred stock	2,089,900
Patents	1	1	Common	24,179,800
Investments	3,101,618	2,730,239	Bills & accts. pay.	6,260,878
Inventories	18,470,385	13,844,923	Reserve for taxes	372,132
Prepaid freight & deferred charges	335,969	1,924,538	Conting., foreign exchange, &c.	672,819
Bills & accts. rec.	8,525,598	8,677,171	Pensions	184,439
Massey—Harris Bldgs. & equip.	3,382,951	3,012,998	Bills & accts. rec.	1,648,092
Harv. Co., Inc.	1,740,010	877,956	Fire insurance	502,161
Cash	272,828	462,243	Poss. loss on col. cont. acct.	1,726,990
			Surplus	3,509,358
Total (each side)	40,962,630	36,725,018		2,359,883

x During the year the capital stock was rearranged, the \$25,000,000 capital stock all of one class being changed to \$12,500,000 pref. and \$12,500,000 common, the stockholders receiving one share of pref. and one share of common for each share held.—V. 123, p. 1514.

Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp.—Bonds Called.

Certain of the 1st mtge. 15-year 6½% sinking fund gold bonds, aggregating \$65,000, have been called for payment March 1 next at 105 and int. at the National Bank of Commerce, trustee, 31 Nassau St., N. Y. City.—V. 123, p. 3045.

Mining Corp. of Canada, Ltd.—Production.

Total silver production of the corporation for the quarter ended Dec. 31 1926 amounted to 637,923 ounces, according to a report to the shareholders. The average grade of mill ore for the period was 22.5 ounces of silver.—V. 122, p. 3351.

Monon Coal Co.—Tenders.

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Jan. 25 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. sinking fund 5% gold bonds, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$16,899 at prices not exceeding par.—V. 120, p. 3199.

Montgomery Ward & Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net sales	183,800,865	170,592,642	150,045,065	123,702,043
Net, after depreciation	10,156,299	12,908,498	10,433,501	7,702,625
Reserve for income tax	1,350,000	1,550,000	1,200,000	500,000
Preferred dividends	242,571	243,033	244,223	254,354
Class A dividends	1,427,818	4,997,363	2,499,207	-----
Common dividends	1,137,983	-----	-----	-----
Balance, surplus	5,997,924	6,118,102	6,490,071	6,948,271
Previous surplus	23,774,432	15,156,330	9,166,259	2,717,988
Total surplus	29,772,359	21,274,432	15,656,330	9,666,259
Sinking fund reserve	-----	200,000	200,000	200,000
Surplus set aside	-----	300,000	300,000	300,000
Income tax claim y.	690,192	-----	-----	-----
Prem. redempt. pfd. stk.	557,206	-----	-----	-----
Total	28,524,961	20,774,432	15,156,330	9,166,259

x Adjusted to include \$3,000,000 reserve for preferred stock sinking fund and special reserve. y For years 1917, 1918 and 1919 after applying reserves.—V. 124, p. 381.

(The) Mortgage-Bond Co. of N. Y.—Balance Sheet.

Comparative Balance Sheet Jan. 1.				
1927.		1926.		
Assets—		Liabilities—		
Mortgages	23,240,156	17,859,459	Capital	2,000,000
Bonds	155,225	347,506	Surplus	750,000
Real estate	26,343	35,513	Undivided profits	130,803
Interest receivable	512,433	381,583	Mortgage bonds	21,171,300
Cash	545,952	288,517	Interest payable	332,257
			Reserved for taxes	45,750
Total	24,480,110	18,909,578	Total	24,480,110

Note.—Quarterly dividends at the rate of 8% per annum have been paid during the year.—V. 123, p. 2911.

(J. K.) Mosser Leather Corp.—Permanent Certificates.

Permanent certificates for common stock, are now exchangeable for temporary certificates. There are 592,857 shares of common stock, no par value, listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.—V. 123, p. 590.

Murray Corp. of America.—Transfer Agent—Registrar.

The Guaranty Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent and the American Exchange Irving Trust Co. as registrar in New York of 300,000 shares of common stock of the above corporation.—V. 124, p. 244.

Nashua (N. H.) Mfg. Co.—Acquisition, &c.

Harry A. Gregg has been elected a director to succeed his father, David A. Gregg, resigned.

The stockholders on Jan. 19 ratified the purchase of the Tremont & Suffolk Mills of Lowell, Mass., and the subsequent sale of a part of the property.—V. 124, p. 382.

National Refining Co.—Extra Cash Dividends.

The directors have declared an extra cash dividend of 2% and the regular quarterly dividend of 1½% on the common stock, par \$25, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1.—V. 122, p. 760.

National Sugar Refining Co.—Purchases Warner Refinery.

The sale of the Warner sugar refinery at Edgewater, N. J. of the Warner Sugar Corp., to the National Sugar Refining Co., was announced Jan. 19. By this acquisition National Sugar becomes, if not the largest producer of refined sugar in the country, second only by a slight margin to the American Sugar Refining Co.

In announcing the purchase, James H. Post, Pres. of National Sugar said the dissolution of the Warner company, one of the oldest in the American sugar trade, would follow eventually as a result of the transaction. He said:

"We have purchased the Warner refinery at Edgewater and have assumed part payment of the \$4,950,000 of 7% bonds secured by the property.

The price we paid for the property will not be made public. There will be no public financing in connection with the purchase."

The sale of the refinery was negotiated by Lowry & Co., it was announced by Frank C. Lowry, Pres. Lowry & Co. has managed the Edgewater refinery and the Warner producing property in Cuba, known as the Central Miranda, since Oct. 18. When this arrangement was made known it was believed that it foreshadowed a change of control in the Warner company. Mr. Lowry said his company would continue to manage the Cuban property, but declined to discuss its disposal. Mr. Post said also that his company was not interested in this property or the New Hampshire Sugar and Heading mill, another Warner property. No announcement as to the disposal of these properties was made.—V. 124, p. 382.

National Tea Co., Chicago.—Sales.

Period Ended Dec. 31—	1926—	1925—	1926—12 Mos.—	1925—
Sales	\$5,197,443	\$4,707,167	\$53,655,267	\$47,450,885

x Subject to final adjustment.—V. 123, p. 3194.

Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.—Annual Statement.

Production (Yards)				Sales (Yards)				Receipts from Sales					
Nov. 30 Years—		1926		1925		1926		1925		1926		1925	
1925-26	23,644,475	24,678,119	22,650,216	22,650,216	9,056,448	8,725,837	9,112,872	8,283,612	7,091,476	9,360,384	6,503,226	7,057,470	4,835,015
1924-25	22,373,893	21,660,499	22,474,026	22,474,026	8,283,612	7,091,476	9,360,384	6,503,226	7,057,470	4,835,015	-----	-----	-----
1923-23	22,115,941	21,705,784	22,566,142	20,718,771	18,252,527	17,315,933	19,363,376	19,285,524	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1922-22	21,461,236	20,535,237	18,252,527	17,315,933	19,363,376	19,285,524	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1921-21	18,252,527	17,315,933	19,363,376	19,285,524	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1920-20	15,955,473	19,453,269	19,327,464	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1919-19	15,955,473	19,453,269	19,327,464	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1918-18	15,955,473	19,453,269	19,327,464	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1917-17	15,955,473	19,453,269	19,327,464	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1916-16	15,955,473	19,453,269	19,327,464	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

Results for Year Ended Nov. 30 1926.

Net after depreciation	-----	\$815,453
Inventory adjustment	-----	391,646
Net profits	-----	\$423,807
Dividends 12%	-----	720,000

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Nov. 30 '26		Nov. 28 '25		Liabilities—		Nov. 30 '26		Nov. 28 '25	
	\$	\$		\$		\$	\$		\$		\$
Real est. & cons.	8,408,870	8,202,253	Capital stock	6,000,000	6,000,000						
Cash	345,915	355,686	Deprec'n account	1,997,451	1,771,771						
Acc'ts receivable	1,695,191	1,640,618	Reserves	-----	131,608						
Cotton in bale	1,021,696	2,380,851	Notes payable	250,000	1,300,000						
Stock in process	-----	747,448	Acc'ts payable	113,610	103,358						
& mfd. goods	747,448	1,018,668	Profit and loss	4,123,519	4,419,712						
Miscell. supplies	122,434	128,372	Tot. (each side)	12,484,578	13,726,449						
Prepd. expenses	143,025	-----									

—V. 124, p. 120.

New York Title & Mortgage Co.—1926 Record Year.

An increase of 53% in 1926 over the previous year, in the amount loaned on bond and mortgage, and 61% in the sales of guaranteed first mortgages and certificates is shown by the report of President Harry A. Kahler to the stockholders at the annual meeting, Jan. 10.

The report states that \$207,189,475 was loaned in 1926, as against \$135,301,123 the year before, and that the sales of mortgages and mortgage certificates, reached a total of \$192,975,213, last year, in comparison with \$119,656,899 in the year previous.

Gross income for the year was \$10,858,579, and net earnings, \$6,779,928 before deduction for taxes and reserves.

Mr. Kahler, said, "Operating results for 1926 mark another advance over the record of the previous year. Every department has shown substantial gains."

"Among the interesting developments of the year was the merger of the New York Title & Mortgage Co. and the United States Title Guaranty Co., which became effective on May 1 1926, when the shareholders of the United States Title Guaranty Co. exchanged their stock for stock of the New York Title & Mortgage Co. at the ratio of two shares of New York Title & Mortgage Co. for every three shares of United States Title Guaranty Co. stock. By this merger, the company's facilities on Long Island were materially increased, including an office at Mineola for Nassau County and one at Riverhead for Suffolk County."—V. 123, p. 3331.

Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd.—Receivership Again Denied.

The second attempt to have a receiver appointed for the company failed when the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia dismissed the appeal against the lower court decision refusing receivership. Eastern Trust Co., acting for bondholders, made the application. The judgment recites that the ground of the appeal is that the plaintiff's security is being jeopardized by reason of the mortgage premises being left in the hands of its present management in such a way as to justify the interference of the court by taking the property out of the hands of such management and placing it in the hands of a receiver and manager. This request had been refused by a lower court.

It summarizes the charge of the company's investors that their plants are gradually being abandoned by the British Empire Steel Co. at Sydney, putting Nova Scotia's bond and debenture holders in peril. In defense, much of this was denied and it was stated that the manufacturing situation was the result of trade conditions; that the financial situation of the company was improving; that expenditures and improvements in its mines compensated for depreciation and depletion at the steel plants, and that the aggregate of assets had not been reduced.

The application for receivership was denied by the Supreme Court on the ground that these conflicting claims needed more extensive study before action should be taken.—V. 123, p. 2530.

952 Fifth Avenue, Inc.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6% serial gold coupon bonds, due Feb. 15 1928 to Feb. 15 1935, inclusive, have been called for redemption as of Feb. 15 1927 at a premium of ½ of 1% for each year prior to maturity, but in no event at less than 102 and interest.

Of the original issue of \$550,000, the amount of \$109,500 has been retired by serial maturities and an additional \$10,200 will be retired Feb. 15 1927.—V. 116, p. 1832.

Old Colony Investment Trust.—Debentures Offered.

The Old Colony Corp., which is owned and controlled by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, is offering for subscription \$5,000,000 Old Colony Investment Trust 4½% debentures, Series A, due Feb. 1 1947, at 99½ and int. With each \$100 of this issue of debentures will be issued one common share having a beneficial interest in the assets and earnings of the Trust.

Dated Feb. 1 1927, due Feb. 1 1947. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass., depository and registrar. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c* & r*. Red. all or part at any time on 30 days' notice at 102 and int. up to and incl. Feb. 1 1932; at 101½ and int. from Feb. 1 1932 to Feb. 1 1936; at 101 and int. from Feb. 2 1936 to Feb. 1 1940, incl.; at 100½ from Feb. 2 1940 to Feb. 1 1944, incl., and at 100 and int. thereafter.

Purpose.—The Old Colony Investment Trust was organized in Jan. 1927 primarily for the purpose of investing in a diversified list of securities, and of issuing its own obligations to obtain funds for such investment.

Organization.—The declaration of trust provides for five trustees who are to receive no compensation from the trust. Title to the securities bought will be held by the trustees who will be liable only as trustees and not personally for the obligations of the trust. The trust property will be controlled and managed by the trustees in their absolute discretion. They have employed Old Colony Trust Co. as depository and registrar, and may also take advantage of its other facilities.

Capitalization.—The present authorized capitalization of the Old Colony Investment Trust is as follows:

Debentures, series A, 4½%, due Feb. 1 1947 (this issue)	\$5,000,000
Preferred shares, series A, par \$100 (6% cumulative)	1,000,000
Common shares (no par value)	100,000
Total	\$6,000,000

The preferred shares have been purchased for cash at \$120 a share and accrued dividend and are owned by Old Colony Corp.

One-half of the present issue of common shares accompanies the preferred shares subscribed for by Old Colony Corp. From the remaining one-half one share of common will accompany each \$100 debenture sold.

Further issues of obligations of the trust may be made either junior to, or senior to, or on a parity with series A debentures, and additional shares may be issued with equal, preferred, or deferred rights as compared with the present issues, and need not be offered to the holders of outstanding shares.

Terms of Shares.—The preferred and common shares represent the interest of the holders in the property of the trust over and above its liabilities. The declaration of trust provides that the trustees shall have no power to call upon the holders of the shares for the payment of any sum of money or assessment whatever. The number of shares, preferred or common, may be increased from time to time and such increase disposed of as the trustees deem for the best interests of the trust. The trust terminates at the expiration of 21 years after certain named lives in being, and may be terminated at any time by the trustees. The shares are transferable upon the books of the trustees upon surrender thereof duly endorsed.

The preferred shares are entitled to 6% per annum, cumulative, payable semi-annually, out of the accretions to the trust from whatever source derived but only after the payment of the proper expenses of the trust, including interest on series A and other debentures and other loans which may be made, and after setting up such reserves, if any, as the trustees in their sole discretion deem desirable for the purpose of the trust. The preferred shares are callable at \$120 and unpaid distribution on any semi-annual distribution date, and are entitled to the same amount in liquidation. When distributions to the holders of senior shares are not in arrears, the trustees may deliver to the holders of common shares such amounts as they may determine from the accretions to the trust property whether from principal or income and from whatever source derived.

Trustees.—The following are the present trustees: Francis R. Hart, Philip Stockton, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Edwin R. Marshall, F. Winchester Denio.

Overseas Securities Co., Inc.—Dividend of 50 Cents.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 50c. per share on the class A stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1.—V. 115, p. 2591.

Paige Detroit Motor Car Co.—Shipments.—

Shipments in 1926 were 37,222 cars, a decrease of 5.8% from the preceding year, but an increase of 7.6% over 1924.—V. 124, p. 245.

Parke Davis & Co., Detroit.—To Split Up Shares.—

The stockholders will vote Feb. 1 on changing the par value of the capital stock from \$25 to non-par, and on approving the issuance of five new shares for one old share.—V. 123, p. 3332.

Philadelphia Co. for Guaranteeing Mortgages.—Annual Report.—

During the 12 months of 1926 guarantees covering \$19,076,542 mortgages were issued and, after deducting cancellations, the net amount of guarantees outstanding at the close of the year were \$92,402,519.

	Calendar Years—		
	1926.	1925.	1924.
Earnings—			
Gross receipts.....	\$821,057	\$779,470	\$674,390
State & Federal taxes.....	120,000	106,000	84,000
Salaries, stationery, furniture, &c., advertising & general expenses.....	191,444	177,271	150,064
Dividends paid.....	(11%) 330,000	(10) 300,000	(10) 299,437
Undivided earnings.....	\$179,613	\$196,198	\$140,889

—V. 123, p. 3194.

Pierce Arrow Motor Car Co.—Denies Rumors.—

Pres. Myron E. Forbes is quoted as saying: "There is no basis in the company's position for rumors concerning the safety of the preferred dividend. The directors are not scheduled to consider the next quarterly payment of \$2 per share until the latter part of February, and I can see no reason why the dividend should not be declared. While final earnings figures for 1926 are not available, it is certain there was a good surplus over the amount required to take care of the dividend. We closed the year with between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 cash on hand, and a substantial excess of current assets over current liabilities. We are not borrowing from the banks and have not done so for some time."—V. 123, p. 2665.

(Thomas G.) Plant Co.—Defers Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 7% cum. 1st pref. stock due at this time. Payments at this rate had been made on the 1st pref. stock since Oct. 31 1925.—V. 122, p. 2811.

Purity Bakeries Corp.—Earnings.—

Year Ended—
 Net available for divs. after int., Fed. taxes, &c.—
 Jan. 1 1927, Jan. 2 1926, \$2,433,826, \$1,430,336
 —V. 124, p. 384.

Quaker City Cold Storage Co.—Subsidiary Co.—

The old Quaker City Cold Storage Co., a subsidiary of the new company of the same title, recently changed its name to the Edgewater Cold Storage Co., Philadelphia. See also V. 123, p. 2273.

Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc., Tonawanda, N. Y.—Sales.—

An authoritative statement says: Sales for December totaled \$2,282,818, exceeding by 19% the best previous month in the company's history. Such sales were at the annual rate of over \$27,000,000, or about 30% greater than sales during the year ended Sept. 30 1926.

Sales for the quarter ended Dec. 31 1926 exceeded by 7% the previous quarter's sales. Export sales are breaking all records, orders in December being 99% larger than December a year ago, and comprising about 17% of total volume.

Within the next month the company's new product, covered by basic patents, vertical visible equipment designed to replace loose leaf ledgers wherever machine posting is used, will be introduced in the market. This equipment is expected to meet an immediate demand and plans have been made for production on a large scale.—V. 124, p. 384.

(Robert) Reis & Co. (incl. Subs.)—Sales.—

Period Ended Dec. 31—1926—Quarter—1925. 1926—12 Mos.—1925.
 Gross sales.....\$1,658,172 \$1,718,060 \$7,898,182 \$7,868,826
 —V. 123, p. 2006.

(R. J.) Reynolds Tobacco Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—

	1926.	1925.	1926.		1925.	
	\$	\$	\$		\$	
Assets—			Liabilities—			
Real estate, bldgs., machinery, &c.	20,154,473	18,374,268	Common stock.....	10,000,000	10,000,000	
Cash.....	16,930,893	8,024,866	New class B common stock.....	70,000,000	70,000,000	
Accts. receivable.....	12,440,720	12,545,466	Accounts payable.....	6,929,207	6,442,397	
Leaf tob., supplies, mfd. prod., &c.	99,154,109	97,168,844	Accrued interest, taxes, &c.....	5,680,922	5,297,345	
Inv. in non-competitive cos.	952,073	962,288	Reserve for depreciation and contingencies.....	9,927,102	9,101,557	
Other accts. and notes receivable	1,403,846	1,137,684	Undiv. prof. (after deduct'n of div. payable Jan. 1)	50,203,797	39,154,394	
Good-will, pat., &c.	1,316,691	1,317,891				
Prepd. int., ins., &c.	388,223	464,385				
Total.....	152,741,028	139,995,693	Total.....	152,741,028	139,995,693	

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 124, p. 384.

Roxy Theatre, N. Y. City.—To Open Feb. 22.—

The Roxy Theatre will be opened to the public on or about Feb. 22, according to an announcement to the stockholders on Jan. 19. Seats for the first 10 rows of the orchestra and the mezzanine are on sale at \$10 per ticket.—V. 124, p. 385.

Sagamo Steamship Corp.—Trustee.—

The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee for \$800,000 collateral trust one-year 6% notes, due Jan. 1 1928.—V. 122, p. 361.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—Common Stock Placed on an Annual Cash Dividend Basis of \$3 50 per Share.—The directors on Jan. 17 declared four quarterly dividends of 87 1/2 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, for the

current year, placing stock on a \$3 50 annual cash basis, compared with the former rate of 8% annually in common stock paid during 1926. The dividends just declared are payable March 1, June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 to holders of record Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 15, respectively. President D. A. Schulte says in substance:

Although some of the directors originally favored a higher dividend basis, it was the final sense of the board that a conservative policy of regular dividends be adopted, to be supplemented by extra dividends as earnings warrant the same.

Acquires Control of Huyler's, Inc.—
 See Huyler's, Inc., above.—V. 123, p. 2913.

Servel Corp. (Del.)—To Increase Capital—Rights to Stockholders, &c.—The stockholders will vote Jan. 21 on increasing the authorized capital stock from 1,000,000 shares without par value to 1,300,000 shares.

Upon the authorization of the increase, the stockholders of record Feb. 3 will be given the right to subscribe at \$10 per share for approximately 196,000 shares of stock at the rate of 3 1/2 shares for every 10 held. Subscriptions must be exercised and payment for stock subscribed for made on or before Feb. 18 1927. To stockholders exercising their rights of subscription there will also be delivered stock purchase warrants entitling the bearer to purchase on and after April 1 1927 additional shares at the rate of 1/2 of a share for each share subscribed for on the offerants at the price of \$11 per share on or before April 1 1925 and thereafter if not theretofore exercised, at the price of \$15 per share on or before April 1 1929.

The options now outstanding on 200,000 shares given in connection with the issue of the 5-year 6% conv. notes, and the profit sharing plan for compensating officers and employees will be surrendered by the holders without cost to the company.

To comply with covenants in the trust agreement under which the 5-year 6% conv. notes were issued, similar rights of subscription will be given to the holders of record at the close of business on Feb. 18 1927 of any stock issued upon conversion of the notes into stock.

President Hamilton G. Scott, in a letter to stockholders says in substance:

To insure the raising of the necessary funds the directors have arranged for the underwriting of the offering of 196,000 shares to the stockholders by a syndicate of which Pynchon & Co. will be syndicate managers. In addition to a cash underwriting commission, the syndicate will receive as compensation for its services stock purchase warrants evidencing options on 196,000 shares of stock at the same prices and for the same periods as the options given by the above-mentioned stock purchase warrants to be delivered to subscribing stockholders, but the syndicate will not receive the stock purchase warrants not taken by stockholders. The syndicate managers have requested that the company's future, to participate in the syndicate, and these officers and directors have taken such participations.

On the completion of this financing, and prior to the exercise of any of the stock purchase warrants (assuming that the relatively small amount of stock of the Serv-el Corp. (of Va.) still outstanding will be exchanged for stock of this company and that on account of the high conversion price no noteholders shall have converted their notes), the company will have issued and outstanding 756,000 shares of stock.

Officers and directors believe that the successful consummation of this plan will place company once more in a position to realize the profits potential in the sound inventions which it controls and the excellent engineering, distributing and service organizations which it has built up. They are firmly convinced that with this new capital it will be placed in a position where it can adequately protect its present lines of credit, and will show such profits that the holders of the convertible notes will find it to their advantage to convert those notes into stock. The freeing of the company from debt can, it is believed, be hastened by the sale of certain assets which are not essential to the fulfillment of the plans for its refrigerator business.

The officers and directors are convinced that the period of heavy expenses in development work is over for the company, that the costly experience of the second six months of 1926 will not be repeated, and that beginning in 1927 there should be profits so substantial as to make of real value the rights granted to the stockholders under the present plan.

Digest of Letter of Pres. Hamilton G. Scott.

Deficit for 1926.—There will be a deficit from operations for 1926, notwithstanding the favorable results for the first six months. The directors have decided also to make at this time certain writeoffs of inventory and other assets and to set up additional depreciation reserves sufficient to insure that subsequent earnings will not be subject to extraordinary deductions for similar purposes. The total deficit thus accrued will approximate \$3,500,000. The officers and directors are confident, however, that when the stockholders understand the facts they will see in them no reason for discouragement but every reason to believe in the profitable outcome of their investment.

1926 Sales.—In January 1926 the management set for 1926 a sales quota of 60,623 domestic units and an additional amount of commercial units. This was an increase over 1925 of 45,000 domestic units. A sales and distribution force, supplemented by a service department, was organized which was expected, by virtue of its experience in other fields, to accomplish the quota.

Based upon the only experience of which it could find any record, the management plotted a curve which showed that to accomplish the quota there should be sold by June 30 36,375 machines. The actual sales were 34,201 machines. This was a real achievement for a new organization.

The actual shipments of domestic machines as of June 30 were 27,005, leaving unfilled orders on hand at that time of 7,196 machines, a most healthy condition so far as the facts could then be known. These orders were principally for wooden box refrigerators which theretofore had given complete satisfaction. A small number were for metal boxes, the highest price of the company's products.

1926 Field Experience.—In the latter part of June the temperature over practically the entire United States suddenly became very hot with high humidity and continued so for many weeks. Like conditions had not existed in the United States in a great many years.

The management authorized production for the quarter succeeding June 30 based on the rate on which it was selling and shipping machines, taking into consideration unfilled orders. Suddenly and without previous indication, in August, complaints began to come in that the wooden boxes were not standing up. The white finish was chipping, leaving the wood exposed to the condensation which, while existing in all refrigerators, is particularly present in mechanical refrigerators, because mechanically operated refrigerators are a lower temperature than refrigerators using ice only. Where the difference in temperature between the outside and the inside of the refrigerator is great, water collects on the outside. After the white finish had chipped off this water caused the wood to warp. Investigation showed that this difficulty with wooden boxes was not peculiar to your own company, but that other companies were having similar experience. As a result the management came to the conclusion that wooden boxes could not be generally used with success for mechanical refrigerators, notwithstanding that many thousands of machines and boxes of the type then produced by the company were giving complete satisfaction. The conclusion that metal boxes were superior was producing for its deluxe line a metal covered box which successfully withstood the adverse conditions even in the South, where most of the trouble occurred.

The difficulties with the wooden boxes naturally produced dissatisfaction of customers and of dealers and, equally naturally, frequently resulted in unjustified condemnation of the electrical refrigerating machine. The effect upon the company and its sales became acute in September.

Effect of 1926 Experience.—In order to stand behind its product 100% and thereby to purchase the soundest asset which any company can acquire, the good-will and confidence of its distributors and customers, company took back, or arranged to take back, in excess of 6,500 machines and boxes, and made them good with new machines and boxes.

This has resulted in a shortage of working capital due to slowness in collection of accounts resulting from the foregoing conditions, the cost of exchanges and an excessive inventory due to commitments for material made under the production schedule and returned units.

Also company had arranged for substantial lines of credit, which under normal conditions would be greatly reduced in the fall, when inventories

would recede. Due to the difficulties experienced, these credits have not been reduced. The inventories and accounts receivable on hand represent the means by which it was expected they would be reduced.

It was impossible for company at once to put into production its complete line of metal boxes which it had planned to produce as of Jan. 1 1927. It had to proceed in part with the wooden boxes until the end of 1926, placing them where the conditions of use would be least adverse and using such means as were possible to overcome the difficulties which the peculiar summer of 1926 had developed.

However, it was decided to put into immediate production the refrigerating machine which it had prepared for production commencing January 1927. The new machine had a greater capacity than the 1926 machine and eliminated such mechanical faults as experience had developed in the 1926 machine. Since September 6,500 of these machines have been produced and put into the hands of the public and have given entire satisfaction.

Refrigeration Industry in General.—The management has carefully investigated the industry as a whole and has come to the conclusion that the industry is sound and is here to stay, that a few companies will be profitable, of which this company is one of the most important, and that there is sufficient market to employ company's facilities to the utmost which its capital will warrant. The industry, however, has been progressing at too rapid a rate and it is not necessary at this time to consider price as being the main appeal to the consumers in the sale of the product. To build for quality is the most important thing in the stabilization of a new industry. Accordingly, your board has decided upon the building of a definite number of machines in the first half of 1927, both of electric and gas-fired refrigerators, and that that number shall be such as to enable the company to produce machines of the highest quality and appearance, thereby securing the lowest possible service cost for maintenance. It is believed that in the long run this policy will inure to the benefit of stockholders in the most practical form.

1926 Accomplishments of Company.—Company developed in 1926 a line of commercial machines in which there is substantial profit. It was not engaged in that business at all in January 1926. It has developed its electric refrigerating machine to a point where it believes to-day it has the best electric domestic refrigeration machine on the market.

During the year it developed the gas-fired refrigerator in which it bought control, to a point where it was practical to put it on the market at this time, ready for large production during the year 1927. This development entailed large expense in 1926 from which substantial profits are expected to be realized commencing in 1927. This machine has no moving parts in its refrigeration circuit, is noiseless in its operation, is fully covered by patents in the United States, Canada and Cuba, and has been completely accepted by the industry wherever presented. Company has already sold one-third of its scheduled output of this machine for the first half of 1927, and has not yet placed it on general sale—dealing only with important gas companies which are making firm purchases and are accepting responsibility of delivering and installing and servicing the refrigerator in the household of the ultimate consumer.

During 1926 company has also developed an export market which shows sales in excess of \$250,000 in 1926. This market did not exist at all heretofore. It shows prospects for several times that amount of business in 1927.

It has developed a steel box which meets the difficulties experienced with the wooden boxes, and which has been accepted by the trade wherever shown.

It has developed an engineering, a production, and a sales organization which it did not have in the beginning of the year, and has to-day outlets for its machines which are cemented to it by the broad policy of backing up and sustaining its product. The investment of many hundreds of thousands of dollars in the advertising of its name throughout the country has also produced an asset of incalculable proven value. To-day it is one of the few nationally known electric refrigeration companies.

In addition overhead and operating expenses have been materially reduced during 1926.

Assets of Company.—To-day the assets of company may be summarized as:

(1) Its plant at Evansville, Ind., held through the ownership of all the common stock of a subsidiary, which it acquired September 1925, then known as "The Hercules Corp." This plant is located on 30 acres of land and has 22 acres of floor space, with modern equipment for high-speed, high-efficiency production, capable of a cost of production comparable with that of any other plant of similar nature in the country.

(2) 100% of the common stock of the Wheeler Condenser & Engineering Co., with plants at Carteret, N. J. and Newburgh, N. Y., which has been in business for 25 years, dealing principally with public utilities. The Carteret plant is used principally for the production of condensers for large public utility plants and for the production of copper tubing for company's consumption as well as general consumption on the part of public utilities and others using condensers, pumps and other apparatus made by it. The Newburgh plant is used for the production of the gas-fired refrigerator machine.

(3) All of the preferred stock and control of the common stock of Electro-lux Servel Corp., which owns the patents of the gas-fired refrigerator.

(4) A selling and distributing organization throughout the United States which was successful in maintaining its sales objective in 1926 as heretofore outlined in this letter, and which is now taking orders for 1927 delivery to an extent which is completely satisfactory in both electric and gas-fired refrigerators.

(5) A skilled and experienced production and engineering organization for the production of the refrigerators and other products of the company which the sales organization is disposing of.

These assets are of immeasurable value if your company is to continue in the refrigeration business.

Sales at the present time are in a highly satisfactory state. Company has already sold on firm commitment one-fourth of its projected 1927 first six months production in electric machines, and one-third of its projected 1927 first six months production of gas-fired machines. It will, it is believed, in a reasonably short time have accomplished the sale of the entire six months output in both departments.

But if company is to realize upon the assets which it has built up and obtain the benefit of the sales it has made it must obtain additional working capital to replace that which was lost in the unfortunate experience of the summer of 1926, and to produce and market the gas-fired refrigerator. Obviously, such capital must be raised from the present stockholders or others willing to become stockholders. At least \$1,500,000 is necessary to carry out the schedule of production and carry through to a successful conclusion the operations of this new company in a new industry.—V. 124, p. 385.

Table: Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings.—Period—1926, 1925, 12 mos. end, Nov. 30—1925, 1926. Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net operating earnings.

Sherwin-Williams Co., Cleveland.—Extra Div. of 1%.—An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding \$14,861,125 common stock, par \$25, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 31. Like amounts have been paid quarterly on this issue since Nov. 16 1925. Extras of 1/2% of 1% each had been paid quarterly on the common stock from Nov. 15 1923 to Aug. 15 1925, incl.—V. 123, p. 2403.

Silesian-American Corp.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, is now prepared to deliver definitive 15-year 7% collateral trust sinking fund gold bonds in exchange for the outstanding temporary bonds. (For offering, see V. 123, p. 592.)—V. 123, p. 2790.

6 North Clark Street Building, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co. are offering at 100 and int. \$590,000 1st mtge. 6% leasehold serial gold bonds (safeguarded under the Straus plan).

Dated Oct. 1 1926; maturities semi-annually 6 months to 14 years. Int. payable A. & O. Callable on any int. date at 102 and int. Federal income tax, 2%, paid by borrower.

Security.—The bonds are secured by a direct closed 1st mtge. on the leasehold estates in a 10 1/2 story and basement store and office building of steel, fireproof construction and the land located on the northwest corner of Clark and Madison Streets, Chicago. The building is well occupied and in successful operation.

Borrowers.—The bonds are the direct obligation of Samuel E. Zuker and Hannah Zuker, his wife, who own considerable valuable real estate in Chicago.

"Snia-Viscosa" (Societa Nazionale Industria Applicazioni Viscosa), Turin, Italy.—Stock.—

There were recently offered to stockholders for subscription 1,666,666 ordinary shares at the rate of one new share for every 3 shares held. The new shares will carry dividend from Jan. 1 1927 pro rata to the tenths paid up, that is to say, they shall be entitled to 6-10ths of the 1927 coupon. The price of each new share was fixed at 150 lire. The shareholder must effect payment of the shares subscribed for on the following dates: 30 lire per share Jan. 8; 45 lire from April 1 to 8; 30 lire from July 1 to 5, and 45 lire from Oct. 1 to 5. The shareholders shall have the option of paying at any time one or more installments in advance against allowance of the interest reckoned at the Bank of Italy rate plus 2% per annum. The placing of the shares not subscribed for was underwritten. See also V. 124, p. 385.

(A. G.) Spalding & Bros.—Annual Report.—

Table: Annual Report.—Period—10 mos. end, Oct. 31 '26, 1925, 1924, 1923. Net sales, Cost of sales, Admin. & selling exps., Depreciation, Royalties, Net operating profit, Other income, Total income, Interest paid, U. S. and foreign taxes, 7% 1st pref. dividends, 8% 2d pref. dividends, Common dividends, Prov. for red. 1st pref., Surplus.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table: Comparative Balance Sheet.—Assets: Land, bldgs., &c., Leaseholds, bldgs., & impts., Patent rights, Cash, Acc'ts receivable, Notes rec., cust'rs., Notes & acc'ts rec., employees, Inventories, Def'd charges, &c., Investments, Treasury stock, Cash in sink. fund. Liabilities: 7% 1st pref. stock, 8% 2d pref. stock, Common stock, Notes payable, Acc'ts payable, Demand loans, Accr. sal., wages, int., taxes, &c., Res. for inc. taxes, Empl. sub. to stk., Res. for cont'g., Surplus, Surp. approp. for red of 1st pref., Total. x After reserve for depreciation of \$3,044,195, y Leaseholds, buildings and improvements thereon, \$1,189,789 after depreciation and amortization, less \$10,000 balance of mortgage payable Aug. 15 1927, total, \$1,179,789.—V. 123, p. 2532.

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.—Denies Rumors.—

The directors have authorized the statement that all rumors that the company has decided to declare on Feb. 7 a 50% stock dividend are false. The board further stated it has given the subject of a stock dividend in the future no consideration whatsoever.—V. 123, p. 3050.

Standard Oil Co. (N. J.).—Preferred Stock Called.—

The company announces that it will on March 15, the next quarterly dividend payment date, redeem as an entirety the outstanding 1,999,729 shares of its preferred stock (par \$100 each) by payment for each said share of stock of \$115 and dividends.

From and after March 15 1927 all dividends on the preferred stock will cease to accrue and all rights of the holders thereof as stockholders of the corporation, except the right to receive the redemption price, will cease and determine.

Payment of the redemption price of each said preferred share will be made upon the surrender, on or after March 15, of the stock certificate representing the same, duly endorsed, to Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, at any of its following offices: viz.: 140 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.; 32 Lombard Street, London, E. C. 3, England; 3 Rue des Italiens, Paris, France; 156 Rue Royale, Brussels, Belgium.—V. 124, p. 386.

Standard Slag Co. (of Ohio).—Acquisition.—

See Bessemer Limestone & Cement Co. above.—V. 123, p. 3335.

Stanley Co. of America.—1927 Building Program.—

The 1927 expansion program of this company was increased to approximately \$10,000,000 this week, with the announcement by President John J. McGuirk of completed plans for the construction of two new theatres costing \$3,500,000 and the acquisition of control of another at Pleasantville, N. J. A \$3,000,000 theatre will be constructed in Jersey City, bringing the company's building program in that city to \$5,500,000, and a \$500,000 house will be erected in West Orange, Mr. McGuirk announced.

Other houses under construction or planned for the year are one costing \$3,000,000 in Philadelphia; one of \$500,000 in West Philadelphia, and another house in Bridgeton, N. J., at an unnamed figure.—V. 124, p. 386.

Sterling Products, Inc. (& Subs.).—Report.—

Table: Report.—Years Ended Dec. 31—1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. Net profits after Federal and State taxes, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Previous period adjust'nts, Dividends (company), Ster. Rem. Co. pref. divs., Profit & loss surplus, Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table: Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—Assets: Land, bldgs., mach., equipment, &c., Inv. in cap. stock, Other companies, U. S. Govt. secur., Notes & accts. rec., Cash, Inventory, Deferred expenses, Empl. stock accts., Patents, good-will, trade-marks, &c. Liabilities: Capital stock, Sterling Rem. Co. pref. stock, Acct's payable, Notes payable, Div. payable, Fed. & State tax., Royalties, &c., Contingency reserve, Cap. sur. Sterling Remedy Co., Surplus.

Total, x Land and bldgs., y \$2,251,914; machinery & equip., &c., \$1,160,538; total, \$3,412,453; less reserve for deprec., \$970,747. y Capital stock Sterling Products, Inc., authorized, 1,000,000 shares, no par value, issued, 625,000 shares, no par. z Not owned by holding company.—V. 123, p. 2913.

Stonega Coke & Coal Co.—Notes Called.—

Certain of the 6% gold notes, due May 1, aggregating \$300,000, have been called for payment Feb. 1, at par and int. at the Fidelity Trust Co., trustee, Broad & Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 117, p. 562.

Texas Corp.—10% Stock Dividend.—The directors on Jan. 18 declared a 10% stock dividend, in addition to the regular quarterly cash dividend of 3% (75 cents per share). The stock dividend is payable April 2 and the cash dividend

April 1, both to holders of record Mar. 4. An initial quarterly cash dividend of 3% was paid on Jan. 1 last. An authoritative statement says:

No corresponding stock dividend was declared by the Texas Co., the old company organized in Texas, as a call will be issued soon for a meeting of the stockholders of that company to vote upon its dissolution and a transfer of its assets. Stockholders of the old company can participate in this stock dividend by acting promptly and exchanging their stock. The privilege is still open. More than 94% of the stock has been exchanged.—V. 123, p. 2791.

Title Guarantee & Trust Co.—Annual Report.—

The report of C. H. Kelsey, Chairman of the Board to the stockholders and trustees submitted at the annual meeting held Jan. 18 1927, states that, "for our company it has been a year of continued expansion. We have more employees than we have ever had before. The total number is 2,916 of whom 1,472 are in New York and allied offices and 1,444 in Brooklyn and its branches. Of these 310 are attorneys-at-law." The report further says in part:

As each year goes by our title examiners become more expert and we have more men capable of reading titles, the highest type of title examination. In the same way our closers have become more skillful and are better able to take care of the intricate contracts that come to us, contracts often running into millions of dollars. We have to-day we think the best title insurance machine that the public can find anywhere and our constantly increasing business seems to indicate that the public appreciates it.

The earnings of the banking department, amounting to \$973,000, show a substantial increase over the previous year. It is hoped that our stockholders will make use of these banking facilities as well as our trust services and recommend the use of them to their friends.

At the end of the year 1924, we congratulated ourselves on the fact that our mortgage sales for the first time had exceeded \$100,000,000. The next year we sold over \$116,000,000. In 1926, we passed this mark by Oct. 10 and by the end of the year, excluding those mortgages extended with the present investors, the sales reached the total of \$150,118,746, which is better by \$34,000,000 than the sales of any previous year.

At the time of a recent failure of a mortgage company offering high rates of return, we were asked many times for our opinion as to the effect this failure would have on our mortgage sales. We answered with considerable confidence at the time that we did not think our sales would be hurt in any way as our clients had become accustomed to guaranteed mortgages and were not greedy for the higher rates that go with the greater risks involved in mortgages of the class that had been sold by the company in question.

We can say now that our business has been helped by the failure. We think that investors in general are more inclined than ever toward mortgage investments guaranteed by so strong a company as the Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Co. and that they are content with the rate of interest that such investments can pay safely.

During most of the year, our mortgages have been sold as fast as we could get them and there have been times when we could not supply our customers' demands.

We shall go ahead this year as in the past—making no loan that we do not feel is safe and resisting all temptation to take risks for the sake of high fees. We shall continue to offer to the public only what is good enough for us to take with our own money and for the Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Co. to guarantee. It is this practice that enables us to sell our mortgages even when the market for other mortgages disappears.

Another thing that has made title insurance popular is the firm financial basis on which it has been placed by the financial management of our own company. We have never paid out any money for dividends until enough had been put away to protect all possible losses under our policies. When we started business a million dollars seemed enough to furnish all of the protection that was needed but with the growing popularity of title insurance and the constantly increasing business there is now more than \$28,000,000 behind our policies. Following our lead, other title companies in and around New York have built up their title insurance funds. This has all helped to increase the popularity of title insurance.

Another thing has been our prompt payment of losses. So far as the insured is concerned, we pay our losses promptly and willingly. We make every effort to recover from the people who are responsible but the man with our policy can feel that his trouble is our trouble and that we will take it off his shoulders.

The company's stockholders have paid in from the beginning as working capital \$4,378,000. Since that time \$24,000,000 has been turned back from our earnings and added to our capital funds which now amount to over \$28,000,000.

In estimating the protection thrown around the title and mortgage insurance business as conducted by us the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. and the Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Co. must be considered together. We have \$44,000,000 behind our two organizations. The Title Guarantee & Trust Co. has \$28,000,000 for the title insurance and mortgage lending business and the Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Co. has \$16,000,000 for the business and the \$28,000,000 company takes the responsibility of risks in making the mortgage loans and the \$16,000,000 company takes the risk of guaranteeing the payment of them when sold. The separation of the risk between the two companies appeals to us as a wise distribution.

The capital funds that we have free for investment in mortgages have enabled us to take every good loan we wanted to. We take care to accumulate no dead wood—mortgages for which we have no market.

The two companies working together with the combined capital funds of \$44,000,000 offer the strongest insurance that can be obtained anywhere against title and mortgage risks.

The total 1926 distribution to employees under the Profit Sharing plan amounted to \$1,338,827. It is the largest in our history but owing to the fact that the number of employees is larger, the amount to each employee is slightly less. Those who have been with the company at least a year received 31.71% of their salaries, and the percentages rise from this point until all those whose service covers fifteen years or more receive 44.66%.

The losses for the year amounted to \$117,415. This is more than for any previous year. We presume with a larger business, larger losses must be expected. Dower claims and other undiscoverable troubles have increased the total amount. The largest loss was \$20,000, but the aggregate of losses of moderate size makes up the amount. Probably a number of them will be recouped in full or in part. The larger losses would be a heavy burden to individuals but are easily borne by a corporation of our strength.

Statement of Condition Jan. 3 1927.

Table with Resources and Liabilities columns. Resources include Public securities, Other stocks & bonds, Bonds and mortgages, Loans & bills purchased, Accounts receivable, Real estate, Customers' liability for accept., Cash on hand & in banks. Liabilities include Capital, Surplus, Undivided profits, Due depositors, Certified & officers' checks, Dividends declared, Res. for taxes, int. & exp., Acceptances of drafts payable.

a These are United States State and Municipal bonds. b These mortgages are co's stock in trade for sale to its clients. c These loans are payable on demand or on certain due dates, with ample security protecting collateral loans.—V. 123, p. 3335.

Tooke Bros., Ltd., Montreal.—To Recapitalize.—

A scheme of arrangement, recently presented to the stockholders, provides (a) that the authorized common stock be changed from 12,500 shares (6,500 shares outstanding, par \$100, to 10,000 shares of no par value); (b) that two new no par value shares be issued in exchange for each five shares of common stock held, and (c) that one share of new common stock be issued to holders of each two shares of pref. stock to wipe out all dividend accruals on this issue up to and incl. Dec. 31 1926. The company has authorized 12,500 shares of 7% cum. preference stock, of which there are outstanding 9,850 shares.

After the above has become effective, there will be outstanding 7,525 shares of common stock, the remaining 2,475 shares to be issued from time to time as the directors may determine.—V. 123, p. 991.

Transcontinental Oil Co.—Earnings.—

While final figures for the entire year 1926 are not yet available, the gross profit for 11 months to Nov. 30 was \$3,326,587. Net for the 11 months after reserves for depreciation and depletion was \$2,526,816. Earnings of the company in the last month of the year will, it is estimated, raise the

gross for 1926 to at least \$3,700,000, the net depending upon the amount of additional reserves set up for depreciation and depletion. Net profit in 1925, after interest, depreciation, &c., charges, was \$792,581.

The last balance sheet of the company (Nov. 30 1926) showed current assets of \$4,723,818, current liabilities of \$2,477,813, with net working capital of \$2,246,005.—V. 124, p. 122.

Tremont & Suffolk Mills.—Sale.—

See Nashua Mfg. Co. above.—V. 123, p. 2668.

2424 Wilshire Boulevard (Corp.), Los Angeles, Calif.

Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering \$900,000 1st mtge. fee 6 1/2% serial coupon gold bonds (safeguarded under the Straus plan).

Dated Nov. 1 1926; maturities 1 1/2 to 16 1/2 years. Denom. \$1,000. \$500 and \$100 c. Interest payable M. & N. Callable at 103 and int. for the first 5 years and at 102 and int. thereafter; bonds and coupons payable at offices of S. W. Straus & Co. Exempt from personal property tax in California. United States Federal income tax 2%, paid by borrower.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a direct closed first mortgage on the land and the completed building and its furniture, furnishings and equipment. The land on which this building is situated fronts approximately 140 ft. on the south side of Wilshire Boulevard and approximately 162 1/2 ft. on the east side of Carondelet St., being the southeast corner of this street intersection. The building is an 8-story and basement apartment structure of reinforced concrete full fireproof construction with exterior finish in tapestry brick and art stone trim. It contains 388 rentable rooms comprised in 134 single apartment suites, 36 double apartment suites, and 2 five-room apartment suites. The interior appointments, decoration, finish and floor arrangement throughout the building, and the furniture, furnishings, hangings and equipment are of superior character.

Valuation.—The value of the land and building and the furniture, furnishings and equipment, the property mortgaged as security for this bond issue, is appraised by John P. Kennedy, of Los Angeles, appraiser engineer, at \$1,532,255. This bond issue, therefore, represents less than 60% of the value of the mortgaged property.

Earnings.—The net annual earnings of this property, after deductions for taxes, insurance, operation and ample allowance for vacancies, under the new management and certain alterations, are estimated at \$119,680 available for payments required under this bond issue. This is more than twice the greatest annual interest charge and is more than \$38,000 in excess of the average combined annual interest and serial principal requirements under this bond issue.

Underwood Typewriter Co., Inc.—New Directors.—

Judge Morgan J. O'Brien has been elected a director.—V. 123, p. 2534.

Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha, Ltd.—Report.—

Calendar Years table with columns for 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. Rows include Gross revenue, Gross expenses, Dividends (8% per ann.), Balance, surplus.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31 table with columns for 1926, 1925. Rows include Assets, Liabilities.

Assets and Liabilities table with columns for 1926, 1925. Rows include Real estate & plant, Accounts receivable, Inventories, Investments, Deferred charges, Cash, Capital stock, Bonded debt, Deprec'n reserve, Accounts payable, Reserve for taxes, Surplus.

Total—18,169,487 18,165,941 Total—18,169,487 18,165,941 —V. 122, p. 764.

United Electric Coal Companies.—Bonds Offered.—

Hemphill, Noyes & Co., New York, are offering at par and int. \$1,000,000 additional 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds. Date June 1 1925; due June 1 1935 (see also V. 121, p. 1920).

Convertible.—Convertible at any time into the first preferred 8% stock of the company at par.

Data from Letter of William H. Stumpf, Vice-Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Formed in 1921 to succeed to the ownership of the bituminous coal properties in Vermilion County, Ill., and in Jefferson County, O., formerly operated as the Electric Coal Co., and by Hartshorn Brothers, F. E. Batcher and associates, and has since acquired leasehold interests in certain coal property in Fulton County, Ill. In addition, it has acquired certain coal lands in fee and coal in fee underlying the surface, in the vicinity of Terre Haute, Ind. Recently it has acquired the property and assets of the Chicago Collieries Co., located at Danville, Ill., and additional coal lands near Duquoin, Ill. Company's operations are practically confined to mining coal by the stripping method. This is the most economical method of mining coal, the difference in operating cost between strip and deep mines being from 80 cents to \$1 a ton. Company's properties are served by a number of important railroads.

Security.—Secured by a direct 1st mtge. on all of the fixed assets now owned in fee or to be hereafter so acquired, except for purchase money or existing obligations on property hereafter acquired. In addition, the mortgage securing these bonds has a first lien upon the leasehold interests of the company near Duquoin, Ill., to be paid for in part with proceeds of the present financing, together with leased reserves of recoverable coal, aggregated 48,601,814 net tons, of which 41,383,345 net tons were subject to strip-mining, and 7,218,469 net tons were subject to deep-mining. As of the same date, Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., appraised the present physical property at \$12,673,322, equivalent to over 3.12 times the \$4,058,000 of these bonds now outstanding, which includes present additional issue of \$1,000,000 bds. Net Income of Company and Predecessors, Available for Bond Interest, Depreciation and Depletion and Federal Taxes for Calendar Years

Table with columns for 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 (Dec. est.). Rows include 1918-1920, 1919-1921, 1920-1922, 1921-1923.

Production from the additional properties to be developed in part with the proceeds of the present additional issue of bonds should result in materially increased earnings.

Sinking Funds.—Mortgage provides for a minimum monthly sinking fund of \$20,000, payable, except in the event of protracted general strikes, on the first day of each calendar month. An additional sinking fund of 20 cents a ton on all strip coal mined from 50,000 tons to 100,000 tons a month, and 15 cents a ton on all strip coal mined from 100,000 tons to 150,000 tons a month, and 10 cents a ton on all strip coal mined in excess of 150,000 tons a month, and 10 cents a ton on all other coal mined each month, is payable quarterly 30 days after the end of each quarter. The first sinking fund payment was made July 1 1925, and since that time \$572,000 bonds have been retired, \$380,000 through the minimum monthly sinking fund and \$192,000 through the quarterly sinking fund based on production.

Capitalization table with columns for 1st mtge. 7% s. f. gold bonds, 20-year 2d mtge. income gold bonds, 1st pref. 8% stock, General 7% pref. stock, Common stock. Rows include 1st mtge. 7% s. f. gold bonds, 20-year 2d mtge. income gold bonds, 1st pref. 8% stock, General 7% pref. stock, Common stock.

a Including 6,800 shares in treasury, reserved for employees. Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay in part for the property recently acquired by the company near Duquoin, Ill., and for plant and equipment to be installed on the company's properties.—V. 123, p. 3052.

United Fruit Co.—Annual Report.—

The company reports for the year ended Dec. 31 1926 net income from operations of \$21,099,514, other income, \$1,930,969, making a total net income of \$23,030,483, as reported in V. 124, p. 366. The amount of dividends during 1926 (including the \$2 per share (\$2,000,000) paid on the old stock April 1 1926) amounted to \$11,998,254. The rates and amounts of dividends per share paid were as follows: April 1 (\$2 50), \$2,500,000;

July 1 (\$1), \$2,498,844; Oct. 1 (\$1), \$2,499,410; Jan. 3 1927 (\$1), \$2,500,000; extra dividend paid April 1 1926 (\$2), \$2,000,000. In reporting the amount of dividends paid in V. 124, p. 366, we stated that the rate per annum in 1926 was \$12 per share. This should have read \$7 50 per share.—V. 124, p. 366.

United Oil Co.—Bonds Called—Conversion Privilege.—

Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., and Aronson & Co., as fiscal agents, announce that the outstanding 1st mtge. & coll. trust 6 1/2% conv. bonds have been called for redemption on March 1 1927 at 105 and int. The conversion privilege entitling the holder to exchange these bonds for common stock at the rate of 13 1/4 shares of stock for each \$1,000 bond expires Feb. 18 1927.

Under an arrangement with the Richfield Oil Co., the United Oil stock thus converted may be exchanged for Richfield Oil stock on the basis of one share of United for three shares of Richfield stock. The conversion time limit does not apply to stock warrants attached to United serial 6% gold notes which have not been called.—V. 123, p. 2007.

United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co.—Divs.—

The directors on Jan. 20 declared four quarterly dividends of 2 1/2% on the outstanding \$12,000,000 common stock, par \$100, and four quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% on the outstanding \$12,000,000 7% non-cumul. pref. stock, par \$100, payable March 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15 to holders of record March 1, June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1, respectively. Similar dividends were declared on these stocks on Jan. 21 1926 for the year 1926, payable in quarterly installments. The only other dividends ever paid on the common stock were: 1% in 1905; 4% in 1906, and 4% in 1907.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.
a 1926. 1925. 1924. 1923.

Net profit after charges and taxes \$5,049,367 \$5,501,265 \$6,020,920 \$3,471,268
a Preliminary figures for 1926.—V. 123, p. 855.

United States Distributing Corp.—To Recapitalize.—

A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for Feb. 17 to effect a readjustment of capitalization. The plan to be voted upon calls for the authorization of a maximum capital stock to consist of 130,000 shares of 7% cumul. conv. pref. stock, par \$100, and 970,000 shares of new no par common stock. Part of the new stocks will be exchanged for 7,121 shares of 7% pref. and 191,516 shares of common stock now outstanding. At the completion of the plan, 104,726 shares of new pref. and 353,889 shares of new common stock will be outstanding.

The plan further provides: (a) that for each outstanding share of pref. stock, par \$100, there shall be issued 1.6 shares of new pref. stock, par \$100 per share and 6 shares of new common stock without par value, a non-voting and non-dividend-bearing fractional warrant to be issued for any fractional amount; (b) for each outstanding share of common stock without par value, there shall be issued 4 of a share of new pref. stock, par \$100 per share, and 1 1/4 shares of new common stock without par value, a non-voting and non-dividend-bearing fractional warrant to be issued for any fractional amount.

President Harry N. Taylor, Jan. 17, says in substance:

For some time past the directors have been of the opinion that it would be advantageous to the stockholders to readjust the capital stock so as to permit the present stockholders to receive new pref. stock upon which the payment of an annual 7% cumulative dividend could reasonably be expected, and so as to create sufficient additional stock to allow any minority interests in subsidiary companies to be acquired.

The corporation is a holding company, its assets being composed of various stocks and bonds representing entire or partial security issues of its subsidiaries. The existence of minority interests in these subsidiary companies has made it difficult to prepare a consolidated financial statement which is comprehensive to a stockholder without exhaustive and lengthy explanation. This same condition has acted in the past and would probably continue in the future as an impediment to further financing in the event it should become desirable to acquire additional properties.

To effect the desired results, the directors have approved a plan, dated Jan. 17 1927, which provides for the readjustment of the capital stock of the corporation and for the acquisition of the assets of the United States Trucking Corp. by a new subsidiary company to be entirely owned by the United States Distributing Corp. Under this plan, the certificates of incorporation of the latter corporation will be amended so that its authorized capital stock will consist of 130,000 shares of new convertible 7% cumul. pref. stock, par \$100, and 970,000 shares of new common stock without par value.

The holders of present common stock of the Distributing corporation will then be required in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia statute, to surrender their common stock certificates and to receive in exchange therefor stock certificates covering 0.4 of a share of new pref. stock and 1 1/4 shares of new common stock in exchange for each share of common stock so surrendered. The holders of any existing pref. stock of the U. S. Distributing Corp. who have not then converted such pref. stock into common stock will be similar required to surrender their pref. stock certificates and to receive in exchange therefor stock certificates covering 1.6 shares of new pref. stock and 6 shares of new common stock in exchange for each share of pref. stock so surrendered. To effect such exchange will require the issuance of 88,000 shares of new pref. stock and 330,000 shares of new common stock.

The U. S. Distributing Corp. will issue to United States Trucking Corp. 41,910.5 shares of its new pref. stock and 119,699.25 shares of its new common stock in consideration of United States Trucking Corp. selling and conveying all of its property, rights, privileges, franchises and goodwill, including the right to use its corporate name, to a new New York corporation of the same name, whose capital stock will be entirely owned by the United States Distributing Corp. Such new corporation will assume all obligations and liabilities of the present United States Trucking Corp. The present U. S. Trucking Corp. will then be dissolved, and the above-mentioned amounts of new pref. and new common stock of the United States Distributing Corp. so received by the U. S. Trucking Corp. will be distributed among the latter company's stockholders.

Upon dissolution of the United States Trucking Corp., the following distribution will be made among the stockholders of that corporation: The holders of prior preference and preferred stock will each receive one share of new preferred stock of U. S. Distributing Corp. for each share of prior preference or preferred stock now held; the holders of class "A" stock will receive 1/4 of a share of new preferred stock and 1/4 of a share of new common stock of the U. S. Distributing Corp. for each share of class "A" stock now held; the holders of class "B" stock will receive 2 1/2 shares of new common stock of the U. S. Distributing Corp. for each share of class "B" stock now held.]

By virtue of its present ownership of stock of all classes of the present trucking corporation, the Distributing corporation, upon the dissolution of the former company, will become the owner of 25,184.5 shares of its new preferred stock and 95,810.25 shares of its new common stock. As these shares of stock will be retired or held in the treasury of the Distributing Corp., the outstanding capital stock of the latter, at the completion of the plan, will be 104,726 shares of new preferred stock and 353,889 shares of new common stock.

The earnings of the U. S. Distributing Corp. should be such as to permit the immediate payment of dividends at the rate of 7% per annum on all of the new preferred stock which will be outstanding at the conclusion of the plan. Such preferred dividends will be equal to a 5% return on a valuation of \$56 per share for the now outstanding common stock. The net result of the plan to the present common stockholders of the Distributing Corp. should be the definite payment of a fixed return of 5% on the stockholders' present holdings of common stock figures at a valuation of \$56 per share, and in addition, the giving to each stockholder of 1 1/4 shares of new common stock for each share of common stock now owned. The net profits, before income taxes, of the U. S. Distributing Corp. and its several subsidiary companies for the year 1926 (December figures being estimated) amount to approximately \$2 70 per share on the 353,889 shares of new common stock which will be outstanding upon the conclusion of the plan, after allowance for dividends on the full amount of new preferred stock which will also be outstanding.

The various subsidiary companies have now begun to demonstrate their true earning power. During the past three years the Distributing Corp. has increased the amount of its assets through acquiring a large minority interest in Pattison & Bowns, Inc., and the value of its stock interest in all of these subsidiaries has increased by reason of the acquisition by them of additional properties, special equipment, &c., amounting in the aggregate to several million dollars. This has all been accomplished without offering any new securities to the public. Actual earnings accruing have more than justified these acquisitions.—V. 124, p. 386.

United States Steel Corporation.—Offer of Stock to Employees to Be Deferred to Around June 1.—Secretary

George K. Leet, Jan. 12, in a letter to the officers and employees of the United States Steel Corp. and of its subsidiary companies, says:

The usual annual offer to employees to subscribe for common stock of United States Steel Corp. for the year 1927 will be deferred to approximately June 1 1927. The offer will then be made with reference to the conditions prevailing at that time in respect of the stock arising out of the plan approved by the directors to submit to the stockholders at the annual meeting on April 18 the proposal to increase the outstanding stock by 2,033,210 shares for use in distribution to stockholders of a stock dividend. The shares to be offered about June 1 for subscription will not, of course, carry with them any stock dividend declared and payable to holders of record prior to the date of the offering of stock for subscription.

It is believed this plan will prove more satisfactory to employees than an offering at this time on basis of the present status of the stock and will avoid the many complications which would arise through adjustment of fractions of shares, both in respect of application of same to subscription accounts and in connection with the annual special compensation allowances to subscribers extending over a period of five years.—V. 124, p. 387, 123.

United States Rubber Reclaiming Co., Inc.—Registrar.

The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 80,000 shares of prior preference stock and 38,400 shares of class "A" pref. stock of the above company.—V. 118, p. 2192.

United States Trucking Corp.—Offer to Stockholders.—

See United States Distributing Corp. above.—V. 123, p. 3053.

Universal Pipe & Radiator Co.—To Increase Stock.—

The stockholders will vote Feb. 11 on increasing the authorized capital stock by 50,000 shares of special stock and on decreasing the pref. stock from 90,000 shares to 60,000 shares. See also V. 124, p. 387.

Vacuum Oil Co.—Proposed Acquisition.—

The company is reported to be negotiating for the purchase of the Metro Stations, Inc., involving a consideration said to be around \$1,500,000. The Metro company operates a number of retail filling stations in the vicinity of Olean, N. Y., and also has several bulk stations. Heretofore the Vacuum Oil Co. has not retailed its gasoline and kerosene output, and the purchase of the Metro company will inaugurate a new policy.—V. 123, p. 2407.

Victor Talking Machine Co.—Preferred and Common

Stocks Placed with Investors.—Two issues of preferred stocks, consisting of \$16,500,000 7% cumulative prior preference stock (par \$100) and 95,000 shares of \$6 cumul. convertible preferred stock (no par value) were this week placed with investors by a syndicate headed by Speyer & Co. and J. & W. Seligman & Co. An issue of 415,000 shares of common stock was also placed by a syndicate headed by J. & W. Seligman & Co. All issues were largely oversubscribed, the 7% prior preferred stock at \$98 per share, the \$6 cumulative convertible preferred stock at \$90 per share and the common stock at \$38 per share. Other bankers in the syndicate who offered the preferred stocks included Hallgarten & Co., Hayden, Stone & Co., Chas. D. Barney & Co., Jackson & Curtis & Hemphill, Noyes & Co. The syndicate offering the common stock consisted of J. & W. Seligman & Co., Hallgarten & Co., Hayden, Stone & Co., Chas. D. Barney & Co., Jackson & Curtis and Hemphill, Noyes & Co.

The prior preference stock, convertible preferred stock and common stock are issued in accordance with the plan of recapitalization approved by the stockholders Jan. 17 1927 and do not represent new financing by the company.

Response of the world's investment markets (Wednesday) to the first public offering of the company's securities was so great as to tax to the limit the bankers' facilities for handling applications and caused a revision of plans covering the three pieces of financing involved in transferring control of the company to the investing public. The offices of both Speyer & Co. and J. & W. Seligman & Co., the bankers who headed the offering group, were deluged with orders throughout the day.

Books on the \$16,500,000 7% cumulative prior preference stock offered Wednesday, were closed at 9.15 o'clock in the morning, only 15 minutes after being opened. At this time, the total of subscriptions on hand was several times in excess of the amount of the issue. Orders poured in from all sections of the country, from Canada and from Europe in large volume.

Advance applications from dealers for the \$6 convertible preferred stock of the company were so heavy as to make advisable a change in the original plan calling for the offering of 95,000 shares of this stock Thursday. The total of such applications was so largely in excess of the stock available as to convince the bankers that a general offer to dealers was impracticable and the announcement of this issue to the public Wednesday afternoon carried the information that all the stock had been sold.

As a final chapter in the financing the banking group formally offered the 415,000 shares of common stock on Friday morning at \$38 per share. This issue was also largely oversubscribed.

Allotments of securities were stated by members of the selling group to have been on the basis of about 25% on subscriptions for the common stock, 8% for the 7% prior preference stock, and 5% for the \$6 convertible preferred stock, establishing the Victor deal as one of the most successful industrial financing operations ever undertaken in Wall Street. The amounts offered to the public, computed at the offerings prices, were \$40,490,000.

Speyer & Co. and J. & W. Seligman & Co. state that orders for Victor securities were received from practically every city and town of any importance in the United States, and the demand from Canada was many times greater than had been estimated. The bankers had planned to reserve portions of the issues for placement in England and on the Continent through the London, Amsterdam, Berlin, Frankfurt, Vienna and Swiss markets, but were unprepared to meet the great foreign demand which developed. Several millions of the securities were finally allotted to London and European markets.

All three classes of stock ruled at a premium on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday as dealers found it impossible to meet the demands of

their customers. The prior preference shares sold at 98 3/4, compared with an offering price of \$98 a share. The convertible preferred sold at 92 3/4, against an offering price of \$90 a share; and the common sold at 38 3/4, compared with an offering price of \$38 a share.

7% Cumulative Preferred Stock (No Par Value)—Preferred as to assets and dividends over the convertible preferred stock and common stock. Cumulative dividends at rate of 7% per annum, payable Q.-F. (first dividend payable May 1 1927. Red. all or part on any div. date at \$115 per share and divs., on not less than 60 days' notice. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. A sinking fund equal to 3% of the maximum amount of prior preference stock theretofore issued shall be set aside on or before Jan. 31 in each year, beginning in 1928, out of surplus or net profits before dividends on the convertible preferred stock and the common stock, to be applied during the 12 months following to the purchase of prior preference stock, if obtainable at or below \$115 per share. Amounts unexpended at the end of any such period shall be credited against the sinking fund requirements for the succeeding period.

\$6 Cumulative Convertible Stock (No Par Value)—Preferred as to assets and dividends over the common stock. Cumulative dividends at the rate of \$6 per share per annum payable Q.-F. (first dividends payable May 1 1927). Entitled in liquidation to \$100 per share and divs. Red. all or part on any div. date at \$110 per share and divs., on not less than 60 days' notice. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Each share of convertible preferred stock will be convertible at any time after Oct. 1 1927 into 2 shares of common stock, with cash adjustment for dividends. The certificate of incorporation includes provisions designed to safeguard the conversion privilege.

The Guaranty Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for the 7% cumulative prior preference stock. The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the common stock.

Listing—The above stocks have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data From Letter of Pres. Edward E. Shumaker, Jan. 17 1927.

Company—Is the largest manufacturer of talking machines and records in the world. The business was incorp. in New Jersey under its present name in 1901 and its assets have been built up almost wholly from profits.

From the beginning the company has maintained a position of leadership through the excellence of its instruments and records and through its success in securing the services of the greatest artists under exclusive contracts. The Orthophonic Victrola and Electrola, introduced in the latter part of 1925, and the Orthophonic Victor record, placed on the market in the fall of 1926, embody the latest developments in reproducing and recording sound. These instruments and records reproduce the human voice and instrumental music with a fidelity, range and volume never before approached, and thus represent the greatest advance in the industry since the invention of the talking machine.

The company also combines the Orthophonic Victrola and Electrola with the Radiola, manufactured by the Radio Corp. of America and its allied companies, in a single instrument which thus embodies the latest developments in the talking machine and radio receiver. The instruments range in price from \$1,000 for the largest combination machine down to \$17.50 for portable Victrola models. There is about to be placed on the market the Auditorium Orthophonic Victrola, which has the range and volume of the largest band or symphony orchestra and is designed for use in theatres, concert halls, schools and churches, and for outdoor entertainment.

Victor records constitute a collection of the world's greatest music interpreted by the world's greatest artists. Among the outstanding artists and organists whose names are on contract to record exclusively for the company are Frances Alda, Lucrezia Bori, Amelia Galli-Curci, Dusolina Giannini, Maria Jeritza, Mary Lewis, Nellie Melba, Rosa Ponselle, Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Marion Talley, Luisa Tetrazzini, Pablo Casals, Fedor Chaliapin, Emilio de Gogorza, Giuseppe de Luca, Mischa Elman, Beniamino Gigli, Jascha Heifetz, Fritz Kreisler, Giovanni Martinelli, John McCormack, Ignace Jan Paderewski, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Tito Schipa, Lawrence Tibbett, Reinold Werrenrath, Erefim Zimbalist, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Fionzaley Quartet, Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, and a group of popular dance orchestras and entertainers. Many artists no longer living, including Enrico Caruso, mainly only be heard through Victor records.

The company maintains extensive research laboratories of its own and, under long term contracts with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and the Western Electric Co., has the right to apply to the talking machine and records the results achieved by these companies in the field of acoustics and sound reproduction. In addition, contracts with the Radio Corp. of America make available the co-operation of the research and engineering facilities of this company and of the General Electric Co. and the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. in the same field.

Sales Organization—The instruments and records are distributed through an organization, built up over a period of 25 years, comprising over 6,000 dealers and jobbers throughout the country. From the beginning a systematic policy of nation-wide advertising has been pursued, and more than \$45,000,000 has been spent for this purpose. 'His Master's Voice' has long been one of the best known trade marks throughout the world.

An extensive export business, which in 1926 was the largest in the company's history, is carried on directly with Latin-American and other countries. In Canada, Victor products are manufactured and distributed by Victor Talking Machine Co. of Canada, Ltd., and in Europe, Australia and other countries by the Gramophone Co., Ltd., one of the leading European companies in the industry. A majority of the stock of the Canadian Co., Ltd., and a majority interest in the ordinary shares of the Gramophone Co., Ltd., are owned by the Victor Co.

Plants—The plant and principal offices of the company, located at Camden, N. J., comprise 19 large modern buildings of fireproof construction and 14 smaller buildings of fireproof or fire-resisting construction, with a total floor area of 2,507,721 sq. ft. All operations involved in the production of instruments, including woodworking and cabinet construction, the manufacture and assembling of the various moving parts of the instruments and the recording and production of records are performed in the company's own plants and laboratories. Branch plants for the manufacture of records are located at Oakland, Calif., and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Capitalization (Company has no Funded Debt)

[In addition to \$6,900 par value non-c Callable preferred stock.]

7% cumulative prior preference stock	Authorized \$20,934,000	Outstanding \$20,934,000			
\$6 cumulative convertible preferred stock	122,115 shs.	122,115 shs.			
Common stock (no par value)	819,915 shs.	575,685 shs.			
a Including 244,250 shares of common stock reserved for conversion of convertible preferred stock. b Including stock owned by company and subsidiaries, as follows: \$167,220 prior preference stock, 975 shares convertible preferred stock, 4,599 shares common stock.					
Earnings —Net earnings for the 12 years ended Dec. 31 1926, after reserves for depreciation and Federal taxes, (including the company's estimate for the last three months) were as follows:					
1915	\$7,388,609	1919	\$4,611,171	1923	\$6,568,850
1916	8,679,251	1920	4,800,357	1924	1,227,426
1917	5,145,927	1921	4,190,415	1925	x5,532,253
1918	3,159,627	1922	6,408,841	1926	y8,000,000

x Deficit after extraordinary charges and adjustments. y Including company's estimate for last three months. Net earnings for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1926, after reserves for depreciation and Federal taxes, as certified, were \$5,195,054. For the entire year, net earnings, after reserves for depreciation of about \$1,140,000, but before Federal income taxes, are estimated by the company at \$8,400,000 and, after such taxes, at \$8,000,000, taxes being reduced by about \$740,000 through allowance for losses in the preceding year. The net amount for 1926 without this tax reduction would be about \$7,260,000, equal, (a) to approximately \$35 per share of prior preference stock, (b) after deducting annual dividend and sinking fund requirements of the prior preference stock to over \$42 per share of \$6 convertible pref. stock and (c) after deducting annual dividend requirements of the prior preference and convertible preferred stock, to about \$3.90 per share of common stock, and after deducting also the annual prior preference stock sinking fund, to about \$7.80 per share.

Since organization in 1901 the company's business has been profitable in every year with the single exception of 1925. In that year net earnings were \$931,358 before writing off depreciation, losses due to the abandonment of old models, and extraordinary expenses incident to the development and introduction of new instruments and processes.

On the basis of orders on hand on Jan. 1, the company has adopted for the first half of 1927 a schedule for the production of instruments which is one of the largest for corresponding periods in its history. The company is adding extensively to its catalogue of Orthophonic records.

Dividend Record—The company has paid about \$37,500,000 in cash dividends. Since 1902, cash dividends were paid on the common stock in every year except 1926, as follows:

1902-1911	*6%	1916	80%	1920	60%	1923	10 3/4%
1912	1 1/2%	1917	50%	1921	45%	1924	1 1/8%
1913	30%	1918	20%	1922	40%	1925	4%
1914	35%	1919	50%	1922	5%	1927 (Jan. 17)	8%
1915	50%						

*Approximate average.

A stock dividend of 416 2-3% was paid in 1911, and of 600% in 1922.

Stock Provisions—The rights and preferences of the 7% cumulative prior preference stock, the \$6 cumulative convertible preferred stock and common stock are in part summarized as follows:

(a) Each share of stock of the company is entitled to one vote. In case of failure to declare and pay the regular quarterly dividends on the prior preference stock for 4 quarterly periods, the holders of the preferred stock and prior preference stock shall be entitled to elect a majority of the board of directors until all arrears shall have been paid.

(b) Without the affirmative vote or written consent of the holders of at least two-thirds in number of the outstanding shares of the prior preference stock, the convertible preferred stock and the common stock, each voting and consenting separately as a class, the company shall not (a) issue, incur or guarantee any obligations or indebtedness maturing more than one year from the date thereof, except obligations or indebtedness issued, incurred or guaranteed in the ordinary course of business or in connection with the acquisition of the stock or other securities or obligations, of any subsidiary corporation or of any corporation engaged in a similar or allied business; (b) mortgage or pledge any of its real or personal property to secure an issue of bonds or otherwise, except personal property in the ordinary course of business and except purchase money mortgages; (c) dispose (by sale, consolidation, merger, lease or otherwise) of the property and business of the company as a whole, or substantially as a whole.

(c) Company shall not authorize the creation or issuance of stock ranking as to dividends or assets on a parity with or in priority over the prior preference stock or the convertible preferred stock without the affirmative vote or written consent of the holders of at least two-thirds in number of the outstanding shares of the prior preference stock or of the convertible preferred stock respectively.

The consolidated balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1926, after giving effect to the plan for the recapitalization of the company approved by the stockholders Jan. 17 1927 was given in V. 123, p. 387.

Exchange of Old for New Shares—President E. E. Shumaker, in a notice Jan. 17 to holders of common stock, says:

The plan of recapitalization and reclassification of the capital stock of the company was approved by stockholders Jan. 17 1927, and certificates of amendment of the certificate of incorporation have been filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey in conformity therewith.

By said plan holders of common stock of the company of the par value of \$100 a share are to receive for each such share 6-10ths of a share of 7% cumulative prior preference stock of the company of the par value of \$100 per share; 35-100ths of a share of cumulative convertible preferred stock of the company without nominal or par value; and 65-100ths of a share of common stock of the company without nominal or par value.

Holders of common stock (par \$100 per share) heretofore outstanding, should on or after Jan. 18 1927 surrender their certificates for said stock, to National City Bank, 55 Wall St., New York City, or to Philadelphia-Girard National Bank, 421 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, depositaries, and will receive in exchange therefor temporary certificates for the full number of shares and certificates for the fraction of a share, if any, of each class of stock, which they are entitled to receive as set forth above.—V. 124, p. 387.

(Hiram) Walker's, Ltd.—Stock Offered—Osler & Hammond and Mara & McCarthy, Toronto, have sold at \$25 per share, 160,000 shares capital stock (no par value).

Transfer agent, National Trust Co., Ltd. Registrar, Toronto General Trusts Corp.

Capitalization (no par value)----- 400,000 shs. **Authorized**----- **Issued**, 400,000 shs.

Company—Upon completion of the present financing, the company will own the entire capital stock (other than directors' qualifying shares) of Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., of Walkerville, Ont., subject to a charge in favor of its bankers on a portion of the said shares.

Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., commenced business as distillers in 1858, and their brands of whiskey, such as "Canadian Club" and "Walker's Imperial," have become famous throughout the civilized world. Their plant is situated at Walkerville, Ont., and to keep pace with an ever-increasing demand, manufacturing facilities have been enlarged from time to time, and the present plant is thoroughly modern in design and equipment, and has been maintained in efficient operating condition. At the present time properties cover about 19 acres, including nearly 1,400 feet of waterfront on the Detroit River, immediately opposite the City of Detroit. Buildings have been kept up in the highest state of repair, and are impressive in character and extent.

The land, buildings, plant and equipment of Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., have a value of approximately \$4,000,000. Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., have on hand, as shown by the books of the Department of Customs and Excise, a stock of approximately 4,000,000 gallons of whiskey and spirits, which has an estimated selling value, based on conservative wholesale prices, of at least \$14,000,000. This stock is insured at more than \$10,000,000. Current assets of Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd. (exclusive of the above-mentioned stock of whiskey and spirits) are in excess of current liabilities and the company has no other liabilities except on capital stock and reserves. Nothing is carried on the books of Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., for good-will, although the consistent advertising of the company's products for a great number of years, the world-wide reputation of its products, and the ownership of very valuable trade-marks and trade-names represent a real asset of very great value.

Earnings—The net earnings of Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., after providing for depreciation and other contingencies but before Federal income taxes, during a period of seven years, from 1920 to 1926 incl., have averaged \$1,524,417 per annum. These figures represent the result of a very conservative business policy.

Balance Sheet of Hiram Walker's, Ltd., as of Jan. 1 1927.

Assets		Liabilities	
Inv. in shares of Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd.	\$14,000,000	Bankers' advances	\$4,000,000
		Capital stock (400,000 shares no par)	10,000,000

Listing—It is the intention of the company to make application at an early date to list the shares on the Unlisted Department of the Toronto Stock Exchange and on the Montreal Curb Market.

Directors will include: H. C. Hatch (Pres.), W. J. Hume (V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.), F. K. Morrow, F. Wellington Hay, W. H. Mara, H. F. Marriott, J. F. Lash, Duncan Macleod.

Warner Sugar Corp.—Sale of Edgewater Refinery to and Assumption of \$4,950,000 Bonds by National Sugar Ref. Co.

See National Sugar Refining Co. above. The Warner Sugar Corp. at latest figures had outstanding \$4,950,000 Warner Sugar Refining Co. 1st's due 1941, \$7,443,400 1st & ref. 7s, and \$8,104,590 6% debentures.—V. 123, p. 3054.

Welch Grape Juice Co.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding closed 1st mtge. 10-year 8% conv. gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1931, have been called for payment March 1 next at 105 and int. at the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., 272 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y., or at the Bankers Trust Co., 10 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 123, p. 728.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Sales.

Calendar Years—		
Station sales (in gallons)	1926	1925
	80,395,421	74,165,386
Sales to customers (in gallons)	163,588,463	146,256,780
Total sales to customers	\$19,218,501	\$16,483,518
Tank car shipments (no. of barrels)	16,699	15,825
Total production (no. of barrels)	919,439	450,901
Runs to refineries (no. of barrels)	3,855,144	3,785,797

—V. 123, p. 2150.

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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST 1926.

Office of Crucible Steel Company of America
15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, N. J.

January 17 1927.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS:

The Board of Directors submits herewith its twenty-sixth annual report of operations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1926.

Included herein is a certified consolidated balance sheet showing the financial condition of the Company and its subsidiaries on that date.

PROFIT AND LOSS:

Operating Profits (after deducting Federal and other taxes).....		\$9,994,173 89
Other Income.....		989,253 65
		\$10,983,427 54
Less: Repairs and Maintenance Expense and Depreciation and Renewal of Plants.....	\$4,196,113 64	
Interest on Bonds.....	239,583 28	
		4,435,696 92
Net Profit.....		\$6,547,730 62
Deduct, Dividends.....		4,637,438 75
		\$1,910,291 87

Amount Added to Surplus..... \$1,910,291 87
Our net profits for the last year are the largest they have been for several years and for the past three years have been as follows:

January 1 1924 to December 31 1924.....	\$4,449,065 45
January 1 1925 to December 31 1925.....	\$5,703,619 12
January 1 1926 to December 31 1926.....	\$6,547,730 62

You will note these earnings warrant the increase in the rate of dividend from five per cent to six per cent on the Common stock which was made on December 16 1926. With a continuance of reasonable business conditions in the country, your Chairman believes that you can look forward to further increase in the rate of dividend in the near future. It is the intention of your Board of Directors not to pay a rate of dividend that they do not have every reason to expect they can continue.

IMPROVEMENTS: During the year we have been carrying out our authorized and previously announced program of improvements and betterments in our manufacturing plants and have expended the sum of \$4,500,000 00 in this direction. This expenditure has been made for the purpose of installing new and improved equipment that we may be able to make a superior product at the lowest possible cost to furnish our trade certain steels for which there is now a large and increasing demand in many industries. This expenditure for improved equipment has been properly charged to the Property, Plant and Equipment account. For your information, we report that these improvements are now completed and paid for and we have every reason to expect a larger volume of business and better net results in the earnings of the Company through this expenditure. This is a continuation of our program of the past seven years, during which time we have expended over \$28,000,000 00 for purposes as outlined above.

Your Company is determined to maintain its reputation for making the highest quality of tool, alloy and high speed steels, and under no circumstances will lower its standard of quality. There is an insistent demand for better materials which is reflected in the steady growth of the volume of our business. In recognition of these demands, it is our policy to manufacture the highest grade materials at the lowest costs to make possible a still larger use of better materials in manufacture, and we are confident that the trade is not without appreciation of our aim in this direction.

INVESTMENTS: The 100,000 shares of the common stock now held by your Company is not Treasury stock but stock which has been properly issued and purchased on the market and held in the investment account at considerably less than market value. As stated previously, this stock was purchased for the purpose of selling to employees, or for retirement, or to be used for such other purpose as the Board of Directors may decide.

The question of retiring a portion or all of this stock has been under consideration. In order to retire this stock it will be necessary to reduce the amount of the authorized capital by the number of shares canceled. While this can be done, the Directors have not as yet decided upon the best policy to pursue for the interest of all concerned. The stock held in our investment account, so far as dividend requirements are concerned, serves the same purpose as if it were retired. It could be declared in the form of a dividend at any time. The matter will be held for further determination. In the meantime, we desire to repeat our former statement that it is not now, nor will it be, the policy of the Company to trade or speculate in its shares.

A comparison of actual earnings for the year 1926, after deducting the amount of \$500,000 00 received as dividend on stock owned by the Company and credited under the item of "Other Income," with present yearly dividend requirements, is given below:

Net Earnings (not including dividends received).....	\$6,047,730 62
Yearly Dividend Requirements:	
\$25,000,000 00 Preferred 7%.....	\$1,750,000 00
\$45,000,000 00 Common 6%.....	2,700,000 00
	4,450,000 00

Excess of Net Earnings over Dividend Requirements..... \$1,597,730 62

GENERAL BUSINESS CONDITIONS: Your Chairman receives a monthly report from all branch managers and salesmen throughout the United States outlining the business conditions, both general and specific, and giving their opinions of the future based upon what they find in their respective territories. Their consensus of opinion is that we are starting 1927 with every indication of as large a volume of business as we had in 1926.

We believe fundamental conditions are sound. The oil and mining districts are producing a normal amount of products and the country is using their output. Agricultural conditions are not all that could be desired, nevertheless the farms are yielding very large crops. Through industry and perseverance the farmers are attaining a better condition and their purchasing power is increasing each year. The increase in the agricultural implement trade reflects this improvement. Railroads are transporting a record volume and for this reason will be obliged to purchase large quantities of cars, engines and equipment to take care of the present demand.

Manufacturers are producing large quantities of finished products but are purchasing and manufacturing only their immediate requirements for what the trade demands. There are less stocks on hand in excess of the immediate requirements than at any time in the history of the country, which assures a period of operation before over-production could be possible.

The motor industry has closed another year of record output and is entering into the new year with a large program which bids fair to equal, if not to exceed, the production of 1926. Building operations have been very large, and the future construction program throughout the country indicates a similar activity for the coming year.

Labor is well employed at record wages. It is able to purchase and consume correspondingly more, and for this reason is a large and vital factor in the consumption of the products of the soil and of manufacture. Money is abundant at a low rate of interest, which assures capital for large expansion programs in both public and private developments. Large amounts are being given for educational and charitable causes, and we have about us every indication of nation-wide prosperity.

We are of the opinion that 1927 will continue to show the same general results and that we can look forward with confidence to a continuation of present prosperity for some time.

The volume of business of the Crucible Steel Company of America, as indicated by unfilled orders on its books upon the several dates mentioned below, was:

December 31, 1924.....	105,298 Tons
June 30, 1925.....	124,909 Tons
December 31, 1925.....	153,025 Tons
June 30, 1926.....	126,140 Tons
December 31, 1926.....	159,314 Tons

You will observe that we have the largest unfilled tonnage on our books that we have had for several years, but it is our opinion that the unfilled tonnage no longer necessarily reflects the actual condition of the business of the country, as the trade is buying only its immediate needs. Unfilled orders may be small, provided the orders received equal the amount shipped and are enough in volume to maintain full operations of the plants.

The books and accounts have been audited by Crockett, Couchman and Crawford, Members American Institute of Accountants, whose certificate as to the correctness thereof is annexed.

By order of the Board of Directors.

H. S. WILKINSON, *Chairman.*

CRUCIBLE STEEL COMPANY OF AMERICA
and Subsidiary Companies.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31 1926.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Property:		Capital Stock Issued and Outstanding:	
Real Estate, Plant, Equipment, Goodwill, Trade Marks, &c. (after provision for Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization).....	\$84,636,699 79	Preferred: 250,000 Shares 7% Cumulative.....	\$25,000,000 00
Investments:		Common: 550.00 Shares.....	53,000,000 00
U. S. Government Securities (deposited with the New York State Industrial Commission).....	\$67,000 00	Bonds of Subsidiary:	
Other Securities.....	20,840 00	Pittsburgh Crucible Steel Company, 5% First Mortgage Bonds, due serially \$250,000 00 per annum.....	4,750,000 00
	87,840 00	Current Liabilities:	
Current Assets:		Notes Payable.....	\$1,500,000 00
Cash on Hand and in Banks.....	\$3,553,009 57	Accounts Payable.....	4,431,161 40
Listed Securities (at less than Market Value).....	6,650,000 00	Accrued Taxes and Interest.....	865, 29 85
Notes Receivable.....	84,181 15	Dividend on Common Stock payable January 31 1927.....	825,000 00
Accounts Receivable.....	\$6,247,421 92		7,621,991 25
Less Reserves.....	412,411 59	Surplus:	
	5,835,010 33	Appropriated:	
Inventories of Finished and Semi-Finished Products, Raw Materials and Supplies.....	17,293,895 40	For Fire, Marine and Accident Insurance.....	\$788,448 61
	33,416,096 45	For Contingencies.....	500,000 00
Deferred Charges to Operations:			\$1,288,448 61
Taxes, Insurance, Interest, etc., paid in advance.....	219,672 41	Unappropriated.....	24,699,868 79
			25,988,317 40
	\$118,360,308 65		\$118,360,308 65

CERTIFICATE OF ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS.

New York, January 15 1927.

To the Stockholders of the Crucible Steel Company of America:

We have audited the accounts and financial records of the Crucible Steel Company of America and subsidiary companies for the purpose of verifying the assets, liabilities and capital as at December 31 1926:

All amounts added to property accounts during the sixteen month period from the date of our last audit to December 31 1926 were investigated and were found to be properly so chargeable.

We have determined that inventories have been valued substantially at cost or market, whichever was lower, and have certificates as to their accuracy from responsible officials.

We have verified all other assets and have satisfied ourselves that all known liabilities have been recorded.

Provision sufficient in our opinion has been made for possible losses on receivables, for depreciation and amortization, and for taxes.

We certify that the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet is in agreement with the financial records and, in our opinion, presents the true financial condition of the Crucible Steel Company of America and its subsidiaries as at December 31 1926.

CROCKETT, COUCHMAN & CRAWFORD,

Members American Institute of Accountants.

Whitaker Paper Co., Cincinnati.—Pays Back Dividends

The directors have declared a dividend of 7% on the pref. stock, to clear up all accruals, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the pref. stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 20.—V. 122, p. 3356.

Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—Increases Investment in Vitaphone Corp.—President Harry M. Warner, in a letter to the stockholders, Jan. 15, says in substance:

As has been previously announced to the stockholders, the fiscal year of the corporation has been changed so that it now ends on Aug. 31 instead of March 31, as heretofore.

Our quarterly statement for the 3 months period ended Nov. 27 last, will show a further comparatively small loss. It will probably be around \$100,000. Not only are we now operating our own exchanges in the United States, but our British distribution contract has expired and we are to-day distributing our own pictures through our own 10 exchanges in Great Britain.

The contracts which have been negotiated with exhibitors in Great Britain insure us a net income hereafter at least 3 times as great per picture as heretofore received by us.

Our statement of Aug. 28 last, (V. 123, p. 3336) showed an investment of over \$567,000 in the Vitaphone Corp. of which we own 70%. Since that date we have invested over \$1,000,000 additional capital in the Vitaphone Corp. The phenomenal success of that corporation continues. New contracts for the installation of equipment in theatres are being entered into daily and the production of numbers or acts of a highly satisfactory quality is being continued. We have to date completed the production of four big features or pictures of outstanding merit. They are—John Barrymore in "Don Juan," Syd Chaplin in "The Better 'Ole," John Barrymore and Dolores Costello in "When a Man Loves" and Syd Chaplin in "The Missing Link."

The successful run of the first two of these pictures on Broadway country. They are also being exhibited in various other cities in the country. They have not been released anywhere except in connection with the Vitaphone. The third picture "When a Man Loves" will be presented during the first week in February at the Selwyn Theatre in New York, also in connection with a Vitaphone bill. "The Missing Link" will be similarly presented shortly thereafter. This policy of pre-releasing our special pictures in connection with the Vitaphone necessarily postponed the regular release of these productions throughout the country, with the result that we are not yet in receipt of the large revenue which would ordinarily have come to us from this source. We believe again that this course upon our part is fully justified. The value of the picture is of course enhanced by a successful exhibition of this character and ultimately the receipts will be much larger than would have been the case had the pictures been released without such presentation.—V. 123, p. 3336.

Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Co., Inc.—Common Stock Placed on a \$4 Annual Dividend Basis—Rights to Stockholders.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$4 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable in 4 quarterly installments, the first dividend of \$1 a share to be paid March 30 to holders of record March 15.

Hemphill, Noyes & Co. Underwrite Offering of Stock.—

A syndicate headed by Hemphill, Noyes & Co. has purchased from the Wesson company the balance of its authorized stock now held in the latter's treasury aggregating 14,985 shares of \$7 cum. pref. stock of no

par value and 30,000 shares of common stock of no par value. Upon the issuance of these additional shares the total authorized 150,000 shares of pref. stock and 300,000 shares of common stock will be outstanding.

The company's charter provides that it is not necessary to offer these new issues of stock to stockholders, but the directors felt they should be given the first opportunity to make an additional investment in the company and arrangements have been made with the bankers accordingly.

Each holder of pref. stock of record Jan. 20 will be entitled to subscribe for one additional share of preferred stock for every nine shares of such stock so held at \$95 per share and divs. accrued since Dec. 1 1926, and each holder of voting trust certificate for common stock of record Jan. 20 will be entitled to subscribe to one share of common stock (voting trust certificates) so held at \$50 per share. No warrants for subscription rights will be issued and said subscription rights are not transferable. All subscriptions must be filed with the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, agent, not later than Feb. 1 1927, and payment in full will be due upon delivery of certificates Feb. 15 1927.

Funds derived from the sale of this additional stock will be used in connection with the company's policy of development and expansion. The company specializes in the manufacture of food and household products. The consolidated balance sheet as of Nov. 30 1926 shows total assets in excess of \$37,000,000. The common stock has just been placed on a \$4 annual dividend basis by the declaration of a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share, payable Feb. 1 1927.—V. 123, p. 2668.

White Sewing Machine Corp. (& Subs.).—Bal. Sheet.—

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Sept. 30'26. Dec. 31'25.		Sept. 30'26. Dec. 31'25.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Land, bldgs., mach., &c.....	3,318,378	Preferred stock.....	5,000,000
Pats., goodwill, &c.....	1	Common stock.....	750,000
Cash.....	169,951	6% 10-yr. god bds.....	3,926,500
U.S. Gov. securities.....	1,100	Notes payable.....	100,000
Investments.....	18,912	Accounts payable.....	368,263
Cash with trustees.....	473	Res. for Fed. taxes.....	162,363
Notes & acc'ts rec.....	1,238,641	Emp. com. payable.....	249,411
Installment acc'ts.....	5,455,738	Accr. int. taxes, &c.....	149,785
Inventories.....	2,640,053	Dep. for orders.....	28,392
Deferred charges.....	199,101	Branches ins. res., &c.....	70,195
	92,360	Res. for conting.....	12,500
Total (each side).....	13,042,398	Surplus.....	2,237,489

x Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value. y Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 2277. V. 124, p. 248.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

In his remarks to stockholders, President Thomas E. Wilson points out that "our business shows a healthy increase, sales for the period amounting to \$195,000,000, or at the rate of \$292,500,000 a year."

"Keeping in mind that successful production of our high quality goods at minimum expense requires out plants and other physical properties to be kept in good operating condition, making improvements where new processes have replaced old-time methods, thus increasing the general efficiency of production," Mr. Wilson continues, "expenditures out of earnings for the eight months to the amount of \$1,500,000 have been made for repairs, and capital expenditures of \$1,000,000 for additions and replacements, although investment in net fixed properties is less now than at the beginning of this fiscal period. Approximately \$1,000,000 already authorized by the directors will be required for the completion of major property expenditure

in the new year; all of this will have an immediate effect in still further reducing operating expenses and increasing earnings.

Consolidated Income Account, Eight Months Ended Oct. 30 1926.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Gross earnings, Depreciation, Interest, &c., Preferred dividends, Surplus.

Profit and loss surplus Oct. 30 1926. Includes minority shareholders' proportion of earnings, \$98,714.

Comparative Balance Sheet. Assets and Liabilities tables comparing Oct. 30 '26 and Feb. 27 '26.

Total (each side) 98,035,632 100,796,067. a Represented by 357,533 shares no par value.

Woodside Securities Co., Greenville, S. C.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$700,000 6 1/2% 1st mtge. seral gold bonds is being offered at par and int.

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due serially Nov. 1 1928-1941. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.

Security.—These bonds are a direct obligation of the company, and are secured by a closed 1st mtge. (1) on land fronting 100 ft. on S. Main St., with depth of 120 ft., appraised at \$380,000;

The replacement cost of the above building, including side structures or stores, is estimated at \$1,152,000.

Income.—A net annual income of \$100,000 available for interest and maturity requirements is guaranteed jointly and severally by John T., Robert I. and J. D. Woodside.

Sinking Fund.—A sum equal to 1-12th of the annual interest and maturity requirements with exception of the last year which is to be same as preceding year is to be deposited monthly with trustee.

(F. W.) Woolworth & Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. No. of stores Dec. 31... Net sales... Rental receipts... Income from securities... Interest, &c.

Summary of income and expenses. Total income, Op. exps., &c., Res. for Federal taxes.

Net income, Common divs. (24%)

Balance, surplus, Res. for protected taxes.

Surplus, Previous surplus.

Total, Reduction of good-will, Revaluation.

Total surplus.

* Including majority holdings of the stock of F. W. Woolworth & Co., Ltd., England. x Revaluation of stock holdings in F. W. Woolworth & Co., Ltd., England.

Net earnings on sales (%), Net earnings on com. stk., x Par value per share on common stock changed from \$100 to \$25 as of May 28 1924.—V. 124, p. 388.

Wynnwood Arms (Christopher Holding Corp.), Pelham Manor, N. Y.—Certificates Offered.—The Puritan Corp., New York, is offering \$585,000 6% gold bond certificates at 100 and int., to yield 6% for all maturities other than 1928, 1929 and 1930, which are offered as follows:

Dated Nov. 1 1926; due serially Nov. 1 1928-1938. Redeemed in lots of not less than \$5,000 in reverse order of maturities on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 103 and int.

Property, &c.—The property is situated on the north side of Boston Post Road on the block front between Fowler Ave. and Wynnwood Road, Pelham Manor, N. Y.

Income.—Fish & Marvin's estimate follows: Estimated gross annual rental, \$158,760; estimated operating expenses, taxes, repairs, &c., \$48,576; net annual income, \$110,184.

Guaranty.—The payment of both principal and interest of the mortgage is guaranteed by the Maryland Casualty Co., Baltimore, Md.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Hornblower & Weeks' January Investment Review has just been published and in addition to a resume of the developments in the stock and bond markets, it contains an investment analysis of Standard Oil of New Jersey, International Telephone & Telegraph, Owens Bottle and the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway.

—Announcement is made that Roger K. Ballard, formerly Vice-President of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, has been appointed a partner and elected Vice-President of Blair & Co., Inc.

A new Chicago company, the purpose of which will be the underwriting of conservative first mortgage real estate bond issues, to be known as the Metropolitan Securities Corporation, has been organized by the following bond and mortgage firms: Lackner, Butz & Co., Cochran & McCluer Co., Ritchie Bond & Mortgage Co. and Huszagh, Musson & Co.

The following officers have been elected for the new company: Francis A. Lacker, President; R. Leroy Huszagh, Vice-President; Charles T. Ritchie, Secretary; C. J. Dreiver, Treasurer.

—At the annual meeting of the Hanover Fire Insurance Co. held last week F. H. Wickett of New York, Chairman of the Board of the Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co., was elected a director.

—Taylor, Dunn & Co. announce the association with them of Justus S. Wardell, Ronald E. Kaehler and John J. Lynch, to continue in the sale of stocks and bonds under the firm name of Wardell, Taylor, Dunn & Co., members San Francisco Stock & Bond Exchange, 155 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

—E. J. Wiley Sr., formerly with Wilder, McAllister & Brady, and E. J. Wiley Jr., formerly with the New York office of William R. Compton & Co., have opened offices at 32 Broadway, New York, under the name of Wiley Company, to specialize in note issues of own creation and wholesaling exclusively.

—Schatzkin, Bernstein & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 115 Broadway, New York, announce that Harvey H. Robertson, formerly Vice-President of the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., has become associated with them.

—Baker, Young & Co. of Boston announce that J. Dana Thomas and John M. Gilbert have been admitted as general partners in their firm. Both Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Thomas were associated with Blodgett & Co. and Stone & Webster, Inc. for a number of years.

—Kelley, Drayton & Converse, members of New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges, announce the opening of a department in their New York office to specialize in bank and insurance company stocks, under the management of Cornelius Winant, formerly with Clinton Gilbert.

—Weil, Roth & Irving Co. announce that Harry Calvin Sr. has resigned as Eastern Manager in order to take up a residence on the Coast. Mrs. L. M. Bolan, formerly Mr. Calvin's assistant, has been appointed Eastern representative in New York.

—Phelps, Fenn & Co. of New York City announce that Leonard R. Sullivan, formerly with the Detroit Company, Inc., has become associated with them.

Wm. Brandt's Sons & Co. of London, England, have admitted William Edward Brandt to partnership in their firm. They have also authorized Arthur Gutschow to sign their company's name.

—Nehemiah Friedman & Co., Inc., New York City, have opened a department dealing in local bank and insurance stocks, under the management of Arthur Vare.

—Bankers Capital Co. of Connecticut, affiliated with the Bankers Capital Corporation, 44 Wall St., New York, announces the opening of an office at 315-316 Waterbury National Bank Building, Waterbury, Conn.

—National Bank of Commerce in New York has been appointed registrar and transfer agent as to principal of \$3,000,000 Department of Cundinamarca 20-year external 7% secured sinking fund gold bonds, Series A.

—Announcement is made by Carman, Snider & Co., investment bankers of Chicago, that Kenneth Macbeth has become associated with the company in charge of the New York office, 44 Wall Street.

—Ernest A. Marx has become associated with the investment department of L. F. Rothschild & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, New York City.

—Edgar O. Silver, formerly in charge of the trading department of Redmond & Co., has become associated with Pask & Walbridge, 14 Wall Street, New York.

—Moyses & Holmes, members of the New York Stock Exchange, 100 Broadway, New York, have established a bond department under the direction of Allan C. Neuroth.

—Milton Moss, formerly with Clarence Hedson & Co., has formed the firm of Moss & Co. to transact a general trading business at 23 Beaver Street, New York.

—Bear, Stearns & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, 100 Broadway, New York, have admitted Fred A. Mack as a special partner to take charge of their investment department.

—Ward & Co., Incorporated, metropolitan distributors for profit-sharing bonds of Clarence Hodson & Co., have moved their offices to larger quarters at 150 Broadway, New York.

—Timothy Collins, formerly of Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, is now associated with Edward B. Smith in their Trading Department.

—Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the capital stock of the Arlfield Mines Co.

—George C. Moon has become associated with Reinhart & Bennet of New York.

—Chas. E. Doyle & Co., 49 Wall Street, New York, have issued a circular on the Bank of the Manhattan Company.

—James J. Nicholson has become associated with M. F. Schlater & Co., 57 William Street, New York.

—James M. Sinclair has become associated with Robjant, Maynard & Co. of New York.

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 this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

Friday Night, Jan. 21 1927.

COFFEE on the spot was slow with Rio 7s, 15 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and Santos 4s, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Cost and freight offers on the 17th inst. were irregular and more plentiful. Santos Bourbons for prompt shipment included 2s at 19 $\frac{3}{8}$; 2-3s at 18.70 to 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3s at 19.85c.; 3-4s at 18.05 to 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 3-5s at 17.65 to 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 4-5s at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18c.; 5s at 17.80c.; 5-6s at 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 17.60c.; 6s at 16.80 to 17.40c.; 6-7s at 17 $\frac{1}{8}$ c.; 7s at 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 2-3s at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3s at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-4s at 17.90 to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-5s at 17.60 to 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 4-5s at 17.60 to 17.85c.; 5-6s at 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Santos Peaberry 3-4s at 18.05c.; 4s at 18.05c.; 4-5s at 17.60 to 18c.; Rio 7s at 14.85 to 14.90c.; Victoria 7s at 14.56c.; 7-8s at 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Future shipment Santos February 4s at 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3-5s part Bourbon at 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. On the 18th inst. early cost and freight offers were irregular and generally lower, averaging 15 to 25 points below those on Monday. Bourbon 2s at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3-4s at 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3-5s at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18.20c.; 4-5s at 17.35 to 17.60c.; 5s at 15 to 17.30c.; 5-6s at 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 5-7s at 17c.; part Bourbon 3s at 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 3-4s at 18.20c. to 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3-5s at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 4-5s at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 5s at 17.40c.; Peaberry 4s at 17.60 to 18.05c.; Victoria 7s at 14.55c. and 7-8s at 14.40c. On the 19th inst. cost and freight offers were about unchanged. They included for prompt shipment from Santos, Bourbon 2s at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 2-3s at 18 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 19c.; 3s at 19.85c.; 3-4s at 18 to 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3-5s at 17.40 to 18.15c.; 4-5s at 17 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; 5-6s at 17 to 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 6-7s at 16.10 to 17c.; 7s separations at 16.20c.; 7-8s at 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 19.10c.; 3s at 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 3-4s at 17.90c.; 3-5s at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17.65c.; 4-5s at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Peaberry 4s at 17.80 to 18c. and 4-5s at 17.35c. Spot demand was still disappointing. Brazil has been more inclined to sell. Yet the statistical position of Rio coffee is regarded as growing steadily stronger.

Later Santos Bourbons 2s were 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3s, 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3-4s, 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-5s, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17.95c.; 4-5s, 17.20 to 17.35c.; 5-6s, 16.85 to 17.15c.; 6-7s, 17c.; Bourbon separations, 6-7s, 16.05c.; 3-5s, 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 4s, 17 $\frac{5}{8}$ to 17.90c.; 4-5s at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Rio 7s, 14.85c.; Victoria, 7-8s, 14.35c. Here 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for Santos 4s and 15 to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for Rio 7s. Fair to good Cucta, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; washed Caracas, fair, 25 to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 26 to 27c. To-day spot was dull with Santos 4s, 19 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Rio 7s, 15 to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Futures on the 17th inst. declined 10 to 15 points on weak cables with sales here of only 15,750 bags. Rio futures declined 225 to 275 reis; Exchange 5 57-64d. a decline of 1 64d.; dollars 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ a decline of 20 reis; Santos was unchanged. The success of the efforts to stabilize the Brazilian currency seems not yet assured. Meantime trade is down to a minimum. The American visible supply of Brazilian was 1,198,398 bags, against 1,152,536 last year; 842,342 in 1925, and 956,081 in 1924.

On the 19th inst. prices declined 15 to 26 points on liquidation of March and continued European selling. Stop loss orders were caught. Considerable switching was reported of March and July at 120 points, March-May at 60 points and May and September at 120 points. Early on that day the near positions were firmer because of better Brazilian cables. Some cables take the ground that the remainder of the Rio and Victoria crops is not sufficient for requirements. Some think bears are minimizing the factors on the bull side, and add that the Defense Committee has so far fully been able to take care of the situation and will, no doubt, make special efforts to do so next season. Meantime the consuming countries with small visible and invisible supplies are in a vulnerable position. To let working stocks run down very much is regarded by some as hazardous. The strength of the statistical position is stressed.

In the teeth of steady cables from Brazil, Hamburg declined daily and rather sharply. Mild coffees, it was inferred, were being pressed on the market. Hamburg prices are more apt to be governed by mild coffee than by Brazilian. Mild coffees are at big premiums over Santos. It makes them a shining mark. Santos is in much the same position. Various rumors have been heard as to the placing of a loan, but nothing definite has transpired and in any case it is said that the stabilizing act will not become effective for six months. Yet the plan has had the effect of keeping rates steady around the figure named in the bill. Some say there is nothing to suggest important price changes in the near future. If Brazilian receipts should decrease sharply they think futures would rise, thereby, of course, increasing the cost of coffee hedged by sales on the Exchange here. There is considerable of it. The supply of contracts, especially on

the nearer months, was much greater than the demand. Easter cost and freight offers failed to stimulate demand here. Buyers are playing a waiting game. Tired long liquidation and European selling encouraged them. Doubts as to the situation in Brazil have neutralized the strength of Rio and Victoria statistics. On the 20th inst. futures advanced 1 to 7 points with cost-and-freight offerings smaller. To-day futures closed 1 point lower to 3 points higher with sales of 20,500 bags. The market waits on further developments and meantime is largely a professional affair. Cost-and-freight offers were largely unchanged. Final prices show a decline for the week of 15 to 20 points.

Spot unofficial... 15- $\frac{1}{4}$ | May..... 13.88a ---- | Sept..... 12.60a ----
March..... 14.50a ---- | July..... 13.27a ---- | Dec..... 12.20a ----

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban raws were dull with 3 3-16c. asked early in the week. London was falling. There were 50 January notices issued here on the 18th inst. Private cables from London reported sales at 15s. 6d. for February-March shipment and many sellers. Java and British India were depressed. Houses with trade and Cuban connections were apparently the chief sellers of the near months while buying the distant months. Private advices from London on the 17th inst. said that sugars were offered at 15s. 6d. Demand for refined was light. There were 25 January notices issued here on the 17th inst. On the 18th inst. the London terminal was 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. lower than the previous close. Futures here were weak and prompt Cubas were quiet at 3 3-16c. to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. In futures stop loss orders were caught. Refined fell 10 to 25 points. One company quoted 6.20 to 6.25c. for fine granulated. Later Europe and refiners bought and with futures at one time up 2 to 3 points, prompt Cubas were firm at 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Still later futures reacted. The sales on the 17th inst. were 46,650 tons. Some 5,000 tons of Philippines sold for March and April shipment at 5.09c. c.i.f. or 3 5-16c. c.&f. Cuban basis.

According to one statement the new crop Cuban figures last week were as follows: Arrivals, 93,778 tons; exports, 11,549 tons and stock, 85,476 tons. Of the exports 572 were for New York; 1,429 for Philadelphia, 5,296 for New Orleans; 1,256 for Savannah; 2,286 for Galveston; 224 interior of United States and 286 for France. There were 161 centrals grinding. Old crop arrivals 8,535 tons; exports 26,033 and stock 40,317 tons. Of the exports 4,302 were for New York; 3,836 for Philadelphia; 1,925 for Boston; 3,056 for New Orleans, 25 Interior of United States; 43 Canada; 6,075 United Kingdom, 5,701 Japan and 1,070 South America. The total of 101 mills grinding in Cuba compares with 149 at the same time last year. Rumors that the Cuban government might permit an increase in grinding beyond the specified 4,500,000 tons were denied by President of Cuba. Gerardo Machado, who is quoted as saying: "First there will positively be no alteration of the decree; and the crop will be a maximum of 4,500,000 tons. Second the greatest care is being exercised by the government in making the allocation of production for each central on the Island and after these allocations have been definitely decided upon, there will be no alteration whatsoever. Third, that from those centrals which have produced beyond their allocations in the crop of 1926, the fine of \$5 per bag will be positively collected." As to futures on the 19th inst. selling of March by Cuban interests was promptly taken by the trade and Wall Street. Sales were made on the 10th inst. to Europe it was said at 15s. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. c. i. f. United Kingdom for March shipment. Several other foreign markets bid 3.05c. f. o. b. Cuba for Feb.-March shipment.

Later heavy buying of March by three prominent trade houses was supposed to be from Cuban interests. Sellers of March had been taking later months, especially July. Neary Porto Ricos sold on a 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. c. & f. basis. Later prompt raws were steadier at 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. One factor was the report that Europe was ready to pay 15s. c.i.f. United Kingdom for February-March, or a little above 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. c. & f. New York basis. The European demand was said to be mostly for February shipment, suggesting a need of sugars there. On the 19th inst. London closed unchanged to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. lower. On the 19th inst. prompt sugar was steadier owing to an absence of selling pressure and a better inquiry from Europe for early 1927 shipment. Holders were asking 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. But little interest was shown by operators and refiners at that price. A sale of 12,000 bags of Porto Ricos due late this month and early in February was reported at 4.90c. c.i.f., or 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. c. & f. for Cuba. Some 28,000 bags Cuba late January early February sold at 3 3-16c. c. & f.; 1,000 tons Philippines afloat at 4.93c. c.i.f.; 28,000 bags Cuba April shipment at 3.10c. f.o.b. Cuba, and 25,000 bags Cuba first half March at 3 7-32c. c. & f. St. John, N. B. A good demand was reported at 3 3-16c., but refiners adhered to the 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. level. Futures were steadier. After early weakness prices advanced on a good demand from trade commission houses. The Na-

tional Sugar Refining Co. has acquired the refining business of the Warner Sugar Refining Co., increasing its capacity from 5,000,000 to 9,000,000 pounds daily.

Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 17,047 tons, against 16,550 in the previous week, 49,870 last year and 61,923 two years ago; meltings 34,000, against 37,000 in the previous week, 59,000 last year and 48,000 two years ago; stocks, 143,584, against 160,537 in previous week, 66,814 last year and 49,878 two years ago.

LARD on the spot was steady; prime Western c.i.f. New York, 13 to 13.10c.; refined Continent, 13 3/4c.;

PORK in moderate demand; mess, \$36 50; family, \$40 50 to \$42 50 fat back pork, \$32 to \$33. Ribs, Chicago: cash, 16c., basis 40 to 60 lbs. average.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns for months (Jan to Dec) and prices for various grades (No. 1, No. 2, No. 3).

OILS.—Linseed has been in fair demand and firm. The strength of flaxseed has been a bracing factor. Spot raw oil in carlots cooperage basis was quoted at 10.9c., but business could be done, it was reported, at 10.6c.

PETROLEUM.—Export gasoline in cases was cut 1/2c. to 27.40c. per gallon by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. Bulk gasoline was quoted at 12 to 12 1/2c. at New York Harbor refineries.

Table with columns for months (Jan to Aug) and prices for various grades (No. 1, No. 2, No. 3).

New England. This cut was expected after the reduction made early in the week by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. Big refiners were quoting 9 3/4c. for water white and 10 3/4c. in tank cars delivered to the trade.

RUBBER declined half a cent early in the week on increased imports in 1926 and an increased stock in London last week, though London itself paid little attention to its growing stock.

Table listing various oil grades and their prices, including Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas; Louisiana and Arkansas; Pennsylvania; and others.

At the Exchange here on the 17th inst. February closed at 39.10c.; March at 39.40c.; April at 39.80c.; May at 40.30c.; and July at 40.70c. Outside prices were as follows: Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and January 38 3/4 to 39 1/4c.;

On the 19th inst. prices on the Exchange declined. February closed at 39.10c.; March at 39.40c.; April at 39.80c.; May at 40.30c. and July at 40.70c.

The Rubber Association of America's monthly statistical report stated the consumption in December 1926 at 26,295, previous month 28,080, December 1925 38,637; stocks on hand on Dec. 31 1926 were 72,509 tons, previous month 69,385, December 1925 51,215; afloat Dec. 31 1926 was 52,019, previous month 47,310, December 1925 39,519; in port December 1926 was 32,903, previous month 41,107, December 1925 39,519.

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supplies released by the British from their areas will, it is pointed out, be reduced 100,000 tons. Prices have recently declined owing to the increasing stock in London, the effect of which has been increased by a falling off in the consumption in the United States. In the last six months of 1927 the supply will, it is believed, decrease. New York on the 20th inst. was dull and $\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower with London dull and weaker. Support was withdrawn. The close here on that day was as follows: January, 38.10c.; March, 38.90c.; April, 39.30c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and January, 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 38 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; February-March, 38 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 39 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. First latex crepe, 38 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 36 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; light clean crepe, 37 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Paras, Caucho, Ball-Upper, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 24c. London spot and January, 19 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., with offerings larger. Singapore spot, 19d. To-day prices fell 10 to 40 points. Street prices were about $\frac{1}{4}$ c. lower. Futures February, new, 38.40c.; March, 38.70c.; April, new, 39.20c.; May, 19.70c. London was unchanged to $\frac{3}{8}$ d. lower; 19 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., spot January and February.

HIDES.—Of River Plate frigorifico 39,000 hides sold recently partly at \$41, or 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. c. & f., with stocks much reduced. Cows, 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. c. & f. New York City. Packer were firm with spready native steers 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; native steers, 16c.; butt brands, 15c.; Colorados, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; common Antioquias, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Orinocos, 21c.; Savanillas, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. New York City calfskins firm, especially for light weights; 5-7s, \$1 90, and some factors are now asking \$1 95; 7-9s, \$2 to \$2 10; 9-12s, \$2 62 $\frac{1}{2}$. Later, 2,000 Colombian hides sold at 24c. for interior descriptions and 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for Savanillas; 160 Tumacos sold at 21c. Of River Plate frigorifico 4,000 Anglo-Campanas sold at \$42, or 19 3-16c. c. & f.; 3,000 B.A. City type extremes averaging 15 kilos at 17 1-16c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Rates for prompt tonnage have recently been firm being rather scarce. Grain rates later declined.

CHARTERS included grain from Prince Rupert or Vancouver to United Kingdom-Continent 37s. 6d.; St. John to Mediterranean, 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ c., Feb. 5-22; sugar from Santo Domingo to United Kingdom-Continent, 23s. 6d. Feb.; Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 21s. 6d.; oil flight crude from Gulf to north of Hatteras, 52c., Feb. 1; dirty, 18 to 24 months, June-July delivery, 9s. 9d.; grain from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Rotterdam, 18c.; barley, Bremen, 20c.; 35,000 qrs. from Atlantic range-Boston, Portland, to Bordeaux-Dunkirk range, Feb. 1-12, 19c., option Antwerp-Rotterdam, 18c.; 42,000 qrs. from Gulf to Greece, 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Feb. 10-25; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 22s., February; coal from Hampton Roads to Pernambuco-Rio, \$4 75, Jan. 31; time charter 5,000 tons, spot, round trip States-West Indies, \$1 20.

TOBACCO has been quiet on some descriptions, notably Connecticut. But a fair trade is reported in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin tobacco. Wisconsin is not at all freely offered. Prices in general have been steady. Binders, 20 to 22c.; Northern, 40 to 45c.; Havana, 1st Remedios, 85c.; 2d Remedios, 70c.; Pennsylvania broad leaf filler, 8c.; broad leaf binder, 15 to 20c.; Porto Rico, 75 to \$1 10; Connecticut top leaf, 18c.; No. 1 second, 1925 crop, 65c.; 1924 crop, 34 to 40c.; seed fillers, 15c.

COAL.—Anthracite prices have shown a declining tendency especially on egg, nut and stove. Egg independent, \$8 50 to \$8 70; stove, \$9 25 to \$9 75; nut, \$8 75 to \$9 25; company egg, \$8 75 to \$9 25; stove, \$9 25 to \$9 50; nut, \$8 75 to \$9 15. Soft coal at Hampton Roads was reported steadier. Navy standard mines, \$3 to \$3 25; supplementary, \$2 75 to \$3. Coke furnace, \$3 50 to \$4; run of oven and foundry, \$4 50 to \$5.

COPPER was quiet at 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. delivered to the Connecticut Valley. Consumers, however, would not pay over 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. A few inquiries were reported, but they were apparently for testing the price. World copper production in December totaled 147,191 tons. For the year the total was estimated at 1,651,500 tons, with an average monthly production of 133,365 tons. London has been declining. The official export price was 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. c.i.f. European ports. Spot standard in London on the 18th inst. dropped 5s. to £55 10s.; futures fell 7s. 6d. to £56 2s. 6d.; electrolytic was unchanged at £62 10s. for spot and £63 for futures; on the 19th inst. standard copper in London fell 2s. 6d. to £55 7s. 6d. for spot and £55 for futures; electrolytic declined 5s. to £62 5s. for spot and £62 15s. for futures. Later 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. was the price as reduced in a dull market. Spot standard in London on the 20th inst. was 6d. higher, touching £55 10s.; futures were up 5s. to £56 5s.; sales, 400 spot and 1,100 futures; spot electrolytic advanced 7s. 6d. to £62 12s. 6d.; futures, £62 15s.

TIN was quiet and lower. On the 18th inst. prices declined £1 to £2 in London and $\frac{3}{4}$ c. here. Straits shipments for the first half of January were 2,840 tons, indicating a total for the month of 6,000 tons. This is abnormally low for this time of the year. Yet they were unusually large in December. Sales of January were made at 65 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; March at 65 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. and April at 65 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Spot standard in London on the 18th inst. declined £2 to £299 15s. and futures fell £1 17s. 6d. to £294 10s.; spot Straits declined £1 to £307 15s.; Eastern c. i. f. London dropped £1 to £302 15s. Later prices advanced here and in London but it hurt business here. It fell off sharply. Spot Straits tin was quoted at 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 66 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; Jan. at 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 66 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; Feb. at 66c.; March at 65 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. and April at 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Spot standard moved up £1 10s. in London on the 20th inst. to £299 10s.; futures advanced £1 15s. to £295.; sales 100 spot and 750 futures; spot Straits advanced £1 15s. to £307; Eastern c. i. f. London advanced £1 to £303 10s. on sales of 250 tons.

LEAD early in the week was fairly active and steady. Later on, however, the demand fell off and the market was easier both here and in London. The leading producer on the 19th inst. cut the price 50 cents to 7.42 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. East St. Louis. The American Smelting Co. quoted 7.65c. New York. In the outside market, however, as low as 7.60c. was reported. In London on the 18th inst. prices declined 6s. 3d. to £27 10s. for spot and £27 16s. 3d. for futures; on the 19th inst. spot declined 2s. 6d. to £27 7s. 6d. and futures dropped 3s. 9d. to £27 12s. 6d. Later the American company cut the price \$3 per ton, making it 7.50c. here. That is the lowest for many months. It disregarded a rise in London. Trade was less active. That was the secret. East St. Louis was considered to be about 7.30 to 7.35c. Spot lead advanced 2s. 6d. in London on the 20th inst. to £27 10s.; futures were up 3s. 9d. to £27 15s.; sales, 450 tons spot and 550 futures.

ZINC was dull and lower. East St. Louis, 6.45c. The price of high grade zinc was 9c. The weakness in galvanized sheets was a depressing factor. London has been lower. On the 18th inst. prices there dropped 12s. 6d. to £31 for spot and futures fell 11s. 3d. to £31 18s. 9d.; on the 19th inst. spot declined 10s. to £30 10s. and futures fell 11s. 3d. to £30 7s. 3d. Later prices on a better demand rallied to 6.57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in contrast with sales earlier in the week at 6.45c. At London on the 20th inst. spot advanced 5s. to £30 15s.; futures rose 6s. 3d. to £30 13s. 9d.; sales, 25 spot and 2,375 tons futures.

STEEL prices have been tending downward. Only at lower quotations could business be at all stimulated. Orders have increased somewhat. Even bars, the former sheet anchor of the market, are said to have dropped to 1.90c., a fall of \$2 per ton. Here the report was for a time denied. But where there is so much smoke there is apt to be some fire, and on the 20th inst. the Steel Corporation openly cut steel bars \$2 a ton in offering 7,000 tons to the Pennsylvania RR. Co. at 1.90c. Plates are quoted at 1.90c. Pittsburgh. Competition has been keen. On 18,000 tons of plates for the Pennsylvania all bidders named 1.90c. Pittsburgh or mill. On 800 tons of shapes the Carnegie and Eastern Steel companies quoted 1.90c. mill. Now bars, plates and shapes are at the same price. On blue annealed sheets 2.20 to 2.25c. was bid; black sheets, 2.90c., and galvanized sheets, 3.75c. The Pennsylvania is in the market for 30,000 tons of steel. In Pittsburgh tin plate sells the best. Some find consolation in the fact that reductions in prices at least show that buyers are around. Of cast iron pipe 7,000 tons were sold to the city of Milwaukee by the South at a price, it is said, something under \$35 Birmingham, a decline of \$2, following the recent fall of \$2 in Southern pig iron. Government reports of fabricated structural steel business for 1926 show the second largest total in the history of the industry, second only to 1925. Production of finished steel averages about 70%, or 10% less than a year ago.

PIG IRON has been quiet and prices have a lower drift almost everywhere in company with those for finished steel. The recent break of \$2 in Tennessee and Alabama pig iron is having its repercussions. Yet southern iron is still at a disadvantage in competing for business in Northeastern centers. Thirteen thousand tons of basic iron were sold to a Pennsylvania plant said to have been about \$21 to \$21 50. Virginia pig iron dropped 50c. to \$21 50 in some cases; some quoted higher. There is reselling of iron in Chicago. That is something new. Dutch pig iron has recently been sold here. German is quiet but it is not freely offered. In the Central West American producers are competing sharply for the scanty business offered. Most buyers want small lots. Producers have to be satisfied just now with individual sales of 100 ton lots or less. Birmingham talks of better things to come than \$18 for No. 2 foundry, but it seems merely a hopeful gesture for the moment. No. 2 Pennsylvania is called \$21 50 to \$22; Buffalo, \$18 to \$19; Chicago, \$21 to \$21 50. All these are purely nominal quotations which the suggestion of a worthwhile order might modify.

WOOL has been steady with a better trade recently in territory wools. Prices rose last week 1c. in Australia and $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c. at the River Plate. European prices were steady last week anticipating good results from the London sales which began on the 18th and reassured by the fact that only 110,000 bales were to be offered. The woolen manufacturers find it better than usual at this time of the year. Stocks of wool as stated by the Boston Wool Trade Association as of Jan. 5 were 81,419,502 lbs., including 54,642,243 domestic. A year ago the total was 62,241,811 lbs., including 34,442,000 domestic. Mohair has been in moderate demand. Good Texas sold at 63c. in the original bags. Rail and water shipments from Boston from Jan. 1 to Jan. 13, inclusive, were 8,979,000 lbs., against 6,766,000 for the same period last year; receipts from Jan. 1 to Jan. 13, inclusive, were 8,986,200 lbs., against 11,125,400 for the same period last year.

Ohio and Penn. fleeces, delaine unwashed, 45 to 46c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ -blood combing, 45 to 46c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ -blood combing, 44c.; fine unwashed, 38 to 39c. Michigan and New York fleeces, delaine unwashed, 43 to 44c.; Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England, $\frac{1}{2}$ -blood, 40 to 41c.; Texas, fine 12 months (selected), \$1 05 to \$1 08; fine 8 months, 95c. to \$1; Califa nia northern, \$1 to \$1 05; middle county, 92 to 95c.; Oregon, northern, \$1 03 to \$1 05; Montana and similar, fine staple choice, \$1 05 to \$1 10; $\frac{1}{2}$ -blood combing, 97c. to \$1 02; $\frac{3}{8}$ -blood combing, 88 to 92c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ -blood combing, 78 to 82c.; pulled delaine, \$1 05 to \$1 07; AA, \$1 to \$1 05; fine A supers, 93 to 95c.; A supers, 88 to 92c.; mohairs, best combing, 73 to 75c.; best carding, 58 to 60c.

In London on Jan. 18 at the opening of the first 1927 series of London Colonial sales offerings were 9,500 bales of the total of 131,000 bales for this series. Demand good. Compared with December prices merinos were par to 5% higher. Crossbreds firm and unchanged. Details:

Sydney, 3,383 bales; greasy merinos, 18 to 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy crossbreds, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Queensland, 1,130 bales; greasy merinos, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Victoria, 1,428 bales; greasy merinos, 22 to 25d.; scoured, 32 to 42d.; scoured crossbreds, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 26; Adelaide, 160 bales; greasy merinos, 15 to 17d.; West Australia, 608 bales; greasy merinos, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 24d.; greasy crossbreds, 14 to 18d.; New Zealand, 2,738 bales; greasy crossbreds, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18d.; scoured, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 31d. Cape, 100 bales, withdrawn. Victoria lambs, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 33d.; New Zealand slip, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22d.; greasy, 48-50s, 17d. to 18d.; 48s, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 46-48s, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15d.

In London on Jan. 19 about 12,000 bales were offered. Demand sharp. Crossbred prices par to 5% above December's. Merinos firm at the opening basis of 5% over December prices. The Continent was the largest buyer.

New Zealand greasy halfbred brought 22d. to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for 56s and 19d to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for 50-56s. Greasy crossbred 50s were quoted at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 18d.; 48-50s, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16d.; 46-48s, 14 to 15d. and 46s, 13 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Details: Sydney, 1,903 bales; greasy merinos, 18 to 26d.; greasy crossbreds, 17 to 23d.; Queensland, 918 bales; greasy merinos, 18 to 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Victoria, 1,582 bales; greasy merinos, 19 to 28d.; scoured merinos, 22 to 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Adelaide, 1,412 bales; greasy merinos, 16 to 20d.; scoured, 36 to 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; West Australia, 1,224 bales; greasy merinos, 17 to 25d.; scoured, 36 to 40d.; New Zealand, 3,539 bales; scoured merinos, 43 to 45d.; greasy crossbreds, 13 to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Cape, 1,370 bales; greasy merinos, 14 to 23d.; scoured, 29 to 34d. New Zealand slip, 12 to 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

At Napier on Jan. 18th demand from England, the Continent and the United States was good. Selection of merinos poor. Of the 28,900 bales offered 27,800 sold. Prices about par with the Wellington sale's results last Thursday. Average merinos 20d.; crossbreds 56-58s, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 50-56s, 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; 48-50s, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 17d.; 46-48s, 12 to 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; 44-46s, 11d. to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 40-44s, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; 36-40s, 10d. to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. At Melbourne on Jan. 8th 10,000 bales sold. America and Japan were the largest buyers. Prices ranged from par to 5% higher compared with Dec. 7th. In London on Jan. 20th 9,934 bales offered. Prices firm. Reoffered wools often withdrawn on firm limits.

New Zealand greasy crossbred 56s sold at 22d to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 50-56s at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19d.; 50s at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 46-48s, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 46s at 13 to 14d. Details: Sydney 2,250 bales; greasy merinos 18 to 31d.; scoured 36 to 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy crossbreds 15 to 21d.; Queensland 166 bales; scoured merinos 38 to 46d.; Victoria 1,897 bales; scoured merinos 29 to 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy crossbreds 46d.; Adelaide 121 bales; greasy merinos 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; West Australia 1,718 bales; greasy merinos 16 to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; New Zealand 2,721 bales; greasy crossbred 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Cape 394 bales, mostly withdrawn Falklands 667 bales; greasy crossbreds 12 to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand slip 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 23d.; Falklands par with December prices.

At Liverpool on Jan. 18th the East India low-end wool auctions opened with prices on a par with the last sales. No good wools offered. At Perth, Australia on Jan. 18th demand good; all kinds firm. Some 25,000 bales offered.

COTTON

Friday Night, Jan. 21 1927.

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 296,254 bales, against 264,749 bales last week and 238,809 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1926 9,364,562 bales, against 7,116,079 bales for the same period of 1925-26, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1926 of 2,248,483 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	3,450	19,166	31,789	12,958	18,705	11,840	102,908
Houston	13,430	19,337	16,936	14,900	11,539	11,308	87,450
New Orleans	10,376	7,339	8,266	13,498	8,949	12,197	60,619
Mobile	102	472	933	410	1,468	980	4,365
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	—	577	577
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	14	14
Savannah	5,543	2,934	5,172	782	2,537	3,030	19,998
Charleston	386	1,508	1,651	635	738	1,027	5,945
Wilmington	16	40	557	489	323	330	1,755
Norfolk	318	837	744	996	939	1,607	5,441
New York	26	50	—	—	—	—	76
Boston	—	821	978	482	52	166	2,499
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	1,530	1,530
Philadelphia	13	—	167	—	125	21	326
Total this week	38,654	52,504	67,193	45,150	45,375	47,378	296,254

* 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 Jan. 21.	1926-27.		1925-26.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1926.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1925.	1927.	1926.
Galveston	102,908	2,495,427	64,859	2,448,893	690,733	631,839
Texas City	2,751	107,679	471	17,799	35,937	17,799
Houston	37,450	3,085,160	39,713	1,263,267	986,738	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	60,619	1,692,140	53,641	1,703,676	641,986	482,340
Gulfpport.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	4,365	296,118	2,882	181,001	93,719	23,517
Pensacola	577	12,365	492	15,037	—	—
Jacksonville	14	617	—	15,201	710	530
Savannah	19,998	796,301	13,449	698,819	101,035	91,223
Brunswick	—	—	—	400	—	—
Charleston	5,945	395,837	10,230	217,581	84,668	52,078
Georgetown	—	—	—	1,240	—	—
Wilmington	1,755	86,273	1,240	95,619	17,993	40,419
Norfolk	5,441	309,842	8,107	372,658	123,550	146,345
N'port News, &c.	76	22,255	253	34,912	149,840	78,216
New York	2,499	15,843	1,417	14,387	1,815	2,704
Boston	1,530	45,225	632	27,524	1,549	1,368
Baltimore	326	3,201	5,774	9,305	7,092	11,503
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	296,254	9,364,562	203,160	7,116,079	2,897,365	1,579,881

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In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.
Galveston	102,908	64,859	64,121	51,785	37,293	35,114
Houston, &c*	87,450	39,713	63,723	6,784	9,027	600
New Orleans	60,619	53,641	41,714	30,158	30,605	20,441
Mobile	4,365	2,882	2,876	2,799	1,781	3,075
Savannah	19,998	13,449	7,736	8,774	5,765	8,632
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	375	335
Charleston	5,945	10,230	5,952	1,517	6,110	889
Wilmington	1,755	1,240	2,111	946	943	1,085
Norfolk	5,441	8,107	8,077	5,928	7,597	4,350
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Others	7,773	9,039	5,292	1,660	1,983	17,950
Total this wk.	296,254	203,160	201,602	110,351	101,479	92,471
Since Aug. 1	9,364,562	7,116,079	6,838,436	5,220,219	4,374,928	3,806,031

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The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 329,884 bales, of which 85,438 were to Great Britain, 28,255 to France, 107,596 to Germany, 30,877 to Italy, ----- to Russia, 53,045 to Japan and China, and 24,673 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 229,016 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 6,239,045 bales, against 5,084,035 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Jan. 21 1927. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	20,133	19,237	25,045	15,676	—	6,225	9,845	96,161
Houston	14,951	2,491	31,170	7,222	—	1,700	2,675	60,209
Texas City	3,846	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,846
New Orleans	31,438	6,527	3,986	7,979	—	37,070	2,452	89,452
Mobile	—	—	6,025	—	—	100	—	6,125
Jacksonville	—	—	137	—	—	—	—	137
Pensacola	—	—	577	—	—	—	—	577
Savannah	11,627	—	21,722	—	—	—	2,097	35,416
Charleston	2,521	—	6,452	—	—	4,350	—	13,323
Wilmington	—	—	360	—	—	—	—	360
Norfolk	670	—	6,451	—	—	—	572	7,693
New York	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,873	6,873
Boston	252	—	51	—	—	—	159	462
Los Angeles	—	—	5,550	—	—	—	—	5,550
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	3,600	—	3,600
Total	85,438	28,255	107,596	30,877	—	53,045	24,673	329,884
Total 1926	75,394	29,428	28,795	21,926	6,650	45,270	21,553	229,016
Total 1925	107,866	36,256	76,050	24,209	950	22,500	36,025	303,856

From Aug. 1 1926 to Jan. 21 1927. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	447,827	275,976	400,585	149,706	37,417	239,311	255,255	1,806,077
Houston	413,332	280,466	388,820	163,585	63,050	155,058	119,461	1,583,772
Texas City	36,856	—	—	—	—	—	—	36,856
New Orleans	301,133	102,348	177,908	115,540	17,506	259,833	82,830	1,057,098
Mobile	47,845	3,515	69,981	1,000	—	15,699	1,803	139,843
Jacksonville	—	—	241	—	—	—	—	241
Pensacola	4,919	—	4,146	—	—	—	300	9,365
Savannah	182,400	100	356,011	4,400	—	47,000	24,008	613,919
Charleston	45,244	458	208,894	—	—	23,638	11,610	289,844
Wilmington	10,000	—	28,360	17,650	—	—	—	56,010
Norfolk	63,029	—	83,333	10,509	—	8,050	3,558	168,479
N'port News	—	—	—	—	—	100	100	200
New York	37,000	21,182	40,612	17,399	—	1,003	124,688	241,884
Baltimore	1,855	—	216	—	—	—	2,991	5,062
Philadelphia	—	2,631	142	400	—	—	—	3,173
Los Angeles	—	728	2	—	—	—	—	2,790
San Diego	32,094	8,680	22,545	781	—	3,850	847	68,787
San Francisco	1,990	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,990
Seattle	350	320	1,155	169	—	69,409	16	71,419
Portland, Ore.	—	—	—	—	—	81,426	200	81,626
Total	1,626,602	695,676	1,782,951	481,139	117,973	904,977	629,727	6,239,045
Tot. '25-'26.	1,536,019	609,601	1,242,428	382,696	103,773	677,698	531,820	5,084,035
Tot. '24-'25.	1,800,287	628,587	1,140,940	406,017	64,593	550,710	505,465	5,096,599

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above tables reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of December the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 38,717 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 35,973 bales. For the five months ended Dec. 31 1926 there were 123,078 bales exported as against 116,275 bales for the corresponding five months of 1925.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Jan. 21 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coastwise.	Total.</	

have been persistent from that centre that cloths were in increasing demand and that a larger trade was also being done in yarns. On this side some cotton goods have been selling the best since last September. The tone has been firmer. Some hitherto idle mills in Massachusetts and Maine have been resuming work at full capacity or near it. The wool sales in London have been active and firmer or slightly higher. Raw silks have been advancing sharply. The whole textile business at home and abroad seems to be on the mend. German mills are said to be running 90 to 100% against 80 in November and 55 last June. British trade in general has shown signs of reviving, not only in cotton but also in coal, steel and iron. In this country the spot sales of cotton have latterly been running ahead of those of the same days last year. Texas and Tennessee reports are to the effect that the basis is strong not only for the better grades but also for the lower. Large Texas interests are said to be liberal buyers of the low grades. The mills have been "calling" here steadily. Southwestern spot merchants have bought here, it is understood, on quite a good scale. Some California interests are supposed to have sold at one time quite freely, and later to have rebought to some extent. Liverpool has been buying here at times, apparently in liquidating straddles. And an ever present feature has been the scarcity of contracts after a brief spell of liquidation.

It was significant that a private ginning report from Memphis on Thursday, stating the total up to Jan. 16 at 16,539,000 bales, fell practically flat. That is to say, after causing a decline of 12 points, the loss was all regained and a little more. Yet the total was anywhere from 200,000 to 400,000 bales larger than previous guesses here. It pointed to a total ginned from Dec. 13 to Jan. 16 of close to 995,000 bales, against previous estimates for the same period of 600,000 to 800,000. Yet the larger total, as already noted, had only a passing effect. The insistent demand for the actual cotton and also for cotton contracts from trade sources, whether from spot houses or the mills, was the outstanding and dominating factor throughout the week. Some large Southwestern interests in a wired interview expressed the conviction that the low price of the season had been passed even if supplies might prove burdensome, unless relieved by the prospect of smaller plantings this spring. The tendency is towards a larger world's consumption than that of last year. That seems plain. It is an unavoidable inference from the admitted fact of a revival of textile industries both at home and abroad. Besides, it is well known that the preference is often given this year on the Continent, and also in the Far East, to American cotton in competition with East Indian. The American is relatively cheaper and its superiority in the matter of quality seems to be very generally conceded. In any case the American exports are very large and show a notable increase not only to Europe but also to the Orient. Some cargoes are going to Bombay. The increase in the total exports thus far as compared with those of the same time last year is, according to one reckoning, some 1,100,000 bales. It is believed that the season will register a new high record in the matter of exports as well as world's consumption.

On the other hand, there has been a rise since Dec. 4 of 175 to 200 points and in the nature of things, a good many argue, a sharp reaction is due, whether it is permanent or not. The short interest has been reduced. Intimidated by a slow but constant rise a good many of the shorts have deemed it prudent to liquidate, and await another opportunity. Meantime speculation is largely professional. There has been some increase, it is true, in outside trading but it is not by any means on the old-time scale. Much of the time the market in a speculative sense is narrow. In other words, the technical position is regarded in not a few quarters as weak. And if some think the ginning to Jan. 16 of 16,539,000 bales means that the crop to be ginned this season will not much exceed 17,500,000 bales, other think that this is an under-estimate of 1,000,000 bales. It is declared by some that not improbably the last Government crop estimate of 18,618,000 bales will yet be ginned. Furthermore, there is the effect of a steady rise in prices to be considered on the prospects of a badly needed reduction in the next acreage. Many think that any such plan is gravely jeopardized by the persistent rise. The South is selling hedges to some extent and on Thursday Liverpool showed more or less weakness. It evidently took a more bearish view of the Memphis ginning report than was entertained here. The next big event will be the Government ginning return of the 24th. It remains to be seen how it will compare with the Memphis figures of the 20th inst.

To-day prices advanced 12 to 13 points early with cables firm, the weather bad, the trade buying and shorts covering. But later on the advance was lost on week-end liquidation on the eve of the ginning report of Monday. The private estimate of the ginning for the last period too was 1,250,000 bales. This is far larger than anything mentioned heretofore. A New Orleans suggestion was some thing over 1,000,000 bales. Spinners takings were not up to expectations. On the other hand exports were liberal. There was no real pressure to sell. Prices show a rise for the week of

about 10 points. Spot cotton ended at 13.60c., a rise since last Friday of 10 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Jan. 20 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Jan. 27:

Table listing cotton grades and their differences from middling. Includes items like 'Middling fair', 'Strict good middling', etc., with prices in cents and 'off' or 'on' status.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table showing daily cotton prices for Jan. 15 to Jan. 21, with columns for Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Middling upland prices.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Jan. 21 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table comparing cotton prices for years 1927 through 1900, listing price ranges for each year.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table showing Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contr't, Total) for each day from Saturday to Friday.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Large table showing futures price ranges and closing prices for various months from January to December.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Jan. 21 1927 and since trading began on each option:

Table showing Option for, Range for Week, and Range Since Beginning of Option for various dates from Jan 1927 to Dec 1927.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Jan. 21—		1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Stock at Liverpool		bales 1,254,000	902,000	855,000	771,000
Stock at London		.....	.....	2,000	2,000
Stock at Manchester		165,000	85,000	74,000	96,000
Total Great Britain.....1,419,000 987,000 931,000 869,000					
Stock at Hamburg		.....	.....	2,600	6,000
Stock at Bremen		577,000	314,000	187,000	78,000
Stock at Havre		270,000	231,000	186,000	128,000
Stock at Rotterdam		9,000	4,000	13,000	14,000
Stock at Barcelona		92,000	88,000	79,000	122,000
Stock at Genoa		82,000	42,000	62,000	44,000
Stock at Ghent		.....	.....	2,000	2,000
Stock at Antwerp		.....	.....	5,000	7,000
Total Continental stocks.....1,030,000 679,000 536,000 401,000					
Total European stocks.....2,449,000 1,666,000 1,467,000 1,270,000					
India cotton afloat for Europe		72,000	134,000	96,000	227,000
Egypt cotton afloat for Europe		828,000	454,000	716,000	373,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe		80,000	114,000	85,000	103,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt		433,000	301,000	263,000	256,000
Stock in Bombay, India		485,000	674,000	429,000	511,000
Stock in U. S. ports		2,893,375	1,579,881	1,508,086	949,677
Stock in U. S. interior towns		1,487,931	1,979,161	1,383,626	977,263
U. S. exports to-day		1,352	1,700	7,600	2,243
Total visible supply.....8,733,693 6,903,742 5,988,312 4,669,183					
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:					
American—					
Liverpool stock		bales 877,000	610,000	678,000	505,000
Manchester stock		141,000	63,000	52,000	73,000
Continental stock		94,000	643,000	497,000	312,000
American afloat for Europe		828,000	454,000	716,000	373,000
U. S. port stocks		2,897,375	1,579,881	1,508,086	949,677
U. S. interior stocks		1,487,931	1,979,161	1,383,626	977,263
U. S. exports to-day		1,352	1,700	7,600	2,243
Total American.....7,246,698 5,330,742 4,842,312 3,192,183					
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—					
Liverpool stock		357,000	292,000	177,000	266,000
London stock		.....	.....	2,000	2,000
Manchester stock		24,000	22,000	.....	23,000
Continental stock		36,000	36,000	39,000	89,000
Indian afloat for Europe		72,000	134,000	96,000	227,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat		80,000	114,000	85,000	103,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt		433,000	301,000	263,000	256,000
Stock in Bombay, India		485,000	674,000	429,000	511,000
Total East Indian, &c.....1,487,000 1,573,000 1,146,000 1,477,000					
Total American.....7,246,698 5,330,742 4,842,312 3,192,183					
Total visible supply.....8,733,693 6,903,742 5,988,312 4,669,183					
Middling uplands, Liverpool		7.30c.	10.76d.	12.87d.	19.31d.
Middling uplands, New York		13.6c.	20.85c.	23.45c.	33.45c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool		15.60c.	20.05d.	32.75d.	24.05d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool		11.25c.	23.00d.	20.75d.	24.50d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool		6.60c.	9.45d.	11.85d.	17.00d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool		7.05c.	9.85d.	12.40d.	18.15d.

Continental imports for past week have been 147,000 bales.

The above figures for 1926 show an increase over last week of 79,283 bales, a gain of 1,829,956 over 1925, an increase of 2,745,386 bales over 1924, and an increase of 4,064,515 bales over 1923.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Jan. 21 1927.			Movement to Jan. 22 1926.		
	Receipts.		Shp-ments. Jan. 21.	Receipts.		Shp-ments. Jan. 22.
	Week.	Season.		Week.	Season.	
Ala., Birm'ng'm	1,461	80,241	1,983	15,135	678	81,177
Eufaula	50	23,402	205	12,163	...	20,943
Montgomery	1,051	111,366	2,023	31,557	...	90,019
Selma	738	83,397	2,431	36,993	...	83,333
Ark., Helena	1,645	81,350	3,038	40,642	...	81,860
Little Rock	3,135	184,921	6,177	70,069	...	199,027
Pine Bluff	4,038	159,401	6,761	69,019	...	154,268
Ga., Albany	39	8,630	33	4,025	...	7,843
Athens	2,760	37,341	450	17,368	...	23,182
Atlanta	3,766	211,799	4,953	88,833	...	167,682
Augusta	7,247	281,554	6,836	109,076	...	288,376
Columbus	745	40,122	863	4,811	...	64,181
Macon	1,447	82,532	1,253	15,408	...	58,123
Rome	1,205	45,464	1,100	28,354	...	46,462
La., Shreveport	2,367	149,607	3,853	61,986	...	160,169
Miss., Columbus	862	39,276	993	10,817	...	11,005
Carksdale	4,769	151,173	5,864	86,115	...	180,441
Greenwood	2,905	158,526	2,557	91,977	...	198,947
Meridian	1,645	81,613	1,072	15,886	...	57,003
Natchez	742	35,376	1,078	19,289	...	32,056
Vicksburg	689	30,330	1,074	19,451	...	47,952
Yazoo City	3,506	38,524	1,004	25,642	...	50,407
Mo., St. Louis	15,991	369,168	16,050	8,132	...	482,197
N.C., Greensb'ro	1,405	26,389	862	17,742	...	41,694
Raleigh	140	17,317	201	11,220	...	11,866
Okla., Altus	7,878	154,788	9,665	24,910	...	121,093
Chickasha	5,962	137,607	6,299	19,628	...	153,229
Oklahoma	6,406	133,187	8,593	31,711	...	148,969
S. C., Greenville	9,235	220,921	7,058	84,777	...	190,814
Greenwood	565	7,446	216	3,172	...	4,912
Tenn., Memphis	61,994	1,420,992	67,163	321,145	...	1,303,591
Nashville	339	5,615	185	1,590	...	2,846
Tex., Abilene	1,421	70,712	1,254	2,966	...	79,368
Brenham	590	24,022	719	7,335	...	5,131
Austin	588	32,105	398	4,167	...	11,237
Dallas	4,955	152,204	3,505	57,824	...	136,479
Houston	...	...	...	...	...	4,046,340
Paris	2,183	52,678	2,416	1,978	...	107,196
San Antonio	502	57,408	661	3,317	...	24,388
Fort Worth	3,771	100,992	4,348	17,475	...	75,535
Total, 40 towns	169,241	5,066,497	185,194	1,487,981	228,549	9,101,461

* Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a port basis. We are changing accordingly.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 21,852 bales and are to-night 491,180 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 59,308 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Jan. 21—		1926—27—		1925—26—	
Shipped—		Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis		16,050	374,482	16,654	477,706
Via Mounds, &c.		7,600	215,880	6,800	204,502
Via Rock Island		958	12,405	1,234	29,207
Via Louisville		1,015	33,673	1,895	43,832
Via Virginia points		4,694	152,822	9,661	131,541
Via other routes, &c.		14,350	321,347	6,350	275,014
Total gross overland.....44,667 1,110,609 42,594 1,160,802					
Deduct Shipments—					
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.		3,896	78,417	8,076	85,963
Between interior towns		611	13,725	631	14,036
Inland, &c., from South		26,235	472,934	20,351	329,524
Total to be deducted.....30,742 565,076 29,058 429,523					
Leaving total net overland *.....13,925 545,533 13,536 731,279					

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 13,925 bales, against 13,536 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 185,746 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.		1926—27—		1925—26—	
Receipts at ports to Jan. 21 <th>Week.</th> <th>Since Aug. 1.</th> <th>Week.</th> <th>Since Aug. 1.</th>		Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Net overland to Jan. 21		13,925	545,533	13,536	731,279
Southern consumption to Jan. 21		115,000	2,486,000	100,000	2,140,000
Total marketed.....425,179 12,396,095 316,696 9,987,358					
Interior stocks in excess		*21,852	956,646	*20,532	1,823,739
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Jan. 1		.....	603,864	.....	675,119
Came into sight during week.....403,327					
Total in sight		.....	13,956,605	.....	12,486,216
North spinners' takings to Jan. 21 26,712 1,188,016 42,644 1,216,513					

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:					
Week—	Jan. 24	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Jan. 25	Bales.
1925—	Jan. 24	264,315	1924	Jan. 25	11,447,043
1924—	Jan. 25	184,692	1923	Jan. 26	8,899,515
1923—	Jan. 26	163,831	1922		8,663,633

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 Jan. 21.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thursd'y.	Friday.
Galveston	13.25	13.25	13.40	13.35	13.35	13.35
New Orleans	13.30	13.20	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.40
Mobile	12.60	12.60	12.70	12.65	12.65	12.65
Savannah	12.86	12.83	13.00	—	12.96	12.94
Norfolk	13.00	12.94	13.13	13.30	13.19	13.19
Baltimore	13.20	13.30	13.20	13.60	13.20	13.30
Augusta	—	12.81	13.06	13.06	13.06	13.00
Memphis	12.50	12.50	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.75
Houston	13.20	13.26	13.15	13.30	13.30	13.30
Little Rock	12.80	12.80	13.00	12.90	12.90	12.90
Dallas	12.45	12.40	12.55	12.50	12.50	12.45
Fort Worth	—	12.40	12.55	12.50	12.50	12.50

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, Jan. 15.	Monday, Jan. 17.	Tuesday, Jan. 18.	Wednesday, Jan. 19.	Thursday, Jan. 20.	Friday, Jan. 21.
January	13.30	13.23-13.25	13.40	13.35	13.34-13.35	13.35-13.36
February						
March	13.33-13.35	13.26-13.27	13.43-13.47	13.38	13.39-13.40	13.39-13.41
April						
May	13.51-13.53	13.46-13.47	13.63-13.65	13.58	13.58	13.58-13.59
June						
July	13.67-13.69	13.63	13.80-13.81	13.74-13.75	13.73-13.74	13.74-13.75
August						
Sept.						
October	13.82-13.83	13.76-13.78	13.95-13.97	13.87-13.88	13.85-13.86	13.86-13.88
November						
December	13.96-13.98	13.91-13.95	14.09 bid	14.02 bid	13.99-14.00	14.01-14.02
One—						
Spot	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the weather as a rule has been unfavorable for field work in these parts of the cotton

ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON SPINNING INDUSTRY FOR DECEMBER.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our Department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1926, 1925, 1924), Stocks at Interior Towns (1926, 1925, 1924), Receipts from Plantations (1926, 1925, 1924). Rows include Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 23, 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1926 are 10,115,200 bales; in 1925 were 8,864,738 bales, and in 1924 were 8,035,442 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 296,250 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 274,402 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 21,862 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 182,628 bales and for 1924 they were 144,187 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable, also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period.

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1926-27 (Week, Season), 1925-26 (Week, Season). Rows include Visible supply Jan. 14, American in sight to Jan. 21, Bombay receipts to Jan. 20, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,486,000 bales in 1926-27 and 2,140,000 bales in 1925-26—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 9,157,720 bales in 1926-27 and 8,925,561 bales in 1925-26, of which 6,462,320 bales and 6,058,361 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table with columns: Jan. 20 Receipts at, 1926-27 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1925-26 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1924-25 (Week, Since Aug. 1). Rows include Bombay, Exports from (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total), Total all.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 50,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 2,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 276,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, January 19, 1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25. Rows include Receipts (cantars) This week, Since Aug. 1.

Table with columns: Exports (bales)—, This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1. Rows include To Liverpool, To Manchester, To Continent and India, To America, Total exports.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Jan. 19 were 180,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 24,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is firm. Demand for both yarn and cloth is good. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Table with columns: 1926-27, 1925-26. Rows include Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 23, 31, Jan. 7, 14, 21. Columns include 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shrtngs, Cotton Midd'g Up'ds.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 329,834 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table with columns: Destination, Date, Bales. Rows include NEW YORK, NEW ORLEANS, HOUSTON, GALVESTON, NORFOLK, SAVANNAH, CHARLESTON, MOBILE, WILMINGTON.

SAN PEDRO—To Bremen—Jan. 18—Montpellier, 5,550	Bales.	5,550
PENSACOLA—To Bremen—Jan. 20—Etingham, 577	Density.	577
BOSTON—To Hamburg—Jan. 3—Jeanette Skinner, 51		252
To Liverpool—Jan. 5—Eastern Dawn, 159		159
To Antwerp—Jan. 5—Meridian, 252		137
JACKSONVILLE—To Bremen—Jan. 13—Grete, 137		2,400
PORT TOWNSEND—To Japan—Jan. 11—Yokohama Maru, 1,400		1,200
To China—Jan. 12—President McKinley, 1,000		250
TEXAS CITY—To Liverpool—Jan. 15—Ramon de Larrinaga, 250		3,596
To Manchester—Jan. 15—Ramon de Larrinaga, 3,596		329,884
Total bales		

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.	High Density.		Stand.	High Density.		Stand.
Liverpool	.40c.	.55c.	Oslo	.50c.	.60c.	Shanghai	.65c.	.80c.
Manchester	.40c.	.55c.	Stockholm	.60c.	.75c.	Bombay	.75c.	.90c.
Antwerp	.50c.	.65c.	Trieste	.60c.	.75c.	Bremen	.50c.	.65c.
Ghent	.57 1/4c.	.72 1/4c.	Flume	.60c.	.75c.	Hamburg	.50c.	.65c.
Havre	.50c.	.65c.	Lisbon	.50c.	.65c.	Piraeus	.85c.	1.00c.
Rotterdam	.60c.	.75c.	Oporto	.65c.	.80c.	Salonica	.85c.	1.00c.
Genoa	.50c.	.65c.	Barcelona	.30c.	.45c.	Venice	.60c.	.75c.
			Japan	.62 1/4c.	.77 1/4c.			

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Dec. 31.	Jan. 7.	Jan. 14.	Jan. 21.
Sales of the week	17,000	41,000	65,000	70,000
Of which American	12,000	27,000	42,000	44,000
Actual exports	45,000	1,000	1,000	2,000
Forwarded	45,000	78,000	72,000	72,000
Total stocks	1,209,000	1,234,000	1,255,000	1,254,000
Of which American	831,000	864,000	894,000	897,000
Total imports	80,000	112,000	111,000	83,000
Of which American	49,000	97,000	102,000	60,000
Amount afloat	313,000	302,000	274,000	306,000
Of which American	258,000	243,000	216,000	241,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	A fair business doing.	Active.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Good demand.
Mid.Upl'ds	7.27	7.22	7.21	7.34	7.30	7.30
Sales	7,000	15,000	12,000	15,000	10,000	10,000
Futures. Market opened	Steady, 5 to 7 pts. advance.	Steady, 3 to 5 pts. decline.	Quiet, 4 to 5 pts. advance.	Steady, 5 to 7 pts. advance.	Quiet, 6 to 7 pts. decline.	Quiet, 5 to 6 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.	Steady, 8 to 10 pts. advance.	Quiet but steady, 1 to 4 pts. dec.	Steady, 1 pt. adv. to 1 pt. dec.	Steady, 12 to 15pts. advance.	Barely st'y, 11 to 12pts. decline.	Very st'y, 10 to 11pts. advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Jan. 15 to Jan. 21.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/2	4:00	12 1/4	4:00	12 1/4	4:00	12 1/4	4:00	12 1/4	4:00
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.
January	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
February	7.08	7.02	7.04	7.01	7.03	7.14	7.18	7.10	7.06	7.10	7.17	7.18
March	7.15	7.09	7.11	7.09	7.11	7.21	7.24	7.17	7.12	7.16	7.23	7.27
April	7.18	7.12	7.14	7.13	7.15	7.25	7.28	7.21	7.16	7.20	7.27	7.33
May	7.25	7.19	7.22	7.20	7.21	7.31	7.34	7.27	7.22	7.26	7.33	7.37
June	7.29	7.23	7.26	7.24	7.25	7.35	7.38	7.31	7.26	7.30	7.37	7.43
July	7.35	7.29	7.32	7.30	7.32	7.42	7.45	7.37	7.33	7.37	7.43	7.49
August	7.37	7.31	7.34	7.32	7.34	7.44	7.47	7.39	7.35	7.39	7.45	7.51
September	7.39	7.33	7.36	7.34	7.36	7.46	7.48	7.41	7.37	7.41	7.47	7.54
October	7.40	7.35	7.38	7.35	7.37	7.47	7.49	7.42	7.38	7.43	7.48	7.55
November	7.42	7.37	7.40	7.37	7.39	7.49	7.51	7.44	7.40	7.45	7.50	7.57
December	7.44	7.39	7.43	7.40	7.42	7.52	7.54	7.47	7.43	7.49	7.54	7.61
January 1928	7.45	7.40	7.44	7.41	7.43	7.53	7.55	7.48	7.44	7.49	7.54	7.61

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Jan. 21 1927.

Flour.—The trade has changed little if at all so far as its size is concerned. Buyers still keep their purchases within very restricted bounds. Price changes as a rule have been equally limited. The home trade sees little use in stocking up heavily at this time. People either believe that prices will decline or else they are uncertain. In these circumstances they instinctively act on the old maxim, "When in doubt do nothing," or next to nothing. The better crop outlook in the winter wheat belt encourages those who expect lower prices. As for the export trade, it is still on only a moderate scale so far as outward appearances go. It is rumored, however, that at least a fair trade is in progress, mostly it is true in Canadian flour, particulars of which are not divulged to the general public. The size of the daily clearances seems to corroborate these reports.

Wheat advanced slightly at one time and then declined. For export business was small. It is true that the American visible supply fell off last week five times as much as in the same week last year. But this news fell flat. The decrease was 1,566,000 bushels against 305,000 last year. The total is now 59,584,000 bushels against 49,104,000 a year ago. London stocks are decreasing. The demand there is expected to improve. Early in the week two cold waves were reported as imminent. But it all failed to galvanize the market into new strength and activity. Quite the contrary. The quantity on passage to Europe was up to 54,736 bushels against only 29,952,000 a year ago. The total increase in a week was 3,480,000 bushels. Offerings in Chicago increased. Prices yield slightly. That it was only slightly seemed to some rather significant. The world's shipments for the week were 17,485,000 bushels against 19,444,000 bushels in the previous week. Liverpool advanced 1/2 to 5/8c. and Buenos Aires on some deliveries 1/2c. Interior receipts were only

moderate. Cash markets were firm. But the export sales on the 17th inst. were only 100,000 bushels.

On the 19th inst. prices declined 3/8 to 3/4c. at Chicago and 1/4 to 1/2c. at Winnipeg. Liverpool closed 1/4 d. to 3/8 d. off. The weather was good. A depressing factor was the report that Argentina would not make large purchases there so as to sustain prices. Export business here was estimated at 250,000 bushels. Cash markets were easier. A feature in the export trade was the purchase by India of two cargoes of Australian wheat for February shipment, c.i.f. Bombay, at 51s. 6d., or \$1 56. This is caused by the unfavorable outlook for the East India crop because of cold weather and the need of rains, together with the unfavorable quality of last year's outturn. Interior receipts were moderate. The world's visible supply, according to Bradstreet, showed an increase for the week of 3,387,000 bushels. The total is now 249,263,000 bushels, against 212,199,000 at the same time last year. The Santa Fe crop report said there was an average of 6 inches of snow over western Kansas, parts of Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle before the extreme drop in temperature below freezing. Moisture will help the crop. Wheat is in fairly good condition. Buenos Aires cabled the Associated Press that the Banco de la Nacion would grant credits to farmers up to a maximum of 10,000 pesos on 90 days' terms. This is to facilitate a good sale of the present crop of grain and to avoid difficulties that may face the farmers if they lack cash and thus find themselves compelled to sell on disadvantageous terms. The crops will be accepted as a guarantee for the loans.

Liverpool cabled that the dry weather in India has been relieved by rains in some parts with forecast of continued showers. January and February are the most important growing months when rain is most essential. The Australian crop estimate has been raised again to 164,000,000 bushels, or nearly 60,000,000 bushels larger than last year. This total is called too high, and it is added that 60% of the wheat is being controlled by the pool this year.

On the 20th inst. export sales of 1,000,000 bushels, mostly Canadian, braced the market and prices advanced. Yet the Argentina crop was estimated at 224,000,000 bushels, against 216,000,000, the preliminary estimate, and 192,000,000 last year; and the export surplus at 144,000,000, against 141,800,000 the preliminary. But home needs there were increased 5,000,000 bushels. The Northwest especially, Winnipeg, bought more freely although 33 1-3% of the new Argentine surplus has already, it is said, been sold ahead for export. Argentine shipments this week are 2,960,000 bushels or nearly 1,000,000 more than last week and 1,300,000 more than this week last year.

To-day prices closed generally 1/2 to 3/4c. lower. Export sales were only 200,000 to 250,000 bushels of Manitoba and durum. Red wheat premiums at the seaboard were 1 to 2 cents lower than early in the week. The crop movement of hard and red wheat is said to be increasing. That told. So did the weaker premiums. The market was sensitive. Seaboard clearances were smaller. Liverpool was cool towards Thursday's rise. Buenos Aires was actually down 1c. net. Scattered selling was the order of the day, following the disappointing cables although there was a rally later under covering and scattered buying. Final prices show a rise for the week of 3/4c.

CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC WHEAT AT NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	cts. 142 1/2	142 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2	143
July delivery	135 1/2	135 1/2	136 1/2	136	136 1/2	135 1/2

CLOSING PRICES OF BONDED WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	cts. 140 1/2	139 1/2	140 1/2	140 1/2	141 1/2	140 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	cts. 152 1/2	152 1/2	153 1/2	152 1/2	153 1/2	151 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery in elevator	cts. 136 1/4	137	137	137	137	137
May delivery in elevator	139 1/2	139 1/2	140 1/2	139 1/2	140 1/2	139 1/2
July delivery in elevator	130 1/2	130 1/2	131 1/2	130 1/2	131 1/2	130 1/2
September delivery in elevator	127 1/2	127 1/2	128	127 1/2	128	127 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	cts. 134 1/4	134 1/4	135 1/4	135 1/4	136 1/4	135 1/4
July delivery in elevator	133 1/4	133 1/4	134 1/4	134 1/4	134 1/4	133 1/4
October delivery in elevator	125	125	126 1/4	126	126 1/4	125 1/4

Indian corn advanced early in the week with the weather at the West unsettled and the cash demand better from the East and Canada. Indiana reported elevators had nothing and farmers were not hauling anything. The cash demand seemed to be constant and it was suggested before long it might spread to the Chicago market. Toledo reported at excellent demand for cash corn at one time. The American visible supply last week increased 969,000 bushels, against 1,547,000 last year. The total is 37,065,000 bushels, against 23,799,000 a year ago. Not a few have been buying for long account. Some localities in Nebraska have no corn to market. Others have plenty. The shipments for feed grain from Nebraska have recently been good. On the 19th inst. prices declined in sympathy with wheat and on larger country offerings. On the 20th inst. with sales to arrive from the country larger the price was held down despite the rise in wheat. But there was some rally from the low of the day as colder weather was expected to stimulate the feeding demand. Actual interior receipts were small. To-day prices ended 3/8 to 1/2c. lower on moderate trading. Sentiment is much divided. Nobody is very aggressive. Country offerings were smaller. The weather was unsettled.

Cash markets were steady if quiet. Argentine prices were rather firmer. Europe has been a buyer of barley. That is stressed. Argentine news is of peculiar interest. The season there is nearing its end. There may be no large export demand here but all the same America is watching Argentine prices with greater interest than usual. Chicago reported country buying for a rise at only 30,000 bushels. Final prices are unchanged for the week to 1/4c. higher.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK. Table with columns: No. 2 yellow, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns: January delivery in elevator, May delivery in elevator, July delivery in elevator, September delivery in elevator.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC OATS IN NEW YORK. Table with columns: May delivery, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

Oats advanced slightly in response to a rise in corn. The American visible supply last week increased 940,000 bushels against a decrease in the same week last year of 1,072,000 bushels. The total is now 45,967,000 bushels, against 61,375,000 a year ago. On the 19th inst. prices declined with those for wheat. Prices on the 20th inst. were 1/4 to 3/8c. higher, sympathizing with wheat rather than with corn. To-day prices ended 1/4 to 3/8c. lower. Receipts were fair and cash demand rather slack. The trading was largely confined to the ring. Outside interest was rather small. The outlook is for very cold weather in the next few days. That may have a bearing on prices. There is a large short interest in the form of hedges. That means that cash sales will be accompanied by the covering of them in Chicago. But speculation is not of a striking kind at this time, although some are inclined to take the bull side. And prices show a rise for the week of 1/4 to 1 1/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK. Table with columns: No. 2 white, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns: May delivery in elevator, July delivery in elevator, September delivery in elevator.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG. Table with columns: May delivery in elevator, July delivery in elevator, October delivery in elevator.

Rye was 5/8 to 3/4c. higher for a time on the 17th inst. and then lost it all and a little more. It ended on that day 1/8 to 1/2c. lower. The American visible supply last week increased 111,000 bushels, against only 28,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 12,965,000 bushels, against 13,388,000 last year. Export business ceased. That caused liquidation. On the 20th inst. 200,000 bushels were sold for export and prices advanced 1 to 1 1/2c. net. To-day prices closed 3/8 to 5/8c. lower after some early advance. Export sales were 50,000 to 75,000 bushels. There was further inquiry from foreign markets but the bids were too low. Commission houses were inclined to buy on setbacks. Towards the end there was realizing of profits. That had some effect. Recent foreign buying of barley is not forgotten, however, nor is the fact that there are export orders in the market for rye. It is hoped that business with Germany later on will be larger. The export business to-day was for early shipment and also for April and May. Final prices show a rise for the week of 2 1/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns: January delivery in elevator, May delivery in elevator, July delivery in elevator, September delivery in elevator.

Closing quotations were as follows: GRAIN. Wheat, New York. No. 2 red f.o.b., No. 1 Northern, No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b., Corn, New York. No. 2 yellow, No. 3 yellow. Oats, New York. No. 2 white, No. 3 white, Rye, New York. No. 2 f.o.b., Barley, New York. Malting as to quality. FLOUR. Spring patents, Clears, first spring, Soft winter straights, Hard winter straights, Hard winter patents, Hard winter clears, Fancy Minn. patents, City mills.

For other tables usually given here, see page 473. The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 15 1927, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing exports from various ports: New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, St. John, N. B. Columns include Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley in bushels and barrels.

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. Table with columns: Week Jan. 15 1927, Since July 1 1926, Week Jan. 15 1927, Since July 1 1926, Week Jan. 15 1927, Since July 1 1926.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Jan. 15, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS. United States— Wheat, bush., Corn, bush., Oats, bush., Rye, bush., Barley, bush. Table listing various ports and their stock levels.

Summary table for grain stocks: Total Jan. 15 1927, Total Jan. 8 1927, Total Jan. 16 1926.

Note—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 14,000 bushels; Buffalo, 158,000; Duluth, 23,000; total, 195,000 bushels, against 1,361,000 bushels in 1926. Barley, New York, 897,000 bushels; Boston, 417,000; Baltimore, 327,000; Buffalo, 640,000; Duluth, 34,000; Fairport afloat, 122,000; total, 2,437,000 bushels, against 3,638,000 bushels in 1926. Wheat, New York, 2,766,000 bushels; Boston, 410,000; Philadelphia, 1,812,000; Baltimore, 1,376,000; Buffalo, 5,967,000; Buffalo afloat, 6,183,000; Duluth, 270,000; Erie afloat, 656,000; Toledo afloat, 725,000; Fairport afloat, 314,000; total, 20,479,000 bushels, against 20,298,000 bushels in 1926.

Canadian— Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian. Summary table for Canadian grain stocks.

Summary table for Canadian grain stocks: Total Jan. 15 1927, Total Jan. 8 1927, Total Jan. 16 1926.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Jan. 14, and since July 1 1926 and 1925, are shown in the following:

Table showing world's shipments of wheat and corn for 1926-27 and 1925-26. Columns include Week Jan. 14, Since July 1, 1926-27, 1925-26.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED JAN. 18.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Jan. 18, follows:

East of the Rocky Mountains severe, wintry weather prevailed during most of the week. At the beginning of the period high pressure and low temperatures obtained, with the line of freezing extending well south over the Florida Peninsula, but at the same time pressure had fallen in the far Northwest, and this was attended by higher temperatures, with readings somewhat above normal. By Wednesday, the 12th, however, another area of high pressure had overspread the Northwest, with a sharp drop in temperature, but on that and the following day a minor disturbance passed northeastward over central valleys, attended by warmer weather and general precipitation, in the form of snow in Central and Northern States. The northwestern high pressure, with low temperature, advanced eastward during the middle and latter parts of the week, with another sharp drop in temperature, but near the close there was a general warming up in all sections east of the Mississippi River. At the same time another extensive "high" accompanied by cold weather had overspread the Northwest. West of the Rocky Mountains temperatures during the week were uniformly mild and the weather was mostly fair, except for rather frequent precipitation in the Pacific Northwest.

Chart I shows that the weekly mean temperatures were decidedly below normal in nearly all sections east of the Rocky Mountains, although in the extreme Northeast the average was somewhat above normal. The week was especially cold, relative to the normal, from the Ohio Valley and Middle Atlantic States southward where the temperature averaged generally from 9 degrees to as much as 13 degrees subnormal. In most of the area between the Mississippi River and Rocky Mountains the departures from normal temperatures were not so large, ranging usually from 3 degrees to about 6 degrees, while west of the Rocky Mountains they were uniformly high for the season. It was especially warm in the Great Basin, most of which had plus departures of temperature of about 10 degrees.

Freezing weather extended well south over the Florida Peninsula while 32 degrees or lower were reported quite generally from all Gulf sections, except at a few points along the Texas coast. Likewise subzero temperatures covered a much wider area in Central and Northern States than had

previously occurred during the present winter. They were reported quite generally from the central Appalachian Mountain districts, the Ohio Valley, and southern Missouri northward, and throughout the Northwest. The lowest reported for the week from a first order station was 20 degrees below zero at Devils Lake, N. Dak., on the 14th, and at Duluth, Minn., on the 17th.

Chart II shows that the total precipitation for the week was moderate to fairly heavy along the north Atlantic coast, in the southern Lake region, the Ohio and middle Mississippi Valleys, and in the central Gulf area, as well as in north Pacific districts. Elsewhere the amounts were generally light, with little or no rain reported from southern border districts between western Texas and the Pacific Ocean. In the interior valleys and Northern States the precipitation was generally in the form of snow. There was considerable sunshine in the South and also in most of the interior valley States, but elsewhere there was much cloudiness.

Over the area from the Mississippi Valley eastward the cold weather experienced during the week was unfavorable for outdoor operations, while heavy snows in some North-Central States blocked country roads, with a consequent delay in the marketing of farm products. A mostly generous snow cover preceded the cold wave in Central and Northern States, however, which afforded protection to winter field crops and grass quite generally over those sections. In the more northern districts additional snow facilitated lumbering, and conditions were generally favorable for ice harvest.

In the extreme South low temperatures damaged, to a more or less extent, hardy truck crops, with such conditions extending in the Atlantic coast sections from southeastern Virginia southward, while the growth of winter cereals was generally throughout the South. In the States between the Mississippi River and Rocky Mountains the weather was less severe, and was, on the whole, favorable, especially in the northern Plains area where conditions permitted stock to range freely, and the usual outdoor operations to advance satisfactorily.

Moderate to high temperatures for the season made a continuation of favorable weather for stock interests throughout the area from the Rocky Mountains westward. Additional snow in some mountain districts favored extension of sheep raising, and the mild weather on the Pacific Coast facilitated the usual mid-winter operations.

SMALL GRAINS.—While severely cold weather was experienced over the Winter Wheat Belt, a fairly good to generous snow cover afforded protection quite generally, except in some southern districts of the area and parts of the more western belt. In the Middle Atlantic States there was very little protection, however, and the cold weather was unfavorable, except where a moderate layer of snow was present in parts of Virginia and North Carolina, and locally elsewhere. In the Great Plains States conditions were mostly favorable, except that snow was light and drifted badly in the western third of Kansas where wheat suffered from the cold and from drifting soil. The growth of oats and other winter cereals was either checked or prevented in Southern States by the prevailing low temperatures. Conditions were generally favorable for cereals in the far West and Northwest, with the snow cover increased in the northwestern Great Plains.

CORN AND COTTON.—A little corn shelling and marketing were accomplished in the upper Mississippi Valley, and some husking was in the middle Atlantic area, but elsewhere there was very little activity as regards this grain. Some low grade cotton was picked in Oklahoma, and some was still being gathered in Arkansas, but in general the weather was unfavorable for field work in the northwestern Cotton Belt. Picking progressed favorably in the Great Valley of California.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Freezing weather most of week, with severe cold Sunday, unfavorable for outdoor work. Light snow afforded protection to winter grains in some localities of middle and west. Slight damage to winter truck in southeast by freezing.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Little outdoor work account cold; snow on ground in interior most of week. Hard freeze on 16th caused considerable damage to hardy truck where not well protected. Small grains apparently doing fairly well.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Cold, raw week, culminating in hardest freeze of winter on 16th with temperatures 12 degrees to 20 degrees in most sections; winter crop development materially checked, but too early to determine as to damage. Hog killing progressing. Outdoor work confined to ordinary chores.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Decidedly cold weather Saturday and Sunday with marked deficiency in precipitation, especially in south. Generally unfavorable for growth of wheat and oats and some late seeded oats damaged. Considerable damage to truck in southern division. Pastures poor. Very little work accomplished, except killing hogs, but conditions still about average.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Unusually cold week; freezing in much of section at beginning and on several days near close. Truck killed on 11th and 12th, except cabbage, celery, and lettuce and some of them much damaged. Citrus fruits frozen or seriously damaged locally in north and north portion of central divisions where not protected or favorably located; tangerines suffered most and grape fruit least. Cold wave on 15th and 16th increased damage to all crops, except in southern division. Temperatures 14 degrees to 16 degrees in west and extreme north interior damaged oats and killed some cabbage and other hardy truck. Indications only young citrus trees killed and some older trees probably damaged locally; doubtless will be much defoliation; satsumas in west appear not seriously damaged. Rain needed in all divisions.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures alternately decidedly below and slightly above normal; minima near zero in extreme north and 20 degrees on coast; rains 13th. Some plowing done in south, elsewhere farm work at standstill; ground mostly frozen in north. Severe cold damaged truck crops in more southern counties, extent undetermined; little growing elsewhere. Effect of cold on oats, cabbage, and satsuma orange trees undetermined.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Generally fair, except moderate precipitation Thursday. Unseasonably cold Saturday and Sunday with freezing to coast, damaging to truck, but extent not fully determined. Progress of farm work and pastures generally poor.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Cold weather unfavorable for work and crops, but some work done in cane fields and little plowing elsewhere. Young winter truck set back and injured some, but too early to report extent of damage. Pastures deteriorated.

Texas.—Houston: Light to moderate precipitation fore part of week followed by freeze to coast, except in lower Rio Grande Valley, on 15th with some damage to truck. Condition of wheat, oats, pastures, and winter truck mostly good; growth slow account cold. Progress in plowing only fair and this work backward. A little cotton still coming in. Truck shipments continued large.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: General rain or snow on 13th followed by very cold weather. Farm work, including plowing, suspended. Some low grade cotton picked, but much still in fields in central and west. Winter grains dormant; mostly in good condition, but needing moisture in extreme northwest portion.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Moderate rainfall and low temperatures. Frozen ground in north and central portions interfered with farm work. Still picking cotton; considerable unpicked in east portion; gins running full time in some localities. Plowing where ground not frozen. Oats damaged by freeze. Wheat, rye, meadows, and fruit in good condition.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Light snow first of week favorable for growing grains, but cold weather, following melted snow, retarded growth of wheat, rye, and barley. Clover coming fairly well.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Temperatures variable, but mostly abnormally low; precipitation moderate. Some corn gathered and nearing completion; cold, dry weather hindered stripping and movement of tobacco. Winter grains but little injured.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 21 1927.

While still somewhat irregular, further seasonal expansion was noted in textile markets during the past week. Undoubtedly the cotton goods division was the outstanding example of what was generally expected, although the silk and woolen divisions were said to be showing some improvement. Illustrative of this was the announcement in the latter section that the American Woolen Co. proposes to increase mill schedules. In the silk division certain types of cloths,

especially georgettes, have been meeting with a more satisfactory demand. A better retail interest was also noted for novelty taffetas for the spring season. This is expected to materially increase production in view of the fact that stocks on hand were said to be comparatively small, while recently some buyers have found it necessary to place orders ahead. During the week lines of spring silks were enlarged through the addition of many new patterns. Most of the latter were of a unique nature and reflected the efforts to stimulate distribution through highly distinctive effects. In the raw market continued efforts on the part of the Japanese to maintain prices has resulted in extremely narrow fluctuations in that quarter. As to the cotton goods division, although sales have shown a steady expansion, the Department of Agriculture has joined in the search for new uses for the staple in the hopes that they may possibly provide a partial solution to the cotton surplus problem. Prominent among early suggestions as possible outlets were the substitution for imported jute and burlaps in bale coverings and bagging wrappers and cordage, the use of cotton instead of paper bags for groceries and feeds, and the creation of a broadened demand in the clothing industry through the development of appropriate styles of cotton cloth suited to various climates.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Increased buying activities and firmer prices featured the markets for domestic cotton goods during the week. This was principally attributed to the fact that mills have been finding it more and more difficult to accord spot and nearby deliveries. It was reported that quite a substantial quantity of merchandise was wanted, but owing to the limited stocks on hand, mills have been reluctant to promise prompt shipment. The root of the matter lies chiefly in the dilatory tactics heretofore practiced among buyers in not placing advance business with the mills, converters and finishers. Sales during the past week were said to be easily the largest in a number of months and were estimated to be in excess of the current rate of production. A good volume of this business was placed for delivery running as far ahead as June. Prospects were considered as favoring a continuation of the activity. Among the most popular fabrics were wash goods, which have been attracting considerable attention in printed and woven lines. Renewed orders were being placed steadily to supplant sample purchases and small initial orders. Printed lines were still in active demand, and it was noted that interest in ginghams of the better grades was being manifested by buyers who have been indifferent to these cloths for some time. Converters have been more optimistically inclined and reported that the demand for many lines of these printed goods has been the largest they have noted for over seven years. One of the most encouraging reports of the week was that issued by the Cotton Textile Merchants of New York. These statistics showed for the first time the results of a full year's operations in the cotton goods industry. According to the report, sales of standard cotton textiles during the year exceeded production by 3.9%, while stocks on hand were 9.06% less than on Jan. 1 1926, and unfilled orders the first of this year 20% greater than on the same date last year. Print cloths 28-inch 64x64s construction are quoted at 5¼c., and 27-inch 64x60s at 4¾c. Gray goods in the 39-inch 68x72s construction are quoted at 7¼c. and 39-inch 80x80s at 10c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Markets for woolens and worsteds maintained a steady undertone. Lines of new fall all-wool blankets opened by the American Woolen Co. on Tuesday were on about the same basis as those of 1926, although cotton and wool mixture lines were down from 10 to 15%. However, construction on the all-wool lines showed a great improvement and represented better values than a year ago. The reception accorded the new lines was most encouraging, as a large number of buyers were present and a fair amount of business was said to have been placed. The best interest was reported to have centered in fancy colors and plaid combinations, particularly green, camel hair shade and ombre effects. It was believed that the growing vogue of green used in home decoration has led to the marked popularity of green-colored blankets. While factors have been rather disappointed at the slowness with which business has been developing thus far, this official opening by the big company is expected to encourage broader buying activities.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Linen markets continued comparatively active during the past week, despite the fact that some salesmen who have been sent on the road prematurely reported their business as not equal to expectations. But this was explained that in their early start they have been overlapping into the inventory period which is expected to be over by the end of this week at the very latest. In the meantime, a fairly good business has been transacted by importers, especially in handkerchiefs and dress linens. Demand for the latter was reported to be steadily broadening with many in the market placing duplicate orders. In regard to handkerchiefs, while Continental manufacturers have offered nothing new, importers reported business very satisfactory, and in most cases sales thus far this year have exceeded those for the corresponding period of 1926. Owing to the increased arrivals of heavyweights and the resultant recession in prices, sales of burlaps have been very small. Lightweights are quoted at 6.40c. and heavies at 9.30c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN DECEMBER.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of December, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 259 of the "Chronicle" of Jan. 8. Since then several belated December returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$143,569,160. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in December was 394 and the number of separate issues 608.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bond issues such as Acadia Par. Rd. Dist., Adams N. Y., Adams Co. S. D., etc.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Continues the list of municipal bond issues from the previous table, including entries like Dade County, Fla., Danville, Ind., Dayton, Wash., etc.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.	Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
262.	Lake Co. Sp'l Tax S. D. No. 26, Fla.	6	1929-1956	35,000	96.85	6.40	3212.	Providence, R. I.	4	1942-1952	2,000,000	99.247	4.06
138.	Leavenworth, Kan.	4 1/2	1928-1947	530,000	-----	-----	139.	Putnam County, Tenn.	5	1956	80,000	102.50	4.84
403.	Lee Co. Spl. Tax S. D. No. 1, Fla.	6	1929-1956	400,000	102.62	5.74	3355.	Rhinebeck Un. Fr. S. D. No. 15, N. Y.	4.40	1928-1950	90,000	100.39	4.35
262.	Lexington, Miss.	-----	-----	12,000	-----	-----	139.	Richmond, Ind.	4	1928-1937	28,000	-----	-----
3354.	Limestone County, Tex.	5 1/2	-----	256,000	-----	-----	3213.	Richmond Heights, Ohio (2 issues)	5 1/2	1928-1937	110,700	103.28	4.73
403.	Lincoln County, Ark.	5 1/2	-----	118,000	102.11	-----	139.	Ridgefield, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1932	250,000	100.22	4.69
262.	Lincoln County, Wis.	4 1/2	-----	72,000	101.40	-----	3076.	Riverside City High S. D., Calif.	4 1/2	1931-1964	850,000	102.35	4.58
138.	Live Oak, Fla (3 iss.)	6	1927-1936	28,500	-----	-----	3076.	Riverside City Junior College Dist., Calif.	4 1/2	1936-1955	200,000	102.33	4.57
3211.	Livingston County, N. Y.	4 1/2	1940-1941	80,000	101.237	4.13	139.	Roanoke Road Dist. No. 3, La.	6	1928-1956	80,000	100.75	5.93
3074.	Livingston School Corp., Texas	5	-----	12,000	100	5.00	139.	Rochester, Minn.	6	1927-1936	28,000	101.62	4.17
3354.	Lockport, N. Y.	5	1927-1935	12,248	101.10	4.75	3213.	Rockaway, N. J.	5	1928-1937	11,500	100.43	4.92
3211.	Los Angeles, Cal. (7 iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1966	157,000,000	100,001	4.49	3356.	Roseland, N. J.	5	1927-1935	12,500	100.35	4.90
3354.	Lowell, Wyo.	5	-----	760,000	100	5.00	264.	Rutland S. D., Ohio	5	1927-1929	1,400	-----	-----
262.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1929	92,028	101	4.30	3356.	Safety Harbor, Fla.	6	-----	414,000	-----	-----
262.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1934	20,836	101.87	4.44	3213.	St. George S. D., So. Car.	-----	50,000	-----	-----	
262.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1932	10,688	101.42	4.47	3213.	St. Johns County, Fla.	5	1946	400,000	96.618	5.21
262.	Lucas County, Ohio	5	1928-1937	174,460	102.88	4.36	3356.	St. Lucie Inlet Dist., Fla.	5 1/2	1931-1965	1,000,000	99.35	5.56
3354.	Luray, Va. (2 issues)	5	20 years	75,000	100	5.00	3213.	St. Paul, Minn.	4 1/2	1946	500,000	101.93	4.11
3074.	Lyman, Neb.	5	20 years	27,000	-----	-----	3213.	Salt Lake City, Utah (2 issues)	6	-----	3,500	-----	-----
263.	McRae S. D., Ga.	6	-----	5,000	-----	-----	3213.	Salinas City S. D., Calif.	5	1927-1951	72,000	104.18	-----
3211.	Macomb County, Mich.	4 1/2	1929-1937	67,000	104.42	4.99	3076.	San Angelo S. D., Tex.	-----	250,000	102	-----	-----
404.	Madeira, Ohio (8 iss.)	6	1928-1935	25,854	100	4.50	3076.	San Antonio, Tex. (11 iss.)	4 1/2	1928-1967	3,600,000	101.373	4.39
263.	Madison County, Ind.	4 1/2	1928-1937	8,000	100	4.50	3356.	San Diego, Calif.	4 1/2	1927-1966	2,000,000	102,286	4.39
138.	Maine (State of)	4 1/2	1951-1965	500,000	100.40	4.98	3356.	Sandusky County, Ohio	5	1927-1935	121,000	102.16	4.51
3074.	Mamaroneck, N. Y.	4 1/2	1931-1965	175,000	100.54	4.21	264.	Sandusky County, Ohio	5	1927-1935	8,000	101.53	4.66
3074.	Mamouneck Un. Free S. D., N. Y.	4 1/2	1943-1946	35,000	100.159	4.24	264.	Sandusky County, Ohio	5	1927-1935	13,000	101.71	4.61
138.	Manitou, Colo.	4 1/2	1933-1938	720,000	104.89	-----	264.	Sandusky County, Ohio	5	1927-1931	9,200	100.80	4.36
3354.	Marion County, Fla.	4 1/2	-----	75,000	100	-----	139.	San Joaquin Co. Water Wks. Dist. No. 1, Calif.	5	1929-1933	15,000	101	5.85
3354.	Marshfield, Ore.	-----	-----	76,617	103.38	-----	3076.	San Luis Obispo S. D., Calif.	5	1927-1941	250,000	102.98	4.56
404.	Massena Un. Fr. S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4 1/2	1928-1944	17,000	100	4.50	139.	Santa Barbara, Calif.	5	1927-1966	20,000	107.03	4.41
138.	Mayfield Vill. S. D., Ohio	4 1/2	1927-1950	340,000	101.06	4.63	3356.	Sarasota County, Fla.	6	1931-1956	681,000	98.52	5.13
138.	Mayville, No. Dak.	5	1929-1936	5,000	103	4.55	3076.	Scandia, Kan.	4 1/2	-----	13,859	100	4.50
3354.	Medford, Ore.	5	1929-1956	425,000	100.18	4.98	3356.	Seattle Local Impt. Dist. No. 4093, Wash.	6	1928-1947	300,000	-----	-----
138.	Mendocino S. D., Ga.	6	1928-1956	24,000	101.04	5.90	264.	Sebring, Fla.	6	1927-1936	106,000	-----	-----
3074.	Memphis, Tenn.	4 1/2	1931-1966	500,000	101.45	4.39	264.	Sebring, Fla.	6	1941-1956	117,000	-----	-----
3211.	Merchantville S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1967	224,000	100.66	4.69	3076.	Seminole, Okla. (2 iss.)	6	-----	35,000	-----	-----
3354.	Miami County, Ohio (3iss.)	5	1927-1931	27,800	100.51	4.66	265.	Shenandoah, Mo.	-----	35,000	-----	-----	
2930.	Michigan (State of)	4 1/2	1929-1937	261,000	100.43	4.67	3076.	Shaker Heights, Ohio	4 1/2	1928-1936	413,200	101	4.54
2930.	Michigan (State of)	4 1/2	1929-1937	267,000	100.43	4.67	140.	Shawnee County, Kan.	4 1/2	1928-1937	74,398	102.28	-----
3211.	Middle Coastal Highway Dist., So. Caro.	4 1/2	1931-1944	750,000	101.53	4.56	265.	Shelby, No. Caro.	5	1928-1967	50,000	102.16	4.83
3355.	Middlesex County, Mass.	4 1/2	1927-1931	38,000	100.246	-----	265.	Shelby, Ohio	6	1927-1932	5,724	103.59	4.87
3074.	Millersburg, Ohio (2 iss.)	5 1/2	1928-1936	4,739	100	5.50	140.	Sidney, N. Y.	5	1928-1932	2,500	100.50	4.74
3355.	Mills, S. D., Calif.	5	-----	5,000	101.95	-----	406.	Silver City, N. C. (2 iss.)	5 1/2	1928-1953	210,000	100.04	5.49
3355.	Minot, No. Dak.	5	20 years	16,000	102.96	-----	3356.	Silver Lake, Ohio	5 1/2	1928-1937	8,164	103.14	4.93
3355.	Montevallo, Ala.	6	1927-1936	17,000	100	6.00	3356.	Smith Co. Com. S. D. No. 58, Tex.	-----	4,000	-----	-----	
138.	Montgomery, Ohio (2 iss.)	6	1928-1932	2,180	-----	-----	3213.	Smithfield, No. Caro.	5 1/2	1927-1946	130,000	101.63	5.05
138.	Moore County, No. Caro.	4 1/2	1952-1961	50,000	-----	-----	3356.	Snohomish, Wash.	4 1/2	1929-1947	27,000	-----	-----
3211.	Morton, Pa.	4 1/2	1946	10,000	100	5.75	3356.	Snohomish Co. Dr. Dist. No. 4, Wash.	8	1927-1928	10,000	100	8.00
263.	Moss Point, Miss.	5 1/2	-----	10,000	100	-----	3076.	South Amboy, N. J.	5	1928-1956	61,000	101.93	4.82
263.	Mountain Home Irrig. Dist., Idaho	-----	-----	30,000	-----	-----	140.	Southold Un. Fr. S. D., N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1946	40,000	100.075	4.74
3074.	Mountain View S. D., Calif.	5	1927-1961	165,000	107.109	-----	3213.	South Orange and Maplewood S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1929-1966	1,173,000	102,309	4.32
139.	Muskingum County, Ohio	5 1/2	1927-1936	32,415	100.40	5.42	265.	Southport, N. Y. (2 iss.)	5	1927-1931	5,800	100	5.00
3355.	Nacogdoches Co. Com. S. D. No. 1, Tex.	-----	-----	1,000	-----	-----	3214.	Spartanburg Co., So. Car.	4 1/2	1930-1939	501,000	100.031	4.49
3355.	Nacogdoches Co. Com. S. D. No. 5, Tex.	-----	-----	1,500	-----	-----	266.	Stamford, Neb.	4 1/2	-----	18,750	100	4.50
3074.	Nashville, Tenn. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1966	400,000	100.95	4.42	265.	Stephens Co. Un. Gr. S. D. No. 36, Okla.	6	-----	8,000	-----	-----
3074.	New Albany, Ind.	4 1/2	1941	50,000	104.17	4.12	140.	Stow Township, Ohio	6	1928-1932	2,100	102.04	5.25
3355.	Newark, Ohio	5	1928-1936	52,935	102.32	4.53	3214.	Stuart, Fla.	6	-----	55,000	95	-----
3355.	Newberry Twp., Ohio	5 1/2	1927-1936	2,912	100.10	5.48	3076.	Sumner Co., Kan.	4 1/2	1928-1937	56,000	99.90	-----
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	500,000	102.75	-----	265.	Sylvia, No. Caro.	6	1928-1944	50,000	-----	-----
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	500,000	102.65	-----	265.	Tahoka, Tex.	6	1929-1966	60,000	-----	-----
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	100,000	103.005	-----	406.	Tarentum, Pa.	4 1/2	1937-1947	75,000	102.86	4.24
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	100,000	103.004	-----	3356.	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	6	30-years	30,000	96.04	-----
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	100,000	103.003	-----	3077.	Tazewell Co. S. D. No. 13, Ill.	5	1928-1937	10,000	100.16	-----
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	100,000	103.002	-----	406.	Tecumseh, Okla.	6	1927-1931	70,000	100	6.00
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	100,000	103.001	-----	3356.	Tekamah, Neb.	4 1/2	-----	25,000	-----	-----
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	100,000	102.73	-----	3356.	Thomasville, Ga.	4 1/2	-----	90,000	100.81	-----
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	500,000	102.92	-----	3356.	Tipperville Cons. S. D. Miss.	6	1-20 years	10,000	104.55	-----
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	500,000	102.73	-----	140.	Tonawanda, N. Y. (3 iss.)	4 1/2	1928-1957	1,402,500	100	4.50
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	500,000	103.01	-----	266.	Transylvania County, No. Caro (2 issues)	5	1937-1957	240,000	-----	-----
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	25,000	103.01	-----	265.	Trimble, Tenn. (2 issues)	6	-----	20,000	-----	-----
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	50,000	102.93	-----	265.	Trumble County, Ohio	4 1/2	1928-1932	24,900	100.53	4.36
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	50,000	103.78	-----	3077.	Trumbull County, Ohio	4 1/2	1927-1936	77,000	100.80	4.57
3211.	New Jersey (State of)	4 1/2	-----	100,000	103.75	-----	3356.	Trumbull County, Ohio	4 1/2	1928-1937	17,500	101.37	4.49
3355.	New Rochelle, N. Y. (5 iss.)	4 1/2	1929-1961	1,153,000	102.01	4.07	3356.	Trumbull County, Ohio	4 1/2	1928-1932	11,500	100.49	4.61
404.	Newton, Kan. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1936	124,000	100.01	4.49	3214.	Union Twp. S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1967	385,000	100.06	4.49
405.	Noble Sch. Twp., Ind.	4 1/2	1928-1941	15,000	102.73	4.10	3214.	Vanderburgh Co., Ind.	5	-----	115,600	106.55	-----
2930.	North Carolina (State of) (2 issues)	4 1/2	1930-1951	10,000,000	100	4.25							

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3350	Auburndale, Fla.	6	1937-1956	60,000	93	6.64
3351	Baker Twp., Iowa (Aug.)	4 1/2	1927-1938	18,000	100.39	4.43
3351	Bandon, Ore.	6	d1927-1936	1,146	100	6.00
260	Beaver Twp. I. S. D. No. 5, Iowa	5	1936	3,900	100	5.00
3351	Bedford, Ohio	5	1928-1937	15,500	102.19	4.58
3071	Biltmore Spl Tax S. D., No. Caro. (April)	5	1927-1956	250,000	101.81	4.83
3351	Benton Harbor, Mich., (5 issues) (May)	5		100,020	100.01	
3351	Berrien County, Mich., (2 issues) (April)	4 1/2		104,609	100.14	
3071	Bossier, La. (Sept.)	6		50,000	100.60	
260	Bristol Twp. Rur. S. D., Ohio (March)	5	1927-1947	50,000	102.57	4.69
401	Broward Co. Spl Tax S. D. No. 3, Fla. (Oct.)	6	1929-1955	300,000	95	
3209	Bunkie, La. (June)	5 1/2	1927-1946	160,000		
3071	Canden County, No. Caro. (June)	6		75,000		
260	Camilla I. S. D., Tex. (April)	5	20 years	12,000	100	5.00
3209	Canal Fulton, Ohio	5	1928-1937	12,585	100	5.00
3071	Cannonsburg, Pa. (July)	4 1/2	1931-1951	50,000	102.37	4.29
3351	Canton Sep. S. D., Miss. (Aug.)	5	1927-1951	25,000	100.12	
260	Canton Twp. S. D. Pa. 5	5	1928-1943	18,000		
3351	Carthage, Tex. (3 issues)	6	1-40 years	95,500	100	4.50
2927	Cherokee County, So. Caro. (April)	4 1/2	1930-1942	100,000	98.54	4.74
3072	Cheyenne Co. S. D. No. 9, Neb. (Sept.)	5		17,500		
3209	Clearfield County, Iowa (Oct.)	4 1/2	d1936-1951	125,000	101.56	4.39
401	Clearwater, Fla.	6	1-10 yrs.	500,000	96.61	
136	Coffeyville, Kan. (July)	4 1/2	1927-1937	10,863	100.45	
2927	Conway, So. Caro. (Ont.)	5 1/2	1931-1960	30,000	102.88	5.25
3352	Cook County, Ill.	4		297,000	98.83	
261	Cook Co. S. D. No. 12, Ill. (Feb.)	6	1926-1945	9,000		
261	Copake Twp. Dist., N. Y. (February)	6	1927-1930	1,200	100	6.00
402	Cranesville, Pa. (May)	5	1928-1939	6,000	100	5.00
261	Divide Twp., No. Dak. (Aug.)	5 1/2		7,000	100	5.50
3072	Donna, Tex.	6	40 years	94,000	100	6.00
3209	Eastchester, N. Y. (Oct.)	4 1/2	1928-1943	10,000	100.09	
402	East Coventry Twp. S. D., Pa. (June)	4 1/2	1931-1956	42,000	102.54	4.32
261	Eastledge S. D. No. 31, No. Dak.	5	*1946	7,000	100	5.00
261	Eldred, Pa. (Aug.)	6	1927-1942	12,000		
3352	Erin Twp. S. D. No. 67, Mich.	4 1/2		45,000	103.52	
3072	Export S. D. Pa.	5	1931-1938	15,000	101.86	4.74
136	Farmerville, La.	6	1927-1946	52,000		
3209	Flagler and Volusia Co's Ocean Shore Impt. Dist., Fla. (Oct.)	6	1928-1937	585,000	95.81	6.77
3210	Foley, Ala.	5 1/2	1956	29,500	95	5.86
3210	Fort Thomas, Ky. (May)	4 1/2	1927-1946	100,000	101	
3353	Fort Valley Cons. S. D., Ga.	5	1928-1957	170,000	100.91	4.93
403	Foster Co. S. D. No. 5, No. Dak.	5	1946	5,000	100	5.00
136	Geary Co. S. D. No. 35, Kan. (June)	4 1/2		5,000	98.50	
3210	Georgetown, Tex. (Feb.)	4 1/2		45,000		
262	Griggs County Spec. S. D., No. 18, No. Dak.	5	*1946	10,000	100	5.00
137	Hamilton S. D., Ill. (Oct.)	5	1931-1945	43,000	105.51	
3353	Harlingen, Tex.	5	1927-1966	50,000	100	5.00
3353	Harlingen, Tex.	5 1/2	1927-1966	200,000	100	5.50
262	Harvey Road Dist., W. Va. (Oct.)	5 1/2		138,000	100.36	
269	Hillsborough Co. Spec. Tax S. D. No. 2, Fla. (May)	6	1928-1949	45,000	90.01	6.59
137	Holbrook Drain. Dist. No. 3, Colo. (Aug.)	4		3,000	94.50	
403	Holt Co. S. D. No. 29, Neb.	4 1/2	1946	27,000		
2928	Hope, No. Dak. (May)	5	1931-1940	10,000		
262	Howie S. D. 16, No. Dak.	5	*1946	7,500	100	5.00
3210	Hunnewell, Kan.	5	1936	5,000	100	5.00
3210	Independence, Kan. (Apr.)	4 1/2	1927-1936	9,215	100	4.75
403	Iola Rur. Ind. S. D., Iowa (May)	5		2,400	100	5.00
262	Jay County, Ind. (Oct.)	4 1/2	1-10 years	16,400	101.68	
3073	Jefferson County, Kan. (2 issues) (Oct.)	4 1/2	1936	130,000	101.50	4.39
3353	Jefferson Parish Fourth Jefferson Drain. Dist. Sub. Dr. Dist. No. 3, La.	6	1929-1954	500,000	92.25	6.72
3073	La Habra Sanitary Dist., Calif. (Sept.)	6	1927-1951	50,000	102.02	5.77
3073	Lake Co. Dr. Dist. No. 15, So. Dak. (April)	6		60,000		
262	Liberty Twp., O. (March)	5	1927-1955	125,000	104.09	4.62
403	Liberty Twp. Cent. Sch. Dist., Ohio (May)	5	1927-1932	12,000	100.90	4.75
263	Logan Co. Cons. S. D., No. 4, Kan. (May)	5	1927-4946	100,000		
3074	Long Beach City S. D., Calif.	5	1928-1954	150,000	105.21	4.50
263	Loretta Cons. S. D. No. 108, No. Dak. (Aug.)	7	1927-1936	4,000	100.26	
2929	Los Angeles Co. S. D., Calif.	5	1929-1966	150,000	106.87	4.54
3074	Lynnhaven S. D., Va. (March)	5 1/2		60,000	105	
3211	Manchester, N. H. (2 is.)	4	1927-1936	120,000		
2930	Marianna Spec. S. D., Ark. (April)	6		27,500		
2930	Marland, Kan. (July)	5	1927-1938	76,000	100	5.00
404	Mead, Neb.	4 1/2	1931-1946	78,500		
138	Melville S. D. No. 5, No. Dak.	5	1946	5,000	100	5.00
3354	Miami Co. Ohio (3 issues) (Sept.)	5	1927-1941	214,000		
401	Milton, Ind. (June)	5	1947-1951	8,550	100	5.00
2930	Milton Rur. S. D., Ohio (May)	4 1/2	1927-1940	35,000		
2930	Mississippi Co. Spec. Tax S. D. No. 2, Ark. (May)	4		22,000		
3074	Moline, Kan. (Sept.)	4 1/2		10,235	100	4.50
2930	Montgomery Co., Ohio (2 issues) (Sept.)	5 1/2	1927-1934	11,200		
3074	Montgomery Co., Ohio (2 issues) (Jan.)	5	1927-1941	75,500		
3074	Montgomery Co., Ohio (March)	5	1927-1946	77,000		
3355	Montgomery Co., Ohio (March)	5	1928-1952	96,000		
3074	Montgomery Co., Ohio (Aug.)	5		20,100		
3074	Montgomery Co., Ohio (Aug.)	5	1927-1941	32,500		
3074	Montgomery Co., Ohio (Sept.)	5	1928-1942	41,500		
3074	Montgomery Co., Ohio (2 issues) (Oct.)	5 1/2	1928-1947	5,500		
3074	Montgomery Co., Ohio (2 issues) (Oct.)	5 1/2	1927-1936	41,000		

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3211	Monroe Co., Fla. (2 iss.)	5 1/2	1936-1955	750,000	95	5.92
404	Montgomery Co. Sep. Road Dist. No. 3, Miss.	5 1/2	1927-1954	250,000	100	5.25
263	Muskegon Heights S. D., No. 1, Mich. (Jan.)	4 1/2	1929-1956	39,000		
404	Nelson, Neb.	5	d1938-1945	17,000		
404	New Sewickley Twp., Pa. (May)	5	1927-1950	52,500	103.19	4.68
263	Niles, Ohio (April)	5 1/2	1927-1936	12,700	104.74	4.42
263	North Dakota (State of) (2 issues)	5	*1946	7,500	100	5.00
3075	North Franklin Twp. S. D., Pa. (May)	4 1/2	1928-1942	30,000	101.50	4.30
3212	Ocean Co., N. J. (5 issues) (Oct.)	5	1927-1946	416,000	103.63	4.54
3075	Olathe, Kan. (Sept.)	4 1/2		16,991	100	4.75
405	Opelika, Ala., (Aug.)	6	d1927-1936	50,000		
3355	Ormond, Fla. (Oct.)	6	1931-1956	105,000	100	6.00
3075	Oronoco S. D., Minn. (Oct.)	5 1/2		16,500		
2930	Oswego, Kan. (July)	4 1/2		10,300	100	4.50
139	Oregon (State of)	4 1/2	1936-1947	35,400		
139	Oregon (State of)	4 1/2	1947	18,150	100.01	4.40
139	Palmer, Kan.	4 1/2	1927-1946	14,000	97	
3075	Parkston, So. Dak. (Oct.)	5 1/2	5 yrs.-15 yrs.	18,000	100.13	4.98
2931	Penn Twp. S. D., Pa. (Aug.)	4		80,000		
3075	Philadelphia, Miss. (June)	5		25,000		
3075	Phillipsburg, Kan. (Aug.)	4 1/2	1927-1936	37,650	100	4.50
3212	Plains Twp., Pa.	5	1928-1945	28,000	100.27	4.97
139	Polk Co. Spec. Rd. & Br. Dist. No. 13, Fla. (Oct.)	8	1927-1930	32,000	100	8.00
3075	Polk Co. Spec. Rd. & Br. Dist. No. 12, Fla. (2 issues) (Oct.)	6	1927-1936	72,000		
3212	Pondcreek, Okla.	5	1928-1951	50,000	100	5.00
3075	Portage Co., Ohio (Feb.)	5 1/2	1928-1930	12,000		
405	Port Louisa Twp. Sub-Rd. D. No. 2, Iowa (Sept.)	5	5 years	1,500	101	4.77
3355	Powell Co. S. D. No. 20, Mont.	6	1936	7,000	100	6.00
3076	Prague, Okla. (July)	5 1/2	1931-1951	28,000		
264	Preston, Md. (April)	5	1930-1949	10,000	100	5.00
3213	Punta Gorda, Fla. (2 is.)	6	1928-1936	127,200	95	6.98
3213	Red River Par. Sub Rd. Dist. No. 1, La. (July)	6	1927-1946	140,000	100.85	5.88
3076	Robinson, Kan. (Sept.)	4 1/2	1927-1946	25,000	99.50	
2931	Roosevelt S. D., Calif. (Oct.)	5 1/2	1927-1957	30,000		
3356	Rowan Co. S. Dist., No. Caro. (3 issues)	5 1/2	1928-1956	89,000	101.21	
264	St. Tammany Parish Sub Rd. Dist. No. 2, La. (Oct.)	6	1927-1946	100,000	100.10	5.98
264	Sadsbury Twp., Pa. (Oct.)	4 1/2	d1928-1941	10,000		
3076	Salem Rur. S. D., Ohio	6	1928-1937	1,100	100	6.00
139	Seagoville, Tex. (Mar.)	6	1936-1975	30,000	103	
3076	Scioto Co., Ohio (Sept.)	4 1/2	1927-1946	295,000		
2932	Stanley Cons. S. D., Iowa (July)	4 1/2	1928-1946	50,000	101.40	
3076	Shadyside, Ohio (Sept.)	5 1/2	1927-1936	49,655		
265	Shelby, Ohio (May)	6	1927-1932	6,000	103.55	4.85
265	Sheridan, Dayton and Garfield Twp., Frac. S. D. G, Mich. (Jan.)	5	1927-1956	200,000	100.54	
406	Sibley Co. S. D. No. 53, Minn. (June)	4 1/2	1929-1940	6,000		
3076	South Euclid, Ohio (2 issues) (June)	5	1927-1936	120,940		
140	South Euclid, Ohio	5	1928-1936	32,210	100.95	4.81
3356	South Point Village S. D., Ohio	6	1927-1936	1,000	100.60	5.86
265	Suffolk Co. S. D. 1, Wyo.	5	1936	76,000	100	5.00
140	Summit Co., Ohio (May)	5	1927-1931	10,250	101.03	4.62
3214	Sunburst, Mont.	6	1946	60,000	100	6.00
3077	Swannanoa Cons. Spec. Tax S. D., No. Caro. (April)	5	1928-1956	150,000	101.73	4.84
265	Taylor S. D., Pa.	5	1927-1946	100,000	100	5.00
2932	Texarkana Spec. S. D., Ark. (June)	6		45,000		
140	Tillman S. D. No. 5, So. Caro. (Feb.)	6		10,000		
3077	Upper Darby Twp. S. D., Pa. (Aug.)	4 1/2	1956	400,000	100	4.50
3077	Venus, Tex.	6				

NEWS ITEMS

Arlington County (P. O. Fort Myer Heights), Va.—
Water Bonds Case Denied Rehearing.—We quote the following from the Washington "Post" of Jan. 15:

Having declared the \$750,000 Arlington County water bond issue valid at the November term, the State Supreme Court of Virginia yesterday refused a rehearing.

"This action by the Supreme Court removes all legal questions as to the legality of the bond issue," declared Commonwealth Attorney William C. Gloth.

"As soon as I was advised by telegram of the action of the court, I telephoned Chester B. Masslich, attorney of New York, representing the purchasers of the bonds, who has advised me that he will issue his opinion approving the bonds to the purchasers and that the money will be available Monday.

"With all legal questions now removed, the water question is in the hands of the board of water supply and chief engineer, Asa E. Phillips. The money is available and there should be no reason for any further delay," he added.

Maryland (State of).—Governor Ritchie's Recommendation Regarding Inheritance Taxes.—In referring last week to the Message of Governor Albert C. Ritchie to the Maryland Legislature on Jan. 5 1927, we failed to note the position taken by the Governor on the subject of inheritance taxation, State and Congressional. His attitude in that respect is particularly worthy of notice. Governor Ritchie not only recommended the repeal of the Federal Estate Tax provision and the enactment of reciprocity legislation, whereby the intangible property of non-resident decedents would be relieved from such taxes in Maryland, but also took a bold and courageous stand in opposing the seductive offer of the Federal Government under which a considerable revenue would come to the State if it should increase its inheritance tax rates (now confined to collaterals) and impose a direct inheritance tax. The following are extracts from the message bearing on the subject:

The Federal Estate Tax as amended by Congress in 1926 presents a serious question to most of the States of the country, including Maryland.

Congress reduced the maximum rates of the Federal Estate Tax from 40% to 20%, increased the arbitrary exemption privilege from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and increased the credit or deduction from the Federal tax which is allowed on account of local inheritance taxes paid to the States from 25% up to 80% of the amount of the Federal tax.

In other words, if the Federal tax on some particular estate amounts to \$1,000, then there may be deducted from this amount any inheritance tax paid by the State up to \$800. If no State inheritance tax is paid, then the Federal Government will collect the full Federal tax.

The direct effect of this is to invite the individual States to levy inheritance taxes up to 80% of the Federal tax in order that this full credit may be received. It encourages States with low rates to raise them and several States have already raised their inheritance tax rates so as to approximate more closely 80% of the Federal tax.

In my judgment this involves a clear invasion by Congress of the taxing powers of the States and contemplates a system of joint levies entirely out of accord with the long established separation of tax sources as between State and Federal governments.

There is a serious question now before the courts, as to the constitutionality of the Federal law and a determined effort will be made to repeal it at this session of Congress.

In any event I do not think that Maryland should permit herself to be coerced by the Federal Government into raising her inheritance taxes in order to meet the credit allowance in the Federal law.

I recommend that we do not do so, and that this Legislature memorialize Congress to repeal the Federal Estate Tax altogether.

I recommend also that Maryland join a number of her sister States in adopting the reciprocity feature in our inheritance tax legislation and thus put an end to multiple State taxation which so often works a serious hardship and injustice.

Mendoza (Province of), Argentine Republic.—\$6,500,000 *External Loan Offered.*—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., and A. M. Lamport & Co., Inc., both of New York, offered and sold on Jan. 17 \$6,500,000 7½% external secured sinking fund gold bonds of the Province of Mendoza, Argentine Republic, at 98.75 and interest, to yield over 7.60%. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the office of the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York, fiscal agent, without deduction for any Argentine national, provincial or municipal taxes, past, present or future. Due June 1 1951. Bonds will be redeemable through operation of the sinking fund at 100 and accrued interest on any interest payment date upon 30 days' published notice. Bonds will be non-callable, except for sinking fund purposes, prior to Dec. 1 1930, and thereafter will be callable as a whole or in part by lot on any interest date upon 60 days' published notice at 100 and accrued interest.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our department of "Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

New Jersey (State of).—Legislature Convened.—On Tuesday, Jan. 11, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey met in regular annual session. Among the recommendations made by Gov. A. Harry Moore were: The study by the Legislature of a report to be made by the Water Policy Commission shortly, and when this report is received the Governor urges the Legislature to proceed with caution and deliberation. With regard to the highway program of the State the Governor favors a comprehensive plan which has been prepared by the State Highway Commission to provide a road system for some twenty years to come. The estimated cost of completing the system is \$163,500,000. The Governor says that while the major portion of this amount will be paid out of revenues already defined, there will remain some sixty to eighty millions to be raised, and the problem is as to the best method of doing this. The following suggestions which might be of value in the raising of this money are pointed out by the Governor in the following, according to the Newark "Evening News" of Jan. 11:

First—By utilizing the balance of the present bond issue; to issue \$80,000,000 in bonds, spread over a period of five years, commencing 1928, at

the rate of \$16,000,000 per annum, which, together with Federal aid and allotment from motor vehicle fees, will produce the required sum.

Second—Utilize the balance of the present bond issue, provide for additional \$30,000,000 fund, spread over a period of three years at the rate of \$10,000,000 per annum, which moneys, together with a gasoline tax of two cents per gallon, to be collected for a period of seven years, will raise the sum required and approximately \$12,000,000 more.

Third—Utilize the balance of the present bond issue, collecting a gasoline tax of two cents per gallon during a period of seven years, and so provide the motor vehicle fees as to produce 30% more revenue in each year for approximately nine years. The method followed, would raise approximately \$190,000,000, but would postpone some of the construction for a longer period than originally estimated.

Lastly, I might suggest to you the wisdom of assessing some part of the cost of the road system upon the land specially benefited thereby, as is the practice in municipal improvements. A striking illustration of what might be regarded as an evil of having the State at large pay for major improvements and the land peculiarly benefited by the improvement escape, except in so far as it shares its proportion of the State's expenses, is in the increase in land values in Bergen County which came as a result of the projected Hudson River bridge.

Of all these suggestions, I favor the plan of utilizing the balance of the present bond issue, plus the raising of additional funds over a five-year period. It is my understanding that the State is in a position to refund, without increasing the tax upon the people, a bond issue of at least \$60,000,000. Therefore, it is my thought that the amount to be raised over the five-year period should be not more than \$60,000,000, which, with the increase in motor vehicle fees, which it is more than likely will exceed the amount estimated, should be sufficient when added to the other revenues specified. It has been the experience of the past that the motor vehicle receipts each year exceed the estimated amount.

If this suggestion be followed, the roads can be more rapidly constructed and the necessary funds raised and the bonds refunded without in any way increasing the tax or the burden upon the people.

We also quote the following paragraphs from the Governor's speech from the Newark "Evening News" of Jan. 11

Constitutional Convention.

I am opposed to piecemeal changes in or amendments to our Constitution. That instrument is so archaic and so inadequate to meet the conditions of the present day as to require a complete revision. That can only be effectively secured through the medium of a constitutional convention, and I urge upon you the creation of the necessary agencies to formulate a complete, whole and harmonious program making the required changes in the organic law.

For the reasons stated, and also because the purpose of the measures is to confuse the voter with respect to the issues of the campaign in which the various officers will be elected, I am opposed to extensions of the terms of the legislative representatives and the Governor, and to the change which will provide for the election of the Governor in the same year in which Presidential electors are chosen. No good can come of such change. The interests of the State are important, and the questions to be presented to the voters should be clear-cut and not confounded and confused with any national issues. The measures proposed to be passed at your session and to be submitted to the people, in my judgment, are vicious and should be defeated.

Direct Primaries.

The movement to substitute the convention system for the direct primaries is the subject of much discussion, and the general belief is that its only purpose is to deprive the people of their right to a voice in the nomination of candidates for office.

I am opposed to this change. The direct primary has proved satisfactory and has been successful ever since it was substituted for the convention system. To return to the nomination of candidates by delegates in convention assembled would, in my opinion, be a step backward. While it is generally known and conceded that vast amounts of money have been expended in the nomination of candidates under the direct primary system, a similar condition would prevail in conventions, yet with this difference—the public would never know how much money was expended. Under the direct primary system, a so-called political boss can remain only so long as the people desire him. The power that enthroned him can likewise dethrone him, for it is in the hands of the people. Under the convention system that power is lost to the people.

June Primary.

I think that we are pretty generally agreed that the maintaining of the June primary system is a mistake, and I therefore recommend that the September primary be restored.

Prohibition.

The shocking results of the Government's policy in denaturing alcohol have centred public attention upon a new development of the prohibition problem. The amazing attitude of the representatives of the Anti-Saloon League that poisonous substances should be used by the Government to render unpotable alcohol released for commercial uses is, perhaps, the best evidence that can be offered that they themselves regard the effort to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment, through the medium of the Volstead Act, as a colossal failure.

I know the American people, and I know they will never stand for legalized murder by the wholesale of our citizens in this manner.

Public opinion in this country, although slow to crystallize, when the people are aroused, becomes an irresistible force. Opportunity was recently afforded to the citizens of a number of our States to express their opinion as to the necessity of a change in the present intolerable conditions. In practically every commonwealth in which such a referendum was had the vote was in the affirmative.

New Jersey should remain in the vanguard where it has always been on questions of public importance, and I urge upon you prompt action along two lines: First, the submission to the people of the State of a referendum, which will permit them to express their views; and, secondly, the repeal of the Hobart Act.

State's Rights.

In my inaugural message I drew attention to the constantly increasing encroachment by the Federal Government upon the powers reserved to the States. Others have become alarmed at this usurpation of power, and, at the present time, many of our States, through their governors, are meeting in conference to organize resistance to such practise on the part of the Federal authorities.

I deem it of such great importance that I again reiterate the necessity, if our people wish to remain free, of guarding against a gradual absorption by centralized power of the prerogatives of the sovereign States.

Port Authority.

The Port of New York Authority is now engaged in building three bridges—two across the Arthur Kill, connecting New Jersey with Staten Island, N. Y., and another across the Hudson River, connecting the upper part of the Borough of Manhattan with Port Lee. The Port Authority has been able to market bonds at exceedingly advantageous prices, indicating the judgment of the financial world as to the merits of the projects and the faith of the public in the Port Authority. Of these securities, \$14,000,000 worth were sold to provide funds for the Arthur Kill bridges, and \$20,000,000 worth to defray the expenses of the initial construction of the Hudson River bridge. The Port Authority may be expected shortly also to announce plans for another bridge between New Jersey and Staten Island, this time giving direct connection between Bayonne and Port Richmond.

The various projects upon which the Port Authority is engaged will bring Northern New Jersey closer in a business and social sense to the great City of New York and facilitate the interchange of goods and the intercommunication of the population of the two sections. There can be no question that such projects as its comprehensive plan, which will provide direct rail communication for freight transportation between all parts of the Port District, will result to the benefit of both States and the local communities. There is no surrender of sovereignty on the part of New Jersey, when it enters into an arrangement whereby it secures its rightful share of the advantages of the harbor of New York, the greatest harbor in point of natural situation and development in the world, nor can there be any question that, as the projects of the Port Authority approach fruition, there will be a greatly augmented flow of population and wealth to New Jersey, and an intensive industrial and commercial development, with a consequent benefit to the whole State.

Rio Grande Do Sul (State of), United States of Brazil.—\$10,000,000 *Loan Offered in United States.*—Lee, Higginson & Co. and Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. both of New York,

jointly, offered here on Tuesday, Jan. 18, \$10,000,000 7% 40 year sinking fund gold bonds of the State of Rio Grande Do Sul, (United States of Brazil) at 98 and accrued interest, to yield over 7.15%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal. Due Nov. 1 1966. Not callable, except for sinking fund, prior to Nov. 1 1931. Prior to Nov. 1 1931, Callable in part for sinking fund only, on any interest date, at 100 and accrued interest, on and after Nov. 1 1931, callable on 60 days' notice as a whole at any time, or in part on any interest date for sinking fund only, at 100 and accrued interest. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, free of any present or future Brazilian Government taxes or any State or municipal taxes, present or future, of the State of Rio Grande Do Sul, at the office of Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., fiscal agents, in New York, interest also payable at the office of Lee, Higginson & Co., in New York, Boston and Chicago.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

West Virginia (State of).—Legislature Convened.—The regular biennial session of the State of West Virginia convened on Jan. 12 and with the election of presiding and other officers of the two branches and the address of Gov. Howard M. Gore opened its 38th regular session. The Governor made four main recommendations to the Legislature, according to the Baltimore "Sun" of Jan. 13, from which we quote:

The first of these was a recommendation that the law regulating the rights of coal companies and the tenants of houses owned by the coal companies be changed further to protect the families of miners from hardship and at the same time define the rights of coal companies owning the houses.

The Governor pointed out that during the industrial trouble several years ago, when there were hundreds of cases of evictions of striking miners, officers representing the State found themselves in dangerous situations because the various parties to the controversy insisted upon "interpreting their respective rights, at the moment, frequently to suit the purposes in mind."

Pleads for Women and Children.

"Where actions relating to matters of this kind are left for final interpretation at the moment to those in the heat of dispute or controversy or to officers uncertain as to the State's attitude, serious consequences are possible," the Governor declared. "Then, too, circumstances surrounding occasions of this kind lead to take into consideration the social and humanitarian principles involved. The basic constitutional rights of the women and children, who are helpless victims of the controversy, should be as secure to them as the basic rights of employer and employee."

In this connection the Governor pointed out that an era of industrial peace has reigned in the State for the 20 months, not a life having been lost in an industrial conflict in that time. This was applauded by the members of the Legislature.

Wants Road Law Amended.

The second main point in the Governor's address was a recommendation that the Legislature amend the road law as an emergency measure. Under the existing road law 80% of the State road funds must be divided pro rata among the 55 counties on a basis of the number of miles of State roads in the counties. The Governor would have the law changed so that the State Highway Department will be free to spend this road fund where it sees fit.

The reason for this is that there are several gaps in the cross State roads which cannot be completed because of the restrictions of the present law, which does not allow a county to spend any money from its own particular funds after the State has taken over a road as part of the State system. He also suggested that this phase of the law be changed.

In connection with highway work the Governor said that bills would be introduced authorizing the State to retire State roads' bonds to the extent of \$6,000,000, for which the Sinking Fund Commission has the money in hand, and the re-issuance of bonds for a like amount. This, he declared, would make \$6,000,000 available for road construction this year.

Discusses Corrupt Elections.

The Governor also touched on corrupt election practices, a live issue in West Virginia, as the result of occurrences at the polls last November, which brought about several contests before the courts. On this subject Governor Gore said:

"I am impressed that for the most part a healthy expression of the public will is had in most sections, of this State in our political activities. However, here and there we are led to conclude that the idea prevails that whatever is done in the name of a party or faction is justifiable. This should not be. It should be impossible within this State for the political organizations of either party or organizations within either party to becloud the normal political expression of our people by the excessive use of money or the unfair use of election machinery."

Urges Action on Capitol.

That steps be taken to proceed with the construction of the main building of the new capitol group was the fourth major recommendation made by the Governor. The need of such a building was illustrated at the joint session which was held in one of the courtrooms. The room barely provided enough seats for the 94 members of the House and the 30 Senators. A score or more of State officials had to find seats the best they could.

A brief reference was made by the Governor to prohibition. He declared himself a firm believer in prohibition, but suggested that the State dry law be changed so as not to be too hard on those guilty of minor violations.

Wyoming (State of).—Legislature Convened.—The Legislature of the State of Wyoming convened in regular biennial session on Jan. 11. Governor Emerson delivered his message to the Legislature and, according to the Denver "Rocky Mountain News," of Jan. 14, made the following recommendations to the legislative body:

In his address Emerson stressed future prosperity and the need for development of the State's resources.

Touching income, the Governor said the State received \$25,492,493 in revenue in the biennial period ending September 1926. Total expenditures in the same period amounted to about \$25,492,000. Total valuation of taxable property assessed in the State for the year 1926 was \$457,760,169.

Recommendations contained in the message included: "A reasonable law" for the assessment of intangible property.

Property Tax.

An annual levy of 1/2 mill against all taxable property in the State for the purpose of reducing the overdraft upon the general fund of the State, which now amounts to \$625,000.

Combining the office of Inter-State Streams Commissioner with that of State Engineer, the latter performing the former's duties.

Assigning to Department of Law Enforcement work now done by representatives of the Secretary of State as auto inspectors.

Placing the work of the Insurance Commissioner in the office of the State Auditor.

Combining the Board of Livestock Commissioners and the Board of Sheep Commissioners.

Farm Loan Act.

Passage of a law allowing a certain portion of the interest coming from the State's investment in farm loans to be used in defraying the expense of administering the Farm Loan Act.

Continuation of a substantial road building program, including a plan whereby the State would issue certificates of indebtedness to provide funds for highway construction and maintenance, as may be needed, or a bond issue to be authorized by the electors.

Devoting a portion of the gasoline tax now used for the maintenance of Wyoming's main system of State highways to the improvement of a secondary system of highways or feeder roads.

Appropriation of \$220,000 for the University of Wyoming, in addition to its other revenue.

Enactment of an eight-hour law for women and strengthening of child labor laws.

Protection and encouragement "in every reasonable way" to Wyoming's agricultural development.

Tax Reduction.

Tax reduction for stockmen and resistance to the proposal of the Federal Government to lease the public domain for grazing purposes.

Strengthening of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Enactment of legislation providing for old age pensions.

Opposition to further extension of Federal control in the State.

Enactment of a memorial to Congress "couched in the strongest manner consistent, protesting against the announced policy of the Interior Department" to construct no new irrigation projects within the next ten-year period. The Governor urged completion of the Casper-Alcova project and the Saratoga project.

Placing the appointment of the State Game and Fish Commissioner in the hands of the State Game and Fish Commission.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS
this week have been as follows:

ADA, Hardin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000 6% South Gilbert St. improvement, village's portion, bonds, offered on Dec. 23 (V. 123, p. 3070) were awarded to the Liberty Bank and First National Bank, both of Ada, jointly, at a premium of \$24.70, equal to 101.23, a basis of about 5.35%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due \$200 equal six months, March 1 and Sept. 1 1927 to 1931, inclusive.

ALEXANDER CITY, Tallapoosa County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$250,000 offered on Nov. 18—V. 123, p. 2679—were awarded to Steiner Bros. of Birmingham: \$10,000 water works bonds. Due \$1,000, Dec. 1 1937 to 1946 incl. 10,000 street impt. bonds. Due \$1,000, Dec. 1 1947 to 1956 incl. 5,000 electric light plant bonds. Due \$1,000, Dec. 1 1928 to 1930 incl., 1932 and 1934.

Dated Dec. 1 1926. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Hanover National Bank of New York City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

ASTORIA, Clatsop County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Seipp, Princll & Co. of Chicago, Caldwell & Co. of Nashville and Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati have purchased an issue of \$465,000 5 1/2% refunding general improvement bonds at 101.08.

AVOYELLES PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Marksville), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 road and bridge bonds offered on Jan. 5 (V. 123, p. 3350) were awarded to L. E. French & Co. of Alexandria as 5 1/2% at a premium of \$1, equal to 100.00, a basis of about 5.49%. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1933 incl.; \$2,000, 1934 to 1944 incl., and \$3,000, 1945 and 1946.

BARNUM, Carlton County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 street improvement bonds offered on Jan. 3—V. 124, p. 135—were awarded to Kuechle & Co. of St. Paul as 5 1/2% at a premium of \$10, equal to 100.20, a basis of about 5.48%. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Due \$500, Jan. 1 1930, 1932, 1934, 1936 and 1938 to 1942 incl.

BARTOW, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—George J. McNamee, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 8 for the following two issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$84,000: \$66,000 street improvement bonds.

18,000 street improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially Jan. 1 1928 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bid required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City.

BAY VILLAGE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,161 60 5% street improvement special assessment coupon bonds offered on Jan. 4 (V. 123, p. 3208) were awarded to George W. York & Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$18, equal to 100.29, a basis of about 4.92%. Date Dec. 1 1926. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1928 to 1931, inclusive, and \$2,161 60 1932.

BEAUFORT GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Carteret County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on Jan. 12—V. 123, p. 3208—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo at a premium of \$6,111, equal to 106.11.

BEAVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sam B. Wilson, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. Jan. 31 for \$34,000 4 1/2% school coupon bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 March 1 1928 to 1944, incl. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the School District, is required.

BELLEFONTAINE, Logan County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. R. Moots, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 14 for the following two issues of 5% special assessment street improvement bonds, aggregating \$36,652 88:

\$23,119 79 bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000, except one for \$1,119 79. Due March 1 and Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,119 79 and \$2,000, 1928 and \$500 and \$2,000, 1929 to 1936 incl.

13,533 09 bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000, except one for \$533 09. Due March 1 and Sept. 1 as follows: \$533 09 and \$1,000, 1928, and \$500 and \$1,000, 1929 to 1936 incl.

Date and int. 1927. Int. payable M. & S. A certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

BELOIT VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Beloit), Mahoning County, O.—NOTE OFFERING.—H. G. Thompson, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Jan. 28 for \$3,785 90 5% notes. Dated Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$380, except one for \$365 90. Due \$380, April 1 and Oct. 1 1927 to 1930 incl., and \$380, April 1 and \$365 90, Oct. 1 1931. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Citizens' Banking Co., Sebring. A certified check for \$100, payable to the Village Clerk, is required.

BERRYVILLE, Clarke County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—George N. Hardesty, Town Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 14, for \$55,000 5% water bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 1957. A certified check payable to the Town Treasurer, for 2% of the bid, required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered on Jan. 19 (V. 124, p. 401) was awarded to the Beverly National Bank on a 3.53% discount basis, plus a premium, of \$5 25. Date Jan. 19 1927. Due Nov. 4 1927.

BOYD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Butte), Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—George W. Krikac, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 24 for \$25,000 school bonds. Purchaser to pay for the bonds and legal opinion. A certified check for \$500 required.

BRADLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salinas), Monterey County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk until Feb. 8 for \$7,500 5% school bonds. Due serially, 1927 to 1941 inclusive.

BRENTWOOD, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon borough bonds offered on Jan. 13 (V. 123, p. 3351) were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia at 103.719, a basis of about 4.21%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1930 and 1931; \$5,000 1933, \$5,000 1935 and 1936; \$5,000 1938 to 1949, incl.; \$10,000 1950, \$5,000 1951 and 1952, \$10,000 1953, \$5,000 1954 and \$10,000 1955 to 1957, incl.

BRISTOL, Washington County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$255,000 coupon street improvement bonds offered on Jan. 17 (V. 124, p. 260) were awarded to the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati as 5s at a premium of \$1,435, equal to 100.56. Dated Mar. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially. Interest payable M. & S.

BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. New Bedford), Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 25 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$200,000 temporary loan. Due Nov. 1 1927.

BROOKHAVEN (P. O. Patchogue), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,000 road improvement bonds offered on Jan. 14 (V. 124, p. 401) were awarded to C. W. Whittis & Co. of New York as 4.325s at 100.06, a basis of about 4.34%. Due \$3,000 Feb. 1 1928 to 1941, incl. Interest payable F. & A.

BROWNSVILLE, Westchester County, Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by the City Secretary that the \$500,000 5% city bonds offered on Jan. 10—V. 123, p. 3071—have not been sold.

BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wind Gap R. F. D. No. 1), Northampton County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$46,500 4 1/4% township bonds offered on June 30 (V. 123, p. 106) were awarded to a Philadelphia investor.

BUTLER TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenville R. R. 1), Darke County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Pearce, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 8 for \$85,000 5% school bonds. Date—Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due March and Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1942 incl., and \$1,500, 1943 to 1949 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the First State Bank, West Manchester. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Clerk Board of Education, is required.

BUTTE, Boyd County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,000 5% coupon funding bonds offered on Jan. 3 (V. 123, p. 3351) were awarded to Ware, Hall & Co. of Omaha at a premium of \$50, equal to 100.45, a basis of about 4.98% to optional date and a basis of about 4.94% if allowed to run full term of years. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 1948, optional after Jan. 1 1937.

CALIFORNIA (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—Charles G. Johnson, State Treasurer, will sell at public auction, on Feb. 10, at 2 p. m. \$2,500,000 4 1/4% Veterans welfare bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$95,000, 1931; \$100,000, 1932; \$105,000, 1933; \$115,000, 1934; \$120,000, 1935; \$130,000, 1936; \$135,000, 1937; \$140,000, 1938; \$150,000, 1939 and 1940; \$160,000, 1941; \$165,000, 1942; \$175,000, 1943 and 1944; \$185,000, 1945; \$195,000, 1946 and \$205,000, 1947. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in gold at the office of the above-mentioned official, or at the fiscal agency in New York City.

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel E. Barr, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Feb. 14 for the following three issues of 5% street impt. bonds, aggregating \$168,041.44:

75,194 51 bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, \$250 and one for \$237 81. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,237 81, 1928; \$4,000, 1929; \$4,250, 1930; \$4,000, 1931; \$4,250, 1932; \$4,000, 1933; \$4,250, 1934; \$4,000, 1935; and \$4,250, 1936.

55,609 12 bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and one for \$109 12. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$6,109 12, 1928; \$6,000, 1929; \$6,500, 1930; \$6,000, 1931; \$6,500, 1932; \$6,000, 1933; \$6,500, 1934, and \$6,000, 1935 and 1936.

Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check on some solvent Canton bank for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

CAPE MAY COUNTY (P. O. Cape May C. H.), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—T. Millet Hand, Clerk Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Feb. 2 for an issue of 4 1/4% general finance coupon or registered bonds not to exceed \$635,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$635,000. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$31,000, 1928 to 1944 incl., and \$36,000, 1945 to 1947 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, Ocean City. Legality will be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Carrollton), O.—BOND OFFERING.—Scott Brandon, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m., Feb. 4, for \$81,802 86 5% road improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$802 86. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1927 to 1934, incl.; \$9,000, 1935 and \$8,802 86, 1936. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

CARSON COUNTY (P. O. Panhandle), Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 road bonds offered on Jan. 17—V. 124, p. 260—were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville as 5 1/4s at a premium of \$750, equal to 100.27, a basis of about 5.47%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due April 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1936 incl.; \$10,000, 1937 to 1946 incl., and \$15,000, 1947 to 1956 incl.

CHARLESTON, Charleston County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—W. S. Smith, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 1 for \$49,000 5% series L paving bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1937 incl., and \$4,000, 1938. Interest payable F. & A. A certified check, payable to the above mentioned official for \$2,500, required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City.

CHELAN, Chelan County, Wash.—PURCHASERS—PRICE PAID.—The \$12,500 coupon Chelan River bridge bonds reported sold in V. 123, p. 3352 were purchased by a syndicate composed of the Chelan State Bank, H. R. Kingman and Mrs. Benjamin Smith, all of Chelan, as 6s, at a premium of \$62 50, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 5.96%. Date Sept. 1926. Denom. \$100. Due in 1946. Interest payable in September.

CHICAGO, Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, the First Trust & Savings Bank, the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. was awarded on Jan. 18: \$5,456,000 4% coupon (registerable as to principal only) improvement bonds at 99.33, a basis of about 4.08%. Date July 1 1925 and July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$247,000 1928, \$323,000 1929, \$233,000 1930 to 1934, incl.; \$283,000 1935, \$218,000 1936 and 1937, \$273,000 1938, \$327,000 1939, \$336,000 1940 to 1942, incl.; \$421,000 1943, \$401,000 1944 and \$286,000 1945 and 1946. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York City.

Financial Statement. Real value of taxable property, estimated, \$3,747,843,528. Assessed valuation equalized for purposes of taxation 1926, 1,873,921,764. Total bonded debt, this issue included, 76,032,800. Population, 1920 Census, 2,701,705.

CLAWSON, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$49,500, offered on Jan. 18 (V. 124, p. 261), were awarded to Lewis & Co., Inc., of Detroit, at a premium of \$251, equal to 100.50: \$28,500 special assessment roll No. 85 bonds as 5 1/4s. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1928 to 1930, inclusive, and \$7,500, 1931. 21,000 general obligation Main Street widening bonds as 4 1/4s. Due Jan. 1 1942, without option of prior payment.

COLOMBIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lake City), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Burns, Superintendent Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 5 for \$121,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Harry H. Turner, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Jan. 24 for \$32,000 promissory notes. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$5,000, except one for \$2,000. Due Aug. 1 1928. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the fiscal agency in New York. A certified check for 1% of the notes bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

CONCORD, Merrimack County, N. H.—LOAN OFFERING.—The City Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Jan. 25 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$100,000 temporary loan. Due Dec. 6 1927.

COTTAGE GROVE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$19,346 94 6% improvement bonds purchased by Ferris & Hardgrove of Portland, at 103.53 (V. 124, p. 261), a basis of about 5.54%, are described as follows: Date Dec. 15 1926. Denom. \$500 and one for \$346 94. Due Dec. 15 1926. Interest payable J. & D.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), O.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis Simon, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m., Jan. 19, for the following three issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds, aggregating \$79,814:

\$64,545 Lake Shore Boulevard No. 4 impt., county's portion, bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$545. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,545, 1927; \$6,000, 1928 to 1931, incl., and \$7,000, 1932 to 1936.

10,470 Forbes Road impt., special assessment bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,470, 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1933, incl., and \$1,500, 1934 and 1935.

4,799 Forbes Road impt., county's portion, bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1927 to 1934, incl., and \$799, 1935.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

DEARBORN, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$270,000 water main system extension bonds offered on Jan. 19—V. 124, p. 261—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, as 4 1/4s, at a premium of \$5,265, equal to 101.95, a basis of about 4.34%. Date Jan. 15 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1934, incl.; \$6,000, 1935 and 1936; \$7,000, 1937 and 1938; \$8,000, 1939 to 1941, incl.; \$9,000, 1942 to 1945, incl.; \$10,000, 1946; \$11,000, 1947; \$12,000, 1948 to 1950, incl.; \$13,000, 1951; \$14,000, 1952, and \$15,000, 1953 to 1956, incl.

DESCHUTES COUNTY (P. O. Bend), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$185,000 road bonds offered on Oct. 22—V. 123, p. 1786—were awarded to the Northwestern National Bank of Portland as 5 1/4s at par. Date June 1 1926. Due June 1 as follows: \$21,000, 1928; \$23,000, 1929; \$25,000, 1930; \$27,000, 1931; \$29,000, 1932 and \$30,000, 1933 and 1934.

DIVAL COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Jacksonville), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—George E. Wilbur, Supt. Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. Feb. 14 for \$60,000 school bonds. A certified check for 2% of the bid required.

DRISCOLL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36, Burleigh County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during December an issue of \$12,000 5% funding bonds at par. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 1946. The above bonds are not optional but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

DUVAL COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Jacksonville), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—George E. Wilbur, Supt. Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. Feb. 14 for \$44,000 school bonds. A certified check for 2% of the bid required.

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (P. O. Oakland) Alameda County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—John H. Kimball, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 5:30 p. m. Feb. 11, (to be opened at 7:30 p. m.) for \$1,000,000 water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000 Jan. 1 1935 to 1974, incl.

EDGEWOOD (P. O. Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Holmes & Co. of Pittsburgh and New York have purchased \$120,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank, Swissvale. Legality to be approved by Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin of Pittsburgh. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1936 incl.; \$6,000, 1937 to 1940 incl.; \$7,000, 1941 to 1943 incl., and \$10,000, 1944 to 1947 incl.

Financial Statement. Real value of property estimated, \$15,000,000. Assessed valuation for taxation, 7,801,500. Total bonded debt (including this issue), 267,000.

EDINBURGH, Hidalgo County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 12, an issue of \$250,000 6% hospital bonds. Due serially.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pensacola), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 17—V. 123, p. 3352—were awarded to Bumpus & Co. of Detroit as 6s at 94. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$100. Due serially. Interest payable J. & J.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Cape Ann National Bank of Gloucester was awarded on Jan. 14 a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.52% discount basis. Due Nov. 15 1927.

NOTE SALE.—The Merchants National Bank of Salem was awarded on the same date and issue of \$5,000 Waters River Bridge renewal notes on 3.597% discount basis, plus a premium of \$.48.

EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, O.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,062 65 5% special assessment impt. coupon bonds offered on Jan. 10—V. 123, p. 3209—were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$193, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 4.68%. Date Jan. 10 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,700, 1928 to 1936, incl., and \$1,762 65, 1937.

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—William E. Emerton, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 26 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$500,000 temporary loan. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Due \$150,000 Nov. 3 and 15 and \$200,000 Nov. 29 1927. The notes will be prepared under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

FAIRHOPE, Baldwin County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Gladys Lowell, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 8 for \$50,000 6% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1936.

FAIRPORT (P. O. Painesville), Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,830 6% street improvement special assessment coupon bonds offered on Jan. 12 (V. 123, p. 3352) were awarded to A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$581, equal to 105.91, a basis of about 4.74%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1928 to 1936, inclusive, and \$830 1937.

FARGO, Cass County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during December an issue of \$25,000 5% school bonds at par. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$5,000 July 1 1931 to 1935, incl. The above bonds are not optional but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

FOREST HILLS (P. O. Wilkinsburg), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 4 1/4% borough bonds offered on Jan. 12 (V. 123, p. 3352) were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia at a premium of \$120 80, equal to 100.15, a basis of about 4.24%. Date Dec. 1 1926. Due in 30 years.

FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205 (P. O. Chehalis) Lewis County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington, has purchased an issue of \$8,000 5% school bonds at par.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Broward County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—Poor & Co. of Cincinnati purchased on Jan. 7 an issue of \$150,000 6% coupon assessment bonds at 95.01. Dated Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, 1935 to 1954 incl. Interest payable F. & A. These bonds are part of the \$300,000 issue offered on Dec. 21 (V. 123, p. 3072), the remaining \$150,000 having been sold to Farson, Son & Co. of New York, City (V. 124, p. 403).

BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$1,240,000 6% impt. bonds purchased by Farson, Son & Co. of New York City at 95.01, a basis of about 6.46% —V. 124, p. 403—are described as follows:

\$515,000 water extension bonds. 75,000 sewage disposal plant bonds. 50,000 garbage disposal plant bonds. 150,000 street improvement bonds. 250,000 dock improvements and dredging New River Inlet bonds. 75,000 fire protection bonds. 125,000 drawbridge across New River Sound bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 1946. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City.

FORT WAYNE SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Allen County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$860,000 4 1/4% school bonds was awarded on Jan. 11 to the First National Securities Corp. of Fort Wayne.

at a premium of \$20,161, equal to 102.34, a basis of about 4.16%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$48,000, 1928, and \$58,000, 1929 to 1942, incl.

FORT YATES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Sioux County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during December an issue of \$5,000 5% school bonds at par. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1946. The above bonds are not optional but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

FOSTORIA, Seneca County, O.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Clerk will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 1 for \$200,000 5% sewer disposal plant coupon bonds. Date Feb. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in Fostoria. A certified check for 1% of the amount bid is required.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), O.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 3/4% sewer impt. bonds, aggregating \$36,300 offered on Jan. 19 (V. 124, p. 136) were awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, as follows:

\$23,700 sewer district Clinton No. 2, water main impt. No. 85 bonds, at a premium of \$283.22, equal to 101.19, a basis of about 4.48%. Due as follows: \$1,000 March 1 and \$1,700 Sept. 1 1928; \$1,000 March 1 and \$2,000 Sept. 1 1929 to 1931, incl., and \$1,000 March 1 and Sept. 1 1932 to 1937, incl. 12,600 sewer district Franklin No. 4, sewer impt. No. 88 bonds, at a premium of \$145.40, equal to 101.15, a basis of about 4.49%. Due as follows: \$500 March 1 and \$600 Sept. 1 1928; \$500 March 1 and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1929 to 1933 incl., and \$500 March 1 and Sept. 1 1934 to 1937, incl. Date Jan. 1 1927.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Camp Chase) Franklin County, O.—NOTE SALE.—The \$4,150 6% notes offered on Nov. 20 (V. 123, p. 2425) were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$10.65, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 5.85%. Date Dec. 1 1926. Due \$830 Dec. 1 1927 to 1931, incl.

FRIO COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Pearsall), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 12, an issue of \$12,000 5% school bonds. Due in 40 years.

GEORGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lyon County, Ia.—BONDS OFFERED.—J. E. Smid, Secretary Board of Directors, received sealed bids on Jan. 18 for \$18,000 not exceeding 4 3/4% refunding bonds. Due serially, Feb. 1 1933 to 1936 incl.

GORDON, Palo Pinto Coun y, Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 5 3/4% water works construction bonds, has been disposed of recently.

GRARTON, Perkins County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—P. T. Harper of Wallace, purchased on Jan. 1 1927 an issue of \$3,500 5 3/4% transmission power bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due \$500, 1931 to 1937 incl. These are the bonds offered on Dec. 13.—V. 123, p. 3073.

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Grandview Heights) Franklin County, O.—BOND SALE.—The \$148,400 4 3/4% school building coupon bonds offered on Jan. 19 (V. 124, p. 137) were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$2,787, equal to 101.87, a basis of about 4.53%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1927 to 1932, incl.; \$7,000, 1931; \$6,000, 1932 to 1936, incl.; \$7,000, 1937; \$6,000, 1938 to 1942, incl.; \$7,000, 1943; \$6,000, 1944 to 1947; \$7,000, 1948; \$6,000, 1949 and \$6,400, 1950.

GRANVILLE, Licking County, O.—BOND OFFERING.—D. E. Jones, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Central Standard time) Feb. 18, for \$25,800 5 1/4% special assessment street improvement bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, \$2,000 and one for \$1,800. Due each six months as follows: \$1,800 April and \$2,000 Oct. 1 1928; \$2,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 1929; \$2,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 1930, and \$1,000 April 1 1931 to Oct. 1 1937, incl. Int. payable A. & O. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

GREENBURGH, GREENVILLE WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered on Jan. 13 (V. 124, p. 261) were awarded to Batchelder, Wack & Co. of New York as 4.20s, at 100.22, a basis of about 4.18%. Int. payable J. & J. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1931 and 1932 and \$12,000, 1933 to 1947, incl.

GREENWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Greenwood), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 coupon highway bonds offered on Jan. 6 (V. 123, p. 3210), were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, as 4 3/4s. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$66,000, 1930 to 1934, inclusive; \$67,000, 1935 and 1936, and \$36,000, 1937.

GROSSE POINTE TOWNSHIP RURAL AGRICUTLURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Grosse Pointe), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$700,000 high school building bonds offered on Jan. 14 (V. 124, p. 262) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Bank of Detroit, the Security Trust Co., the First National Co., and the Detroit Trust Co., all of Detroit, as 4 1/4s, at a premium of \$8,547, equal to 101.22, a basis of about 4.19%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 1927. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable at the Bank of Detroit, Detroit.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Assessed valuation (1926) \$108,220,572; Total bonded debt 2,272,000; Less sinking fund \$160,000; Net bonded debt 2,112,000; Population (estimated) 12,000.

HACKENSACK, Cass County, Minn.—WARRANT SALE.—The Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, has purchased an issue of \$100,000 5 1/4% warrants.

HAGEN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Mercer County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during December an issue of \$52,000 5% funding bonds at par. Date Dec. 20 1926. Due Dec. 20 1946. The above bonds are not optional but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$186,993 96 4 1/2% road improvement coupon bonds offered on Jan. 14 (V. 124, p. 127) were awarded to the Herrick Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$1,459, equal to 100.78—a basis of about 4.34%. Date Dec. 1 1926. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$18,993 96, 1928; \$19,000, 1929 to 1934, inclusive, and \$18,000, 1935 to 1937, inclusive.

HARRISON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Brazil), Clay County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,841 6% drainage bonds offered on Feb. 15 (V. 122, p. 778) were awarded to the Kiddell National Bank, of Brazil. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due Dec. 1 1935.

HASKELL, Haskell County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased the following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$37,000: \$20,000 funding bonds, \$17,000 city hall and fire station bonds.

HEMPHILL COUNTY (P. O. Canadian), Tex.—CORRECTION.—We are now informed by the County Judge that the sale of \$46,000 5% coupon bridge bonds reported in V. 123, p. 3073, was erroneous.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$610,000 coupon highway bonds offered on Jan. 14—V. 123, p. 3210—were awarded to Pulley & Co. and F. B. Keech & Co., both of New York City, jointly, as 5s at 100.30, a basis of about 4.94%. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$60,000, 1929; \$65,000, 1930 to 1936 incl., and \$95,000, 1937.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Assessed valuation (1926) \$71,694,000; Actual valuation (estimated) 300,000,000; Total bonded debt (including this issue) 8,622,000; Sinking fund 4,411,361; Population (estimated) 253,000.

HONOLULU (City and County of), Hawaii.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 5% public impt. bonds offered on Jan. 18—V. 124, p. 137—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of N. Y. City at 108.04s,

a basis of about 4.30%. Date Jan. 15 1927. Due \$40,000 Jan 15 1932 to 1956 inclusive.

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Assessed valuation (1926) \$238,239,123; Total bonded debt (including this issue) \$5,080,000; Less water debt 1,750,000.

Net debt 3,330,000. Population, 1920 census, 123,527. Net bonded debt less than 1 1/2% of assessed valuation. Under the Organic Act the total bonded indebtedness is limited to 3% of the assessed valuation.

HORNELL, Steuben County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$37,040 75 coupon street improvement bonds offered on Jan. 19 (V. 124, p. 262), were awarded to the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo as 4 1/4s at 100.129, a basis of about 4.48%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$7,040 75, 1928; \$7,000, 1929; \$6,000, 1930 to 1932, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1933.

HORTON, Brown County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo., has purchased an issue of \$45,000 4 1/4% refunding bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due \$4,500, 1927 to 1936 incl. Interest payable M. & S.

HUTCHINSON, Reno County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of internal improvement bonds offered on Nov. 9 (V. 123, p. 2425) were awarded to the First Trust Co. of Wichita at 100.35: \$36,605 57 4 1/2% paving bonds, 11,605 57 5% sidewalk bonds, 10,077 52 4 1/2% sewer bonds.

Date Nov. 1 1926. Due serially 1927 to 1931, inclusive. JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Pascagoula), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred Taylor, Chancery Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 8 for \$65,000 6% highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—M. W. Bishop, Secretary City Commission, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. Feb. 1 for the following two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$150,000: \$75,000 Broad Street improvement bonds, 75,000 street and highway improvement bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in Jacksonville or at the fiscal agency in New York City. A certified check, payable to the City Treasurer for 2% of the bid, required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

JANESVILLE, Rock County, Wis.—PRICE PAID—BASIS.—The price paid for the \$140,000 4 1/2% coupon water works revenue bonds purchased by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago—V. 124, p. 262—was a discount of \$938, equal to 99.31, a basis of about 4.26%. Dated Jan. 2 1927. Due \$5,000, Jan. 2 1928 to 1955 incl.

JASPER, Hamilton County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Paul S. Graham, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 8 for \$55,000 6% paving and improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1956. Interest payable A. & O.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Bay Springs), Miss.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, have purchased the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$132,000: \$125,000 road supervisors beat No. 4 bonds, 70,000 road supervisors beat No. 3 bonds.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Garwood, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 15, for \$250,000 5% road bonds. Date Nov. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1935, incl., and \$20,000, 1936 to 1945, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City. A certified check payable to the Board of County Commissioners, for 1% of the bid required. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Atkinson), Wis.—BOND SALE.—Blyth, Witter & Co. of Chicago have purchased an issue of \$60,000 school bonds.

JERRY CITY, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000 5% coupon fire truck bonds offered on Jan. 3 (V. 123, p. 3210) were awarded to a local bank at par. Date Dec. 15 1926. Due \$100 Oct. 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cambria County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Jan. 17—V. 124, p. 403—were awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co. and Biddle & Henry, both of Philadelphia, jointly, at a premium of \$3,450, equal to 100.69, a basis of about 4.18%. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 as follows: \$17,000, 1928 to 1947 incl., and \$16,000, 1948 to 1957 incl.

KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jackson County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—C. W. Allendoerfer, District Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Feb. 15 for \$1,000,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 1947. Bonds registerable as to principal only. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce of N. Y. City. A certified check for \$25,000 required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of N. Y. City. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$5,000,000.

KELSEY CITY, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 6% coupon town hall bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 123, p. 3073—were awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo at 95, a basis of about 6.51%. Dated July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930; \$3,000, 1931; \$5,000, 1932 to 1938 incl., and 1941 to 1955 incl.; \$6,000, 1939, and \$4,000, 1940.

Financial Statement (Officially Reported).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Actual value (based on assessments of city, 1926) \$7,100,000; Assessed valuation, 1926 3,550,000; Total bonded debt (including this issue) 125,000; Population, 1926 (estimated) 2,500.

Kenmore, Summit County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We have been informed by H. D. Willis, City Auditor, that \$124,800 4% sewer bonds offered on Jan. 18 (V. 123, p. 3354) have not been sold. The Bond Ordinance will be amended so as to provide an interest rate of 4 3/4% and the bonds will be advertised for sale, during the latter part of February.

KINGMAN, Kingman County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The First Trust Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$106,900 4 1/2% paving bonds.

KITTITAS COUNTY (P. O. Ellensburg), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$325,000 series A road bonds offered on Jan. 10—V. 123, p. 3354—were awarded to the Spokane & Eastern Trust Co. of Spokane and the Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis, jointly, at a premium of \$65, equal to 100.02, taking \$251,000 bonds as 4 1/4s and \$75,000 bonds as 4 1/4s. Due serially in 2 to 19 years.

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Floyd Knobs) Floyd County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 5% school bonds offered on Dec. 27 (V. 123, p. 3354) were awarded to the Mutual Trust Co. of New Albany at a premium of \$169, equal to 102.81.

LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Rafael), Marin County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk until Feb. 8 for \$20,000 5% school bonds.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William E. Whitaker, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Feb. 8 for the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$560,000: \$60,000 5% detention home bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000, July 1 1927 and Jan. 1 and July 1 1928 to Jan. 1 1937

500,000 4 1/2% Superior Court building bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,250. Due \$12,500, July 1 1927 and Jan. 1 and July 1 1928 to Jan. 1 1947 incl.

A certified check for 3% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, is required.

LANE COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Dighton), Kan.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$26,000 4 1/2% school bonds has been disposed of recently.

LAWRENCE, Douglas County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Lawrence National Bank has purchased an issue of \$84,000 4 1/2% water works bonds.

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY (P. O. Leavenworth), Kan.—BOND SALE.—Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, Mo., has purchased an issue of \$24,000 4% road improvement bonds at par. Dated Aug. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially. Interest payable A. & O.

LEESBURG, Lake County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. E. Harkness, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 24 for \$125,000 6% series E paving bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1928 to 1932 incl., and \$13,000, 1933 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the National City Bank, New York City, or at any bank in Leesburg. A certified check, payable to the above mentioned official for \$2,500, required. The legal opinion of a well known bond attorney will be furnished to the successful bidder.

LEIPSIX, Putnam County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—The \$15,956 16 6% net deficiency notes offered on Oct. 25 (V. 123, p. 2164) were awarded to the First Citizens' Corp. of Columbus at a premium of \$165, equal to 101.03, a basis of about 5.47%. Date May 1 1926. Due \$1,595 May 1 and Nov. 1 1927 to May 1 1931, incl., and \$1,601 16 Nov. 1 1931.

LEVY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Bronson), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary Board of Public Instruction until Feb. 5 for \$20,000 school bonds.

LEWISTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Nez Perce County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—The State Sinking Fund Commission has purchased an issue of \$275,000 4 1/2% school bonds at par.

LEWISVILLE, Denton County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—M. H. Milliken, City Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 24, for \$62,000 5 1/2% water works bonds. Due in 40 years. A certified check for \$500 required.

LIBERTY, Randolph County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 water and sewer bonds offered on Jan. 12—V. 124, p. 262—were awarded to Magnus & Co. of Cincinnati as 6s at 100.12, a basis of about 5.99%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1929 to 1950, inclusive, and \$2,000 1951 to 1959, inclusive.

LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Groesbeck), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 10 an issue of \$2,500 5% school bonds. Due in 20 years.

LOGAN COUNTY (P. O. Logan), W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The State Sinking Fund Commission has purchased an issue of \$55,000 road bonds at par.

LUGO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Lampton, Clerk Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 24 for \$140,000 5% school bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 and 1929; \$2,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; \$4,000, 1935 to 1956 incl.; \$5,000, 1957 to 1964 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors for 3% of the bid, required.

LOS OLIVOS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Barbara), Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 coupon school bonds offered on Sept. 7 (V. 123, p. 1277) were awarded to the Anglo-London Paris Co. of Los Angeles as 5 1/2s at a premium of \$693, equal to 100.88. Dated Aug. 16 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1927 to 1944 incl. Interest payable F. & A.

MACOMB, McDonough County, Ill.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$100,000 water works system additional bonds awarded to the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago (V. 124, p. 404) bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2% and were sold at 102.005, a basis of about 4.24%. Due Dec. 15 as follows: \$10,000, 1930, and \$6,000, 1931 to 1945 incl.

MANILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cavalier County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during December an issue of \$7,000 5% school bonds at par. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 1946. The above bonds are not optional but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Old Colony Corp. of Boston was awarded on Jan. 21 a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.59% discount basis, plus a premium of \$2 25. Due \$100,000 Nov. 9 and 23 1927.

MIAMI, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of P. J. Van Ingen & Co., R. M. Grant & Co. and N. A. Harriman & Co., all of New York City, purchased on Jan. 17 an issue of \$4,000,000 5% improvement bonds at 97.

BOND OFFERING.—C. L. Huddleston, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Jan. 31, for \$5,145,000 5% coupon municipal improvement bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 and 1931; \$10,000, 1932 to 1935, incl.; \$220,000, 1936; \$230,000, 1937; \$225,000, 1938 to 1940, incl.; \$240,000, 1941 to 1945, incl.; \$220,000, 1946; \$240,000, 1947; \$245,000, 1948 to 1953, incl.; \$255,000, 1954; \$265,000, 1955; and \$280,000, 1956. Bonds may be registered as to principal only. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in gold, at the offices of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, the said Trust company to supervise the preparation of the bonds, and to certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for \$102,900 required. Legality to be approved by Chester B. Masslich of New York City.

MIAMI, Dade County, Fla.—NOTE SALE.—A syndicate composed of Eldredge & Co., W. A. Harriman & Co. and B. J. Van Ingen & Co., all of New York City, has purchased an issue of \$1,000,000 short-term notes.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds aggregating \$3,300,000 offered on Jan. 17—V. 124, p. 138—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York City, and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, jointly, at par, taking \$852,000 bonds maturing serially from 1928 to 1934, incl., as 5s, and \$2,448,000 bonds maturing serially from 1934 to 1952, incl., as 4s; \$3,000,000 permanent improvement bonds.

Bidders.	Amount Bid on	Premium.
First National Bank, N. Y. City, and the First National Bank of Minneapolis	\$2,066,000 as 4 1/2s } 1,234,000 as 4s }	\$40
Estabrook & Co., Curtis & Sanger, both of Boston; Remick, Hodges & Co., Kountze Bros., and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, all of N. Y. City; Guardian Detroit Co. of Detroit, and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Duluth	2,244,000 as 4s } 1,056,000 as 5s }	400
W. A. Harriman & Co. and Associates of N. Y. City, and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., of Minneapolis	1,716,000 as 4s } 1,584,000 as 4 1/2s }	99
Roosevelt & Son of N. Y. City, and the Merchants Trust Co. of St. Paul	2,280,000 as 4s } 1,020,000 as 5s }	3
Phelps, Fenn & Co. and Kean, Taylor & Co., both of N. Y. City; E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston; Howe, Snow & Bertles of Grand Rapids, and Kalman & Co., of St. Paul	2,321,000 as 4s } 979,000 as 5s }	25
The Illinois Merchants Trust Co., the Northern Trust Co. and A. B. Leach & Co., all of Chicago; and the William R. Compton Co. of St. Louis; the Continental & Commercial Co., the First Trust & Savings Bank of Winona and the Detroit Co. of Detroit	2,195,000 as 4s } 1,105,000 as 5s }	369
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Barr Bros., Inc., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, and White, Weld & Co., all of N. Y. City; Old Colony Corp. of Boston; R. M. Schmidt & Co. of Pittsburgh, and the Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul	2,284,000 as 4s } 1,016,000 as 5s }	297
The Bankers Trust Co., the Guaranty Trust Co. and the National City Co., all of New York City, and the Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis	2,185,000 as 4s } 1,117,000 as 5s }	300

MICHIGAN (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Frank F. Rogers, State Highway Commissioner, will receive sealed bids until 12:30 p. m. (Central time) Jan. 2, for approximately \$2,030,000 not exceeding 6% Oakland and Wayne Counties road assessment district bonds. Due May 1 1929 to

1937 incl. Interest payable M. & N. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid on, payable to the State Highway Commissioner, is required.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Dan C. Brown, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 26 for the following three issues of not exceeding 5% bonds, aggregating \$1,131,056 42:

- \$757,971 31 special street impt. bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$37,971 31 1928; \$37,000, 1929 and 1930, and \$38,000, 1931 to 1947 incl.
- 324,881 15 special street impt. bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$32,881 15, 1928; \$33,000, 1929 to 1932 incl., and \$32,000, 1933 to 1937 incl.
- 48,203 96 special street impt. bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$9,203 96, 1928; \$10,000, 1929 to 1931 incl., and \$9,000, 1932.

Rate of interest to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%, same rate to apply to the total issue. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency in New York City. A certified check payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, for 2% of the bid, required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, N. Y. City. These are the bonds mentioned in V. 124, p. 404.

MONTEREY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salinas), Monterey County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk until Feb. 7 for \$90,000 5% school bonds. Due serially 1928 to 1957, incl.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$320,000 5% bridge construction bonds awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit (V. 124, p. 404) was a premium of \$16,651, equal to 100.51, a basis of about 4.94%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$13,000 in 1928 to 1931 incl.; \$12,000 in 1932; \$13,000 in 1933 to 1936 incl.; \$2,000 in 1937; \$13,000 in 1938 to 1941 incl.; \$12,000 in 1942; \$13,000 in 1943 to 1946 incl.; \$12,000 in 1947; \$13,000 in 1948 to 1951 incl., and \$12,000 in 1952.

MUSCATINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Muscatine County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Helen Ahlschlager, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Jan. 28 for the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$75,000:

- \$50,000 school bonds. Due Aug. 1 1946.
- 25,000 school bonds. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1941, and \$13,000, 1942.

Dated Aug. 1 1946. The printed bonds and the legal opinion will be furnished by the district.

NEMAHA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90 (P. O. Seneca), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The National Bank of Sabetha purchased during December an issue of \$5,000 5% school bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due Jan. 1 1936. Interest payable J. & J.

NEWTOWN COUNTY (P. O. Kentland), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. H. Adamson, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Feb. 8 for \$500,000 6% drainage bonds. Dated Jan. 5 1927. Denom. \$250. Due \$500, Jan. 5 1928 to 1937 incl. Interest payable J. & J.

NOCONU, Montague County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, Mo., have purchased an issue of \$73,000 6% refunding water bonds. Due serially, 1931 to 1966, inclusive.

NORTH ADAMS, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Merchants' National Bank of Boston has purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.61% discount basis. Due Oct. 20 1927.

NORTH DAKOTA (State of).—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased during December the following three issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$11,000, at par:

- \$4,000 Elmgen School District No. 27 school bonds.
- 3,500 Westfield School District No. 19 school bonds.
- 3,500 Walsh County Special School District No. 8 funding bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1946. The above bonds are not optional, but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

OKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Okdale), Stanislaus County, Calif.—MATURITY.—BASIS.—The \$50,000 coupon irrigation bonds awarded to the First National Bank of Okdale, at 100.20—V. 124, p. 405—a basis of about 5.43%, bear interest at the rate of 5 1/2% and mature 25,000, Jan. 1 1930 and 1931. Date Jan. 1 1924.

OMAHA, Douglas County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds, aggregating \$1,350,000 offered on Jan. 17—V. 124, p. 264—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the United States Trust Co. of Omaha, Remick, Hodges & Co. and Phelps, Fenn & Co., both of New York City, and R. L. Day & Co. of Boston at 100.019, a basis of about 4.20@:

- \$750,000 street improvement bonds. \$100,000 park bonds.
- 500,000 sewer bonds.

Date Feb. 1 1927. Due Feb. 1 1947.

ORIENTAL, Pamlico County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$35,000 offered on Jan. 12—V. 124, p. 139—were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo:

- \$23,000 street bonds. \$7,000 sidewalk bonds. \$2,300 funding bonds. 2,700 electric light bonds.

Date Jan. 1 1927.

PALATKA, Putnam County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Chowning Cauthorn, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until Jan. 31 for \$182,500 special assessment bonds. Due in 10 years.

PALMETTO, Manatee County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$140,000, offered on Jan. 18—V. 124, p. 264—were awarded to A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo:

- \$85,000 street improvement bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1936 incl., and \$5,000, 1937.
- 55,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1936 incl., and \$7,000, 1937.

PALO ALTO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Jose), Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 17—V. 124, p. 264—were awarded to Dean Witter & Co. of San Francisco at a premium of \$13,169, equal to 108.77, a basis of about 4.22%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1938 incl.; \$7,000, 1939 to 1948 incl.; \$20,000, 1949 and 1950, and \$10,000, 1951.

PARKVIEW (P. O. Rocky River), Cuyahoga County, O.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 6% special assessment coupon bonds, aggregating \$18,893 84, offered on Jan. 11—V. 123, p. 3075—were awarded to Geo. W. York & Co. of Cleveland:

- \$4,650 89 Sycamore Drive bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$850 89 and one for \$800. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$850 89 1928, \$1,000 1929 to 1931, inclusive, and \$800 1932.
- 4,106 28 Greenwood Ave. bonds. Denom. \$500, one for \$900 and one for \$806 28. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$806 28 1928, \$800 1929, \$900 1930 and \$800 in 1931 and 1932.
- 3,371 31 Haber Drive bonds. Denom. \$750, one for \$621 31 and one for \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$621 31 1928, \$750 1929 to 1931, inclusive, and \$500 1932.
- 2,710 07 Maple Drive bonds. Denom. \$600, one for \$500 and one for \$410 07. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$410 07 1928, \$600 1929 to 1931, inclusive, and \$500 1932.
- 2,126 44 Esther Ave. bonds. Denom. \$400 and one for \$526 44. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$526 44 1928 and \$400 1929 to 1932, inclusive.
- 1,928 85 Donald Drive bonds. Denom. \$400 and one for \$328 85. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$328 85 1928 and \$400 1929 to 1932, inclusive.

Date Nov. 1 1926.

PARMA, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Myron W. Greene of Rochester has been awarded an issue of \$5,000 4 1/4% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1927 to 1936 incl.

PARMA, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,003 04 5 1/2% street impt. bonds offered on Dec. 27 (V. 123, p. 3355) were awarded to the George W. York & Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$762, equal to 103.46, a basis of about 4.72%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,003 04, 1928; \$2,000, 1929 to 1936 incl., and \$3,000, 1937.

PARMA VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Parma), Cuyahoga County, O.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 4 1/4% school building bonds, offered on Jan. 15—V. 124, p. 139—were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$5,008, equal to 101.66, a basis of about 4.54%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due as follows: \$5,000, April 1 and Oct. 1 1927 to 1938, incl., and \$6,000, April 1, and \$7,000, Oct. 1 1939 to 1950, incl.

PERRY, Taylor County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$140,000 6% special improvement bonds offered on Jan. 12—V. 124, p. 139—were awarded to the Hardee Securities Co. of Live Oak at 95, a basis of about 7.18%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due \$14,000 Feb. 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

PHILLIPSBURG, Phillips County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Branch-Middlekauff Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$59,500 4 1/4% paying bonds at 100.20. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, 1927 to 1936 incl. Interest payable J. & J.

POCATELLO, Bannock County, Idaho.—BONDS OFFERED.—Laura S. Gough, City Clerk, received sealed bids on Jan. 20 for \$63,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1936 incl., and \$9,000, 1937. Interest payable J. & J. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on Dec. 31 V. 124, p. 139.

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Martinez), Contra Costa County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—J. H. Wells, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 7 for \$225,000 5% school bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1927. Interest payable F. & A.

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000,000 4 1/4% coupon (registerable as to principal only) school bonds offered on Jan. 18 (V. 124, p. 405) were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh at 101.59, a basis of about 4.11%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due \$100,000 Jan. 1 1928 to 1957 incl.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Assessed valuation for 1926, Debt limit of the School District of Pittsburgh, Present and outstanding net school indebtedness, Estimated income of school district for year 1927 from tax levy, State appropriation and sundry sources, and Population, census 1920, 588,343.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—H. A. Maurer, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 27 for the following four issues of not exceeding 6% bonds, aggregating \$320,000: \$90,000 sanitary sewer and sewerage disposal bonds. Due \$3,000 Feb. 1 1928 to 1957 incl.

90,000 water works impt. and extension bonds. Due \$3,000 Feb. 1 1928 to 1957 incl. 90,000 surface drain bonds. Due \$3,000 Feb. 1 1928 to 1957 incl. 50,000 fire apparatus and equipment bonds. Due \$5,000 Feb. 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Legality will be approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid for is required.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Casco Mercantile Trust Co. of Portland was awarded the \$300,000 temporary loan offered on Jan. 14 (V. 124, p. 405) on a 3.628% discount basis. Date Jan. 17 1927. Due Oct. 6 1927.

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 (P. O. Westmoreland), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Central Trust Co. of Topeka purchased during September an issue of \$8,000 4 1/4% school bonds at par. Denom. \$500. Due in 1941. Interest payable J. & J.

REDFORD TOWNSHIP UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Redford), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 6% school bonds offered on Jan. 17—V. 124, p. 405—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit as 5s at a premium of \$212, equal to 100.106, a basis of about 4.99%. Due \$3,000, 1930 to 1936, incl.; \$9,000, 1937 to 1956, incl., and \$8,000, 1957.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, O.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,900 5% coupon special assessment street bonds offered on Jan. 11—V. 123, p. 3356—were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$6 27, equal to 100.03, a basis of about 4.99%. Due Oct. 1 1928.

ST. CROIX FALLS, Polk County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$10,000, were awarded at par as follows: \$5,000 water works bonds to the Bank of St. Croix Falls. \$5,000 water works bonds to the First National Bank of St. Croix Falls.

SACRAMENTO, Sacramento County, Calif.—MATURITY—BASIS.—The \$350,000 4 1/2% improvement bonds purchased by BIRTH, Witter & Co. of San Francisco at 102.51—V. 124, p. 405—on a basis of about 4.29% mature Jan. 1 as follows: \$38,000, 1928, and \$8,000, 1929 to 1967 incl. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, New York City.

SAFETY HARBOR, Pinellas County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$33,000 6% bridge bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 124, p. 139—have not been sold.

SALEM, Marion County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$92,312 26 impt. bonds offered on Jan. 17—V. 124, p. 405—were awarded to the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland as 6s at 104.53.

SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, Ariz.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Valley Bank of Phoenix, the First Securities Co. of Los Angeles, the Anglo-London Paris National Bank of San Francisco, Rutter & Co. of N. Y. City, and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, has purchased an issue of \$1,000,000 6% refunding bonds at 95.

SAN BERNARDINO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Bernardino), San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 school bonds offered on Jan. 10—V. 123, p. 264—were awarded to Anglo London Paris Co. of San Francisco as 5s at a premium of \$1,418, equal to 105.67.

SANTA CRUZ, Santa Cruz County, Calif.—BONDS OFFERED.—The City Clerk received sealed bids on Jan. 20 for \$420,000 5% impt. bonds. Due serially, 1928 to 1956 incl.

SARASOTA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Sarasota), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—T. W. Yarborough, Sec. Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Feb. 14 for \$50,000 not exceeding 6% school bonds. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal only. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1950 incl., and \$1,000, 1951 to 1956 incl. Rate of int. to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in gold in N. Y. City. A certified check, payable to the above-mentioned official, for \$1,000 required.

SARASOTA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Sarasota), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—T. W. Yarborough, Sec. Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Feb. 14 for \$40,000 not exceeding 6% school bonds. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal only. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1950 incl., and \$3,000, 1951 to 1956 incl. Rate of int. to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in gold in N. Y. City. A certified check, payable to the above-mentioned official, for \$1,000 required.

SARASOTA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Sarasota), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—T. W. Yarborough, Sec. Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Feb. 14 for \$32,000 not exceeding 6% school bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal only. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1952 incl., and \$2,000, 1953 to 1956 incl. Rate of int. to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in gold in N. Y. City. A certified check, payable to the above mentioned official, for \$1,000, required.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—H. W. Carroll City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Jan. 28 for \$1,000,000 not exceeding 6% sewer refunding bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal and as to both principal and interest. Due serially, 1929 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the City Treasurer's office, or at the fiscal agency in N. Y. City. A certified check for 5% of the bid required. Legality to be approved by John C. Thomson of N. Y. City. This corrects the report given in V. 123, p. 3076.

SEATTLE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4254, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—John E. Price & Co. of Seattle have purchased an issue of \$148,877 04 6% improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 17 1927. Due Jan. 17 as follows: \$15,077 04, 1928; \$15,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$14,800, 1932 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Shorts & Denny of Seattle.

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, King County, Wash.—PRICE PAID—INTEREST RATE.—The price paid for the \$500,000 coupon school bonds awarded to a syndicate composed of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. and the First Trust & Savings Bank, both of Chicago, and the Marine National Bank of Seattle—V. 124, p. 405—was a premium of \$260, equal to 100.052, taking \$351,000 as 4 1/4s and \$149,000 as 5s. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due serially, 1929 to 1953 incl.

SENECA COUNTY (P. O. Tiffin), O.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% county road improvement coupon bonds, aggregating \$11,200, offered on Jan. 14—V. 124, p. 406—were awarded to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus: \$7,200 road bonds at a premium of \$64 80, equal to 100.90, a basis of about 4.75%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,200, 1928, and \$1,000, 1929 to 1934, incl.

4,000 road bonds at a premium of \$10 80, equal to 100.27, a basis of about 4.98%. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1928 to 1931, incl. Date Feb. 1 1927. The above company was likewise awarded the following five issues of 5% county road impt. coupon bonds, aggregating \$24,300:

- \$2,300 Coleman Road bonds at a premium of \$4 60, equal to 100.20. 4,900 Baner Road bonds at a premium of \$28 95, equal to 100.55. 4,600 Young Road bonds at a premium of \$27 60, equal to 100.60. 3,500 Chapman Road bonds at a premium of \$17 50, equal to 100.50. 9,000 Tiffin-Omar Road bonds at a premium of \$100 80, equal to 101.12.

SHELBY, Richland County, O.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$4,415, offered on Jan. 8—V. 123, p. 3213, 3356—were awarded as follows: \$2,800 street impt. (city's portion) bonds to A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$109, equal to 103.89, a basis of about 4.89%. Due \$400 Sept. 1 1928 to 1934, incl.

1,615 special assessment sewer bonds to William Gundrum of Crestline at a premium of \$23, equal to 102.37, a basis of about 5.11%. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$415, 1927, and \$300, 1928 to 1931, incl. Date Sept. 1 1926.

SOUTH HAVEN, Sumner County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Central Trust Co. of Topeka has purchased an issue of \$5,000 5% electric light bonds.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$2,000,000 temporary loan offered on Jan. 18—V. 124, p. 406—was awarded to the First National Bank of Boston on a 3.49% discount basis plus a premium of \$39.

SPRINGFIELD SANITARY DISTRICT, Sangamon County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk of Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 31 for \$497,000 4 1/4% sewer bonds. Date Mar. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927; \$6,000, 1928; \$22,000, 1929; \$23,000, 1930; \$24,000, 1931; \$25,000, 1932; \$26,000, 1933; \$27,000, 1934; \$28,000, 1935; \$29,000, 1936; \$31,000, 1937; \$32,000, 1938; \$33,000, 1939; \$34,000, 1940; \$35,000, 1941; \$38,000, 1942; \$39,000, 1943, and \$40,000, 1944. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at any bank or trust company in Springfield or Chicago, at purchaser's option, provided such bank or trust company agrees to act as fiscal agent without charge. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, of Chicago. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid, payable to the District Treasurer, is required. These are the bonds mentioned in V. 124, p. 406.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), O.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$221,500, offered on Jan. 19—V. 124, p. 265—were awarded to the Herrick Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$12,104, equal to 102.09, a basis of about 4.53%:

- \$117,000 Main Sewer District No. 5 bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1927 to 1935, incl., and \$9,000, 1936. 104,500 Inter-County Highway No. 526 bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1927; \$11,000, 1928; \$10,000, 1929; \$11,000, 1930; \$10,000, 1931; \$11,000, 1932; \$10,000, 1933; \$11,000, 1934; \$10,000, 1935, and \$10,500, 1936.

TALCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Titus County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$13,000 school bonds has been sold recently.

TEANECK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Teaneck), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 4 1/4% assessment bonds offered on Jan. 18 (V. 124, p. 265) were awarded to H. L. Allen & Co. of New York, taking \$266,000 (\$267,000 offered) at 100.45, a basis of about 4.66%. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$23,000, 1928 to 1930 incl.; \$26,000, 1931 to 1933 incl.; \$30,000, 1934 to 1936 incl., and \$29,000 in 1937.

TEXARKANA, Bowie County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 11 an issue of \$200,000 4 1/4% street improvement bonds. Due serially.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—James A. McCarthy, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 24 for the following three issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$161,000:

- \$100,000 Public School Building No. 18 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 March 1 1928 to 1947, incl. 23,000 Prospect Park refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,150. Due \$1,150 March 1 1928 to 1947, incl. 38,000 Department of Public Works bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$800. Due \$3,800 March 1 1928 to 1937, incl.

Date March 1 1927. Int. payable M. & A. A certified check for 1% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the City, is required.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include General debt, Water debt, Sinking fund, Certificate of indebtedness for harbor and dock and public improvements (temporary loan), Real estate assessed valuation for 1927, Franchise assessed valuation for 1927, Total assessed valuation for 1927, and Population (1920 census), 72,013.

TULSA, Tulsa County, Okla.—BID REJECTED.—The only bid for the three issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$1,330,000 offered on Jan. 11—V. 124, p. 266—was submitted by Edgar C. Hould of Oklahoma City, offering par and accrued interest to date of delivery. The bid was rejected. R. J. Moore, City Auditor.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chris Kratz, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 26 for \$226,000 5% road bonds.

VERMILION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Hoopes-ton), Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk of Board of Education will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Jan. 28 for \$115,000 5% school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930; \$10,000, 1940 to 1942, incl., and \$20,000, 1943 to 1946, incl. Legality will be approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker of Chicago. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid is required.

VERNON, Wilbarger County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 13, an issue of \$18,500 5 1/2% park bonds. Due serially.

WALKER COUNTY (P. O. Huntsville), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—P. H. Singletary, County Judge, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 25 for \$250,000 5% series J coupon special road bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in Huntsville, or in New York City. A certified check for 1% of the bid, required.

WALKER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Grand Rapids, R. R. No. 7), Kent County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—H. C. Stanton, School Director, will receive sealed bids for \$16,000 5% school coupon bonds. Date March 1 1927. Due \$2,000, 1928 to 1935, incl. Prin. and int. M. & S., payable in Grand Rapids. A certified check for 1% is required.

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Pontiac R. F. D. No. 5), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—A. B. Hayes, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 1 for \$25,000 4 1/2, 4 3/4 or 5% school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1928, and \$1,000, 1929 to 1952, incl. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on Dec. 28—V. 123, p. 3357—but were not sold on that date on account of irregularity in election.

WEST MONROE, Ouachita Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—C. O. Bell, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until Jan. 31 for \$50,000 5 1/2% street bonds.

WEST YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. York), York County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—D. R. Chronister, Secretary of Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 9 for \$50,000 4½% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000 Aug. 1 1946 and 1956. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Industrial National Bank, West New York. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, is required.

WILSON, Wilson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—T. A. Hinman, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 25 for the following two issues of not exceeding 5¼% bonds aggregating \$45,000: \$25,000 electric light extension bonds. Due \$1,000, March 1 1929 to 1953 incl. 20,000 street and sidewalk improvement bonds. Due \$2,000, March 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

▀ Dated Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (M & S.) payable in gold in New York City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mtge. & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for \$900 required. Legality to be approved by Chester B. Masslich of New York City.

▀ **WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Rosa), Sonoma County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The \$18,000 5% school bonds offered on Aug. 11—V. 123, p. 881—were awarded to Dean, Witter & Co. of San Francisco at a premium of \$169, equal to 100.93. Due serially, 1927 to 1936 incl. In V. 123, p. 881, we incorrectly reported the amount offered to be \$28,000.

WINTER GARDEN, Orange County, Fla.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—We are now in receipt of the following financial statement in regard to the sale of \$46,000 6% street impt. bonds reported in V. 124, p. 407:

Financial Statement.

Actual value of taxable property	\$6,000,000
Assessed valuation (1926)	2,171,329
Total bonded debt	584,000
Water and light bonds	\$91,000
Sinking fund	12,000
Self-liquidating assessment bonds	228,000
Net bonded debt	253,000
Population	1,806

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wood County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee purchased during September an issue of \$185,000 4¼% city bonds.

WOODSFIELD, Monroe County, O.—BOND OFFERING.—C. M. Yockey, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 5 for \$16,000 6% fire apparatus coupon bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1943, incl. A certified check for 10% of the amount of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

ZAVALLA COUNTY (P. O. Batesville), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago has purchased an issue of \$116,000 5¼% road bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1933, 1935 to 1938 incl.; \$10,000, 1943 and 1944; \$15,000, 1945; \$6,000, 1946; \$5,000, 1947 to 1950 incl., and 1953; \$10,000, 1954 and 1955, and \$5,000, 1956. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, New York City.

YOUNG COUNTY ROAD PRECINCT NO. 1 (P. O. Graham), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Graham has purchased an issue of \$100,000 road bonds at par. Dated Jan. 1 1927. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$400,000.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA (Province of)—PRICE PAID.—The Guaranty Co. of New York and A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, jointly, purchased on Jan. 12 the following two issues of 4½% highway and railroad bonds (V. 124, p. 407), \$1,300,000 30-year bonds at 94.153, a basis of about 4.87%. Due Jan. 15 1957.

1,250,000 15-year bonds at 96.818, a basis of about 4.89%. Due Jan. 15 1942. Date Jan. 15 1927.

LA BARRE, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 5½% 30-year serial school bonds offered on Dec. 28 (V. 123, p. 3358) have been disposed of.

MANITOBA (Province of)—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$1,617,000 30-year Provincial bonds awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto on Jan. 11 at 94.50, a basis of about 4.85% (New York funds)—V. 124, p. 407—bear interest at the rate of 4½% and are described as follows: Date Dec. 15 1926. Due Dec. 15 1956. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in United States gold coin at the Agency of the Royal Bank of Canada in New York City or in Canadian gold coin in Toronto and Montreal.

MONT LAURIER, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Jarry, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until Jan. 22 for \$65,000 improvement bonds.

MONTREAL, Que.—BOND SALE.—The Chase Securities Corp. of New York and Wood, Gundy & Co. of Montreal were awarded jointly \$2,500,000 4¼% 20-year Provincial bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 1947. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in gold at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York, or at the City Treasurer's office.

TRURO, N. S.—BOND SALE.—J. C. Mackintosh & Co. of Vancouver have purchased an issue of \$20,000 5% bonds at the 100.56, a basis of about 4.97%.

NEW LOANS

\$10,000.00

Town of Saco, Montana

Notice of Sale of Electric Light Bonds.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Town of Saco, Phillips County, Montana, will offer for sale at the office of the Town Clerk in the Town of Saco, Phillips County, Montana, on Wednesday the 9th day of February, 1927 at the hour of eight o'clock P.M., its issue of electric light bonds amounting to ten thousand (10,000) dollars. The first choice of said Town is that such bonds be payable on the amortization plan, if bonds in this form can be sold and disposed of at a reasonable rate of interest, not to exceed six per cent per annum; but if amortization bonds cannot be negotiated at such reasonable rate of interest advantageous to the said Town of Saco, Montana, then the second choice of said Town is that serial bonds be issued in place of amortization bonds. Such bonds to be of the denomination of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars each, and bear interest at not to exceed six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July if each year; said bonds to bear date the 1st day of January, 1927, due twenty (20) years after date, but redeemable at the option of said Town at any time after ten (10) years from the date of issue. Principal and interest payable in lawful money of the United States at the office of the Town Treasurer of said Town, or at the option of the holder, at the banking house of the Hanover National Bank in the City and State of New York. The money received from the sale of said bonds to be used for the purpose of acquiring the existing electric lighting and power distribution system in said Town, and making additions to and improving the same.

The bids to be accompanied by a certified check drawn upon some State or National Bank in the State of Montana in the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars, payable to the Town Treasurer of the Town of Saco, Montana, as a guarantee that the bidder will take and pay for said bonds as soon as the same are signed and ready for delivery. No bids can be received for less than par and accrued interest. The Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Town Council of the Town of Saco, Montana. Dated December 23, 1926.

J. A. TOWNSEND, Town Clerk.

(Town Seal.)

NEW LOANS

\$1,131,056.42

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Special Street Improvement Bonds.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Committee on Ways and Means of the City Council of the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, will sell at a public sale, at the office of the City Comptroller of said City, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1927, at 2.00 o'clock p. m. (Central Standard Time) \$1,131,056.42 Special Street Improvement Bonds, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent per annum; to be dated February 1, 1927; payable in equal annual installments,—of which \$48,203.96 will be payable in five years; \$324,881.15 in ten years and \$757,971.51 in twenty years—as follows: \$80,056.42, February 1, 1928; \$80,000.00 in each of the years 1929 and 1930; \$81,000.00 in 1932; \$70,000.00 in each of the years 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937; \$38,000.00 in each of the years 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947. To be in \$50, \$100, \$500 or \$1,000 denominations at the option of the purchaser, and coupon rate must be the name for all bonds bid for.

Sealed bids may be submitted until 2.00 o'clock p. m. of the date of sale. Open bids will be asked for after that hour. All bids must include accrued interest from date of said bonds to date of delivery, and a certified check for two per cent of the par value of the bonds bid for made to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, must accompany bids. No bid will be considered for an amount less than the par value of the bonds. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

The approving opinion of Thomson, Hoffman & Wood, Attorneys, will accompany these bonds. Circular containing full particulars will be mailed upon application.

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